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WHERE ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

WHEN browsing through reports of functions in 'The Ringing World,' one occasionally drops across words of wisdom or outspoken comments by speakers proposing or replying to toasts. At the Universities Association Reunion recently, Mr. E. A. Barnett focused attention on Sunday service ringing and urged the Association to do its best for Sunday service bands.

There is no doubt that his remarks fell upon fertile ground, for many young people from the University Association and various University Guilds have become stalwarts in the Exercise, and the process is likely to continue. Ringing activities of the University Guilds are of great value and are extending.

The yardstick of a good ringer is his (or her) effectiveness in Sunday service ringing. Peal ringing is an essential part of ringing activities, but its importance should not be exaggerated. Mr. Barnett, who, as secretary of the Central Council, is well qualified to speak, said that peal ringing bears no relation to the state of ringing in the country and that Sunday service ringing does not receive the support it should.

There is no doubt that many keen peal ringers are also most active workers for their own tower and guild, and the best of them will always put the latter before their peal ringing. But the state of Sunday service ringing leaves no room for complacency; far too many bells are silent or undermanned on Sundays. In many cases recruits are available; the greatest need is suitable tutors to see through the task of training bands where needed.

An improvement might be stimulated if somehow more interest and attention could be focused amongst ringers and in 'The Ringing World' on this branch of ringing activity. In Central Council reports, Association reports and 'The Ringing World,' peal ringing activities are analysed to the last detail—rightly so, but in most association reports the whole year's activities in other ringing spheres is dealt with in a few paragraphs. The Central Council reports and association reports do not disclose the true position regarding Sunday service ringing. If they did it might be easier to find means of bringing about an improvement.

Would it not be advantageous for the Central Council to appoint a committee to report annually on the state of Sunday service ringing? From such a report and discussion thereon, much helpful information might result and stimulus be given.

Naturally, the help of the Guilds, Associations and District Societies would be needed and the whole thing handled in a spirit of co-operation. As in other matters, the Central Council would depend upon its affiliated societies and the ringing fraternity in general for help in compiling such a report.

The important thing is to stir a terrific enthusiasm for local band progress — in recruitment, methods rung for service, ringing standards and, occasionally, local band peals. Perhaps most important of all is the need to produce more leaders and tutors from within our ranks and somehow create enthusiasm for this most important and really worth-while task. This returns us to the point where this article started—a speech at the U.A. Reunion.

The various University Guilds are in an advantageous position to help in the future provision of tutors. A good proportion of university students enter the teaching profession where they come in touch with likely sources from which future ringers may be recruited. There is an increasing interest in handbell ringing as an out-of-school activity. Change ringing and tune ringing on handbells compare favourably with other worth-while cultural out-of-school activities, and a little further expansion may lead to education authorities giving official help and encouragement.

Perhaps the day is not far distant when the Central Council may appoint an official to seek co-operation between the Council and education authorities and organisations. Such a scheme could be of great help to church bell ringing and at the same time provide education authorities with a worth-while truly British spare time activity to put before the youngsters of to-day.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	*Treble*	†DOREEN DUTTON	6
HAROLD MARCON	2	JOHN P. FIDLER	7
*CELIA COWLEY	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	8
COLIN HARRISON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	9
PAUL L. TAYLOR	5	‡RICHARD PRIME	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*CHRISTINE PEDDER	*Treble*	ALFRED ASHTON	6
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD ..	2	†FRANK RAYMENT	7
†ALLAN WEAR	3	*E. MARTIN FIELDEN ..	8
†WILLIAM DIXON	4	JOHN PEARSON	9
†M. VIVIEN COPPING ..	5	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal on ten. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal.
Rung to welcome Dr. F. D. Coggan on his enthronement as Bishop of Bradford. Also to mark the 86th birthday, on February 2nd, of Joe Hardcastle, member of the Cathedral company for over 60 years.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956 *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5000 BEDFORD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	6
*ANN BARR	2	†RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	7
*JOAN BERESFORD	3	*JEFFREY B. WEBB	8
*J. EDWARD CAWSER ..	4	*PETER BERESFORD	9
†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	5	*GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal of Bedford Surprise Royal in the county and for the Society.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. T. H. FRANCIS.. ..	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ..	6
ALAN F. THIRST	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ..	3	A. RONALD LING	8
DENNIS BERESFORD	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ..	5	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by A. RONALD LING.
First peal of Caters as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

*ANGELA M. BRIGGS ..	*Treble*	*TUDOR P. EDWARDS.. ..	6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY.. ..	2	PATRICIA M. BOURN ..	7
†FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	3	*FRANK D. MACK	8
JOAN GRAY	4	†IVOR H. TRUEMAN	9
*BRIAN GRINTER..	5	ALBERT M. TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Royal and first in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED GREENOUGH.. ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM GILKS	5
JAMES BLOND	2	*PETER DAVIES	6
MALCOLM CLOKE	3	*ROBERT BLOND	7
DAPHNE CASTELL	4	CLAUDE CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First of Stedman Triples.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ERNEST MORRIS..	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
ERNEST J. JELLEY	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLENPARVA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN E. COOK	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY..	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Whitwick, with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.
Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

J. EDWARD CAWSER ..	*Treble*	EDMUND MALIN	5
*ANN BARR	2	†JOAN BERESFORD	6
WALTER J. COPE	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ..	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Major in the method. † 150th peal.
Rung to commemorate Mr. Walter J. Cope's 60 years' loyal service as a ringer at Lichfield Cathedral.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

