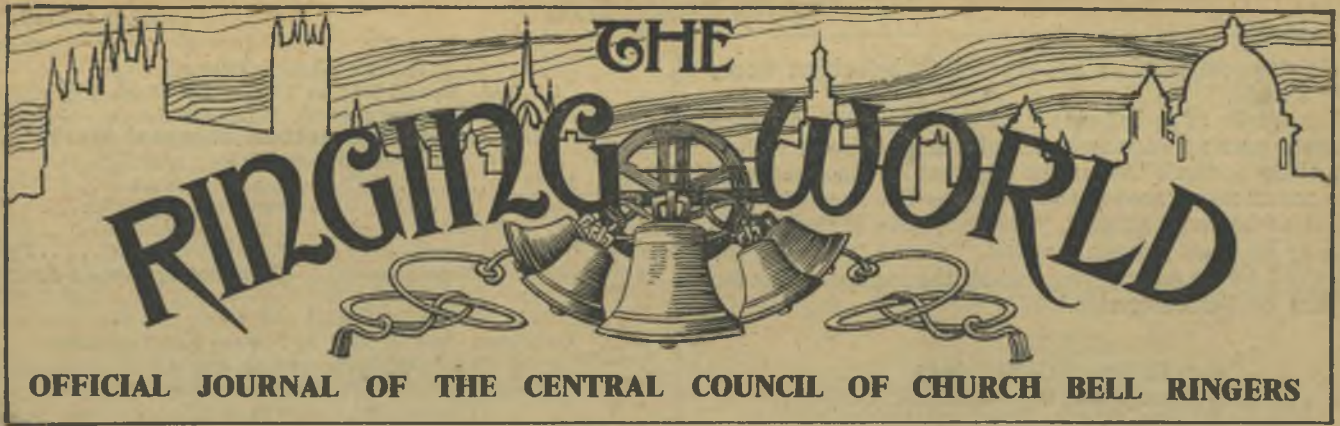




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GEORGE R. NEWTON

WHEN the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers meets at Newcastle next Whitsun and members of the Council who have passed over during the year are remembered there will be many who will desire to pay tribute to George Robinson Newton, who died on September 7th. He was known personally to almost every member of the Council, for he was elected in 1929 and was still a member at the time of his death. There was a twinkle of friendship in his eyes that remained with him despite the advance of years. His words were few, but there was a warmth in his greeting, and at the College Youths' pre-dinner reception he was invariably the central figure of a circle of friends. His knowledge of ringers and ringing was profound, and his judgment, backed by a life experience, was respected.

Born at Prescott, Lancs, on November 30th, 1875, it was in his 19th year that George Newton was attracted to the art of bell-ringing. A ring of bells was to be installed at Oxtun, and an appeal was made to members of the St. Saviour's Men's Bible Class for volunteers. George was one of those who came forward and he went to Woodchurch to be taught to handle a bell. As we mentioned last week, he was not a member of the band that rang at the opening of the bells. His first peal was not rung until November 5th, 1898, at Woodchurch, and it was in the tower of the Church of the Holy Cross that the last of his 604 peals was rung.

To a friend in the later years of his life, Mr. E. L. Humphriss, we are indebted to for a number of details of his career. The turn of the century found George Newton in London, and peals for the Kent County Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths were among his Metropolitan activities. In 1901 he conducted a peal of his own composition of Bob Major for the College Youths.

Since 1904 he had been closely associated with the Lancashire Association, and that was the year he rang the first of his 390 peals for that body. His accomplishments as a ringer and conductor brought him invitations to ring with leading bands. He travelled much with the late Mr. W. H. Fussell's bands and was rightly proud of being a member of Mr. Bennett's touring band. At St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, in 1906 he recorded his first peal of Caters for the Salop Guild. His first peal of Bristol Surprise was

rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on June 25th, 1908. His reputation as a twelve-bell ringer was high and he took part in the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in Ireland and in the North of England.

The report of the Lancashire Association for 1906-7 finds his name frequently coupled with another stalwart of ringing, Mr. E. H. Lewis, perhaps one of interest in view of the recent reopening of the Walton-on-the-Hill tower. On February 11th, 1907, W. Davies, E. H. Lewis and G. R. Newton rang together in a peal of Minor. (Incidentally, it was a happy occasion for two young Liverpool friends of G. R.'s to visit Bill Davies' old tower of Rotherhithe on their recent reopening day.) The name of the Rev. F. L. Edwards is also coupled in this report, though his peal record stands at but one, compared with 28 and 24 for G. R. Newton and E. H. Lewis respectively.

G. R.'s first peal at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Liverpool's parish church, was not until 1912. He had a long association with this tower, being Ringing Master for 15 years. His regular and unceasing devotion to Sunday service ringing and his raising the standard in this tower to Surprise Maximus may be equalled, but can never be bettered. It was a great day for him when these grand bells were reopened, though his grandstand was the Dock Road.

His connection with Liverpool Cathedral dated from 1943, when he was appointed a guide. His selection in 1951 to become the first Master of the new bells of the Cathedral was only natural in view of his outstanding contribution to Lancashire ringing and his familiarity with twelve-bell ringing. His invitations to all his local friends to ring on the few 'silent' practice occasions allowed before the opening day gave him great pleasure. Had his efforts been successful, his ringing friends on the great opening day would have numbered thousands instead of the selected bands from London, Birmingham, Leicester and others. The tower, however, then, as now, was still in the hands of builders.

At his funeral service in Liverpool Cathedral on Sept. 10th, Great George was tolled while the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled by his oldest and his youngest ringing friends. The whole pull and stand was rung three times followed by a whole pull course of Grandsire Triples and a further three whole pulls and stand. Four courses in all of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were then rung. The

whole was completed as that grand little bell-ringer would have wished.

The words of a bell-ringer of the 17th century, John Bunyan, were appropriately included on the Order of Service at the funeral: 'When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the riverside, into which as he went he said, "Death, where is thy sting?" And as he went deeper, he said, "Grave, where is thy victory?" So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.'

IRISH TOUR, 1953

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

DUBLIN.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 4 Hours,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

HENRY O. BAKER Treble	JOHN WORTH 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
BASIL JONES 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 9
JAMES FERNLEY 4	WALTER ALLMAN 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 11
JOHN E. BIBBY 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

DUBLIN.

On Sat., Aug. 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

ENNISKILLEN, FERMANAGH.

On Mon., Aug. 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MACARTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6
BASIL JONES 2	JOHN WORTH 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

BANGOR, DOWN.

On Tues., Sept. 1, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COMGALL,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in E flat.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
BASIL JONES 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

HILLSBOROUGH, DOWN.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
BASIL JONES 2	JOHN WORTH 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HOLYWOOD, DOWN.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1953, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

BASIL JONES Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7
JOHN WORTH 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

DROGHEDA, MEATH.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

C. KENNETH LEWIS .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 2	FRED E. DUKES 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BRAY, WICKLOW.

On Thurs., Sept. 3, 1953, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

BASIL JONES Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

DUBLIN.

On Fri., Sept. 4, 1953, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 39½ cwt. in B.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 7
BASIL JONES 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 7
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	HOWARD HOWELL 10
FREDERICK G. NURDEN .. 5	CYRIL TANSELL 11
GEORGE E. LARGE 6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hemming on their silver wedding anniversary.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 7
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 2	ERNEST STITCH 8
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 9
SAMUEL BIRCH 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	HARRY GRIFFITHS 11
EDGAR T. SMITH 6	W. GEORGE PAGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	PETER LAFLIN 7
BASIL JONES 3	WALTER ALLMAN 8
ALAN A. POTTS 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to the memory of George R. Newton, a member of the Lancashire Association and the Central Council for many years.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 6
*DEREK P. JONES 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
RICHARD KENDALL 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 8
JOSEPH E. ARNOLD 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS .. 9
ARTHUR J. SMITH 5	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HUDSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King, of Luton. Mr. King was secretary at this tower for nearly 50 years.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH .. Treble	BIRLEY WALSHAW 6
MARY WALSHAW 2	HAROLD LONGDEN 7
MARGARET RIDYARD 3	FRANK REYNOLDS 8
RICHARD LONGDEN 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY 9
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Rung to the Glory of God and as a farewell compliment to the Right Rev. Bishop J. L. Wilson, Dean of Manchester, who is now Bishop of Birmingham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 18, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*JOAN E. MILLER Treble	*JOHN H. MCTEAR 5
*JAMES R. MOSSOP 2	GRAHAM MCKAY 6
ALFRED EILBECK 3	HAROLD WILSON 7
GEOFFREY TEMBEY 4	STANLEY RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 11, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-Part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*ANTHONY J. SERCOMBE .. Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 5
SHEILA BARKER 2	VINCENT R. OVENS .. 6
*EDWARD CURSON 3	*JOHN MOORE 7
CEDRIC CURSON 4	CHARLES H. MOORE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. MOORE.

* First peal. John Moore is from Heston, Middlesex.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN A. ACRES Treble	†WILLIAM A. LACEY .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JOHN A. SMITH 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 25th peal for the Guild. † First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 16, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

ARTHUR G. BASON Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	CHARLES H. MOORE .. 6
EDWARD G. CURSON 3	JOHN MOORE 7
EILEEN BRACEY 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Bracey.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 KNEBORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

W. NORMAN PARK Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
RICHARD E. PRICE 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Sir A. P. Heywood's Arrangement.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	†ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2	†GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 6
PETER CROOK, SEN. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
ROGER LEIGH 4	*JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal and 20th peal together.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter Crook, jun., and Mrs. Crook.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 5
*NELIA M. LEAHY 2	*PATRICK PAGE 6
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
*RICHARD M. CURRIE 4	*JOHN H. GILBERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Pudsey. First peal in the method on the bells and as conductor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALAN FEVER Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
LESLIE FORSTER 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
JOHN WHYBREW 3	RONALD W. STEWARD 7
ROBERT E. LESTER 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the memory of Garnham A. Blaxcell.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 19, 1953, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARTYN HAWKES Treble	HAROLD WILLETT 5
FRED HAWKES 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY 6
EDWARD MAUND 3	CHARLES J. CAMM 7
MURIEL WILLETT 4	LEN DOVEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE LAND Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	BERT GOGLE 6
DAVID HEIGHTON 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	ALLAN C. HAINES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Long.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
MRS. S. H. JONES 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 4	HENRY C. ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. GRICE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 22, 1953, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
HAROLD KILBY 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK 6
GLENYS R. BODYCOTE .. 3	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE .. 7
*G. HARRY BRAY 4	*JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to David Oliver Forshaw, M.A., who was ordained a Deacon in Leicester Cathedral on September 20th, and afterwards licensed to this parish.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1953, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*STEPHEN J. BOULDEN .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
†MAISIE VANTOM 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 6
†JOHN R. COOPER 3	ROBERT SWIFT 7
†OLIVE M. BOULDEN 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SWIFT.

