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INTO PRINT

TO anyone who has indulged in the pastime of writing, and has ventured for his amusement into the realm of authorship, the remark must often have been made: 'That's very good, you know. You ought to publish that.' Or it may be an admirer has said: 'That ought to be in book form; it would sell like hot cakes, a thing like that would.' Alas! Well-meaning as some of these good friends are, little do they know the trials, tribulations and disappointments attendant upon getting a book into print, and little knowledge do they have of the difficulties of selling it when it is in print.

The compiling and the writing of the thesis is almost invariably the part of the task that gives the greatest pleasure. For the student there is real joy in the visits to the Reference Library, the searching of this and that authority, the interviewing of some person possessing relevant information, the gathering of scraps from here and there and the piecing of them together in support of a theory or statement. Then the planning of the chapters, the sections, and even the paragraphs, followed by the actual writing, wherein passages scribbled upon old envelopes and in tattered note books, worked at, maybe, in the train, in the bus, in the smoke room at the club, or even in bed, are knit together and built up into the final edifice we call the book. And after much revision, much correction, and much heart searching the author sits back and in his heart fondly believes (even if he does not say it): 'Exegi monumentum aere perennius!'

But this monument he has erected more lasting than brass, as he may believe, has yet to be brought before the world, and how shall this be done? There are two chief ways in which a man may publish a book. The first is, of course, to interest some publisher sufficiently that the man of business offers to buy the book outright and publish it or publish it at his expense and pay the author a royalty on copies sold. This a publisher will do if he is convinced he can make money out of the book. But publishers are hard men of the world and always give the impression of having suffered a whole life of cruel disappointment; and they are very hard to move sentimentally and financially. And so the 'monumentum aere perennius' may make many weary journeys backwards and forwards to and from publishers, returning, as one writer expressed it, 'with the uncanny certainty of a homing pigeon.' For the literary

world presents to us this extraordinary paradox: it is not prepared to print and publish an author until he has made his name with the reading public; which, when we come to think of it, has some quaint affinity with the dictum of the fond mother who stated that her son should not go bathing until he could swim well.

It is true, of course, that some books catch the publisher's eye straight away and that some authors spring immediately to popularity. But such things are not common, and it is in this connection interesting to reflect that Barrie could not get 'Peter Pan' on the stage without agreeing to write at the same time what has proved to be a play of much less significance. And one would recall too, that as soon as Conan Doyle was famous he was able, without any difficulty, to get his publisher to print 'The Firm of Girdlestone,' a book of little merit and one that had previously gone the round of the publishers in vain.

All this, of course, brings us to the question of specialised publications like change ringing text books. Here the chance of securing the aid of an ordinary publisher is very small, for the demand for such books is small. The writer is, therefore, brought in most cases to the problem of printing and publishing at his own expense, and this is a matter that calls for much thought and consideration. It can be done without too much trouble, of course, and a very interesting procedure it is found to be; but it involves expense, and most ordinary ringers will wish to be assured of an adequate sale of the work before embarking on this enterprise. There are so many thousands of ringers in the land that one is tempted to assume that the selling of three or four hundred booklets, enough to cover cost of publication, is a simple task. This is not so, as many have found. In order to sell, one must advertise continually, and to advertise continually is to incur a running expense that may not be reimbursed by current sales. So the fact has to be faced that the author-publisher must consider himself fortunate if he covers his expenses over a small specialised publication.

We in the Ringing Exercise are, of course, fortunate in that we have the columns of 'The Ringing World' available for the publication of anything we have that we believe to be of value to our fellows, and we must not lose sight of this privilege. But after all it is the book, the booklet, the pamphlet, that give the most satisfaction to the author and provide the most satisfying reward for his labours. It

may not therefore be considered importunate to suggest that all ringers should consider carefully what support and help they can give to the ringing books and booklets; nor may we, perhaps, think it vain to hope that in more prosperous days our ringing journal will be able to give more direct help in furthering the sale of books and pamphlets devoted to the maintenance and expansion of the art of change ringing.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN J. BROWN Treble	ALAN A. POTTS 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
HAROLD C. LONYON 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
EDWARD JENKINS 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. Treble	RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
RAYMOND OVERY 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
ALBERT W. BOND 3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 8
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY 4	A. PATRICK CANNON 9
LEONARD STILWELL .. 5	ROGER A. BEALE Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor.
Specially rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composer's Circuits A, W. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MRS. K. F. PARR Treble	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK 6
MRS. O. L. ROGERS 2	SQUIRE CROFT 7
WILFRID G. WILSON 3	THOMAS E. DAVIES 8
D. KAY ADKINS 4	JOHN EUSTON 9
*WALTER LEE 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the seventh.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

ANNE B. SPEED Treble	DENNIS KNOX 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
*STEPHEN H. IVIN 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of eight spliced.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5152 STECHFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	PETER BORDER 7
MURIEL REAY 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 100th peal in different Surprise Major methods.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MICHAEL A. MILLS Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 5
ARTHUR G. BUTTON 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 6
ROY DUESBURY 3	*FELIX H. ERITH 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALEX GAMMON Treble	†FRANK BARRETT 5
*CLIVE HOLLOWAY 2	*MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. 6
†CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD 3	PETER R. SANDERS 7
*VERNON GREEN 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in method away from the treble. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 HEYTHROP SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	GEORGE F. BURTON 6
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	ALAN F. THIRST 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	RICHARD E. PRICE 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	JOHN CHILCOTT 7
*FRANK BISHOP 4	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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

STECHFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

38, 16, 56, 16, 34, 58, 14, 7.

2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, 19th January, 1956.

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LYDD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and with all the work of the six methods for each bell.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
*ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 6
JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 4	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of six Spliced Surprise.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anne E. Boulden, a local ringer.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Jesmond.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*JOYCE L. HAGAN .. Treble	E. ALAN RAWLINSON .. 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	PETER G. WILLIAMS .. 6
ENID SOFTLEY .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 7
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 4	A. NEVILLE BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 101 changes of method and all the work of the five methods for each bell.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BAKER .. Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 2	ROBERT COLLINS .. 6
*JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 4	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 50th peal of Surprise Major.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At Bishop Ryder's Church.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

FRANK E. HAYNES .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	DENIS A. FRITH .. 6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 4	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HEENE, WORTHING.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALAN MECHIN .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS .. 5
DONALD SMITH .. 2	RICHARD WILSON .. 6
HENRY WEAVER .. 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD .. 7
†DOROTHY SAUNDERS .. 4	JUNE CLEMENTS .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 2,688 London, 992 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 762 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

DENIS A. FRITH .. Treble	PETER BORDER .. 5
MURIEL REAY .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. 7
JOHN H. FIELDEN .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5184 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. 5
*JOHN R. MAYNE .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
MARY LAWRENCE .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 100th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DENNIS HEAPY .. Treble	PETER LAFLIN .. 5
ALAN A. POTTS .. 2	BARRY CORBISHLEY .. 6
HAROLD C. LONYON .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Susan Jane) to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Corbishley.

CARRICKFERGUS, COUNTY ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*RODNEY STRINGER .. Treble	†REV. JOHN J. FIELDING .. 5
†HARRY BROWN .. 2	†WILLIAM HALL .. 6
†JEAN STEWART .. 3	†THOMAS E. SMELTZER .. 7
*FRANK E. FAGG .. 4	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major in the method. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Major in the method in Ireland.

Rung in memoriam W. Young, J.P., first chairman, Northern Branch, and Miss W. Auliffe, founder members of the Branch and life members of the Association.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

*BRIAN S. MARTIN .. Treble	†ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN .. 5
JOHN ARMSTRONG .. 2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 6
JOAN E. HILLS .. 3	F. ROGER SCHOLEFIELD .. 7
†MRS. R. L. ARMSTRONG .. 4	LIONEL S. WOODS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 'Circled the tower' twice. First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the completion of the redecoration of the church.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 3	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 7
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH .. 4	JOSEPH THORNLAY .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. Canon T. W. Taylor, a great friend to all ringers, who has left Eccles for the Isle of Man.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

WALTER KERRISON .. Treble	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND .. 5
JOHN W. BLYTHE .. 2	E. JACK THURLOW .. 6
MRS. J. W. BLYTHE .. 3	REGINALD J. DARCH .. 7
C. JACK GIBSON .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

CYRIL RUSBY Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 6
MILTON FOWLER 3	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM 7
JOHN E. TURLEY 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

A farewell to Gordon K. Chaddock, of Sheffield Cathedral, on joining the R.A.F.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN Treble	BRIAN BLADON 5
RONALD J. SHARP 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 6
ELISABETH GRIME 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

This composition was rung for the first time.

WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Deanery Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

A Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

MRS. B. C. CASTLE Treble	STANLEY G. DAY 5
WALTER HUNT 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE 6
HAROLD SMITH 3	WILLIAM J. BROOKS 7
*MARY COLE 4	JOHN PRINCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

This peal was Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans', using Brook's Variation as the standard calling throughout.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

DORIS E. COLGATE Treble	KEVIN S. HOHL 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
WILLIAM R. MANSER 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
RALPH BIRD 4	ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

75th peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH Treble	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD 4
BETTY SYRETT 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS 5
C. FRANK W. PHILIPPO 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WINIFRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 19 240's and four 120's. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SPARKS Treble	*HORACE NETHERWAY 4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
*EDWARD SUMMERS 3	JOHN REAL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings) and four Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBIN S. M. STUBBS .. Treble	†TERENCE T. JONES 4
ERNEST E. BRAY 2	ERIC NAYLOR 5
S. ARTHUR READ 3	ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. Tenor

Conducted by S. ARTHUR READ.