DEREK SANDERSON	*Treble*	*PHILIP J. H. HUDSON ..	5
STEPHEN L. PARRY	2	†GEOFFREY S. MILLS ..	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	*THOMAS OGDEN	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.
A compliment to Mr. John Butterworth on completing over 50 years' ringing service at St. James', East Crompton.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
ALAN F. THIRST	2	†JOHN D. ROCK..	6
*G. WILLIAM MORRIS ..	3	*FRANK C. PRICE	7
*SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK ..	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.
Rung in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough, who died on January 27th, 1956.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, and 320 each of Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Cambridge, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
*GEOFFREY PAUL	2	*H. LESLIE PASK	6
*NORAH M. BIBBY	3	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods as conductor.
A birthday peal for Mr. H. L. Pask.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*PETER WILLIAMS	*Treble*	E. ALAN RAWLINSON	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
ROBIN G. LEALE	3	A. NEVILLE BROWN	7
ENID SOFTLEY	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	C. ERNEST SMITH	5
*AUDREY WHITE	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
HARRY POYNER	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rt. Rev. H. C. Montgomery Campbell, Bishop of Guildford, on his translation to the Diocese of London.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

RODNEY SMITH	*Treble*	DAVID T. PARKER	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	NEIL LOMAS	6
ANNE P. BROWN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	DAVID VINCENT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.
A 21st birthday compliment to Anne P. Brown.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods: 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 640 Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, 119 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
PETER BORDER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
JOHN H. FIELDEN	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of six spliced.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOYCE L. HAGAN	*Treble*	MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	5
E. ALAN RAWLINSON	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
MARION S. CAPEY	4	A. NEVILLE BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
Rung to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of the composer.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, BATHWICK,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*ROBIN STUBBS	*Treble*	‡TERRENCE T. JONES	5
†GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
†MRS. DORA EVANS	3	DAVID HOARE	7
ERNEST E. BRAY	4	HERBERT J. MERRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Triples.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*J. WILLIAM T. DAVIS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	JOHN H. FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Major.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
HAROLD E. RAXTER	3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	7
WALTER H. RAXTER	4	VINCENT A. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
In memoriam C. Arthur Manning.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 Superlative, 1,280 Bristol, 1,216 Cambridge and 1,088 London, with 107 changes of method. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble*	*FREDERICK A. FINCH	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by RICHARD F B. SPEED.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung to welcome the birth of Helen Dodds on February 1st.

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GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN C. S. BENSON	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
RALPH BIRD	2	PETER F. BORER	6
ALBERT DUNK	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
†FREDERICK W. ROGERS	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
*ROGER BALDWIN	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Bristol. † 50th peal of Bristol. 75th peal on the bells by the ringer of the treble.

SHORE, LITTLEBOROUGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. P. J. H. HUDSON	*Treble*	STEPHEN L. PARRY	5
ALLAN SMITH	2	†PHILIP J. H. HUDSON	6
FRED PRITCHARD	3	HAROLD HAMER	7
†GEOFFREY S. MILLS	4	DEREK SANDERSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
In memoriam Fred Hartley, a ringer at this church for nearly 50 years, who died the previous day.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MRS. B. G. WARWICK	*Treble*	E. CHARLES TURNER	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	*ROGER STRETTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the dedication of this church (February 2nd, 1893).

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	*MICHAEL J. DAY	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	6
*MIRIAM A. HIGDON	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method
A coming-of-age compliment to Miss Miriam Higdon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

PETER CLARKSON	*Treble*	IVOR GOULTER	4
VALERIE WILLARD	2	DAVID BEARD	5
SHIRLEY PARSONS	3	DAVID MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID BEARD.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise and Capel Treble Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Oxford Bob and Hereward, (4) Double Court and Single Court, (5) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (6) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	*REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 21 methods.

FORNCETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. BLAKE	*Treble*	*HENRY TOOKE	3
LEONARD G. TOOKE	2	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* 300th peal for the Association. Frank Arnold has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. C. F. Scott.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Jan. 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: (1) York Surprise, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*JENNIFER STRATFORD	*Treble*	‡JOHN A. SMITH	4
RITA M. STRATFORD	2	‡JOHN VERNON	5
†MICHAEL VERNON	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal (age 13). † 25th peal. ‡ 25th peal together. 25th peal as conductor.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 22, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, consisting of 206 singles, every call a single. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM M. MANN	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	4
ROBERT C. BUTTON	2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER	5
*ELLIS R. SHINGFIELD	3	CHAS. E. G. BANHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.
* First peal 'inside." The conductor and ringer of the tenor become jointly the first people to 'circle the tower.'

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Netherseale, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

A slight trip after the last bob prevented this from being a silent and non-conducted peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Lily Pike.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 25, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 34, 36, 39, 48, 50 and 29).
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Treble*	HENRY KIRK	4
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	2	ALEC RICHARDSON	5
GLADYS RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr., approx.

*SUSAN A. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
MARIE R. CROSS	2	ALAN R. PINK	5
ROBIN A. HODGSON	3	†FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal (aged 13 years). † First peal of Minor.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Janet Eason, a member of the local band, who was prevented by illness from ringing in the attempt.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL-RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 16 extents of Reverse Canterbury Bob (four callings), 16 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and ten extents of Grandsire (three callings).
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL LING (16)	*Treble*	GEOFFREY P. GREEN	4
CLIVE WIXEY (17)	2	FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	5
PETER T. HURCOMBE (15)	3	SIDNEY J. PUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE (15).
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in three Doubles methods by all.

GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GREEVES	*Treble*	JOHN COUZENS	4
BERNARD G. MOORE	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to G. R. Drew (January 25th).

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 22 of Plain Bob, ten changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9½ lb.

*ROSEMARY STRONG	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN	4
MONICA E. FRAY	2	CLIFFORD KORTRIGHT	5
LEONARD DERRICK	3	HERBERT HARDWIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., Jan. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of St. Simon's, London, Canterbury Pleasure, six extents of Grandsire, and eight extents each of Plain Bob, April Day and Old Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR HENMAN	*Treble*	LESLIE BATTISON	3
RAYMOND HENMAN	2	*DAVID RINGROSE	4
ANTHONY FORD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LESLIE BATTISON.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson).