* First peal of Triples away from the tenor. † First peal of Triples, and first peal of Grandsire. First peal in the method as conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to Eric D. Boulden, son of the treble ringer.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
*MARGOT B. THOMPSON .. 2	THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. 6
CEDRIC CURSON 3	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major in the method.

In memoriam Garnham Arthur Blaxcell.

CHAGFORD, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1953, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part Peal.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*FRANK WILLS Treble	FREDERICK WREFORD .. 5
BRIAN F. PIDGEON 2	*ERNEST W. ROWE 6
*CYRIL C. DEEM 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 4	ERNEST J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Stedman.

The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

ANNE P. BROWN Treble	DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 5
RUTH M. JACKSON 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 6
JEAN C. BROWN 3	A. NEVILLE BROWN 7
DAVID VINCENT 4	ALAN J. BROWN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

A 21st birthday compliment to Jean C. Brown, and also commemorates 50 years as a member of the Association by Mr. J. Hall, leader of the local band.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 IRCHSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON .. Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	MICHAEL E. BROWN 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	S. ANTHONY JESSON 7
ROLAND BENISTON 4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

Pitstow's Variation of Thurstan's	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
	ERNEST WHITING 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
	CHARLES W. LOOME 4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A birthday compliment to Mr. L. E. Etheridge, of Fressingfield.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

HARRY SPRINGATE Treble	PETER F. BORER 5
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
VICTOR A. JARRETT 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. 4	AUGUSTUS J. HEWITT .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

OKEHAMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F.

ROGER KEELEY Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
HENRY G. KEELEY 2	GEORGE BURTON 6
FREDERICK WRELFORD 3	R. GEORGE CARE 7
REV. JOHN G. M. SCOTT .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (Groves' Variation).

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.

*DAVID M. C. HILL Treble	H. PERCY SPARKS 5
*RICHARD J. CRAGS 2	DONALD E. LEE 6
†ANTHONY J. SANGER 3	HENRY J. SANGER 7
WILLIAM J. HIGDON 4	ARTHUR J. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 14, 1953, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being eleven Morris's 240's and twenty 120's (ten callings).

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

*EVELYN D. ADAMS Treble	CLEMENT F. BONNETT .. 4
H. JAMES WILDE 2	FRANK H. HICKS 5
IVAN A. C. BUTCHER 3	*JAMES WALKER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven exents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight methods.

A peal of welcome to the new Rector, Canon C. C. H. James.

BOWDEN MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 23, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire (ten ordinary and ten of Pitman's 240's).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

RICHARD COUSINS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
EDWARD MARTIN 2	FRANK ARNOLD 4

ARTHUR MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.



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REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 17 methods: (i) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (ii) Chester and Munden; (iii) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (iv) Beverley and Surfleet; (v) London and Wells; (vi) York and Durham; (vii) Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDFOOT .. 2	TERENCE G. MORTON .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in 17 methods on the bells, 89 changes of method. The conductor's 650th peal.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT J. DUNK Treble	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 4
EDWARD C. BARTON .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the laying of a foundation stone for the Bobbing Village Hall.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield District.)

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

PERCY WESTON Treble	DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 4
MARION BRADLEY .. 2	*J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. 5
*GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

REV. G. L. TURNER Treble	CHARLES F. TOVELL .. 4
EDWARD GREENACRE .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
TOM GREENACRE .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung as a welcome peal to the Vicar, Rev. W. P. Tippen, who has recently been collated to the benefice at Dersingham.

HAMBLEDON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

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

*PAULINE M. SAXTON .. Treble	ALAN H. STURGESS .. 4
†RENEE MARWOOD .. 2	NORMAN J. SMITH .. 5
‡E. WINIFRED KEYS .. 3	S. JOHN HARDING Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ 50th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ronald J. Turner, of Hambledon, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Doreen M. Skinner, of Birmingham.

HANDBELL PEALS

WARWICK.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 21, THE BUTTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents (ten callings) of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob.

Tenor 3½ in. diam. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. MALE 1—2—3—4 | THOMAS MALE 5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 26, 1953, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 different callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

WILLIAM HALL 1—2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. 3—4

*THOMAS SMELTZER .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal 'in hand' and of Grandsire Doubles. A welcome return to Tom Smeltzer after his long illness.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Transposition.

*ROBIN TURNER 1—2	*JACK BAILEY 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	*DENIS CARLISLE 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, E. G. I. Coward 2, B. Read (first of Doubles) 3, Miss M. Brown 4, C. J. Champion (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6. For harvest festival.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Modwen's

Church, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Cochrane (12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. G. Smith 2, C. G. Smith 3, T. Pryce (cond.) 4, Jill Cochrane 5, S. Hood (first quarter) 6, J. H. Brittain 7, L. Chamberlain 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. A wedding day compliment to S. Hood, and birthday compliment to Jill Cochrane.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George,

on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: B. Danbury 1, L. V. Roberts (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss V. Westray 3, D. E. J. Watts 4, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 5, E. R. Iveson 6, E. G. Webb 7, W. W. Shorter 8. Rung for harvest festival. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, at the

Church of St. Dunstan, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Stockbridge 1, B. Wilsden 2, Mrs. E. Philpott 3, A. C. Philpott 4, J. Stockbridge 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 1, Miss M. J. Taylor 2, Miss M. L. Hannam 3, S. G. King 4, C. J. Brown 5, R. O. Fry 6, H. L. Parfrey (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, L. R. G. Taylor 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280

Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. H. Hicks (cond.) 1, G. Beeny 2, F. J. Lambert 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, F. H. Dallaway 5, R. W. Pankhurst 6, W. A. Kitchenside 7, W. Birmingham 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of W. Ladd, ringer at this tower for 28 years.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 26th,

1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan E. Miller 1, G. McKay 2, J. R. Mossop (first of Triples) 3, J. A. Haile 4, G. Tembey 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, A. Eilbeck 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Joan and Jean Miller.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey

Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): A. Harris 1, Maureen Fellows 2, J. McDonald (cond.) 3, A. Harris et al. sh. drufcmypw et al. sh. drufcmypw 4, P. Morton 4, M. G. Morton 5, G. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled following Requiem Mass and the burial of Mr. R. H. Barlow.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,344 Plain

Bob Major: G. P. T. Peters 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, Miss A. Cox 3, Miss M. Brown 4, J. Martin 5, B. Hawkins 6, J. Glanville 7, R. W. Morant 8. First quarter of Major by 3, 4 and 5.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: Janet Bailey 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, H. Belcher 4, J. Sansom 5, T. Setter 6, M. Chilcott (cond.) 7, H. Page 8.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: Miss M. Mundy (first in method) 1, Miss P. Manning 2, W. Howe 3, C. Deem 4, C. Savage 5, J. Lilley 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, E. Glass 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260

Grandsire Doubles: Mollie Chapple 1, F. S. Poole 2, Kathleen Glenister 3, J. Easley 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, C. H. White 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. To welcome the Rev. G. J. Tarris to the parish.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260

Bob Triples: R. Castledine (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Hutton 2, S. Bonnett 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, L. Hughes 5, T. Holehouse 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. First of Bob Triples 'inside' by 4 and 5. A farewell to the Rev. J. B. Rigby, curate.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: J. Grace 1, Mrs. H. Wells 2, A. R. Greenough 3, J. P. Blond 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Corderoy 1, J. Grace 2, A. R. Greenough 3, H. Aldridge 4, F. James (cond.) 5, J. P. Blond 6, R. B. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRECON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 26th,

1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parry 1, S. V. Edwards 2, A. Matthews 3, W. G. Smith 4, G. Davies 5, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 6, D. Stokes 7. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rt. Rev. W. E. Williamson, D.D., Bishop of the diocese and president of the Guild, who was interred at Brecon Cathedral previous to the quarter peal.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

on Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Parsons (first quarter) 1, B. H. Grinter (first quarter of Triples) 2, J. M. Stallard 3, A. W. T. Cleaver 4, H. Bennett 5, A. M. Tyler 6, R. J. Bowden 7, F. C. Mogford 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bennett on their 40th wedding anniversary.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. H. Worboys 1, Miss P. Smea 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, H. Long 5, C. E. Wright (cond.) 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pullen 1, Miss A. M. Trott 2, Miss N. Ickeringill 3, I. Windwood 4, S. A. Paice (cond.) 5, E. R. Ropley 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. To welcome the Rev. R. C. O. Goodchild as Vicar of Horsham, and for harvest thanksgiving.

HOUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Peacock 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish 5.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion L. Lidgley 1, F. Bradley 2, S. Wade 3, G. W. Taysom 4, C. A. Wratten 5, D. Burnett 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, C. W. Jose 8. First quarter peal of Stedman Triples for 5 and 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Millier 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, D. Cox 3, Rosemary Hutchings 4, S. White 5, M. Hutchings 6. For harvest festival.