* First peal. † First peal on six. First peal as conductor.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.

(R.A.F. Station.)

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

*T. BRIAN EPLETT Treble	A. HUBERT EPLETT 4
†DONALD DOCKING 2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD 5
†JOHN ROBERTS 3	CLARENCE STEPHENS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ADVENT, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ADWENA,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury, ten of Grandsire, ten of April Day and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*P. RUTH HOSKEN Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS 3
A. HUBERT EPLETT 2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD 4
ALAN CARVETH Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's, one each of Lightfoot, Beverley, York, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT E. SCOTT Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD 4
FREDERICK W. FRENCH 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
CECIL WADE 3	JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung in honour of the engagement of James W. Haw, of Peterborough, to Miss Ruth Morgan, of Swanage, Dorset.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES E. DICKINSON .. Treble	ALAN CAPSTICK 4
*JOHN C. FORD 2	RAYMOND SUART 5
JAMES E. BURLES 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in six methods by all

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 30 extents of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob and four of St. Simon's. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

D. KAY ADKINS Treble	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN 3
*†DENNIS LAUD 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Tenor	

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CROFTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Kent Treble Bob, four Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*CHRISTOPHER P. MORRIS .. Treble	*PERCY M. PETCH 4
*JOHN CUTTS 2	*GRAHAM SMITH 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

*First peal.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 24 extents of Grandsire Doubles (five callings) and 18 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARWOOD Treble	FRED PAYNE 3
*MAURICE WILLOUGHBY .. 2	†RICHARD SEABROOK .. 4
*ROBERT TRUIN Tenor	

Conducted by FRED PAYNE.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.
First peal on the bells since rehung in 1953.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANCIS A. ENGLAND .. Treble	*ALAN C. BEST 4
SIDNEY W. WHITE 2	*ALAN W. ROBINSON .. 5
WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 3	HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

*First peal at first attempt.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb.

*FRANK WHITEMORE Treble	ALAN A. HILLIAR 4
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 5
RONALD W. TREASURE .. 3	TUDOR EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS C. MOGFORD.

*First peal.

Rung for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the 60th birthday of the treble ringer.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN Treble	RONALD C. NOON 4
MAURICE BENNETT 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. B. Davis.

BURMARSH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

MAISIE VANTOM Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 4
DAVID STAPLES 2	JOHN R. COOPER 5
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

*First peal in seven Minor methods.

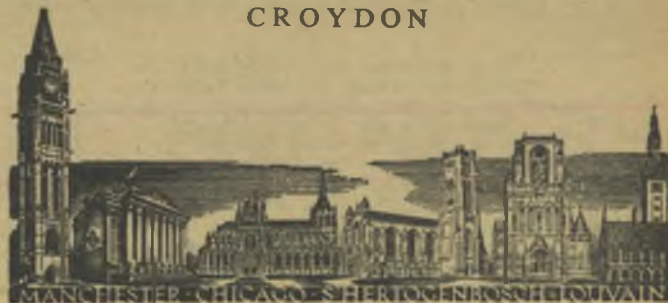


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SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 16 methods with 113 changes of method, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob and Fulbeck, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM L. GILKS... .. Treble	*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	HARRY P. FLOYD .. 5
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal in more than 14 Minor methods. The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on these bells.

COMBE-FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR H. REED Treble	GORDON WALFORD 4
*REGINALD BEALE 2	WILLIAM SLOCOMBE 5
GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

NUNNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ADRIAN P. BECK... .. Treble	W. JOHN PHIPPEN 4
EUNICE D. OVEREND... .. 2	ERNEST E. BRAY... .. 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

SWEPSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROY THURMAN Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
JAMES A. LORD... .. 2	JACK BENISTON 5
*REGINALD UPTON 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

*First peal of Bob Minor.

Specially arranged for the treble ringer, home on leave from Germany.

NASH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in B.

PATRICIA H. JONES .. Treble	CYRIL SAVAGE 4
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
*DONALD G. CLARKE... .. 3	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.

*50th peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Cyril Savage, who is returning to East Budleigh, Devon.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Jan. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court Bob and Single Oxford Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID J. JEEVES Treble	ALAN S. SMITH 4
C. HENRY HARDING .. 2	MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. 5
BRYAN F. SIMS 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

*First peal. This is the fastest peal to be rung for the Association on tower bells.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*PETER L. WESTERMAN .. Treble	MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN .. 4
DAWN V. ELSON 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND 5
JOHN KINCHIN 3	ROBIN WILSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN WILSON.

*First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Dr. Spencer Leeson, late Bishop of Peterborough.

WOOTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (62 singles and 70 bobs). Tenor 17 cwt.

KEITH WAKEFIELD Treble	ROY A. WARD 4
PHYLLIS M. GRAY 2	MALCOLM G. HOOTON .. 5
JOHN B. LONG 3	BRYAN PATTISON Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

HANDBELL PEALS

CROMER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Jan. 18, 1956, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
AT WOODNOOK, EAST GROVE,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 1—2	JOHN R. SMITH 3—4
CYRIL POOLEY 5—6	

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Sun., Jan. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT 23, SOUTHDALE ROAD,*

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*DAVID HODGSON 1—2	DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3—4	*ROBIN A. HODGSON... .. 7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

*First peal on eight 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Jan. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT STEDMAN, 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,*

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

ALFRED BALLARD 1—2	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3—4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7—8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal of Triples in the method with an 'inside' pair.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Jan. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT 68, BUSHEY MILL CRESCENT,*

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different methods. Tenor size 14 in D.

WALTER G. PAUL 1—2	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 3—4
D. KAY ADKINS 5—6	

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.

5,184 Donisthorpe Surprise Major

By RICHARD F. B. SPEED

In H 23456

— 5 35426

— 4 23564

Repeat twice.

First rung on November 9th, 1955, at Loughborough Bell Foundry, conducted by B. G. Warwick.

Method is Wye with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District's annual general meeting was held at Hertford on January 7th at 3 p.m. St. Andrew's Church bells were rung until 4.30 p.m. to Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob and other methods up to Yorkshire Surprise.

A service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Gill) preceded tea, attended by some 33 ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. H. V. Frost was voted to the chair. The secretary (Mr. T. J. Southam) read his annual report, which was carried. He stated that the district had a balance of £18 10s. 6d., which would be handed to the treasurer. The secretary was re-elected and Mr. A. S. Carter was asked to continue in the post of ringing master. The district committee will consist of Messrs. G. Ditton, W. Newnham, E. Rochester, R. Hayden and A. Walsh, with the first two members also serving on the Association general committee. Mr. C. Hayter was re-elected 'Ringing World' representative.

The district's February meeting will probably be at Little Munden. Votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents of the Hertford churches for the use of the bells and also the ladies who prepared tea.

Ringing then followed on the ten bells at All Saints' Church until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung there included Stedman, Grandsire and Erin Caters, Plain Bob, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and London Surprise Major.

C. E. H.

DERITEND SURPRISE MAJOR

38-16-56-36-14-58-12-18.

2nds place. L.E. 7856342. F.C.E.'s 24365, 46253, 32546, 53624, 65432.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held their annual meeting at St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford, E., on January 21st. Ringing was under the direction of the District Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes.

At the business meeting, held in the choir vestry, the officers elected for 1956 were Messrs. C. A. Hughes Master, L. W. Bullock secretary, M. Hayes treasurer, S. Nelson steward. New members elected were: B. Weaver (Loughton), C. McMurray (Ilford), D. Hewitt (London, E.).

Among the items on the agenda was special ringing for the 45th anniversary of the District. Details will appear later in 'The Ringing World.'

The Master, in his report, stated that the District was in a very healthy position, and 15 new members had been elected during the year. The balance in hand was a record and he hoped members would support the officers in 1956 as they had done in 1955.

L. W. B.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

The East Devon Branch held their quarterly meeting at Cotleigh on January 21st. About 25 ringers and friends attended. A service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Carey Pike, followed by tea and meeting.

The chair was taken by Mr. G. C. Woodley (Sidmouth). The president, Preb. E. V. Cox, presented certificates to Margaret Snell (Cotleigh), Sylvia Goldstein and Geoffrey Broadhurst (Buckerell). Touches were rung on the bells before and after the service.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Salisbury Branch held their annual meeting on January 21st, when 64 members and visitors sat down to tea in the Assembly Rooms, several more coming in time for the business meeting.

The secretary had no outstanding events to report; membership had remained almost stationary at 117. A message of good wishes was sent to the Rev. F. L. Edwards on his recovery.