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*ANTONY D. SANSOM (11)	*Treble*	FRANK E. CROSIER (17)	4
†A. MOLLY CROSIER (13)	2	DAVID W. JAMES (16)	5
*LESLIE G. BERRIDGE (13)	3	*JOAN E. BAKER (16)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Bishop of Peterborough by the Sunday service band of Cranford. Believed to be the youngest band in the county to ring a peal; average age 14 years 10 months.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	BRIAN M. BARKER	4
GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	2	EDWIN J. UPTON	5
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 150th peal together.
Rung for the Feast of the Purification.

CHEDWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of April Day (three callings), 15 of Plain Bob (four callings), 15 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN S. CAREY	*Treble*	THOMAS F. STONE	4
MERVYN DAY	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	5
HUGH FALKNER	3	HARRY EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal away from tenor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) and six 240's (three Pitman's and three Morris'). Tenor 12 cwt.

*BERYL C. PHILPOT	*Treble*	†DAVID STAPLES	4
†PHYLLIS E. LOWES	2	LESLIE C. SMITH	5
†RAYMOND J. CARLTON	3	*WILLIAM J. GILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Jan. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 14. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1—2	*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5—6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3—4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST	7—8
KATHLEEN FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Containing 3,424 of Plain Bob, 1,584 Little Bob, with 214 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	†JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
*ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	‡MRS. B. G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by F. N. GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob 'in hand.' † 200th peal for the Guild. ‡ First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob. First peal of Spliced Plain and Little as conductor.

PEAL RINGING IN YORKSHIRE (2)

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

(Continued from page 60)

WE come now to consider the peals rung in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Just over two-thirds of the rings of bells in Yorkshire are in this part, and it is, of course, the most thickly populated part. Its four 12's and ten 10's can only be rivalled by Middlesex, and the very few 5's in the whole county is also noteworthy. There are one or two points which make this county rather different from all the others, especially in the early days of the period about which I am writing. Firstly is (or was) the popularity of Treble Bob. Where Grandsire was the usual 'simple' method first rung in other parts, Kent Treble Bob seems to have been the norm in Yorkshire. This led to another fact—the large number of false peals rung in the early days. It is a good example of the liability to falseness of this method. Secondly, the county is distinguished by the number of 'unusual' methods practised and rung (I fear many would not conform to the rules!). Especially was this true of Calverley, where we find peals of Rose of England, Prince Albert and London Treble Bob Major (one of Prince Albert was rung as late as 1926). And of course, the 6-bell ringers have always loved their Woodbine and Duke of York, etc. (cf. the one rung at Cawthorne on November 26th last). Yes, we certainly find an individualistic character in the Yorkshire ringers.

But now for the peals. Several towers have had their greatest popularity in the past, and so it will perhaps be a surprise to some readers to see their names mentioned amongst those with the biggest totals. This is probably true of the tower with the most peals since 1881—Drighlington (8), with a score of 141. Of these, 100 were rung from 1881 to 1914, with 28 between the wars and 13 since 1945. Over 60 of the first 100 peals were of Treble Bob (43 of the first 50). Easily the most popular tower in the county between the wars, Handsworth (Sheffield) comes second on the list. The first peal here was not rung until 1921, but 89 were rung up to 1940. It has maintained its average since the war, for a further 44 peals have come since 1944, a grand total of 133. The first peal of Major by eight ladies was accomplished here in 1928.

The tower with the most peals since the last war comes third—Queensbury (8) with 130. Eleven were rung from 1908 to 1916, 55 from 1922 to 1939, and 64 since 1943, so it is doing well now. We turn to a 12-bell tower for the fourth centenarian—Sheffield Cathedral. This tower has had a long and distinguished ringing history, commencing nearly 200 years ago. Of the 117 peals, 65 came from 1881 to 1915, 41 from 1919 to 1939, and 11 since 1946, so the history has been consistent with a slightly better average early on than now. The last centenarian is Rothwell (8). More than half the 105 peals were rung prior to the first war (58), there were 35 between the wars and 12 since 1945, so we have a similar story to the Cathedral.

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL MOST 10-BELL PEALS

Bradford Cathedral is almost a centenarian in the period—it has now reached 99. The tower has the most of the 10-bell peals of the county. It is doing very well at the moment for just one-third of the peals have come since the last war in 11 years. Twenty-seven were rung from 1884 to 1905 (22 of these were Kent Treble Bob Royal), then there was a gap until 1922 when 39 peals were rung up to 1938, so it did well in that period. Four 8-bell towers follow. Guiseley has 98 in the period, 70 before 1914 and 15 since 1946. There were earlier peals, so it will also have passed the 100 mark. Shipley comes next with 96. This tower has not been heard since 1938. The peals were rung without any war years break from 1882 to 1938. Of the 57 peals, 51 rung at Pudsey between 1881 and 1913 were Treble Bob. There were 15 rung from 1916 to 1934, and then there was a silence until 1945 since when there have been ten. Total is 82. Wortley's golden age was from the first peal in 1893 to 1912, for 63 of the 81 peals were rung then. Between the wars there were 17, and there has only been a single peal since (in 1949).

Three towers have 77 peals since 1881. Rotherham (10) is the best known of them. The peals come regularly from 1881—between one and two per year on the average with the usual war years gaps. Mr. N. Chaddock wrote at length about this tower recently, so I would refer readers to that article for full information. Bolsterstone (8) is similar to Wortley in history. Forty of the 77 peals came from 1892 to 1914 and the remainder from 1919 to 1938. Thus the tower has not been heard of since the war. A striking feature here is that 26 of the peals are of College Single Major (the last peal rung there was of this method). The third 77-peal tower is Wath-on-Dearne. This was a famous 6-bell tower of old, but it had been silent for many years until a peal was rung in 1904. There were eight in all up to 1912 and after the war, 31 from 1917 to 1935. Then came augmentation and 21 peals were rung in the next four years. Since the war there have been 17.