NAZING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, K. C. S. Wood 5, W. C. Mansfield 6. For harvest festival, and for the 21st birthday of Miss M. C. Hollow.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sept. 27th, at All Saints' Church, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: W. O. Noble 1, H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, W. Ransom 5, A. Clements 6, N. Mallet 7, G. H. Dunnington 8. For harvest festival.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (3 extents of spliced Grandsire and Plain Bob, 3½ of Grandsire and 4 of Plain Bob): O. J. Cripps 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, Wm. Simpson 3, R. A. Hickton 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, R. G. Newsum 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving for service with the R.A.F. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Shelagh Kilbourn 1, Wm. Simpson 2, T. W. Robinson 3, W. R. Harrison 4, R. A. Hickton 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. For the visit of the C.E.M.S. of the Deanery to this church.

SEND, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Warner 1, W. Shepherd (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Collins 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, H. Hancock 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Murrell 1, J. Martin 2, Miss A. Cox 3, F. Oldroyd 4, R. W. Morant (cond.) 5, G. A. Whittle 6. For harvest festival.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Farr 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Stella Allen 3, G. Jeanes 4, A. Bown 5, E. Jones 6. For harvest festival.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Sept. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,275 Stedman Caters: H. Belcher 1, J. Sansom 2, W. Rawlings 3, S. Dearden 4, F. Haynes (cond.) 5, J. Mason 6, C. Watts 7, M. Chilcott 8, J. Chilcott 9, J. Phillips 10.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, R. Lees 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, R. Smith 4, A. D. Fellows (first quarter) 5, D. N. Layton 6, A. L. Dunn (first as cond.) 7, R. Cooper (first quarter) 8.

COPY LOST

Will those whose quarter peals were acknowledged in the issue of Sept. 18th (page 610) kindly send duplicate copy as the whole of the original copy has been lost.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, J. E. Lilley 2, A. L. Bennett 3, H. G. Lewis 4, C. Deem 5, G. A. Uglov 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, A. H. Uglov (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Uglov on the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, D. A. Sydenham 8. A welcome to the tenor ringer on his return from overseas. Also 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss G. L. Friswell 1, J. Hales (first of Treble Bob) 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, D. A. Sydenham 7. Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and in preparation for the rededication service by the Bishop of London held the following day.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Sept. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples (taken from Carter's Odd Bob): H. Belcher 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss J. Bailey 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, W. Rawlings 5, J. Phillips 6, A. B. Peck 7, H. M. Page 8. Rung for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and H. Langdon (conductor of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers).

WARWICK.—On Sept. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Bodenham 1, Mrs. L. Stain (first quarter of Triples) 2, W. Collett 3, D. W. Hopkins 4, H. Huxley 5, W. Oakley 6, W. H. Male (cond.) 7, E. H. Bosworth 8.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Camm 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, W. Finch (first quarter) 3, H. Willett 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, L. Dovey 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Slocombe 1, G. J. Gammon (cond.) 2, P. J. Moore (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. J. Stevens 4, G. Salter 5, G. Walford 6, D. T. North 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. For harvest festival.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Fearson 1, Miss B. Smedley 2, A. Pendlebury 3, R. Allred 4, C. Gudgeon (cond.) 5, F. Grundy 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Pearson 8. For harvest festival.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Button 1, H. Collins (first of Triples) 2, R. Coleman 3, K. Medway 4, E. B. Crowder 5, Marjorie Legg (first of Triples as cond.) 6, G. Prescott 7, A. J. Aitken (first of Triples) 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 27th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Primrose and 600 Ipswich): Anne Holmes 1, R. Bird 2, M. Fuller 3, Mary Fuller 4, J. Cannell 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First extent of Primrose for all. For harvest festival.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Thurlow 1, Miss M. Thompson 2, W. Kerrison 3, R. G. Payne 4, R. J. Darch 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6.

WOOL, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. N. Williams 1, Major E. F. M. Samson 2, Mrs. E. F. M. Samson (first quarter) 3, F. Precey (cond.) 4, H. Runyard 5, A. Dorey 6. For harvest festival.

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Six Surprise peals were
scored by the party who had
a week's ringing tour in
North Wales, starting on August 29th. Con-
ductors included Mr. Wilfred Williams and
Mr. C. H. Kippin. About 1,000 miles were
covered, writes M. D. G. Clift, whose story
will appear in a later issue.

The peal at Denby, Derbyshire, was only
made possible by Mr. Percy Weston, captain
of the local band, who stood in at short
notice. It is understood that this was his first
peal for nearly 20 years.

A tower where good progress from Grand-
sire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise has been
accomplished in a year is Sapcote, Leicestershire. The average age of the band that rang
a quarter of Cambridge was 17½ years and in-
cluded the four Stratford sisters.

Birmingham ringers will note with pleasure
the close association of their new Bishop, the
Dean of Manchester (the Right Rev. J. L. Wil-
son) with Manchester ringers. It seemed fit-
ting that on September 26th, when he con-
cluded his last service in Manchester Cathed-
ral, he went up in the tower to unveil and
dedicate the peal board for the Coronation
peal.

After a most impressive service the ringers
presented the Dean with a pipe as a parting
gift. In making the presentation Mr. Arthur
Ridyard expressed the regret of the ringers at
losing such a good friend, and thanked him
for his many kindnesses and interest. In
thanking the ringers the Dean said he hoped
to make as good friends in Birmingham and
he would look out for the bellringers. Bishop
Wilson was assured that he was going to very
good company and that Manchester's loss
would be Birmingham's gain.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

Under the leadership of
Desmond Roberts, now with
the R.A.F., the bells of St.
Mary's Church, Kington, were rung by boys
attending Lady Hawken's Grammar School in
1952 for Founder's Day. For this year's cere-
mony on September 29th only five lads were
available, and Olive Jones, a promising young
ringer, stepped into the breach. The ringing
would have done credit to a more experienced
band. Those taking part were Olive Jones 1,
Brian Chandler 2, Keith Price 3, Angus Mc-
Guinness 4, Basil Smith 5, Colin Goodwin 6.
Well done, Kington Grammar School. Keep
it up!

Aldershot ringers have booked a 32-seater
coach to attend the Guildford Diocesan Guild
dinner on October 17th.

Mr. Victor Neil, of Shepherd's Bush, who
started to ring two years ago at the age of 61,
writes commending Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's
booklet on Grandsire for beginners.

Owing to the tenor gudgeon being broken,
the bells of Hemingford Grey, Hunts, are out
of order. As the frame is badly cut about,
it is hoped a new steel frame may be installed.
With the exception of the third (probably re-
cast by Arnold, St. Neots, 1782), these bells
are by T. Eayre, of Kettering (1782). Ten
silver coins of the size of half-a-crown are
showing in the rims of three of the bells. The
writer assures us that they are secure!

A party of East Devon ringers and friends
had a half-day trip into North Somerset on
September 17th. Ringing took place at Tim-
berscombe, Dunster, Minehead, Carhampton
and Old Cleeve. At Minehead Owen Griffiths
and Bill Webb, both of Honiton, rang their
first plain course of Grandsire Caters. Methods
rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob
Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

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THE YOUNGEST RINGER TO REACH 1,000 PEALS

Mr. G. E. Fearn's Brilliant List

THE St. Martin's Guild throughout its long history has ever been fortunate in possessing ringers of outstanding capabilities, and 1953 has seen no decline. On February 19th Albert Walker, who has been aptly described the 'Matador of the Bull Ring,' completed his 500th peal on 12 bells: on September 2nd George E. Fearn rang his 1,000th peal and, in so doing, became the youngest ringer ever to earn this distinction.

We feel sure that the Exercise will extend to George its heartiest congratulations on a fine achievement.

George E. Fearn, only yet in his middle 40s, began ringing with his brother Henry H. in 1928 at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, and in the early years had that same keenness for ringing as anyone who has had the privilege of his company in recent years will know.

He was a regular weekly visitor to the practice night at St. John's, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, a distance of some 15 miles from his home at Smethwick, and it was the Martin brothers from that tower who arranged his first peal, at Stone (Worcestershire) on December 26th, 1928.

In the early 1930s, along with his brother, he was a member of the King's Norton band, which, at that time, could boast a London Surprise Major band for Sunday service.

When Birmingham Cathedral bells were recast in 1937 he took charge in that tower and, along with Albert Walker, has maintained the ringing in the city at its high level.

Several interesting features are associated with his 1,000 peals: he has rung the last 825 in nine years and nine months! His brother Henry has taken part in over 500 of them (shades of the Pye family!), also one of his chief supporters, John Pinfold (who rang his first peal in 1903) came out of 'retirement' after the 1939-45 World War, an interval of 40 years, to take part in the last 400 odd.

George E. Fearn's list is a brilliant one, and covers a wide variety of methods on all numbers; as a conductor it has been said that on only two occasions has he been in any 'difficulty.'

The following list contains 547 peals of 'Surprise,' and includes 43 different Surprise Major methods; in all he has conducted 226 of his peals, and three have been rung 'silent.'

HIS 1,000 PEALS

Below is the complete list of his 1,000 peals. Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 35 (conducted 3), Yorkshire 13 (1), Pudsey 2 (1), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Superlative 1, Belgrave 1 (1), Lindsey 1 (1), Albanian 1 (1), Prittlewell 1 (1), Solihull 1, Pontefract 1, Spliced Yorks and Cambridge 1.

Other Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 49 (11), Yorkshire 25 (4), Pudsey 3 (3), Belgrave 1, Rutland 1 (1), Lincolnshire 1 (1), Albanian 1 (1), Prittlewell 1 (1), Aldenham 1, Solihull 1 (1), Lindsey 1 (1), Painswick 1 (1), Birmingham 1 (1), Warwickshire 1 (1), Harborne 1 (1), Langley 1 (1), Staffordshire 1 (1), Spliced Yorks and Cambridge 2 (1).