The Branch officers were all re-elected for another year: H. A. Roles, chairman; W. Chalk, vice-chairman; Miss Y. L. Eloie, secretary and treasurer; H. H. Abrahams, A. Haines and J. Maidment, Ringing Masters; with J. Lewis and J. Sutton on the committee. On the secretary's proposition, Miss M. Page was elected hon. auditor. Eighteen new members were proposed for election, and two certificates of proficiency presented to Toni Morgan and Jane Skelton, of St. Martin's, Salisbury. After discussion, it was decided that in future a collection should be taken at the quarterly service, to be halved between the church where the meeting was held and a Branch fund for bell repairs and restorations.

The service in the afternoon was at St. Paul's, conducted by the newly-instituted Rector, the Rev. T. E. Dobson. Having recently returned from ten years' work in Uganda, he had grown accustomed to drums, beating in an ever-changing rhythm, as the call to worship on Sunday mornings.

During the afternoon and evening, all enjoyed ringing according to their abilities at St. Martin's, St. Paul's and St. Thomas', Salisbury, and Wilton.

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FRANK I. HAIRS.
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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

The fastest peal to be rung for the Bedfordshire Association took place at Willington on January 27th. The time was 2 hours and 15 minutes. The conductor, Mr. Bryan Pattison, writes that the band had no ideas of breaking the record. The bells wanted to go at that speed and none of the band suffered any discomfort. Indeed, the striking was of a fairly high order.

Mr. P. W. Cave is breaking his long association with St. Nicholas', Liverpool, which dates from January, 1924 (with a break of six years). He is going to live in the London area.

Wilfred Pickles has been taken to task by more than one ringer for his comment in 'Illustrated': 'Many women and young people are bell ringers, so it can't be too difficult. But I can't understand anyone wanting to do it: I find the sound of church bells so depressing.'

The peal at Kettering on January 7th was arranged for Mr. Charles W. Bird, who rang his first peal at Kelmarsh, Northants, on December 30th, 1905. Unfortunately, through last-minute difficulties, Mr. Bird could not attend. The band wish this Kettering veteran good health and many more peals in the future.

The peal rung at Wootton, Beds, on January 28th was a farewell compliment to Bryan Pattison, who is leaving for National Service in the R.A.F. He will be greatly missed both as an able conductor in the District and as tower captain of St. Mary's, Cardington.

Thirteen employees of Leyland Motors, Ltd., took part in the half-muffled ringing on the ten bells of Leyland Parish Church for the memorial service to Mr. John Ambler, a director of the company. The arrangements for ringing were made by Mr. Lawrence Walmsley, the secretary of the Preston Branch.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Wm. S. Theobald is in the Hampshire Ward, Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, following a leg operation.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Charles Arthur Manning (53), at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, on January 27th.

Fourteen-year-old Arthur Foxall, who stood in at short notice for a peal of Stedman Triples at Hughenden on January 7th, rang very well to score a peal at his first attempt. (See p. 51.)

It is hoped that Warmley, Bristol, bells will be ringing again for Easter, after being rehung by John Taylor and Co. Nearly £200 out of the £300 required has been raised, and an all-out effort is being made to clear this off.

Heythrop Surprise Major, first rung at Chip-ping Norton on January 21st, has the same relationship to Fordham Surprise Major as New Cambridge bears to Cambridge, writes the conductor of the first peal in the method, Mr. Alan R. Pink.

Today a memorial service to the late Bishop of Peterborough will be held at Peterborough Cathedral. Mr. B. P. Morris, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, appeals to ringers throughout the diocese to pay tribute to a great Christian leader by muffled ringing during the coming week. We hope to publish next week a selection of the many tributes received to the memory of Dr. Spencer Leeson.

Mr. Mark Lancefield conducted peals of six spliced and five spliced on successive days during a week-end spent by Mr. Alan Ainsworth, at Ashford. After the peal at Lydd the band were invited to a high supper by Mr. and Mrs. S. Boulden, and the 21st birthday cake was cut a day earlier for the occasion. Alan has now finished his military service and has returned to Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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PEAL RINGERS OF 1955

Only One Centenarian

Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, rang the most peals in 1955. He was the only ringer to accomplish 100 peals, and the story of his reaching his 100th with a peal 'in hand' of Plain Bob Minor on New Year's Eve was told in our issue of January 13th. In the last four years he has rung 307 peals. He was also the leading conductor with 56 peals to his credit, and a number of these were first peals in the method.

Closely behind him was Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, with 95 peals. Since 1948 Mr. Fearn has rung 853 peals, an average of 106.6 peals a year, which is the highest consistency of peal ringing yet recorded, beating the late Mr. Harold J. Poole's average of 106.3 per year for a six-year period.

In view of the interest in these records we have extended the record to 25 peals and over. We regret that a number of prominent ringers have not responded to our invitation to make the list as complete as possible.

The figures in parentheses denote number of peals conducted.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Peter Border	98 (54)	2 (2)	100
George E. Fearn ..	95		95
Ernest Morris .. .	54 (10)	13	67
Muriel Reay .. .	67		67
Brian G. Warwick ..	50 (38)	12 (11)	62
Mrs. B. G. Warwick ..	50	8	58
D. P. Jones .. .	52 (20)	1 (1)	53
John Pinfold .. .	52		52
Clifford A. Barron ..	50 (17)		50
W. J. Ridgman .. .	47 (36)	3	50
C. W. Barrett .. .	48 (1)	1	49
J. W. Cotton .. .	48 (1)		48
John R. Mayne .. .	47 (31)		47
W. T. Cook .. .	37 (13)	9 (7)	46
John M. Jelley .. .	44	2	46
Nolan Golden .. .	44 (40)	1 (1)	45
Ernest J. Jelley ..	45		45
Arthur V. Pearson ..	43 (11)		43
A. Patrick Cannon ..	42 (22)		42
John A. Acres .. .	28	13	41
Basil Jones .. .	41 (1)		41
Edgar C. Shepherd ..	40		40
Brian S. Chapman ..	38		38
John Worth .. .	38 (18)		38
George Sayer .. .	33		33
Thomas Cullingworth ..	32 (1)		32
L. Bumphrey .. .	28	3	31
Trevor A. Cross .. .	29 (1)	2	31
T. R. Dennis .. .	31		31
John L. Morris .. .	30 (1)		30
J. Bray .. .	23 (18)	7	30
Malcolm S. Cloke ..	30 (13)		30
Arthur G. Mason .. .	30		30
Rodney B. Meadows ..	30 (2)		30
P. Mehew .. .	29	1	30
J. A. Ainsworth .. .	28 (5)	1	29
John R. Cooper .. .	29		29
Margaret E. L. Beamish	27 (1)	2	29
Cyril S. Jarrett .. .	27 (4)	2	29
P. Laffin .. .	29		29
J. Michael Lakin .. .	28 (19)	1 (1)	29
J. Henry Fielden .. .	23 (1)	5	28
T. J. Lock .. .	28 (4)		28
Patrick I. Chapman ..	26	1	27
Ralph G. Edwards .. .	27		27
J. E. G. Roast .. .	27 (18)		27
R. Kenrick .. .	26 (1)		26
P. Nash .. .	25	1	26
J. Ridyard .. .	26 (23)		26
H. T. Rooke .. .	26 (12)		26
A. R. Pink .. .	25 (22)		25
D. H. Rooke .. .	25 (13)		25
John W. Sinfield .. .	25		25
T. E. Sone .. .	25 (7)		25

The bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, will be heard before the evening service on February 12th at 7.45 p.m. on the West Region programme.

DEDICATION

ST. MARY'S, BURWELL

The restored ring of five bells and three new treble bells at St. Mary's Church, Burwell, Cambs, were dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Gordon Walsh, assistant Bishop of Ely, on December 21st. They are now a pleasant ring of eight with a tenor of approximately 13 cwt., the work having been carried out by John Taylor and Co.

The old five bells were retuned, quarter turned and rehung in new headstocks and ball bearing fittings complete, the massive frame being in good condition; the three new bells, new framework and fittings complete were given by Mr. Arthur G. Mason, of Lewisham, in memory of his parents who were regular worshippers in St. Mary's Church. Mr. Mason first learned to handle a bell here, and has now gratified a secret ambition to see eight bells in his own tower.

There was a large congregation for the beautiful service of praise and thanksgiving, which was conducted by the Vicar of Burwell; the lessons were read by the churchwardens and the sermon preached by the Assistant Bishop of Ely.

After the dedication a plain course of Stedman Triples was rung by the general secretary, district secretary, the Cambridge ringers and Mr. Mason, while the procession returned to the chancel singing 'Ye holy angels bright.' The service concluded with a glorious 'Te Deum.'

Ringers were present from Herts, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, and touches of Stedman and Double Norwich Major were brought round until 9 o'clock, when all adjourned to the Gardiner Memorial Hall for light refreshments. Mr. Mason was then thanked by the Vicar, Parochial Church Council and churchwardens for his magnanimous gift; Mr. Mason suitably replied.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
Newark District's Favourable Report

The ninth annual general meeting of the Newark District was held at Sutton-on-Trent on January 21st, and was well attended despite a cold, bleak day with heavy rain.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Keal). Tea was provided in the church hall by the ladies, and ample justice was done to the well-laden tables.