All Saints', Pontefract (8), has 76—34 from 1899 to 1914, 37 from 1921 to 1937, and only five since 1947, so there is a diminution here. Liversedge (8) is another tower more famous 50 years ago. Fifty of the 75 peals were rung before 1914. Before our period commences, the tower achieved fame for the first peals in some of the methods mentioned above—Prince Albert T.B., Rose of England T.B., also Nightingale, Cumberland Exercise (longest length) and Albion Treble Bob. There have been nine since the war. Next is Conisborough (8) This tower is going strong now, for there have been 45 peals since 1944. The remaining 27 come from 1921 to 1937. Sheffield, St. Marie, had a lean time between the wars. There had been 40 from 1881 to 1910, but there were only eight in the 1920's and one in the 1930's (in 1937). There have been 14 since the war, so it is picking up again.

12-BELL TOWERS

Now we come to the second of the 12-bell towers. Wakefield Cathedral has 58 peals. From 1883 to 1914, 26 peals were rung on ten bells. There were only two between the wars (in 1931 and 1933), but there have been 30 on the 12 since 1947, so it is doing well now. The other two 12-bell towers, Halifax and Leeds, have 34 and 39 respectively. At Halifax, there were 24 from 1887 to 1914, and only two between the wars (in 1931 and 1932). The remaining eight have come since 1944. At Leeds the numbers are 16, 8 and 15 in the three periods. Two 10-bell towers follow Wakefield Cathedral in order of peals. They are Pontefract and Sheffield, Ranmoor. Both were 8-bell towers at first. The former had 25 peals on the eight from 1888 to 1912. After augmentation, 27 were rung from 1921 to 1939, and there have only been four since the war. Ranmoor's augmentation came later in the middle 1930's, although the first peal on the ten wasn't rung until 1944 due to several failures. As an 8-bell tower, 38 peals came from 1881 to 1915, including the first ever of Yorkshire Surprise Major in 1903 and Original Major in 1908. There were seven more from 1919 to 1924. Then came the long silence (not for want of trying in the '30's!) until 1944, and there have been 11 peals since the war. The other six 10-bell towers have not reached the 20 mark. They are Huddersfield (five peals), Mirfield (11), Ossett (17), Marsden (18)—lately augmented, Ripon Cathedral (16), and Selby (18). All have been heard since the war.

Calverley (8), mentioned above, also has 56 peals—most (34) before 1914. There have been ten since the war. Of the 34 pre-1914 peals, all but three were of Treble Bob (Kent 18, Oxford 3, London 7, Rose of England 2, Prince Albert 1). With 55 peals are Eastwood and Holbeck. The former was a new ring in 1910 and 24 peals came before the first war, there were 28 from 1919 to 1939 and only three since. Holbeck's heyday was in the last century. Forty-two peals were rung up to 1913, nine from 1931 to 1935 and four from 1945 to 1947, so it isn't heard much of now. Birstall and Northowram have 53. At the former the numbers are 19, 26 and 8 respectively in the three periods, and at the latter, 32 from 1913 to 1932 (all the war years), four in 1938 and 1939, and 17 since 1946. A 6-bell tower is the only other one which has passed the 50 mark—Felkirk, with 52. Forty-one came from the first peal in 1927 to 1940, and there have been 11 since 1945. The nearest to the 50 mark is Bolton (Bradford) with 49. The tower has been silent since 1921, and 42 of the peals were rung before 1913. All the 85 8-bell towers have been 'conquered,' the longest silent are Holbeck R.C. Church (since 1908) and Settle (since 1909).

As for 6-bell towers, only Tong has more than half the number of peals of Felkirk. This will probably surprise readers of the county, but 40 of the 46 peals were rung from 1883 to 1915. The other six have been in 1917, 1922 (2), 1923 and 1945 (2). Others with double figures are Thrybergh (25—all since 1947), Barnby-on-Don (22—19 since 1945), Cawthorne (21), Friezland (20—15 from 1884 to 1904), Woodlesford (19—17 from 1887 to 1910), Haworth and Hoylandswaine (15), Royston (14—13 since 1947), Silkstone (13), Bradfield (12—10 from 1885 to 1905), Sandal (11), and Carlton (Goole) (10—all since the war). There are 19 6-bell towers still to be 'conquered.'

Of the five 5-bell towers, two have had peals. Bentley has seven (three from 1935 to 1938 and four from 1945 to 1952). Bradshaw has three (from 1944 to 1950). Drax, Meanwood and Nidd remain virgin territory.

So much for this interesting county. Peal totals include those published to December 9th, 1955.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern Division

Twenty-seven members, with visitors from Surrey, attended the annual divisional meeting at Crawley on February 4th.

At the business meeting which followed tea, members decided not to adopt the proposal to introduce a meeting card giving details of towers to be visited during the whole year.

The secretary reported that he had received a request from the Southern District of the Surrey Association for consideration to be given to a joint meeting. Mr. George Oliver said that his district of the Surrey Association hoped that joint meetings could be arranged annually. It was agreed that a joint meeting be held at Crawley on October 6th and that Surrey should provide the venue for a meeting in 1957.

Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. E. King, who has recently passed on.

Officers elected for 1956 were: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Overy; secretary, Mr. I. Butcher; committee members, Mr. E. Knapp and Mr. A. E. Laker; auditor, Mr. G. Apps.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Retirement of Mr. C. R. Harding

Over 50 members attended the annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch, held at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol East, on January 28th.

The secretary and treasurer in his report stated that the Branch had had another successful year, and that it still maintained its lead over the other branches of the Association. Of a Branch membership of 226, only one member was in arrears with his subscription. Of 23 'live' towers in the Branch only two were unaffiliated.