Other Royal.—Saltley Delight 1, Kent 1, Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 4.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 91 (39), Yorkshire 85 (39), London 45 (7), Bristol 29, Rutland 22 (10), Lincolnshire 22 (14), Superlative 20 (8), Pudsey 6 (3), Belgrave 6 (3), Ashted 3 (1), Aldenham 3, Painswick 2 (1), Somerset 2, Watford 2, Stratford 1, Ipswich 1 (1), Hinton 1 (1), Radnor 1, Hitchin 1, Hallam 1 (1), Dorney 1 (1), Jersey 1 (1), Berkshire 1, Lincoln 1, Vauxhall 1 (1), Hanbury 1 (1), Pyr-

ford 1, Eastcote 1, Warnham 1 (1), Tring 1, Warwickshire 1 (1), Cornwall 1, Chiltern 1 (1), Whitminster 1 (1), Belvedere 1 (1), Cranbourne 1 (1), Langley 1 (1), Southgate 1 (1), Apsley 1 (1), Sandringham 1 (1), Wembley 1 (1), Crewe 1 (1), Trowbridge 1, Spliced, 2 methods, 1; Spliced, 3 methods, 1; Spliced, 4 methods, 10; Spliced, 6 methods, 2; Spliced 8 methods, 2.

Other Major.—Double Norwich 44 (4), Plain Bob 28 (7), Kent Treble Bob 6.

Cinques.—Stedman 202 (9), Grandsire 2, Erin 1.

Caters.—Stedman 59 (4), Grandsire 15.

Triples.—Stedman 32, Grandsire 24 (6).

Minor.—Cambridge Surprise 11 (5), London Surprise 1, Plain Bob 20 (5), Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, seven methods 1, four methods 1, three methods 1, two methods 2.

Doubles.—Grandsire 3 (1), two methods 1. The total includes the following:—'In hand' 58: Stedman Cinques 17, Stedman Caters 16, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Triples 2, Plain Bob Royal 4, Plain Bob Major 8, Plain Bob Minor 8, Doubles, 2 methods 1. Silent: Stedman Cinques 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 1.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' of
October 10th, 1913

THE LADIES' PEAL

COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED

On Saturday, Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, was the scene of a ceremony which will become historic in the history of ringing, viz., the unveiling of the tablet recording the ladies' peal. It was the lightness and good going of the bells which caused them to be selected by a band of lady ringers to attempt their first peal together; an attempt which they carried to success to the admiration of all ringers throughout England. A very handsome tablet, subscribed for by many hundreds of ringers, records the event.

(The tablet was provided by the contributions of some twelve hundred ringers throughout the country, chiefly in subscriptions of one penny each.)

TEWKESBURY BRANCH'S OUTING

The eighth annual outing of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on September 12th was voted a tremendous success and eight towers were represented. Ringing took place at Chipping Sodbury, Radstock, Chew Magna and Axbridge. Tea was partaken of at Cheddar, and a call on the homeward journey was made on the lovely eight at Clifton Parish Church. Touches rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Major. The outing was excellently organised by Mr. Trevor Newbury, of Beckford, chairman of the Branch.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

First Meeting at Ketteringham

The first meeting of the North Norfolk Branch to be held at Ketteringham was on September 12th, when eight towers were represented. The Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Mills) welcomed the visitors and conducted the service, and at the business meeting he was thanked, as were the ladies who so kindly provided the tea. Three new members were elected.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Thompson 1, R. J. Darch 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Thurlow 4, R. S. Payne 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY Presentations to Mr. H. Lofthouse

The meeting of the Society at Rothwell on September 26th will be perpetuated as one of the most outstanding in the history of the Society. Following the business meeting, presentations were made to Mr. H. Lofthouse, who last April completed 30 years as secretary of the Society. His retirement from office was marked by presentations made by the President (Mr. T. W. Strangeway) of gifts of a 'Heat-master,' tea and coffee set, cut glass vase, a pen and pencil, and a four-colour propelling pencil.

Mr. Lofthouse, in thanking the members for their kind thoughts and expression of gratitude, said that, looking back, it did not seem anything like 30 years, and though he had resigned from the position of secretary, he was still a member and would continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the Society. Since the Society's formation in 1889 there had been 24 presidents, and the present holder of the office had been vice-president since 1927. Mr. Lofthouse said he was pleased to see him in the chair on this occasion.

Mr. G. Benfield, on behalf of the younger members, said that when he joined the Society it was affectionately called by them 'Lofty's L. and D.,' and would still be thought of by many by that title. He thanked him for all he had done to help the younger ringers, and said how much they had appreciated it.

Mr. F. Bennett said he was a probationer attending one of his first meetings when Mr. Lofthouse was elected secretary, and he remarked on the improvements that had been made in the Society during the period Mr. Lofthouse had been in office.

All the speakers included Mrs. Lofthouse in their remarks and, in her reply, she thanked them for the gifts, and said how much she had enjoyed being with them that day.

ASSOCIATION WITH JASPER SNOWDEN

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and the ladies who had helped with the tea was ably proposed by Mr. J. Gibson, seconded by Mr. C. Sutcliffe.

The Vicar, in his reply, welcomed the Society to Rothwell, and hoped they had and would continue to enjoy their visit.

The Vicar was supported by the people's warden (Mr. Haigh), who said he did rather more than the Vicar, in that he did occasionally go into the belfry. The Vicar pleaded his girth and the steps as a reasonable excuse.

Here the president imparted the news that the forbears of Mr. Haigh had brought the art of change ringing to Rothwell round about 1850, and had been responsible for the early training of Jasper Snowden at Hunslet round about 1865.

Mr. H. Homer, on behalf of the local company, welcomed the members to Rothwell. He said they needed no thanks, as the enjoyment of the meeting was a sufficient reward for their efforts.

Other business included the election of Mr. E. Atkinson, of Horbury, as a member, and the selection of East Ardsley for the next meeting. Handbell and tower bell ringing continued till 9 p.m., the meeting being voted as most successful and enjoyable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—All being well, five members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of 15,840 changes of Plain Bob Royal on handbells on Saturday, October 17th, 1953, starting at 2 p.m., at 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth.

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Bournemouth.

MINOR CHANDLER RINGS IN HERTS

Dear Sir,—I fail to see how Mr. Hazell can be so imperative that a minor five will be retuned on augmentation to make a normal six. Surely it depends on local wishes and the type of casting concerned, for it may not be possible to tune a bell to make it a semitone sharper without impairing its tone.

In point of fact this was attempted at both Essendon and St. Paul's Walden, presumably on augmentation, with the unsatisfactory result that the old 3rd (present 4th) in each case is still flat and much poorer in tone. The bell at Essendon is considerably chipped at the rim, and that at St. Paul's Walden has been skimmed on a modern tuning machine from the strike point nearly to the rim. I am given to understand on good authority that this is intended in each case to sharpen the bell. It is a pity that the true nature of these rings was not appreciated by those who were instrumental in arranging the retuning: the old minor five should have been left as they were and the new treble made only a semitone above the old one to produce the same scale as the last six of the Stafford Ten at Exeter Cathedral (i.e., 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of a 12, which makes better Minor music than 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of a ring of 8.)

Mr. Frost does not flatter these two rings in dismissing them as 'out of tune.' For those who insist on their sixes striking lah, soh, fah, me, re, doh if they are to be in tune, these bells are no doubt out of tune, for they strike to all intents and purposes te, lah, soh, fah, me, re, but if accepted as being tuned to a different scale, their music is pleasantly odd, if somewhat sad.

I do not think Mr. Frost's note about the recasting by John Bryant of the old 4th (present 5th) at St. Paul's Walden a full semitone sharp is relevant, for this bell is perfectly well in tune now, but the scale is still as described above, the present 4th being flat, not the 5th sharp.

It is the Chandler bells which have determined the scale of these rings (2, 4, 6 at Essendon; 2, 3, 4, 6 at St. Paul's Walden). I do not say that the Chandlers necessarily intended this minor scale when they cast, but surely it is what bells are, and not what they were meant to be, that determines whether they strike a minor scale, and so become a minor ring. As a point of interest which goes against my own theory, the Chandler rings at Datchworth and Flamstead, Herts, are normal sixes.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin.

PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—We are still not quite right about the peals of Superlative! Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton, has kindly written to inform me that one of the peals listed in Davies' Surprise Book is false—that rung at Southgate on Dec. 3rd, 1892. Mr. J. W. Washbrook withdrew it in a letter to 'The Bell News' on June 10th, 1893. He also had spotted the omission, in the book, of one of the two peals I mentioned last week. So the present score, before the Crawley peal, is now 94. I wonder if that is the final score?—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

'LITTLE' METHODS—FAMILY GROUPING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Speed (unwittingly no doubt) misrepresents me and some of the facts in this matter, into which my name has been brought. It is of importance to get the facts right.

Referring to what is, in effect, the way now officially recognised of grouping Little methods in Families, that is by how far the treble hunts up before returning to lead, he says: '... the present rule (which is entirely arbitrary and cannot be made less so by Mr. York-Bramble's opinion) ...' etc. He is clearly referring to Mr. Slaney's letter on the subject on page 599, where the latter says: 'The Methods Committee has decided that in all extensions of a Little method the treble shall make the same place as in the parent method; and Mr. York-Bramble, with whom I have discussed the matter, is in complete agreement.'

Now, as serious students of Method Structure may well know, I have little cause to attempt to defend some of the decisions of the Methods Committee, particularly some recent ones on extension which may be shown to be but travesties, somewhat arbitrarily expressed at that, of conclusions logically reached in the study of Grid Analysis over the past 30 years or more. In this case, however, their 'decision' is no arbitrary one. It is, in fact, the only possible logical conclusion deriving from first principles of method structure, as I had previously pointed out elsewhere, and would now briefly reiterate.

But first may I say that perhaps Mr. Speed (with others) may be excused for his view of the committee's report; because in several ways their manner of its presentation makes, in my opinion, merely a rod for their own backs. For example, in the reported version on page 472 they say: '... the principle adopted is that methods extend in sections. ...' Consideration shows this statement to be true only in part, and obviously not the BASIS of extension. (Or, as Grid Analysis prefers to call it, 'Stage variation.') What DOES give rise, basically, to variation in size of ANY and ALL methods, either up or down, is, of course, the number of bells on which the method is performed. Variation of this number means more or less columns, NOT SECTIONS, in the figures setting out the method-stage. And, unless the method employs a hunt-control bell, and one traversing the full width of the grid at that, there the matter ends. Because it is only by the traversing of more or less columns by such a bell that the length of a division in the method's plain course, i.e., the number of rows in it, can be varied; in other words, then, and then only may the method exhibit more or less sections in the varying stages. It follows that any scientific exposition of the principles of extension must include (if not begin by) a study of the nature of the columns as well as the rows.