The business meeting was presided over by the Guild chairman, the Rev. Canon R. F. Wilkinson. A minute's silence was observed for three departed members—Mrs. L. L. East (N. Collingham), Rev. E. A. Rigden (N. Muskham) and Mr. Clement Glenn—and two old friends of the Guild, the Rev. O. G. O. Larr (N. Collingham) and the Rev. G. Anderson (Harby). Members heard with regret that the retiring hon. secretary, Mr. S. L. Barley, had been admitted to hospital. Orston was confirmed as the place of the next meeting and East Bridgford was chosen for May.

Seven new members were elected, namely: Mr. C. Reed, Miss Thelma Williams, Miss Marion Noble and Miss Helen de Vos (all of Balderton), Mr. J. W. Wilson (Sutton-on-Trent), Miss Betty Buxton and Miss Joan Buxton (Whetton-in-the-Vale).

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; hon. secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Reed; two committeemen—Mr. D. Clarke and Mr. G. E. Foster.

The chairman gave a brief resumé of the prospects of the Guild, with particular reference to the restorations completed and pending, and warmly congratulated the Newark District on its progress.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Mr. F. W. Midwinter. The meeting was then declared closed and a mass return to the tower followed.

W. L. E.

LICHFIELD'S TRIBUTE TO
MR. WALTER J. COPE

Lichfield and Alrewas ringers honoured Mr. Walter J. Cope at their dinner at the King's Head Hotel, Lichfield, on January 18th, by presenting him with a chiming clock in recognition of his service of over 60 years to ringing. Mr. Cope is shortly leaving for Fakenham, Norfolk.

In making the presentation, the Dean (the Very Rev. S. Macpherson) said Mr. Cope started his ringing career over 60 years ago, being introduced by his father, who afterwards became captain of the Cathedral ringers. That day they were happy to wish him many happy returns on his 72nd birthday.

During that time Mr. Cope has taken part in the ringing for all the royal events from the reign of Queen Victoria to the ringing for the birth of the present Duke of Cornwall. He took part in the first peal on the Cathedral bells after they were recast in 1947, which was for the wedding of the present Queen; also the first peal to be rung by a regular Sunday service band at the Cathedral, and several other notable peals.

In his young days very little encouragement was given to probationers, the belfry being nearly a 'closed shop.' Therefore advancement in the art became a very slow process.

At the time of the ban on church bells during the last war, change ringing at the Cathedral had become non-existent, and the revival which had taken place since the recasting of the bells had been due, in no small measure, to the efforts of Mr. Cope in teaching youngsters and generally setting a wonderful example, being most conscientious and regular in his attendance for service ringing.

He showed great vitality and keenness when, three years ago, he went to reside in Alrewas, and immediately set about the task of converting the Alrewas ringers from 'Stoney' to change ringing, and considerable progress has been made as a result. Finally, the Dean said, he hoped that when Mr. Cope took up his new residence at Fakenham, in Norfolk, he would find time to visit Lichfield occasionally. Mr. Cope thanked the ringers for their gift, which he said he would always treasure.

Preb. H. S. Cresswell (Vicar of St. Mary's) added his tribute to Mr. Cope, and thanked him for the fine work he had done. He said that he had been closely associated with his family for nearly fifty years.

The clock has Westminster chimes and is inscribed: 'Presented to Walter J. Cope, as a mark of esteem by his colleagues at Lichfield Cathedral and Alrewas, to commemorate his 60 years' service as bellringer.'

Mr. C. Malin proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for taking the chair, which was carried unanimously. The rest of the evening was taken up with handbell ringing and reminiscing.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Mr. H. E. Audsley the New Master

Mr. H. E. Audsley was unanimously elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the annual meeting in the vestry hall of St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 21st. He succeeds Mr. T. H. Francis, who said he did not wish to stand again.

Other officers elected were Mr. P. N. Bond hon secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne hon treasurer, Mr. R. Ling senior steward, Mr. J. R. Leeming junior steward, Mr. A. Butler and Mr. A. Harding trustees, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mrs. T. H. Francis auditors.

The secretary, in his annual report, said the year had not been a good one for the Society as there had been far too much apathy and lack of support for the officers.

Peals numbered six and ranged from Grand-sire Doubles at Bosham, to Stedman and Eric Cinques at St. Martin's. Thirty-one new members had been elected. The secretary appealed for more support for the officers and asked that local members should make a special effort to attend meetings in their area. During the year the Society sent a band to ring at the re-opening of the bells of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, after a long period of disuse.

During the year the Society had lost through death Mrs. K. Matthews (St. Martin's), Mr. W. J. Nudds (Edgware), Mr. T. Goodchild (Boyne Hill) and Mr. W. J. Walker (Rainham).

The accounts, presented in the absence of Mr. W. R. Winterton (hon. treasurer) by Mrs. R. F. Deal, showed a balance in hand of £118 16s. 5d. There was a loss of £10 13s. 4d. on the dinner.

The secretary then proposed an addition to the rules, as follows: 'That no person shall be proposed as a member of this Society until he or she has rung at least a 720 in a recognised method.' This brought some discussion, and finally it was proposed as an amendment that the words '... at least a 720 ...' should be deleted, so that the rule should read '... until he or she can ring changes in a recognised method ...' This amendment was passed by a majority, and the amended rule accepted. Mrs.

R. F. Deal asked for a record to be made in the minutes to the effect that proposers should give a verbal guarantee as to the ringing capabilities of their nominees.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. M. Rouse, G. R. Parker (Nettleham), D. Beresford (Lichfield), S. F. Ford (Loughton), F. G. Barron and D. W. Nuttall (Alverstone), N. Steere (Croydon), S. Richardson (Whitehaven), G. Tembey (Cleator), J. R. Mossop (Moor Row), Miss V. Tumber (Bishopstoke), Miss R. Hide (Farnham), Miss C. Ford (Loughton), Miss D. M. Ward (Bexley), Miss J. Clements (Worthing), Miss S. A. Parvin (Alverstone), Mrs. R. Armstrong, Miss J. Midgley, Miss J. Cox (Bexley), Miss C. McNeil Love (London), Rev. Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, hon. member.

Meetings for the coming year were proposed as follows: Croydon, April 17th; Chelmsford, July 7th; Pinner and Ruislip, September 15th; and a joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, December 1st.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne gave a brief report on the C.C. meeting at Bristol at Whitsun, 1955, and announced that the Roll of Honour is on display in the Library Gallery of St. Paul's Cathedral.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner on Saturday, October 6th, at the Old Bell, Holborn, and the Master asked for members to give this function their fullest support.

Under the heading of any other business, it was agreed that the Society should contribute the sum of £5 5s. to the fund for a presentation to the retiring Vicar of St. Martin's, Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles Edwards, on his elevation to the See of Worcester. The secretary was asked to write to the Bishop on behalf of the Society, congratulating him on his preferment.

Finally, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the following was proposed by Mr. T. H. Francis and passed with acclamation: The Vicars of St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Bartholomew-the-Great and St. Martin's, for the use of their bells during the afternoon; to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Martin's, for the use of the vestry hall for the meeting; and to the ladies of the canteen, for an excellent tea.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

An interesting point rose from the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Warwick on January 21st, with the Master, Mr. R. J. Eden, in the chair. A discussion took place regarding the desirability of making application for a grant from the education authorities so that a course in campanology might be included in the autumn syllabus for Further Education. A sub-committee, consisting of the Master, the general secretary and two district secretaries, was appointed to go into the matter fully and take such action as they decided. The meeting is to be held at Coventry on February 10th.

Stratford-on-Avon was selected for the annual meeting.

New members elected were: S. A. Dawson (Warwick), S. J. Merry (Clifton) and Miss M. Woodward (Kenilworth) as resident members, and R. G. Morris (Stroud), B. Jones (Knowle), F. Amos (Long Buckby) and Miss D. V. Elson (Yelvertoft) as non-resident life members.

Since the previous meeting of the Guild a great loss had been sustained by the death of the Bishop of the Diocese, who had been a most encouraging patron, and also by the loss of Mr. Oswald J. Hunt, a Guild member since 1912 and a staunch supporter of ringing in Coventry. A few moments' silence was observed in their memory.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Marsden on January 14th. Despite adverse weather conditions, the attendance was up to expectations, nearly 30, including visitors, attending. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Facey, and an excellent tea provided by local ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. J. Pearson was elected to the chair. In a letter regretting his absence, the Archdeacon thanked the members for the help given in training the new team at Halifax Parish Church.

The secretary and treasurer, in his annual report, stated that the six meetings had been fairly well attended. Membership had been steadily maintained. A peal board had been dedicated, but fewer peals had been rung. Progress was being made in creating a new team at Halifax Parish Church. The Guild was sound financially with a nett gain of £2 12s. 7d. on the year.

The secretary and treasurer, Ringing Master and auditors were re-elected. The three new committee members are Messrs. W. Sykes, H. Renshaw and C. F. Sutcliffe. The local company were heartily thanked for making the Guild so welcome, and Mr. D. B. Cater suitably replied. Three new members were elected.

Further ringing on tower- and handbells continued until nearly 9.30. A. W. B.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton District's New Chairman

Custom demands that the annual meeting of the Melton District shall be held at Melton in January, and on January 21st a goodly gathering assembled. Harry Clayton had the bells in readiness and touches were arranged to suit all tastes, culminating in a course of Cambridge Royal as a service touch. The band for this included six members of the local band, of whom two, plus the treble man, were ringing their first course of Surprise Royal.