The Branch chairman, Mr. C. R. Harding, also gave a good account of the Branch's activities during the year, and he intimated that he did not seek re-election to his office. A vote of thanks was extended to him for his 17 years' service to the Branch.

Officers for 1956 were elected as follows: Mr. T. T. Walters (Winterbourne) Branch chairman, Mr. W. F. Scudamore (Winterbourne) secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Baker (St. Ambrose's) representative on management committee, Mr. R. G. Hooper (St. Ambrose's) Ringing Master.

It was proposed that the next annual meeting be again held at St. Ambrose's, with monthly meetings at St. George's, Bristol, Marshfield and Almondsbury.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. M. Hocking, and wives of some of the local ringers prepared the tea.

MR. JOE HARDCASTLE'S FINE RECORD

Mr. Joe Hardcastle, of 70, Beechwood Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford, recently celebrated his 86th birthday and has a record of over 60 years as a bell-ringer at Bradford Cathedral.

Mr. Hardcastle rang his first peal at the age of 18 at Bradford Cathedral. In 1934 he was one of the Australian tourists, ringing for the Melbourne centenary celebrations. He returned home via the Pacific and Panama.

In 1950 he had the misfortune to break a thigh and he spent his 80th birthday in hospital. It was necessary to amputate his right leg and since then he has been unable to ring. Nevertheless, Mr. Hardcastle follows ringing closely through 'The Ringing World' and recently a letter from him appeared in our columns.

RINGING IN MID-DEVON

A number of ringers in the Mid-Devon area had another pleasant afternoon on a recent Saturday, when an hour's ringing was indulged in at Kingsteignton Parish Church. From here the party moved to Highweek Parish Church, where another hour was spent, after which a move was made to Derry Farm, Highweek, where a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed. The remainder of the time was spent with handbells, television and radiogram music. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley for their hospitality.

On January 21st a practice meeting was held at Buckfast Abbey, where some of the members of the Community are making rapid strides in half pull ringing. A. L. B.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

There was a record attendance at the annual meeting of the Northampton Branch, held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. Representatives of 25 church towers were present.

As a tribute to the memory of the Patron of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Spencer Leeson), the eight bells were rung half-muffled before the service.

The Guild service, at which the church choir was in attendance, was conducted by the Vicar of the Holy Sepulchre, the Rev. G. P. H. Rowson, who also gave the address. The organist was Miss E. M. Desponds. A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 8s.

Tea was served in the church rooms by lady bellringers to 113 ringers and friends.

Before the beginning of the business meeting, members stood in silence in memory of the Bishop and of the late Mr. H. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe.

Election of officers resulted: President, Mr. E. Nobles; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. F. Roome; committee—Messrs. P. Jones, B. O. Soden, B. E. Frost, J. G. Chapman, F. Burgess, S. Earl and W. A. Gammage.

New ringing members elected were: Messrs. J. Busby (Brafield), T. Bass (All Saints', Northampton), D. Powell and G. Burton (Holy Sepulchre, Northampton), C. Hill, E. Cave, J. Hammons, the Misses V. Stone and P. Tuckfield (St. Giles', Northampton), and the Misses S. Bateman, S. Tompkins and P. Neasham, of Roade.

A First Peal Certificate was presented to Miss D. Miller.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With regret, we learn that Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Tiverton, hon. secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, on February 4th (his birthday) fell from the loft in his house to the foot of the stairs. He has had a successful operation for a fractured spine and is now in the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital, Exeter, making slow but satisfactory progress.

Last year Birmingham Cathedral and the Loughborough Bell Foundry tied for most peals in the year, with 34 each.

The last peals at Crofton, Hartest, Nunney and Wootton (Beds) were rung in 1938, 1938, 1935 and 1922 respectively.

Mr. G. Evenden, of Bournemouth, is the new Master of the Society of Roving Ringers. He is a foundation member.

In answer to Mr. Blagrove, Mr. R. O. Fry informs us that the method rung at Swainswick in 1953 was Union Doubles, not Ninian as published (printer's error).

Mr. Herrick B. Bowley, of 108, Anstey Lane, Leicester, has been elected Ringing Master of Leicester Cathedral Society for 1956, and Mr. Peter J. Staniforth deputy Master. Mr. S. Anthony Jesson is the hon. secretary.

The librarian of the Central Council Library acknowledges with grateful thanks the gift, by Mr. B. Glenn, of 21, Joyce Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham, to the Central Council's library of copies of the 'Clavis Campanologia' and 'Shipway's Campanalogia.'

The visit of a number of schoolboys with their master to the Morpeth Watch Tower recently, gave Miss J. Armstrong an opportunity to explain many of the features of the tower and the bells. The visitors were particularly thrilled with the 44 handbells, and another visit has been arranged. Miss Armstrong has hopes of some potential recruits.

The 200th anniversary of the death of Benjamin Annable was noted in the Durham and Newcastle Association on February 2nd, when one of his compositions was rung at Gateshead, conducted by Mr. Robin G. Leale.

We regret to learn that Mr. George A. Wightman, brother of the late Mr. L. C. Wightman, is seriously ill in Chelmsford Hospital.

A period of 16 years has elapsed since Mr. H. Hamer, who conducted a peal to the memory of Mr. Fred Hartley, at Shore, Littleborough, Lancs, on Feb. 4th, last rang a peal.

Congratulations to 12-years-old Roger Stretton, of South Wigston, who, at two hours' notice, deputised for Ernest Jelley, who was ill, and rang the 14-cwt. tenor to Stedman Triples for his first peal on February 4th.

We have received many appreciative letters concerning 'Alice's Visit to the Belfry,' in the issue of February 3rd. Of the critics we would say, 'They only do it to annoy, because they know it teases.'

Mr. R. J. Fox, of Yeovil, who has been demobilised, would like to thank his ringing friends in the Winchester and Salisbury areas for their friendly help and co-operation whilst he was stationed at Middle Wallop.