Now, a fundamental characteristic of the design of Little methods is a feature that results in an unvaried division-length throughout all stages of the method's family. This feature is a limited hunt-control, i.e. the treble is limited to hunting across only part of the grid, or, as we may say, to n'ths place only: the value of 'n' being constant for the family. In Plain Little Bob 'n' of course, is '4.' As to what 'n' is in Gainsborough Little Bob or any other such method depends entirely upon what it was in the first-rung stage of that method-family (or first published).

On this latter point I gave no 'opinion' in relation to Gainsborough; but if Mr. Speed's peal-dates are correct, the Little method of Royal with 'n' as '6' first rung in 1921 should receive the name it was then given for all its family of stages. To accord with the Methods Committee's ruling as to names after the publication of their report, it would thus appear that no more 'Gainsborough' can be rung

UNDER THAT NAME! On this issue of method nomenclature the Methods Committee, again, might have prevented what promises to be wide controversy, by getting down to fundamentals first, and by defining 'parent' (which at present has two connotations) and 'family relationship of stages.' (They do employ this word from Grid analysis!) The fact of Mr. Speed's instances of some methods having different names for what were later recognised as stages of the same family does not vitiate the true principle that all stages of a given method carry the same family name.

As Mr. Slaney's letter conveys, our discussion which took place recently in Oxford merely confirmed agreement between the Methods Committee's findings on the constancy of a Little method's division-length, and my own conclusions of considerably earlier date.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

R.A.F. Reserves Club, W.1.

MEETING SHORT OR LATE

Dear Sir,—Scarcely a month passes without our reading in 'The Ringing World' that some quarter or peal has fallen through because the ringers 'met one short,' or this or that ringer failed to put in an appearance.

Of the number of times on which the time and temper of some are sorely wasted and tried by the unpunctuality of others, nothing is said, but to many of us this is scarcely less annoying than actual non-appearance. Is it too much to ask of our brother ringers that, even if time is of no value to them, they should consider the time of others, and neither break appointments without notice nor act in the matter of punctuality as if half an hour more or less was of no consequence whatever?

To fail deliberately in an appointment with others seems to me to be an act of gross discourtesy; to keep others waiting shows, to say the least of it, a great want of consideration. And I am sorry to have to add that I have, in my own experience, met with so much of this discourtesy and want of consideration that I have been several times tempted to give up ringing in sheer disgust.

I think that if a man undertakes to meet others at a particular time and at a particular place he is morally bound to be in that place at the time and not at such time after the appointed hour as happens to suit the whim of the moment. If, meanwhile, something has occurred to prevent his coming, he is bound to let others know even at the cost of a telegram or the trouble of a journey. If he says that he could not help being late, we must give him the benefit of the doubt, but my belief is that in nineteen times out of twenty a man can help being late.

I trust that I have not written too strongly, but my enjoyment of so many pleasant meetings in the tower has been spoilt by the lax ideas and practice of others.—Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK R. SCOTT.

Slough.

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A MEMORABLE IRISH TOUR

Noteworthy Peals and Lavish Hospitality

ON August 29th there gathered at Dublin twelve English ringers, some of whom had travelled by plane the previous night, some by boat from Liverpool and some by boat from Holyhead.

After a good breakfast, an incredible one by English standards—details are withheld in the interests of national unity—the band felt rather more inclined to tackle the first job, Cambridge Maximus at the National Cathedral of St. Patrick. At this Cathedral, built by the munificence of the Guinness family, Mr. F. E. Dukes and the local ringers gave us a very cordial welcome, and as our inveterate 'tenor viewer' was unable to be with us this year, we were able to get on with the business of adjusting ropes without delay.

The bells, an excellent twelve by Taylors, with plenty of weight in the trebles as the front end soon found out, were sent off to the tune of Cambridge Maximus. Towards the end of the first course of Lindoff's two-part (we could not dream of using any other composition) the belfry door opened, and in came the local leader and two members of the Press, who proceeded, silently and as unobtrusively as possible, to take flashlight photograph of the band in action. This put the band on their mettle, and during the twenty minutes of the photographers being there, we had some of the best ringing in the peal. All went well until just after the halfway, when a slight trip occurred which was quickly corrected, but the ringing took a little time to settle down again; nevertheless a good peal was concluded, although the tenor man confessed that a long journey, little or no sleep and a tenor of that weight went ill together.

A LOST ROPE

After a hurried but substantial lunch by English standards, we were ready for the second task, Bristol at St. George's. One of the day trippers, the family man with the longest experience, went shopping, while the other rang the tenor to Hattersley's well known peal, ably called by John E. Bibby. The front end proved a little temperamental, and the second ringer lost the rope end at one period, but was fortunately able to recapture it as it came down, with no more effect than three or four bad blows. The peal, first in the method on the bells and the 300th for the Irish Association, was accomplished without further incident, and the band descended to find many members of the Irish Association waiting to greet them.

They had kindly transferred their meeting fixed for the day from St. George's to St. John's, where the remainder of the tourists had experienced the sensation of being suspended between heaven and earth as they ascended the famous (should it be 'infamous'?) spiral staircase. It appears that the tower was built but no provision made for the ringers to reach the ringing room, and the result was the aforesaid staircase, which has been the Waterloo of many a ringer. An excellent meal, as guests of the Irish Association, was enjoyed, and which so attracted that connoisseur of food, our tenor man, that he managed to catch the boat train by the narrowest of margins, and then only through the kind offices of our guide and mentor, Mr. Dukes. On returning to the Four Courts Hotel all endeavoured to recapture some lost sleep.

A BUSY SUNDAY

Sunday dawned bright and clear, and soon after nine the Bedford, laden with its ten ringers, set off for Arklow. Bray was reached just in time to ring for morning service. The local band very kindly handed over the ropes

to us and a feeler of a course of Bristol was decided on. We would have liked to have joined the local ringers at morning service (they all attended) in the well filled church, but our time table dictated otherwise, and we bade farewell to them and continued through some of the loveliest scenery which, I believe, the country has to offer.

A slight detour was made to visit Glendalough—a most pretty spot, yet a little forbidding. It is said that no birds sing here. An old church was visited, but wanting archaeologists with experience of Ireland, we could but hazard a guess at its age, possibly Celtic. Our run continued through the beautiful Vale of Avoca.

Lunch was obtained on arrival in Arklow, and immediately afterwards we made our way to the church which became so famous as the centre from which J. W. Washbrook operated in the early years of the century. We ascended the tower and looked round the ringing room with its records of Washbrook's achievements, and hoped we would not disgrace them. Messrs. J. E. Bibby and E. Jenkins, having already rung a peal here, volunteered to stand down, and the remainder started for a peal of London with W. F. Moreton as conductor. It was afterwards suspected that the volunteers stood down in order to enjoy their usual Sunday afternoon forty winks. Some excellent ringing was heard for 2 hours and 20 minutes, when the tenor rope broke beneath the sally. Though we failed to score a peal, one member of the band at any rate revised his opinion of the musical qualities of London.

When we had repaired the rope, the return journey via the coast road began. We were 'Belfrymanised' to visit Wicklow on the pretence that there might be bells there (Dove's Guides were reposing in suit cases in the hotel at Dublin), but on arrival there we realised that the intention was to seek refreshment, and it was soon found in the shape of ice cream wafers, provided for all the company.

'DEPRESSION FROM THE ATLANTIC'

Monday morning provided one of the days when the countryside was enveloped in the characteristic 'depression from the Atlantic', which was most appropriate, as our journey was through typical bog country. Spirits were not dampened, however, and with a driver who is a railway enthusiast, we had a speedy trip via Navan, Virginia, Cavan, Belturbet, where we solemnly inspected the railway station with its two gauges of line. Here, of course, our driver came into his own. We crossed the border at Swanlinbar in the pouring rain, and the driver, specially selected because his black eye would appeal to the Irish, managed to get us through the Republic post and the Northern Ireland post without our even stirring from our seats.

As we entered Enniskillen we heard a bell being pulled up at the Cathedral, and we later learned that a stay had been broken and that one of the local band had sacrificed the major part of his lunch hour to repair it. Lunch was enjoyed at the Imperial Hotel, and afterwards we proceeded to the Cathedral, where a well kept edifice was inspected and admired. It became the Cathedral of the Diocese of Clogher in 1923, and when the bells were rehung in 1935, the Cathedral was crowded (it holds 1,200) and many could not gain admission. The bells are a fine ten and the ringing was worthy of them. W. Pye's peal of Cambridge Royal being rung in 3 hours 27 minutes without a hitch. The activities of a Red Admiral butterfly which by some means had gained admission to the ringing room, out of the rain, were watched by one or two of the band with interest. This peal was rung in memoriam

William Feathers, for many years a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Idle, Bradford, Yorkshire, who was interred this day. The Rector, Rev. T. Clements, congratulated us on the ringing, and accompanied us to tea at the Imperial Hotel. In conversation over tea we learnt much of the difficulties and complexity of life in Ireland.

RINGING AT 11 P.M.

The Rector's company was so congenial that we were almost an hour late leaving Enniskillen for Bangor, 105 miles away. We proceeded via Maguire's Bridge and Clogher, the old cathedral town, being entertained by a description of the Clogher Valley Railway, which we were repeatedly enjoined by our driver to look out for. We eventually found traces of it and ten pairs of eyes scoured the landscape whenever its track left the roadside to see where it went to. Armagh was reached about nine and, after a longer stop than was expected, due to the tea drinkers, we set off for Lurgan, where we were expected to have a pull. We were astonished to hear the bells being rung at we arrived at 10.15 p.m., so we proceeded forthwith to the church. The local band gave us a warm welcome, and a trial run of three leads of Bristol gave us some idea of the qualities of these bells, which, owing to their long draught, are rather tricky to handle. A short touch of Stedman completed our ringing, and we left Lurgan as the clock was creeping upwards to eleven to the tune of the local ringers practising. We understand they are proud of their bells in Lurgan and like to hear them. Certainly few towns, if any, in England would allow bells at 10.30 p.m. without vigorous protest.