Canon C. M. S. Clarke conducted the service and the Rev. W. W. Evans gave the address.

Some 50 persons sat down to tea in the Colles Hall. The good things to eat had been prepared by members of the Mothers' Union and the meal was much enjoyed.

The business commenced with the retiring chairman, Mr. F. J. Williams, presiding. The chairman's resignation, due to his removal from the district, was accepted with great regret. The secretary (Mr. J. H. Cook) announced that having completed ten years' service he was unable to stand for re-election, but before he could recover breath he found he had been elected chairman. Mrs. P. A. Corby was elected to the vacant secretaryship and Messrs. T. Templeton (Melton Mowbray) and A. E. Hinman (Kirby Bellars) were re-elected as the District committee. The District 'Ringing World' correspondent, Mr. P. A. Corby, was re-elected.

Various nominations were put forward for general officers of the Guild, including the name of Mr. Shirley Burton as peal secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Burton were present at the meeting and the opportunity was taken to pay a well-deserved tribute to the prodigious amount of work which Mr. Burton does so efficiently for the Guild.

An invitation was received to hold the next District meeting at Bottesford on March 10th. The District secretary is to arrange a bus if at all possible.

It was agreed that the District outing which normally takes place on Whit Monday should instead be held on Easter Monday this year in view of the Central Council visit to Leicester. The former chairman, Mr. Williams, is arranging a tour of the towers in his new neighbourhood around Blyth, Nottinghamshire.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and in particular the chairman expressed the thanks of the members to Mr. Evans for his address in church.

More ringing took place in the evening and visitors from Rutland, Nottingham, Grantham, Rugby and other places were made very welcome, not forgetting a very faithful friend, Mr. Redvers F. Elkington, and his henchmen from Anstey.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of Wellingborough Branch at Irthlingborough on January 21st was well supported.

A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. V. Rogers), who also gave the address. Mr. L. George was organist. A collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £2 5s. 9d.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. C. Knight (Branch president) presided, and members stood in memory of Mr. Horace Plowman (Wellingborough).

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. A. Bigley (secretary), showed an increased balance. The officers, with the exception of one committee member, were all re-elected.

It was decided to visit Bozeat for the next quarterly meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FAST PEALS ON HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter on this subject from Mr. W. Williams, I agree for the most part with his comments. Regarding Doulting, however, I think the time of 2 hours and 57 minutes quite possible. The first peal of Minor on the bells, in 1923, was rung in 3 hours and 3 minutes with Mr. J. T. Dyke ringing the tenor. The tenor is a 51 inch bell and very close to 24 cwt. The belfry is a small one, which always makes for fast ringing, if the band are so minded.

In the case of Chewton Mendip, these are a peal which can be rung at any speed. Previous peals of Major have varied from 3 hours and 8 minutes to 3 hours and 40 minutes. But in view of the particular tuning, I agree that a speed of about 3 hours and 15 minutes to be ideal for these. I've no doubt that the time of 2 hours and 50 minutes was correct (in view of the calibre of the band), but this was much too fast and would not allow these magnificent bells to be heard at their best.

I have many times deliberately set out to ring the 'fastest on the bells,' but in all cases these have been on light rings of bells with tenors under 18 cwt. And always the bells were 'old style' tuning and sounded better rung fast. If the tenor man is prepared to work quite a large number of minutes can be 'knocked off' existing times and still a good peal can be rung.

But keep a reasonably steady pace on 'Simpson tuned' rings and heavy metal. I would add that, in addition, I have also rung several times the 'slowest peal on the bells,' including the four slowest peals of Major yet rung. There is merit in both kinds of performances, providing the striking is perfect.—Yours faithfully,

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

AN OFFER TO MR. W. WILLIAMS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. W. Williams with regard to the peals at Chewton Mendip and Doulting: As conductor of both of these peals. I would like to point out to Mr. Williams that firstly, both of these peals were perfectly true and complete, and that the stated number of changes were rung in each case. Secondly, the times were as published.

I have always been given to understand that Doulting tenor is 24 cwt., and having rung the bell, I have no reason to disbelieve this.

If Mr. Williams is still in doubt as to the truth of either of these peals, I would suggest that he comes to Somerset, when I shall be delighted, with the permission of the two incumbents, to repeat at both towers with the same band a quarter peal which he may time. This should dispel any doubt which he has.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID HOARE.

Radstock.

A LISTENER-IN REPORTS

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. W. Williams' query about the ringing of a peal of Bob Major at Chewton Mendip on December 17th in 2 hours and 55 minutes, I had the pleasure of listening to it for half-an-hour; it was very fast ringing for a ring with a tenor 24½ cwt., but the striking was excellent.

I timed the ringing very carefully, which was 28 changes to the minute. D. Hoare rang the tenor as though it was a handbell.

There were five other conductors in the band who knew the composition, so I do not see how any omission could have been made.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. PRESCOTT.

Bath.

'GOOD—BUT SOMEWHAT UNPOLISHED'

Dear Sir,—In regard to Mr. W. Williams's letter, would you be good enough to allow me through your columns to assure him of four things?

(i.) The peal at Chewton Mendip was true and complete.

(ii.) The time was as printed, and was plainly shown to most of those who rang by the interior dial operated by the church clock. There was no 'chancy' wrist-watch timing.

(iii.) The time of the Doulting peal was probably as given in your pages. I heard some 50 minutes of it, and when I left I felt sure that it would be completed in under three hours.

(iv.) The weight of Doulting tenor is very close to 24 cwt.

The Chewton peal was good, albeit somewhat unpolished, and what I heard of the Doulting peal was really good, in view of the general 'go' of the bells.

We in this part of Somerset believe in ringing at a brisk pace, with the tenors ringing off balance, and for two reasons. First, we find that we can achieve a better rhythm, and second, the tone of the bells is heard to better advantage. Of course, the backenders have to work hard, but that is what they're there for, and from that point of view only I would have been glad of another ten minutes on the peal at Chewton.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton.

RINGERS AND OLYMPIC GAMES

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter re ringers visiting Australia during the coming Games, I feel it might help some to make up their minds if I gave approximate costs, times, and the various methods of travel.

* To travel by air both ways would cost in fares £448; time required at least three weeks.

To do the outward journey by air and return by sea, or vice-versa, would cost from £330 to £382, according to class of travel, or even less if you share a cabin on the sea route. Time: eight weeks.

To travel by sea both ways would cost from £188 to £290, again according to class of travel. Time: twelve weeks.

The times quoted would give at least 14 days in Australia. We need not all travel by the same route, but must arrive at the same time. I feel that half the pleasure would be taken away if we did not go together.

If the outward journey is made by air, ringing would start at Sydney, but if by sea it would commence in Melbourne. The fares quoted are to Melbourne in all cases, and at least another £50 would be required to cover all other costs, including accommodation, etc., while in Australia. All would require passports suitably endorsed for the journey. So far I have had five replies.—Yours faithfully,

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

P.S.—The Games are on from November 22nd to December 8th, 1956.—J. L. G.-H.

RULES FOR METHOD NAMING

Dear Sir,—Whilst applauding Miss Daphne Castell for her desire to learn more of the whys and wherefores of method naming—would that more ringers took an intelligent interest in such matters—may I point out that all the information she seeks was published in 'The Ringing World' not 'many years ago,' but as recently as July 1st last year. In that issue appeared the discussion at the last Council meeting on the report of the committee on Regular Methods and the report on Method Classification, as amended at the meeting.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

A NEW USE FOR HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Your leader of the issue of Jan. 27th under the above title calls to mind my own experience. Some years ago Dr. Davidson, of the Leicester Towers (Mental) Hospital, asked me to get a set of 12 handbells for the inmates' use. He explained that they had there one of the finest musicians in Leicester, who would teach other inmates, and who (when in the mood) wrote all the music played and sung at their concerts.

With the assistance of Mr. Sidney Harrison and his boys, I went there and gave demonstrations of double-handed tune ringing, playing from the table, tapping tunes with bells suspended, and so on.

Within a few months a band was formed of several mental patients, and they have since given performances at a number of concerts.

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE

Dear Sir,—Your editorial remarks on the subject of Bow Bells differ from the information which I have had from old ringers who knew Bow, Cheapside, in the days of the old 12.

I have always understood that in 1930 the eleventh became cracked and Mr. Gordon Selfridge donated the cost of completely renovating the ring. This work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and several bells were recast, including the tenor, and the weight reduced from 54 cwt. to 53 cwt. The decision to recast this bell, often described as being a band of music in itself, was, I understand, a subject of great controversy in the Exercise, particularly in London.

It is interesting to note that during the period 1933-39 only one band was successful in ringing a peal of Maximus on the new 12, this being one of Kent Treble Bob, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender, and rung for the London County Association.

Let us hope, Mr. Editor, that the new ring will prove a handier ring than the last, although I deprecate the decision to recast them with a 42 cwt. tenor. This must surely mean that an awful amount of the old 17th century bell metal will be left out. Perhaps sufficient funds could be made available to use this metal to provide two or maybe three semitones, thus putting London on a par with many provincial 12's. Is there a lead here for the Exercise?—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. HUTCHINGS.