Another step in the Ringing Crusade was taken recently at St. Mary's Hall, Portsea, where an interested audience enthusiastically received the demonstration lecture entitled 'Change Ringing—A Uniquely British Art.' Ringers from St. Mary's Parish Church and from Portsmouth Cathedral joined, under the Master of the Guild (Mr. Fred Rogers), in handbell demonstration movements and handbell ringing to demonstrate the talk given by Mr. York-Bramble. The lecturer employed lantern slides and a large model of a bell to exemplify his remarks.

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PEAL RINGING IN 1955

Drop of 168 Peals

The gradual decrease in peal ringing in recent years was continued in 1955 with a drop of 168 peals, according to records received up to this issue. The totals are:

Tower bells ..	2,127
Handbells ..	111
Total	2,238

This represents 156 tower bells less than in 1954, and a decrease of 12 handbell peals. The monthly analysis is as follows:

	Tower	Hand
January ..	181	9
February ..	156	11
March ..	153	8
April	201	9
May	170	8
June	163	7
July	129	6
August ..	198	11
September ..	145	13
October ..	153	6
November ..	194	9
December ..	284	14
	2,127	111

Split Analysis

	Tower	Hand
Maximus ..	17	—
Cinques ..	38	—
Royal	81	6
Caters ..	55	3
Major	828	32
Triples ..	226	19
Minor ..	663	28
Doubles ..	219	23

The leading Associations or Guilds are:

Leicester Diocesan Guild ..	172
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	124
Oxford Diocesan Guild	116
Kent County Association ..	109
Yorkshire Association	107
Norwich Diocesan Association..	97

The peal at Wendover on December 31st ('R.W.', p. 53), rung to welcome in the New Year, will be counted in the 1956 Analysis, as apparently it was not completed until then.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The first meeting of the year was held at the fine Wren brick-built Church of St. Thomas, Stockton-on-Tees, with its ten bells, the only ring of ten in the Southern District. It attracted ringers from Richmond, Bishop Auckland, Darlington and Hartlepool.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. T. Heselton and the tea was provided by the local ringers' wives. Thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. W. N. Park. Miss D. Killingly thanked the ladies.

Methods rung consisted of Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich.

SUFFOLK RINGER'S WEDDING

On January 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Barking, Suffolk, Mr. John Prentice, of the local company, was married to Miss Freda Clarke, of Needham Market. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, Canon S. H. De la Bere.

The bells were rung before and after the service by the local company, the bridegroom obliging for one touch. In the evening a complimentary quarter was rung with the best wishes of the band for the couple's future happiness. R. E. L.

PASSING OF DR. SPENCER LEESON

The death of Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough since 1949, at the age of 63, has been received with very deep regret by people of all walks of life in his diocese. The following messages from ringers of the district have been received:

MASTER, DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringers throughout the Diocese of Peterborough will share with others the great loss in the death of the Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Rev Spencer Leeson. Dr. Leeson came to Peterborough in 1949, and his work, not only in the Church but in other organisations, will long be remembered.

He was keenly interested in ringers, and only very recently did he appeal in the Diocesan Leaflet for young men and women to take up this noble art.

Whenever possible, he attended the Guild annual meeting, and I well recall the first annual meeting after his enthronement, when he made the journey to Wicken in the far end of the diocese to preach at our service. Little did we think when he came amongst us at our annual meeting at Peterborough on Whit Monday that it would be the last time we should have him with us.

Always keen on the welfare of youth he attended a number of school speech days, and the formation of the Kettering Grammar School Society of Changeringers was of special interest to him.

In many places there will be similar services and I appeal to ringers in the diocese through this journal to pay tribute to a great Christian leader in muffled ringing during the coming week. This appeal, I am sure, will not go unheeded. There are, of course, a number of towers without bands of ringers, and I hope that members will readily give assistance to such belfries.

B. P. MORRIS (Master),
Peterborough Guild.

AN INCUMBENT RINGER

As an incumbent in the Peterborough Diocese and a regular bellringer, I should like to pay tribute to the late Bishop for the great encouragement he gave to the Diocesan Guild of Ringers in his diocese.

He was interested in bellringing when Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton, and on most Sundays when he was there he would put in an appearance in the belfry, when the bells were being rung for service. If he could not be present himself he made it a rule that one of his curates should be there. I know that this interest was a great encouragement to the ringers. Incidentally, in order to reach the belfry, more than 80 steps had to be climbed!

When he came to Peterborough his interest in bellringing was retained, and indeed, I believe, increased. In a letter to the diocese a few months ago he stressed the importance of bellringing, and wrote that when he journeyed through his diocese on a Sunday evening in the summer and heard the bells ringing out calling people to church, he realised as never before what a tremendous inspiration they were to the dwellers of the countryside. I know that his personal interest and appreciation of the work of ringers was indeed an inspiration to many of them; and in our own belfry when we rang a quarter peal half-muffled in honour of his memory we felt we were honouring not only our Bishop but a personal friend.

G. J. HALES,
Rector of Green's Norton with Bradden.

A RINGER

The death of the Right Reverend Spencer Leeson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Patron of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, may perhaps have come as a shock to some who were unaware of the serious nature of his illness until a few days before his passing.

He himself did much to minimise his illness and endeavoured to continue his work in the diocese with that dogged determination so characteristic of him. For instance, the last address which he gave was to a gathering of men at a service of the C.E.M.S. at Thrapston on November 26th last year.

Although he was far from well, an obvious fact to everyone there, he said that having promised to give that address he intended to do so, and he went on to say: 'If I had been carried into this church on a stretcher I would not be denied the pleasure of shaking hands with each one of you as you leave the church.' This was a custom with him wherever he went.