A good night's sleep at Bangor restored the tourists to full vigour and after breakfast they departed for the local tower, where Rodney very ably demonstrated his capabilities as a conductor by calling Craven's peal of Yorkshire, the first on the bells, in 3 hours and 15 minutes. What the two Cheshire heavyweights (East and West) had been doing whilst we were ringing we do not know, but the fact is no arrangements had been made for lunch, neither did they know their way to the sea! We took 'pot luck' for lunch and were very well served and, leaving a Yorkshireman behind to look round, we departed for Carrickfergus feeling very satisfied. On arrival we were met by that energetic and cheerful Irishman, J. T. Dunwoody, who, however, was the bearer of unfortunate news. There was to be no ringing owing to serious illness near the church. The visitors' book was examined with great interest and four of the company rang a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells which hang in the tower. Tea had been brought forward and we enjoyed another example of Irish hospitality, and we were asked to ring a few courses on handbells, in which Mr. Dunwoody joined, for the enjoyment of the ladies and local ringers.

AT BELFAST

Mr. Dunwoody had arranged by telephone with Miss Jean Stewart for us to have a ring on the light six at St. Donard's, Belfast. On arrival, Miss Stewart was waiting, and we soon had the merry little six going to various methods. It is not true that when the East Cheshire 'fat boy' and the local tower secretary were in the tower the rest of the band had to be prised in, but they certainly found it difficult to breathe! (The tower is 8ft. square.) Outside the tower a member of the Central Council's Methods Committee rashly undertook to ring any regular Minor method asked for. Modesty forbids comment other than that his reputation is still intact. We were glad to ring with many of the local company, as in most of the other towers the local band seemed a little overawed. After an enjoyable thirty or

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IRISH TOUR—Continued

forty minutes we continued to Hollywood, taking with us Miss Stewart and Mr. Dunwoody, where we joined the local band at their practice. Cambridge, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were rung with the local band, and we rang a short touch of Spliced Surprise Major just to remove the rust before the morning. On arrival back at the hotel at Bangor we found our sole representative had distinguished himself by winning a prize at a whist drive.

FIRST SPLICED IN IRELAND

Next morning we set off for Hillsborough, the seat of the Governor of Northern Ireland; but, owing to miscalculation of the distance on the part of the driver, we had not allowed sufficient time to arrive punctually. On arrival some went to drink tea with the Vicar and the local men, whilst others inspected the church, which contains a genuine Shetler organ. The bells were raised and proved as fine a ring as we had been led to believe, but the rope on the seventh was rather frayed below the sally, so Wilfrid did a record quick long splice and we set off to the tune of Wembley. Before the lead end was reached however, it became apparent that the rope was too far gone for the splice to hold, so we stopped. In next to no time the local man was back and produced a new rope and fixed it, and we were once more ready to start. This time all went well, and after 3 hours and 22 minutes of excellent ringing, the conductor had the satisfaction of saying 'This is all' to the first peal of Spliced Surprise in Ireland. The bells were lowered, and we again enjoyed the hospitality of the locals with tea and sandwiches.

After a photograph had been taken of the band we set off for Hollywood, a short distance away. Here Mr. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, and Mr. Dunwoody were waiting for us, but all efforts failed to persuade the latter to take a rope in the peal of Cambridge which followed. The calling was entrusted to the veteran of the party, who demonstrated that his sense of fun is still as lively as ever it was. Finding that the band were all closely following the calling, he decided to make some of the calls by telepathy, or rather a nod and a wink, but to the writer and Wilfrid Moreton and the locals the striking was excellent and the listeners could find little fault with the ringing. The peal enabled Basil Jones to achieve his ambition to ring two peals in a day. During the last hour the local ringers and the ladies had been busy preparing sandwiches, cakes and tea for all. In spite of our rapidly increasing appetites—no doubt if we lived there increasing girths would soon follow—we could not dispose of all the good things so lavishly provided. On behalf of the Irish Association and the local band Mr. Pratt gave us a hearty welcome, and said he felt that nothing but good could come to the art from our visit.

At six the next morning 'Sergt.-Major' Meadows went the rounds and, as a result, when the roll was called at 6.30 there were no defaulters. Breakfast, kindly arranged early by the manager, was disposed of and, be it noted by all past members, we were on the road three minutes ahead of schedule, i.e. at 6.57. On arrival at Drogheda, slightly ahead of time, we were conducted to 26, William Street, where tea, sandwiches and cakes sufficient for a ringers' meeting awaited us. The Rector, Rev. E. L. Keane, welcomed us in the name of his parish, which is an ancient foundation, probably Anglo-Norman, but the earliest mention of a clergyman is in 1206. In 1791 a ring of eight bells by John Rudhall with a tenor of 22 cwt. in E was installed. In 1889 J. Taylor and Co. recast the tenor and rehung the bells, and the first peal on them was Stedman Triples on November 30th, 1901, in which Lord Chief Justice R. R. Cherry and Gabriel Lindoff took

part. There is a keen band of change ringers, and the bells are regularly rung for Sunday services. A peal of Pudsey Surprise Major, composed and conducted by W. E. Critchley, was satisfactorily accomplished, the first in the method in Ireland, and we were glad to include in the band the energetic secretary of the Irish Association.

BRAY'S MAGNIFICENT BELLS

The Rector and General Sir William Franks were waiting for us at Bray. Ropes were quickly adjusted, too quickly for some, as the treble ringer found out. A composition with all the 5678's and 6578's had been chosen by the conductor, Wilfrid F. Moreton, and from the start the band fell into an excellent beat. We had heard much of the magnificence of Bray bells, and we cannot but say that every word is fully deserved. In all our combined experience we could not find their par, and every moment of 3 hours and 47 minutes of the peal of Bristol was enjoyed by the ringers both inside and outside the tower. A celebration dinner was held at the Royal Hotel before we returned to Dublin, feeling very satisfied and ready for the proposed peal at Christ Church Cathedral the next day.

After breakfast the following morning (Friday) we proceeded to Christ Church Cathedral. The Dean, the Very Rev. E. H. Lewis-Crosby, and his wife were there to meet us and, after introductions had been effected, we climbed the stairs to the belfry and raised the bells, adjusted the ropes and, as a trial, rang a

A NEW QUARTER

A new quarter of 'The Ringing World' started last week. New postal subscribers should enrol to-day. Send 6s. to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. For other rates see centre page.

course of Original Royal. The bells are hung well out and swing rather slowly and, as the circle is very large, the speed of ringing tends to be slow, so it was decided to ask the Dean whether objection would be taken to our over-running the stipulated time.

Whilst Morning Prayer was being sung in the Cathedral we were very kindly entertained to tea, sandwiches and cakes, and the opportunity was taken, through the good offices of the ever present Mr. Dukes, to broach the question of exceeding the time. The Dean readily agreed that we might ring into Evening and, as it turned out, it was just as well we had approached him, for, during the preliminary rounds, the treble rope broke and the bell set. Within a very short space of time the out of breath figure of our guide, philosopher and friend (F. E. D.) appeared in the doorway and, divesting himself of his jacket, went aloft to remedy the damage by substituting the rope from one of the semitone bells. Soon all was ready for a start and, after a few rounds, 'Go Yorkshire' was called.

For 3 hours and 55 minutes the tenor maintained a steady beat as Ted strove to achieve an ambition of 26 years' standing, to turn her into a peal of Royal. This was the first of Royal on the bells, previous peals on the bells being Stedman Caters and London Major on the lighter eight. It is interesting to note that E. Jenkins and J. E. Bibby have rung Stedman Caters and Yorkshire Royal at Christ Church and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at St. Patrick's, the only ringers to do this. Waiting outside were several friends, including Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon, but, as it was already after four o'clock, and the plane party had to be at the airport by 6 and the boat parties at the railway station by 7, the party broke up into smaller groups.

THANKS

This account cannot be closed without an expression of gratitude to Mr. F. Dunkerley, who organised the tour from the English end and provided the vehicle which gained such notoriety in the Irish Press. It was a great blow to him and to the band when an injury through a flying accident prevented his being with us. Thanks are also due to Fred Dukes, who looked after the Irish arrangements so efficiently; to J. T. Dunwoody, who put into operation the plans for the north, to our drivers who got us everywhere without accident, and to John Worth, on whose shoulders descended the burden of the day to day management of the tour. Finally, and this should be an illuminated address, our heartfelt thanks to the Church Authorities and the rank and file of the Irish ringers who put themselves to great trouble to make our stay enjoyable. Ringers' hospitality is proverbial, but Irish ringers' hospitality is ringers' hospitality 'par excellence.' Thank you, Ireland, for all you did, and we hope our visit will stimulate the art of change ringing in the Emerald Isle.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Norton Subcourse

The East Norfolk branch held its autumn meeting at Norton Subcourse on September 19th. The Association President and Secretary, the Revs. A. St. J. Heard and A. G. G. Thurlow, attended, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. O. Morris), himself a vice-president and ringing member of the Association.

Following a splendid tea in the village school-room, a short business meeting was presided over by the Rev. K. O. Morris. Apologies for absence because of unfortunate indisposition were received from the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

At the suggestion of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, it was agreed to have a collection after each meeting of the branch in aid of the Association Bell Fund, and as a result £1 was received from members and friends present. Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Acle on November 21st.

Mr. H. Tooke, secretary of the North Norfolk branch, congratulated the Norton Subcourse ringers on ringing a Coronation peal with a entirely local company. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the lady organist and the Master of the local company, Mr. Godfrey G. Walpole, who, with his willing lady helpers, organised the ringing and the tea.