Tulse Hill, S.W.2.

PEAL RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's excellent article calls for comment on several points.

Escrick was a 5-bell tower in 1918 and the two peals rung there were Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Ernest Morris.

The 1888 peal at St. Martin's, York, was the last but not the first on the bells. Peals of Grandsire Triples were rung in 1830, 1849, 1850 and 1852; these were followed by Kent T.B. Major in 1862, 1868 and 1888, the last being rung by members of the York Minster Society for the Yorkshire Association (see 'R.W.' of April 23rd, 1954, p. 269).

The bells at Baldersby (tenor 24 cwt.) are not now ringable. The six at Whitwell-on-the-Hill are ringable but not pealable.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

York.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Sheffield Catholics' Generosity

The winter general meeting of the Association was held at Sheffield on January 21st when, notwithstanding the inclement weather, the attendance was extremely good. The outstandingly bright star on the bleak winter horizon was the most willing co-operation of the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie and the Cathedral in combining so readily to ensure the comfort of the visitors.

For the first time in many years the Cathedral authorities found themselves without facilities for providing a room for the tea and meeting, but when the local ringers—always renowned for their inexhaustible resources—made approach to Monsignor John Dinn, of St. Marie's, he immediately not only placed a room at their disposal for tea and meeting, but extended the Association a most cordial welcome and expressed his delight in being able to be their host.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison), supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. Benfield) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. E. Critchley). A hearty vote of thanks to the authorities of St. Marie's and the Cathedral for the use of their bells and providing facilities for the meeting was moved by Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. J. Gibson, and carried with acclamation.

Monsignor Dinn, in acknowledgment, said that he was most glad to receive the Association and to place the room at their disposal. The work, however, had been done by the local ringers of both St. Marie's and the Cathedral, and he had never seen the room looking so nice or enjoyed a better meal in it. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies was ably moved by Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley, and carried with applause. In reply, Mr. H. O. Chaddock said that he never remembered an instance in his career when the members had met in that room.

The president reported that in the absence of any specific invitation the committee had considered the place and date of the next meeting,

which would be the annual meeting, and had reached agreement to recommend that it be held at York on May 12th. There being no alternative proposition, Mr. H. Walker moved and Mr. L. W. G. Morris seconded that the committee's recommendation be endorsed. This was carried.

Mr. A. E. Marsh gave a brief report of the Snowdon Dinner held in Leeds on October 15th last, which showed increased support and that the venture had proved a financial success. The president reported that the committee had unanimously decided to recommend acceptance of an invitation from the York Minster Society to hold the dinner at York on October 20th next, and asked members to note the date and ensure its success by loyally supporting it.

An application on behalf of Mr. W. Robinson, of Sandal Magna, to be transferred to the list of honorary members under the provisions of Rule 10 was unanimously approved on the motion of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. J. Seager. The president reported that the committee had approved two grants of £5 each from the belfry repair fund in response to applications received from Sherburn-in-Elmet and the York Institute of Architectural Study, where an ancient city ring of six had now been installed.

The president next reported that the general secretary was due to retire by rota, and that the committee were unanimous in recommending the re-election of Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who had agreed to continue for the next triennial period, which if completed would bring the score to 21 years' tenure of office, and so, the secretary hoped, qualify him for a walking stick! Under the provisions of Rule IV, however, nominations could be received until the 31st of the month duly proposed and seconded, and the same rule stated that the election should take place at the annual general meeting.

Miss Valerie Flint, of the Vicarage, Cawthorne, Miss Judith Rodder, of Richmond, Miss Margaret Taylor, of Thrybergh, Miss Margaret Cutts and Geoffrey Robinson, of Whiston, were elected members on the motion of Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. N. Chaddock. This concluded the business and further ringing was enjoyed at the Cathedral until 9 p.m.

THE LADIES' GUILD

N.E. District Want Annual in April

In spite of the weather, the third annual meeting of the North Eastern District at Houghton-Spring on January 14th was very successful. It was, however, felt that there would be a better attendance if the annual meeting was held in April. A resolution to this effect will be submitted to the April meeting.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: Mrs. McGuinness vice-president, Mrs. N. I. Lea hon. secretary, Miss E. Softley Ringing Master, Mrs. Park and Mrs. Lawson general committee, Mrs. Bayles and the Misses D. Killingley, J. B. Softley and K. Softley, District committee.

A vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Gwilliams) for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, was proposed by Miss D. Killingley, and Miss E. Softley thanked the ladies who had prepared the excellent tea.

FIRST PEAL ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—It was John Hales who rang his first peal on 12 at Southwark, not your humble. Although not to be compared with Jack Nash's performance, it was the first method ringing on 12 that Jack had taken part in.—Yours truly,
J. A. HALES.

London, E.5.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

It was a cold afternoon with driving rain on the occasion of the Society's winter meeting at Bloxwich on January 21st, after ten years. Despite these conditions, the meeting attracted an attendance of 70, which was most satisfactory. The pleasing ring of eight bells was put to good use, ringing being under the direction of Mr. George Hughes (Ringing Master).

In his address at the service, the Vicar of Bloxwich, Rev. W. J. Walton, gave some interesting details relating to the history of the Parish Church of All Saints and its bells. Mr. Walton said how much he appreciated the services of ringers and how the sound of the bells was a constant reminder of the Church and all that it stood for.

A very nice tea was served in the Parish Hall by the wives and lady friends of the local band. After tea Mr. Fred Bennett thanked the Rev. W. J. Walton, Mr. L. E. Gill and the members of the local band, and the ladies for all they had done to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Shareshill on March 24th. A joint Festival of the Society, the North Staffs Association, Midland Counties Guild and Shropshire Association will take place at Burton-on-Trent on April 14th.

A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

A Step Nearer

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, who has suggested the formation of a Railwaymen's Guild of Ringers, has received the following letter from Lieut.-Col. J. W. Watkins, general manager of the London Midland Region of British Railways:—

'I have your letter of 21st January enclosing copies of "The Ringing World" for December 23rd, 1955, and January 13th, 1956, which I have read in conjunction with your letter.

'I am interested in the art you have so much at heart and, indeed, have had some practical knowledge of it. I have requested that consideration should be given to the suggestion you make in conjunction with the objects of our newly-formed Staff Association to which you refer.

'Each Region has, of course, a Staff Association, and the matter will also be looked at from an Inter-Regional point of view, and you will be communicated with further in due course.

'I return the two copies of the periodical which you sent me. [Then, in his own handwriting] I was a ringer at our village church in 1908. [I wonder if "the Chief" was too modest to ask for a rope in the peal.]

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J. W. WATKINS.'

Incidentally, by the same post Mr. Stenson received a letter from the Crewe works manager, Mr. I. C. Forsyth, in which he stated: 'I was very interested to read about the Railwaymen's peal and perhaps you will let me know if anything comes of this proposal.'

The replies Mr. Stenson has received are from as far apart as Wadhurst (Sussex), Leeds (Yorks), Ditton and Maidstone (Kent), Swansea (Glam.), Bath, Chester, Chelmsford, Chorley, Melton Mowbray, Wellington (Salop), Newport (Mons), Bedford, Liverpool and Crewe—pretty scattered representation.

The date for the peal has been provisionally fixed for June 23rd.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts District

The annual meeting was held at Huntingdon on January 21st and, for a change, arctic conditions did not prevail. Ringing commenced at Godmanchester at 3 p.m. and All Saints' 4 p.m. The short service was at All Saints', conducted by the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, after which tea, followed by the meeting.

At the meeting members stood in silence to the memory of two late members—Mr. F. Warrington (St. Ives) and Mr. T. H. Townsend (Gt. Staughton). Many members spoke tributes to the memory of these two members.

In the election of district officers the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley was elected president, in succession to Canon B. F. Sheppard, who has left the District, and to whom a vote of thanks was proposed. Mr. H. S. Peacock was re-elected secretary, Mr. F. W. Lack Ringing Master, and Mr. W. Ransome Deputy Ringing Master. The remainder of the officers were re-elected with thanks to past services. The February meeting will be held at Buckden.

For the annual tour it was agreed that a visit to the Midlands be entertained, arrangements being left to the secretary. Three new members were welcomed to the Association from the Winwick tower. Votes of thanks to all who helped, especially the ladies who served tea, concluded the proceedings.

Further ringing took place on the St. Mary's (8) and All Saints' (6) bells until 9 p.m.