His interest in ringers was very sincere and he never failed to wish them God speed in their ministry, as he termed it, which was indeed the theme of his address in the Cathedral last Whit Monday. As Bishop he had been in the diocese for little more than five years, but in that all-too-brief period he endeared himself to all in the area, and to many he became as well known as a parish priest. Ringers especially mourn the loss of a very great man and a dear friend.

ANOTHER RINGER

In the six years Dr. Spencer Leeson had been Bishop of Peterborough he had endeared himself to almost every member of the Church in nearly every village and town throughout Northamptonshire and Rutland. He was a great evangelist and there was hardly a church in his diocese which he had not visited and shook hands with every member of the congregation on leaving. Dr. Leeson was a true Father-in-God, a learned and lovable personality. Dr. Spencer Leeson did not enter the Ministry until 46 years of age, and within ten years rose to become a bishop—something almost unknown in previous episcopal history. In earlier life he had been a schoolmaster, and prior to that a barrister; but the Church proved his greatest call. It would be untrue for anyone to say they could not get on with Dr. Leeson, or that they did not like his preaching. One of his last acts of induction (which the writer attended) was that of the new Vicar of St. Matthew's, Northampton. He preached a great sermon, and a most cordial gathering followed, during which his Lordship talked with me upon the future of two bells from a derelict church being saved to history—Dr. Leeson was keenly interested in the preservation of old bells.

Ringers and their work had a warm place in his heart, and whenever time and occasion allowed, his presence was to be seen among them.

Everyone in the Peterborough Diocese feels they have lost a sincere friend. Half-muffled ringing took place in many churches.

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The University Of Bristol Annual Reunion & Dinner

THE Annual Dinner and Reunion of the Bristol University Society was held on January 28th. The day's ringing commenced with a peal attempt of Plain Bob Royal at Christ Church, but this unfortunately came to grief after an hour and a half's ringing owing to a miscall. Meanwhile other visitors and members were sampling the bells at St. John's-on-the-Wall, SS. Philip and Jacob's, and at the Lord Mayor's Chapel. In the afternoon, St. Stephen's and St. Mary Redcliffe were visited. Ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, London Minor, Cambridge Major, rounds on 12 bells, Stedman Cinques, and three leads of Kent Maximus.

The party then moved off to St. Michael's, where after an hour's ringing a short service took place, conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. C. Vyvyan-Jones). At the organ was Mr. Kenneth E. Pinney, and the lesson was read by Mr. Alan J. Smith. In his address, the Rector said how much he appreciated the work of the University Guild, and that his faith in the younger generation was very much restored when seeing a group of young men so ably ringing the bells.

In the evening, the Eighth Annual Dinner of the Society was held in the comfort of the Senior Common Room of the University Refectory, by the kind invitation of the president, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. Seventy-five persons, comprising guests, visitors and members, attended with the president in the chair. The guests included the Rector of St. Michael's and Dr. Hudson, Professor S. H. Piper (ex-president of the Society), and the masters of the Cambridge, London, Manchester and Oxford University Societies.

The president proposed the first two toasts—to 'The Queen' and to 'The Church.' He went on to say how pleased he was to see such a large gathering, which was a record for the Society. He congratulated Mr. J. R. Worrall on his recent engagement, before calling on Dr. C. T. Brown to propose the toast of 'The Exercise.'

Chris Brown was Master at the Society's first dinner, and in putting the question 'Is the Exercise healthy or unhealthy?' he said there were two kinds of dud towers. There were those which did not belong to an Association, and on visiting these towers on a Sunday morning one would find the bells being pulled up singly, and then half-a-dozen 'Gaffers' sitting puffing and blowing on a bench. The bell-frame would be rusty, and pigeons would be amongst the bells. Here indeed was ignorance.

The second type of tower was where one ascended to a spick-and-span ringing room. Here were pleasant men, all over 60 years of age, but some good touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major would be rung. However, this tower was still dud, as there were no young ringers to be seen. What would happen in ten years' time?—this was the complacent tower. The answer to these two towers was young ringers, and co-operation between church and ringers. He said that within this Society there was an ideal organisation. It had the ideal incumbent interested in the ringers and the ringers interested in his church and choir, and also as president it had Professor Brocklehurst, who besides being a ringer was an ideal church worker.

Mr. A. York-Bramble replied, remarking that he was deputising for his old friend, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who was unable to attend as he was just recovering from an attack of 'flu. In agreeing with Chris Brown's remarks he pointed out that the state of the Exercise was what we made it, and he considered that the Universities owed the Exercise a great duty.

In proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Clifford T. Blundell (hon. secretary) extended a special welcome to members of the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They always gave the Bristol University ringers a warm welcome at City towers during the week.

Mr. Blundell made apologies for absent friends—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and the deputy Master of Southampton University, Miss Audrey Gladwell (Master of Reading University), who had attended ringing during the day but had to return to Reading before the dinner, the Lord Bishop of Bristol, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. C. R. Harding, Mr. R. O. Fry, Mr. P. Cave and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bennett.

Mr. Philip Gray responded, and as he had only recently returned from Australia, he drew contrasts between ringing in that country and here. He asked the company to imagine ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe on a Sunday morning, having cycled 13 miles to get there. Their next nearest tower would be as far away as Oxford, and their nearest centre of ringing about in Inverness. There were no dinners, and one always saw the same faces week after week. Nevertheless, the ringers were very keen and conscientious. There were about 25 towers in Australia, and of these at least 90 per cent. were manned.

He said that before returning to this country he had had great pleasure in ringing with a past Master of the Society—Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts.

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. W. T. Cook (Master of Cambridge University). He pointed out that there was a high standard to be kept up in University ringing, and very important was the teaching of beginners, so that when they left University they could go and be of real use in their home towers. Ringers should aim at perfection, which was difficult to attain, and at the same time it must be remembered that ringing was to the glory of God.

Proceedings were at this point interrupted while Mr. Michael T. Sprackling presented a bouquet of daffodils and irises to the Master, Miss Patricia M. Bourn, on behalf of the Society.