Ringing to suit all tastes continued until a late hour at Norton Subcourse and at Raveningham Church, which is situated on the estate of one of the Association's honorary members, Sir Edmund Bacon, who is also H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Dorset Ringers at Durweston

Congratulations and best wishes were accorded to the Rev. F. L. Edwards on having reached his 80th birthday at the quarterly meeting of the Dorset Branch at Durweston.

At the business meeting, the Rev. E. L. Seager presiding, the following new ringing members were elected: Rev. R. N. Longridge, F. Whitehead, R. Harris (Bourton); J. Upward, M. Ricketts (Durweston); Mrs. D. M. Wright (Fontmell Magna); M. Pring (Compton Abbas); B. Houghton, P. Houghton, J. Knight (Shroton).

The address at the service was given by the Rector of Durweston (the Rev. R. R. Ovenden), and the tea was provided by the wives of local ringers.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

BY the end of the Devon tour last year, the Bedfordshire Young Ringers had more or less decided that the 1953 tour (cycling, of course) should be in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. So, many months ago, Michael Stephens, the organiser, got to work mapping out the route, warning the youth hostels, writing for permission to ring at the various places, choosing the special methods and publishing the programme.

Came August 15th. King's Cross the rendezvous, and off we dashed through the London traffic to Waterloo Station. Eleven of us piled into two compartments and, having brought out the handbells to discourage would-be fellow travellers, journeyed in comfort to the City of Winchester.

Of the towers with bells, only St. Maurice's was available. The excitements of the Test Match commentary made Mr. Harrison, the local secretary, forget for a time the visitors awaiting him at the church. The first method we rang here was Bedford Delight. A few miles from Winchester, along the pleasant Itchen valley, is Twyford. The churchyard has growing in it an enormous old yew tree reputed to be 1,000 years old. Unfortunately we found the bells somewhat odd-struck.

Of Winchester we shall certainly remember the hostel, a converted water mill. Looking around the Cathedral precincts after breakfast the next morning we came across the amusing gravestone of one Thomas Thatcher, who (1764) 'died of a violent fever contracted by drinking small beer when hot.' (He was not a ringer.)

On Sunday morning we rang for Matins at Hursley, a fine eight. Our afternoon ringing was at Romsey Abbey; the measured dignity of the eight was much in harmony with the noble proportions of the building itself. Then after tea, at St. Michael's, Southampton, we rang Caters and Royal quite creditably, including a course of St. Clement's Caters.

THE NEW FOREST

Bright morning sunshine graced our visit to St. Mary's, Southampton (10). We spent an hour and a half here and concluded with an almost unbelievably good ring down in peal—on all ten. By lunch time we had left the city of big ships and much bomb damage far behind. Instead there was substituted on all sides the picturesqueness of the New Forest countryside. Our ringing at Lyndhurst was not up to our usual standard of striking, probably due partly to the considerable movement of the tower and bell frame. The tiny bells at Brockenhurst (the treble without a stay) also caused us some anxiety at first until we had them going at the right speed.

The day's run ended at Lymington, where the tower of St. Thomas', built over the south porch, seems to dominate the High Street. For us the bells were a welcome return to a more familiar weight and were put to a number of methods.

ISLAND IMPRESSIONS

Next morning the ferry crossing to Yarmouth, I.O.W., was not nearly so tranquil. Several touches were rung on handbells and caused comment among the other passengers (and consternation in the engine room!). It was not until the afternoon that we had to remember again how to ring, and in the meantime we exposed ourselves to the sun in and out of the sea at Freshwater. At Brightstone we found waiting for us Miss Jane Plumbe, of King's Langley, Hertfordshire, who seemed very anxious to join us, and who did in fact stay with us most of the time until Friday morning. Here and at Shorewell we rang various Doubles methods. At Chale a faulty clock hammer wire resulted in damage to the hammer, the only incident that has occurred to mar our hitherto clean sheet. The ring of six is light,

with new but long ropes, a difficulty that confronted us on a number of occasions.

Whitwell Y.H., we learned, was formerly the Vicarage, a typically large building compared with the size of the village, as large as the church itself in fact. After supper some of us found bliss at the Buddle Inn, Niton, a famous old smuggling inn.

Whitwell was to have been the first tower on Wednesday morning, but as the church clock was said to be in pieces we could not ring there, so we went straight on to Niton. A well-struck touch of Grandsire by the ladies did justice to the fine-toned and easy to handle five. After an early lunch at Ventnor we part walked, part cycled, up and down the awful hills between there and Shanklin, and had a thoroughly good time on the beach for the rest of the afternoon.

A MECCA FOR RINGERS

At Godshill the captain was there to lead us up to the gas-lit ringing chamber. Of the ring of six one can certainly say that they are as much a Mecca for ringers visiting the Island as the church itself is for the general public, as the respective visitors' books bear testimony. Instead of returning for supper at the hostel we all tucked in like gannets* to an excellent meal at The Hollies Restaurant nearby.

It was nine miles or so to Carisbrooke next day, an octave that is quite superior to that of its close neighbour Newport, where incidentally we were interviewed by a junior representative of the local Press. In the ringing chamber at Newport we were able to view the book records of William Rayner ('Ringing World,' August 14th). Then we pushed on to Arreton, with its rugged, massively buttressed tower standing four square against all weathers; the six go very well and, at the Vicar's suggestion, his lawn was an ideal place to have tea. But, whereas at Arreton a slight falseness in tone of some of the bells was merely noticeable, at Newchurch, our next call, the note of the tenor, slightly over a whole tone flat, caused looks of horror. The bells are in a timber superstructure over the porch and, in spite of its note, the tenor was turned in, including to a touch of Norwich Surplice.

The hostel at Sandown was not our idea of a good one. However, high jinks in the town after supper served to let off some of our youthful exuberance.

Friday morning's programme started with cricket on the beach—the Gulls beat the Gannets by 21 runs. Then we visited Brading for lunch and ringing, going on to Ryde later in the afternoon, where we were met by Mr. Richard Ward, who has been a ringer at Ryde since 1886. The bells probably share with Carisbrooke the honours for the best eight on the Island, although they are easier to handle; a touch of Tiverton Little Bob on them awakened memories of last year's Devon tour.

BACK TO PORTSMOUTH

During the ferry crossing to Portsmouth a course of Bob Minor was rung 'in hand' with the ship's bell covering.

Gosport Y.H. is somewhat isolated, but first-class. At their suggestion we gave a performance on handbells of Keg Meg, Shepherds' Ay and Bob Minor before the cosmopolitan gathering in the common room that evening.

Saturday's towers included the bells almost sublime of St. Mary's, Portsea, where we were met by Mr. Harms and Mr. Rogers; the eight at Alverstoke (a Coronation peal-board here already); and the curiously odd-struck eight at Fareham.

On Sunday had to be our leave-taking of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Appropriately, the last item on the programme was ringing for morning service at Portsmouth Cathedral, then joining the congregation.

R. W. S.

* Gannet: a bird with an enormous appetite.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Dorchester Branch

The autumn meeting of the above branch was held at Piddlehinton, where the lovely old Church of St. Mary was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival.

Ringling on the well-kept six began about 3 p.m., and the Guild service at 4.15 was conducted by the Rector, the Ven. J. C. Chute, who welcomed the ringers, and said how pleased he was that the meeting coincided with the harvest festival services, and he asked that they should sing a harvest hymn to mark the occasion. Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, chairman of the branch, read the lesson.

Tea was served in the school by Mrs. Chute and her lady helpers, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the chairman.

Following the signing of the minutes, apologies were read from Mr. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis) and Mr. E. T. Paul Field (Piddlehinton), Deputy Ringing Masters, who were unavoidably absent.

No new members were elected, but the chairman extended a warm welcome to the Rev. A. W. Wheeler, formerly of Beaminster, and now Vicar of Frampton with Sydling St. Nicholas.

It was agreed to hold the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 16th, and the next branch practice at Preston on October 10th next.

Mr. J. H. Hayne, hon. secretary, expressed the deep sympathy of all members to their chairman, Canon Markby, on the death of his sister. The Archdeacon mentioned that a young ringer from the village, now serving with Her Majesty's Forces in the Far East, was hoping to ring in Hong-Kong.

Ringling was resumed until 9 p.m. under the direction of Mr. Harry Ford, of Abbotsbury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting and a six-bell contest were held at Kirkburton on Sept. 26th. Four teams entered to ring a plain course practice, and 600 changes, any method, test piece.

All the teams rang Oxford Treble Bob, and the judge (Mr. H. Roberts) gave his decision as follows:—

No. 1 Coy., Friezland, penalties 0, faults 56, total 56.

No. 2 Coy., Silkstone, penalties 5, faults 53, total 58.

No. 3 Coy., Cawthorne, penalties 0, faults 50, total 50.

No. 4 Coy., Meltham, penalties 0, faults 39, total 39.

In his comments Mr. Roberts stated that the ringing had been good and the result close, but he had heard better ringing at other contests.

At the commencement of the business meeting, held after the contest, the president (Mr. Earnshaw) asked the company present to stand and observe one minute's silence in respect of Mr. Arthur Lewis Carter, an old Meltham ringer and member of the Association, who had died during the previous week.

The secretary was instructed to contact Holmfirth for the April meeting.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It was a fine, sunny day when the Northern District held their monthly meeting at St. Paul's Walden, on September 26th. This left-handed ring of six is not in keeping with the church with its 'Royal Chapel' as this is the home of the brother of the Queen Mother.

Tea was provided at the Swan at Whitwell. 38 ringers and friends doing their best under cramped conditions.

Mr. A. S. Carter presided at the business meeting. The next meeting will be at Offley on October 24th, and the special method will be London Scholars' Pleasure. The collection for the general fund amounted to 17s. 6d.

OBITUARY

BISHOP E. W. WILLIAMSON

The death of the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, Dr. Edward W. Williamson, at Llandrindod Wells, on September 23rd, is deeply mourned by members of his Guild who have lost a sincere friend and their beloved president.

He was a great lover of bellringing and it was his wish that bells throughout the Diocese should be rung when he died. Only once since his consecration, in 1939, did he miss an annual meeting, at which he always presided. A very happy photograph was taken of the Bishop with a young ringer at the last annual festival at Sketty.