H. S. P.

QUARTER PEALS

BENSON, OXON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Douglas 1, T. Selwood 2, R. D. Wells 3, J. E. Godman (cond.) 4, J. Cherrill 5, S. Pether 6. First quarter on the bells by all service ringing band. Rung as a prelude to a children's Nativity play.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,792 Plain Bob Major: H. Wells 1, H. Aldridge 2, A. Greenough 3, C. Corderoy 4, J. Berry 5, W. Gilks 6, M. Cloke 7, R. Blond (cond.) 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 15th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. M. Edwards 1, Anne P. Brown 2, Stella P. Wain 3, Ruth M. Jackson 4, A. N. Brown 5, A. J. Brown 6, Jean C. Brown 7, P. Border (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 1, 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to Miss S. P. Wain.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. Walters 1, E. Whitlock (cond.) 2, A. May 3, F. Mynard 4, A. Coley 5, A. Lathall 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. T. Walters, ringer of the treble.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, W. Dixon, sen., 2, J. Westmacott 3, B. Hall 4, J. Benfield 5, W. Dixon, jun., 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. W. Tompkins 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower before Evensong, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Wm. Stannard 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, C. Stannard (cond.) 3, H. Fuller 4, G. Jennings (first quarter) 5, W. Goodship 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Clark 1, S. H. Hoare 2, J. E. Rootes 3, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 4, R. Rowley 5, N. Jenkins 6, G. W. Scaman 7, J. Axtell 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Cecil Mayne.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on Jan. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Lott 1, Miss J. M. Weddell 2, Miss V. E. Dupré (first in method) 3, F. P. Mead 4, A. F. Udall 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, C. M. Meyer 7, C. H. Wood (first in method as cond.) 8.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYS.—On Jan. 1st, a quarter peal of Bob Major: S. Scattergood 1, Miss P. Holborn 2, E. A. Rawlinson 3, F. H. Peacock 4, R. Holmes 5, F. Pearson 6, D. H. Niblett 7, W. Robinson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. W. Thynne and Mr. B. A. Knights, both of whom were past members of this tower.

CULMSTOCK, DEVON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Clarke 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, Pamela M. Stevens 5, R. D. Short 6, M. Stone (first of Triples) 7, W. J. Nurcombe 8.

DERBY.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Taylor 1, Miss P. A. M. Forster 2, M. J. Barker 3, G. A. Halls 4, S. Walklate 5, J. B. Stennitt 6, P. J. Skinner 7, Miss V. M. Horton 8, R. G. Turner 9, H. Taylor (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 2 and 8. For evening service, and a tribute and farewell to the vergier (Mr. Fred French), who is leaving to become custos of Worcester Cathedral.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Harrison 1, Betty Syrett 2, A. G. Harrison 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, C. F. W. Philippo 6. For morning service.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Beale 1, R. Hector 2, W. G. Gigg 3, A. H. Reed (cond.) 4, S. N. Bristow 5, F. Slocombe 6, G. Walford 7, T. Locke 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 14th, 3,120 Doubles (2,400 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): H. Fuller 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, L. Sharpe 3, A. Ballam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Iving 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. C. J. N. Gates, B.A.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. North (first in method) 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Miss M. Wells 3, Miss R. Hide 4, B. Hale 5, S. Meadows 6, C. J. Beadle (first as cond.) 7, E. J. Wells 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, D. Pearson 2, B. Foster 3, C. Richardson 4, E. Chapman 5, M. King (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for morning service.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Cole 1, Mrs. F. Bull 2, Mrs. P. Johns 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, A. Gilbert 5, C. H. Baker 6, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 7, S. Keeping (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Clark 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Miss M. Goode 3, Mrs. K. E. Bowden 4, Miss M. Cox 5, Miss M. Bowden 6, H. Gauntlett 7, J. S. Sidebotham 8. For morning service. Also on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Miles (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden 2, Miss M. Bowden 3, Miss E. Pearson 4, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 5, Miss M. Goode 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, J. E. Clark 8. For morning service.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—A quarter peal of Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor: B. Lister 1, G. J. Berry 2, F. Scott 3, W. Birmingham 4, H. Oglesby (first of Minor) 5, G. Gilbert 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Miss A. Lowing 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, R. Brown 5, J. Fowler 6, A. Salisbury (cond.) 7, F. Gant 8.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, F. Cooper 2, A. W. Rolfe 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everett 5, G. Jennings 6, F. Buckle 7, J. W. Banks 8. Rung before morning service.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,380 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 480 Little Bob, 180 Plain Bob): L. Melton 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Sharpe 3, H. King 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: V. Bowen 1, H. Crome 2, L. Houghton 3, T. Bush 4, W. Rose 5, L. Bush 6, M. R. Reed 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tarr 1, Mrs. P. Moore 2, P. Moore 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, H. Comins 5, F. Burton 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. W. Pike, a former ringer at this church, who was buried the previous day.

LEIGH-UPON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. King 1, J. Hillard 2, D. Robertson (15) 3, E. Trim 4, D. J. Withers (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, R. Hardy 6. A 16th birthday compliment to the conductor.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, G. S. Morris 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to H. G. Keeley.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): E. Bawden (first in more than one method of Minor) 1, C. Clarke 2, F. Sweet 3, M. Stone 4, D. Miller 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in more than one method of Minor on the bells. For the fourth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. Griffin.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 7th, 2,160 Minor (720 each of (1) Skipton, Chestow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bokedone Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; B. Schofield 1, S. Hough, jun., 2, B. Woodruffe 3, A. Richardson 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Stella Croxall to Mr. Kevin Willet.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 300 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob): Miss M. A. Softley 1, Miss M. Gibson 2, S. Thompson 3, C. T. Lamb 4, E. N. Harrison 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor to be rung on the bells for over 20 years. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Clemens).

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Hayer 1, B. G. F. Pinnock 2, E. B. McKie (cond.) 3, W. D. N. Foote (first quarter) 4, A. J. Bull 5, N. Clark 6. For Evensong.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Sweet (first as cond.) 1, C. Clarke 2, D. K. Lane 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short 5, D. Miller 6. Arranged for D. K. Lane (R.A.F.), of Kingsbury, Warwicks.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Andrews 1, Molly Hayes 2, Alice Reed 3, N. Hayes (cond.) 4, C. Murphy 5, R. Payne 6, R. A. Reed 7, L. W. Stead 8. Rung in celebration of the christening at this church of the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Hayes.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Otter 1, J. Cruickshank 2, J. Hadfield 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith 5, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Forward (first quarter) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, J. Dart 3, G. Collett 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Donald Grant, who was killed in a flying accident.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: G. R. Payne 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, B. M. Buswell 3, J. Pailing 4, W. L. Exig 5, F. W. Midwinter 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Helen M. Brant (first of Treble Bob) 1, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 2, J. N. Diserens 3, B. C. Stirland 4, R. F. Diserens 5, A. Diserens 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Redwood 1, J. Turner 2, R. Hoare 3, Miss B. Hiscock 4, Miss S. Pursey 5, R. Marlow 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, L. Cobb 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

ROTLEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. A. Brewin 2, P. Plowright 3, B. S. Payne (50th quarter as cond.) 4, G. M. Brewin 5, M. Westbury 6. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sutton (first quarter) 1, L. Melton (first 'inside') 2, K. G. Brown (cond.) 3, E. Nice (first of Minor) 4, L. Nice 5, R. Rose 6.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Secker (first quarter) 1, M. Rowe (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Perrin 3, M. Cubitt 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, F. Maybee 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. V. Rowe.

STANMORE, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Leversuch 1, D. Ward (first of Treble Bob) 2, M. Mesley 3, J. Wilcockson 4, D. Hopwood 5, A. Wenban 6, L. North 7, W. Wenban (cond.) 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 London and Wells, 576 Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge: Mrs. J. Brooks 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. J. Brody 4, J. G. Newman 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Gartside (first of Triples) 1, Grace Burchall (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Anne Read (first of Triples) 3, Katharine Burchall 4, N. T. Moxon 5, J. Read (first of Triples 'inside') 6, A. W. Wilson 7, R. Mumford (first of Triples) 8. All are members of the local band.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 300 Grandsire): C. Sweet (first away from tenor 'behind') 1, F. Sweet (cond.) 2, D. K. Lane 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short 5.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Roome 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, W. Gammage 3, G. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Irene Margaret Bateman to Mr. Ernest Raymond Eastment, both of Weston Favell.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Hereward Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, R. J. Carlton 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancelotti 5, M. S. Lancelotti (cond.) 6.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 19th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: W. Kerrison 1, Mrs. J. W. Blythe 2, E. T. Chapman 3, R. J. Darch 4, C. J. Gibson 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Mr. T. H. Darch and Mr. F. Matravets.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire and 300 of Stedman): G. Prescott 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Schofield 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, J. H. Oram 5.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK W. ALLEN

Mr. Frederick William Allen, who passed away on January 14th after a short illness, aged 77 years, served St. Andrew's Church, Borcham, Essex, in various capacities for over 60 years.

At the age of 18 he paid his shilling (the fee then demanded by the tutor) to be taught to handle a bell, and gradually became accepted as a member of the local band. In 1903, under the conductorship of the late Arthur Edwards, he rang the fifth to a peal in five methods, this being the first peal on the bells. In this same peal James Young rang the second to his first and only peal at the age of 81 years.

No complete record is available of his peals, but it is thought that all were rung at Borcham, the last of these being on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Early in World War I he became village constable, also sexton and clerk to the parish church, in which capacity he served until the end.

The funeral service took place in his beloved church on January 18th, when a large congregation representative of village organisations gathered to pay their last respect to one whom all knew so well. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. T. W. J. House.

After the interment in the churchyard the bells were rung half-muffled by the following members of the Essex Association: C. Smith 1, Mrs. S. Andrews 2, E. J. Runter 3, A. H. Everett 4, R. Thrift 5, G. Andrews 6. A short touch of Kent Treble Bob, his favourite method, was rung, followed by the whole pull and stand 77 times.

On January 22nd the local band rang 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor to the honoured memory of an old and faithful servant: K. Joslin 1, R. Joslin 2, A. H. Everett (conductor) 3, J. Sheppard 4, L. Joslin 5, A. H. Edwards 6.

MR. WILLIAM SHORT

With deep regret we report the death, early on January 26th, of Mr. William Short, of Hawarden, near Chester, in his 85th year. For some months he had suffered indifferent health.

Mr. Short was captain of the Hawarden ringers, and until recently was able to take his place in the tower. He will be greatly missed by his own ringers and by all the ringers and friends he made in Buckley.

Mr. Short was a ringer and captain of the Buckley company for many years, and it was he who conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells on September 24th, 1904. This was also the first peal of the Buckley band, which was formed in 1903 and trained by Mr. Harry Dew, with able assistance by other Chester ringers.

Mr. Short went on to conduct other peals in this tower during his service as a ringer, and throughout worked hard and conscientiously for church and tower. He was a foundation member of the North Wales Association of Bell-ringers.

The funeral took place at Hawarden Parish Church on January 28th. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by a band of ringers from his old tower at Buckley, assisted by Mr. L. S. Griffiths and Miss D. Lester, representing Llandudno, Mr. J. L. Evans, Rhyl, and Mr. W. Cathrall, representing the North Wales Association and Wrexham.

At St. Matthew's, Buckley, on Sunday evening, January 29th, an attempt was made for an in memoriam quarter peal of Stedman Triples, rung half-muffled. Unfortunately, after some excellent ringing, this came to grief half a course from home.

Thus passes to a greater service a much-respected and beloved ringer, gentleman and friend of all. R.I.P. D. H. B. M.

MR. STEPHEN READ

Mr. Stephen Read, a member of All Saints', Asfordby, ringers, passed peacefully away on January 23rd at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. Curtis, of Asfordby Hill. He was 82.

Mr. Read learned to ring at Easton, in Huntingdonshire, where there were only four bells. He came from Sheffield to Asfordby and joined the local band in 1904, and continued ringing up to about two years ago. Although not a great change-ringer, he was a very regular attender and was also a sidesman for many years.

At his funeral on January 26th four of his fellow ringers (including 82-year-old Mr. E. Littlewood) attended.

On January 28th a quarter peal of Doubles (360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire) was rung half-muffled on the bells as a token of respect. Those taking part were J. W. Day 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook 3, J. H. Cook (conductor) 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6.

MR. H. G. THOMPSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry G. ('Harry') Thompson, on January 20th at his home at Parkstone, Dorset, at the age of 73. He had been in failing health for some time and was obliged to give up ringing at St. James', Poole, where he was a most regular service ringer, a few weeks before Christmas.

Mr. Thompson came to Poole in 1915 from Waltham Abbey, with others to open a new ordnance factory at Halton Heath, near Poole. He joined Mr. F. W. Townsend's ringers at St. James', Poole, and remained an active service ringer until the time of his death.

He rang a few peals in his early days, and was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, as well as the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The funeral service was held on January 25th at St. James', Poole, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. W. Bevington. With the family mourners, his sister and two brothers, there was a representative congregation of ringers from the local towers, and members of the Poole Conservative Club. The interment was in the Branksome cemetery.

In the evening St. James' bells were rung half-muffled to his memory by the local company, with friends from St. John's, Bournemouth, and Wimborne. The Rector of Poole conducted a short service in the belfry before the ringing. A. R. M.

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BIRTH

DODDS.—On Wednesday, February 1st, 1956, to Joyce and Geoffrey Dodds, at 17, Queen Street, St. Albans, Herts, the gift of a daughter, Helen, a sister for Frances. 7781

DEATH

MASSEY.—At 66, Vale Road, Claygate, on Monday, January 30th, 1956, Wilkins Massey, aged 62, dearly loved husband of Daisy E. Massey, and father of George. Memorial service at Esher Parish Church. 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, February 11th. 7777

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. J. H. Gilbert has removed from Lyndhurst, Hants, to Homeleigh, 14, Chestnut Road, Long Ashton, near Bristol. 7761

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), Feb. 11th. Method for practice—Surfleet Sunrise.—C. A. Bassett. 7736

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin and R. Housden, Dis. Secs. 7730

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, and usual business.—A. H. Smith. 7681

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual district meeting at Watford (10), Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7690

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Feb. 11th, Little Munden, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss E. Lawrence, Green End, Dane End, Ware.—T. J. Southam. 7704

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Feb. 11th, Redbourn (6).—R. Shatter, Dis. Sec. 7756

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at East Malling. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send numbers for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7693

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. 7747

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business in Vestry 6.15 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 7719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 11th, at Reading. Ringing, St. Giles', 3 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea, St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. Ringing, St. Laurence's and Caversham, after meeting. 7725

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester Cathedral, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Business meeting in bell tower 4 p.m. Evensong in Cathedral 5.15. Tea 6 p.m. in Assembly Rooms.—W. L. Weller. 7766

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual dinner, Feb. 11th, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 2.30, St. James', Clerkenwell (8); 4.30 St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10). Service 6 p.m., Stepney. Tickets, 14s., from D. Priestley, Bentham Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1. 7729

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nailsea, Feb. 18th. 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7787

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunstable on Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 7786

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Feb. 15th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7772

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Northwich. 7792

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying by 15th Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7794

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7776

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 18th, Blackhill (St. Aidan's), also St. Mary's available. Names to Miss M. Sproat, 11, Gallacher Terrace, Blackhill. 7763

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Cups of tea provided—own food.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7780

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington, St. John's, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7773

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Buckden (5) Saturday, February 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7789

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Coalpit Heath, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 14th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 7767

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Stone (6), Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Feb. 15th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7795

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, Hathrop, Feb. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service, Coln St. Aldwyn, 6.30 p.m. Bells after service.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 7758

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—At Witheridge, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Annual meeting, N. Devon Branch, by-meeting, N.E. Devon Branch. Bells available 3. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by Feb. 14th.—B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 7722

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 2 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Owen Hall. Social evening with refreshments after tea. Names for tea to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, by previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7733

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 15th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7760

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster Branch.—Annual meeting at Leominster on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, Feb. 15th.—J. F. Fox, Stockton, Kimbolton, Leominster. 7778

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. St. Peter's bells available after tea. Names for tea to Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th, please. All ringers and friends welcome. 7718

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwick, 3 p.m., Feb. 18th (not Miles Platting as previously arranged). Café nearby. Buses from Victoria Bridge Street.—R. Benson. 7791

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7775

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7765

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Barrow-upon-Soar, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, Church Room 5 p.m., to Mr. G. Lowe, 3, The Retreat, Barrow, by the 15th, please.—B. Stedman Payne. 7769

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social will be held in the Village Hall, Sapcote, Feb. 18th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone: Burbage 516. No names received after Wednesday, Feb. 15th. 7748

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at Norwood Green (6) from 3 to 4 p.m., and at Heston (8) at 4.15. Tea at Heston at 5 p.m., followed by further ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss E. M. Ricketts, 133, Jersey Road, Osterley, Isleworth.—F. A. Finch. 7782

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon, by Wednesday, Feb. 15th, certain, please—if no names, regret no tea.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 7768

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and Bicester Deanery Branch.—Joint meeting at Bicester on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea by Feb. 12th to Mr. C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec., City Branch. 7793

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bridport, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—E. Russell, White Cross, Netherbury. 7759

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Buckland (6), Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 15th to C. Champion, 1 Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey. 7770

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify by Feb. 15th.—K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7770

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 18th, at Petersfield. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Bolwell's Café. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Feb. 15th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 7779

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.-W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7762

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 25th, Hawthorn's Hotel, Woodland Road, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Bus service 20 from centre. St. Stephen's (10) available 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 9s. each, with remittance, before Feb. 22nd, from A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5. 7788

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Bampton, Saturday, Feb. 25th—all welcome. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Ringing at Aston 2 to 3 p.m., Clanfield 6 to 7.30 p.m. Please notify for tea.—Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 7771

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held at the Gardeners Arms, Sandhurst Road (off Amphil Road), Bedford, on Saturday, March 3rd, 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Kempston bells will be available 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 11s., from Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 7783

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Accrington, March 3rd, at 3.45 p.m. in St. James's School. Towers available: St. James's Church from 2 to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. onwards, Church Kirk from 2.15 to 4.15 p.m., also after tea. Tea 5 p.m. in St. James's School at 2s. per head; names to Mr. Roger Leigh, Newstead, 321, Willows Lane, Accrington, by Wednesday, Feb. 29th. Note—the church is in the centre of the town. Bus service: Accrington to Church Kirk, 2 p.m. and hourly; Church Kirk to Accrington, 2.15 p.m. and hourly.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec. 7764

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 3rd. Details later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7774

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Preliminary notice. The annual Branch meeting will be held at Thame on Saturday, April 21st. A good attendance is desired.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 7768

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