In tribute to his memory church bells were rung half-muffled throughout the Diocese.

J. A. H.

MR. HARRY SCOFFIN

With regret we announce the death of Mr. Harry Scoffin, captain of St. Wilfrid's, Alford, Lincs. for many years. He had been in Louth Hospital for a fortnight under observation previous to his death on September 12th. His age was 69 years.

A native of Alford, Mr. Scoffin had been ringing at St. Wilfrid's Church for 55 years and for many years had held the position of captain. He was known to ringers over a wide area, and in his own tower set an example by his regular attendance at practices and services. He was a member of the Parochial Church Council and also a sidesman.

A half-muffled quarter peal of 1,440 Grand-sire Doubles was rung in the tower on September 19th as a tribute to his memory.

GARNHAM ARTHUR BLAXCELL

An Appreciation

The most outstanding feature about Arthur Blaxcell, as he was known to his intimates, was his complete sincerity and forthrightness. He loved ringing for its own sake and he never pretended otherwise. He had called many peals but never pretended to be a conductor. If things went wrong he would say in his forthright way, who and what was amiss, and he did not stop to wrap it up in soft phrases. Not for him the soft pedal but the straight speech and be done with it.

He was an excellent ringer at the back end and a first-class striker, and he just could not tolerate slovenly ringing or bad striking. At the first sign of either, his cry of 'Keep 'em reg'lar' would quickly be heard, with more to follow after the touch or peal. Good, honest advice delivered in his characteristic manner. He came in for a good deal of leg-pulling, to which he could always find a suitable reply, but many a time he was seen to turn away with a twinkle in his honest eyes.

In a recent issue of this paper he was referred to as a 'true Suffolk character.' Let that be his epitaph. One could not wish for a better.

O. G. B.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Whittlesey (St. Andrew's). Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Northaw (6), near Pottery Bar, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by 14th, to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans, Herts.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Quarterly meeting, Welton (6). Oct. 24th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln.

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OUTINGS

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS

The Berkeley Vale District of Gloucestershire was chosen for the annual outing on September 19th, and ringers from neighbouring towers helped strengthen the party. The first stop was Cromhall, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Burlton) and Miss D. M. Drew met the visitors. Some good ringing was had before moving on to Tortworth, where the long draught temporarily upset some of the less-experienced ringers.

Tea had been arranged at Newport and the next tower was Stone, where some good Minor was rung, although we had read in the 'Ringing World' that the tenor was adverse to being turned in. We took to the lanes again and eventually located North Nibley, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. Goater) met us. An excellent rise was the prelude to some very good ringing. That concluded the ringing and after a short stay in Malmesbury home was reached in time for our shift worker to book on at 11 p.m.

Thanks were extended to the respective incumbents and Miss D. M. Drew for her assistance in arranging this outing in the byways of Gloucestershire.

W. B. K.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX

An enjoyable day was spent on September 26th by the ringers of St. John's, Loughton, in a tour of Suffolk. The learners excelled themselves by ringing in every tower without mishap.

Towers visited were Long Melford, Lavenham, Bury St. Edmunds, Stowmarket, Helmingham and Debenham. Methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, rounds and call changes.

ST. MARY'S, CHATHAM

On August 29th the ringers of St. Mary's, Chatham, augmented by others from neighbouring towers together with friends, set off for a tour in Essex.

Leaving Chatham punctually at 8 a.m. and with no delay in crossing the Thames, Chelmsford Cathedral was reached only ten minutes behind the scheduled time. Several of the Cathedral ringers met the visitors and rounds. Grandsire Cinques and Kent Royal were all successful in spite of quite a number of 'firsts' on higher numbers.

The delightful little eight at Harlow Common seemed quite a contrast after a heavy twelve. Double Norwich was not successful but touches in other methods were brought round with Stedman to finish. By this time those of the party who had breakfasted six hours previously were getting very 'peckish' and full justice was done to the three courses at the Green Man Hotel.

The next tower was over the border at Bishop's Hatfield, in Hertfordshire, where a bridal party left the church to the strains of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal, interspersed with rounds for the not so advanced. The last call was on the grand twelve at Waltham Abbey. In spite of being strange bells to all the visitors, and not too good in 'go' plus two missing stays, Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were all brought home without mishap.

Gratitude is expressed to all those who met the visitors at the towers, and especially to Mrs. Roberts, of Waltham Abbey, and Mr. Aley, of Harlow, for their help in arranging the meals, and to the Vicar of Waltham Abbey in placing the Parish Hall at their disposal for tea.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 24th. 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): J. Croall (first quarter) 1. F. Fagg 2. S. Rayfield 3. B. Fagg 4. W. A. Wood (cond.) 5. G. Wood 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to G. Wood.

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, St. Mary-atte-Bow (Bow Road Underground Station), Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (names please). Business 6 p.m. Further ringing 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 3240

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halse (6), October 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Oct. 10th, 3 p.m. Committee 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 3225

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch and Mid-Devon Branch.—The joint meeting proposed for Oct. 10th is ~~cancelled~~—suggested tower not available.—F. Wreford and A. L. Bennett, Hon. Secs. 3288

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—The restored ring of five and the new treble will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Wells on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at 3 p.m. Tea in Village Hall, followed by further ringing until 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3317

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Edenbridge (8), Oct. 10th. Names to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. The dinner has been arranged for Nov. 14th in Tunbridge Wells (details later), and I would be glad to know at once how many members intend to support this event.—C. A. Bassett. 3231

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely, Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—Joint meeting, Longstanton (8), October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 3273

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, October 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 3265

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 o.m. 3249

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 10th. St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's bells 2.30. Cathedral after meeting only. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Braconsfield Road Canterbury. 3217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, All Saints', Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells 2.45. Tea 4.30 (Parish Hall). Business meeting following. Evensong 6. On Saturday, Oct. 17th. dinner and dance at Chiesman's Georgian Restaurant, Maidstone, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (14s. inclusive) obtainable from Mr. Mark Couchman, Green Hedges, Harrietsham. 3235

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & OXFORD GUILD.—Joint meeting of local districts, Hillingdon, October 10th. Bells (10) 3 to 4.45 and after tea. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Social 8 p.m. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8), 2.45 to 4.—F. W. Goodfellow and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs. 3270

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice at Shiplake (8) on Saturday, Oct. 10th at 6 p.m.—N. E. Swann. 3289

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, October 10th. No tea arrangements. Good bus service.—H. Denman. 3257

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) with **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Lewisham District).—Invitation meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Blow, 1, Florence Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3262

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. 3253

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Pylls (6 bells) Saturday, October 17th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 13th.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 3268

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Radstock, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 3296

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, Oct. 17th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please look up Pudsey Surprise Major.—Dennis Knox. 3307

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Oct. 14th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 3310

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxtou, Birkenhead, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided. Please notify by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 3313

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Leamington Spa, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3-4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Evensong 5.30. Business to follow in Urquhart Hall. Bells again 7-8.45. Visitors welcome.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 3319

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, South Normanton, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. onwards. Visitors welcome.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3301

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Boreham. 3182

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Roydon (6), Saturday, October 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., free to those who notify A. Livings, 34, Hannels Mead, Roydon.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3276

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HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—First anniversary of dedication of bells, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Newton, 51, Chapel Lane, Sands, High Wycombe. 3297

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 13th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 3291

LADIES GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Bedwelty, October 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by October 13th to Mrs. A. R. Price, 26, Greenwood Road, Blackwood, Mon.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 3243

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Oct. 17th, at 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3314

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting is at Newchurch on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 3298

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Saddington Hall.—L. W. Allen, Hon. Sec. 3311

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Thurnby, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. L. Wykes, 4, Council Houses, Bushby. 3304

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (near Kilburn Bridge and Maida Vale) on Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 3306

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Autumn meeting, Brockdish, October 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Village Hall. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Names for tea by October 13th to A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 3274

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton (6), Oct. 17th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 3238

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading and Newbury Branches.—Combined practice at Thatcham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 17th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please support this new venture.—J. Cooper and N. Swann, Branch Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Great Brington, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 13th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 3308

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ringstead (6), Oct. 17th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 3294

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, October 17th, Durrington. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45, for those who send names by October 13th to Miss Eloie, 81, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 3258

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (recently augmented 6), Oct. 17th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne. 3303

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Nutfield, October 17th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Double Oxford and Little Bob. Names for tea, by October 14th, to Miss N. Kempshall, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 3248

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Wednesday, 14th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3295

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Snaithe, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Rev. B. A. Ramsker, The Vicarage, Snaithe, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 3292

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 24th, 3 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 3315

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and dinner at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Melton bells (10) 3.15 to 6; Asfordby (6) and Kirby Bellairs (5) from 10 a.m. Other bells by arrangement with J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby, or F. J. Williams. Dinner 6 at Harborough Hotel, Burton Street, Melton. Tickets 10s. each, number limited. Apply, with remittance, not later than Oct. 19th, to F. J. Williams, Eaton Grange Cottages, Grantham Lincs. 3300

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Barrow-on-Humber, Oct. 24th. Dedication by the Bishop of Lincoln of the augmented ring of eight bells will take place at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting and ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 21st, to A. E. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 3299

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222 3302

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, October 24th, at 5.45 p.m. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) available until Tuesday, October 20th, and obtainable from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeborough, Evesham. 3259

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Jasper Snowden Commemoration Dinner, Cockayne's Restaurant, Wolstenholme Hall, Queen Street, Sheffield, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6.15 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Oct. 21st. Bells available for general ringing: Cathedral (12) 1-3; St. Marie's R.C. (8) 3-6; Ranmoor (10) 2.30-5.30; Rotherham (10) 3.45-5.15. A warm welcome will be extended to all visitors.—J. J. L. Gilbert, 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2. 3312

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Oct. 31st. Details posted later. First practice of the academic year on Oct. 12th. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 6.30 p.m. 3290

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—316th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6 p.m. Tickets 15s. each.—A. B. Peck. 3305

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