The Master then replied to the toast. Starting on a solemn note, she mentioned the passing of Mr. Clement Glenn, a founder member of the Society, without whose help in the early days the Society would not have succeeded so well. She was pleased to announce, however, that last week they heard that he had left his set of handbells to the Society, and these would be in the lounge for use afterwards.

Miss Bourn then went on to outline the activities of the Society over the past year. Becoming engaged was one of their latest ideas, no less than five members doing so since the last dinner. As well as Mr. J. R. Worrall, already mentioned, she congratulated Messrs. G. Beynon, L. Watson, D. Marshall and D. Heighton on this achievement.

She also mentioned two letters of 'best wishes' she had received from 'Bell' Roberts in Australia and Bob Stokes in America. Peal ringing over the year had not been a major success, only five peals being scored (two of Bob Minor 'in hand,' one of Minor in four methods, one of Bob Minor and one of Plain Bob Major). On the other hand, the Society had had several successful tower grabs, and four members had reached their 'century' for the year. The Master said that Sunday ringing at St. Michael's had been maintained, and St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, was now visited once a term. It was hoped to give St. Thomas' (City) also a regular visit.

D. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Despite a wet afternoon, some 70 members and friends attended the Rochester District meeting at Bobbing on January 21st. Not only is there a handy six, but the Vicar (the Rev. L. F. Tabor), who took the service, is a ringer himself, and his address was suitable to the occasion. A former District hon. secretary, Mr. B. W. May, is one of the churchwardens, and with his fellow warden, Mr. R. J. Powell, kindly gave the tea.

At the business meeting members stood in respect to the late Mr. W. J. Walker, of Rainham, and several new members were elected. The Rev. J. Clifford, Vicar of Rainham, was elected an honorary member. A full report of the K.C.A. committee was given by Mr. G. A. Naylor, who was thanked by Mr. G. H. Spice. Appropriate votes of thanks were passed. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the guidance of Mr. W. A. J. Knight, District Ringing Master.

Canterbury District Gaining Members

An accession of strength resulted from the Canterbury District's quarterly meeting at Ash on January 21st. From towers in union 15 new members were elected, and as the result of missionary work the whole of the band (14) at Petham were welcomed as members. In addition, four honorary members were elected.

It was decided that the collection at the service, conducted by the Vicar, with Miss Attwood as organist, amounting to £1 6s., should be given to the R.A.F. appeal for St. Clement Danes'. The meeting turned down the suggestion for a ringers' tie. Best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Mrs. H. R. French (Sturry), who is in hospital, and Mrs. E. Gambrill (Ash), who after a spell in hospital has to go for further treatment.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northbourne, and Lynsted was chosen for the by-meeting.

KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. D. Knox's question concerning the originality of the composition of Treble Bob Royal called by him at Luton on December 26th, 1955, I find that this composition was rung at Manchester on March 13th, 1897, as the composition of Samuel Wood. The conductor on this occasion was Harry Chapman, and the report of the performance and the figures of the composition will be found in the Lancashire Association report for 1896–97, page 49.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

Dear Sir,—Re composition of Treble Bob Royal on page 76 of issue of 'The Ringing World,' February 3rd, this should be accredited to James Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, circa 1880.—Yours, etc.,

E. JENKINS.

Oldham.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal which Mr. D. Knox enquires about in 'The Ringing World' was composed by James Wood and was conducted by Samuel Wood at (I believe) Ashton-under-Lyne about 45 years ago. Others have claimed the same composition.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MORE ABOUT FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—Having been entertained by the recent correspondence on the subject of footnotes, I now find I am to be involved in a similar controversy.

The peal in question was at Stevenage and is on p. 51. I was asked to let the secretary of the C.U.G. send it up to you so that he could make the necessary arrangements in respect of peal cards. The result is an excellent example of the old saying about doing it oneself.

Firstly, of course, the treble ringer should have no footnote—he will deserve one when he rings it 'inside.'

Secondly, I am certain that the ringer of the sixth had not previously rung six spliced, and I suspect that the ringers of the fourth and fifth had not done so either. They should have the appropriate footnote.

Lastly, the peal was not rung to celebrate any one's engagement. While I am completely in sympathy with the footnote, the subject was not mentioned at all to me, and so it is just not true.

Personally, I cannot see that it matters very much what footnotes are published with a peal so long as they are relevant. However, I think they ought to be such as to show that progress has been made either by an individual or a Society, or to show for what occasion the peal was rung.

An excellent example of a footnote indicating a state of no-progress was that to a peal of 30 Doubles methods rung recently. It was claimed as the 'first peal in 30 individual plain course Doubles methods.' Some of the same band had previously rung a peal in a very much larger number of methods, and it is a matter for debate whether this is in any way superior to the peals of Doubles rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild some years ago. So what has been achieved?—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—A recent 'Ringing World' produced a very odd footnote—Denis Mottershead's first peal in an odd bell method. Mr. Mottershead must now have been ringing peals for about six years; I don't think I will be alone when I say that I hope he won't deny himself this pleasure so long in future.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN HARRIS,

Richmond, Yorks.

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The implication contained in Mr. P. J. Hutchings' letter, that the Church of England does not belong to the Catholic Church, may be unintentional, but it must not pass unchallenged.

When saying the Apostles' Creed we affirm our belief in 'The Holy Catholick Church.' This creed was used more than 1,000 years before the words 'Roman Catholic' came into use. 'Catholic' means now just what it meant when first used, and its use to-day is not the prerogative of one branch of the Church.

A second point. The anticipating of Easter Day by some 16 hours may, at one time, have been a convenience. Of course it does not really matter on which day we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, but since the Church does give us a special day for doing so, we ought to accept it and not juggle with time. A peal rung in honour of the Resurrection on Holy Saturday seems to be a convenience.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Normanton, Yorks.

A RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD?

Dear Sir,—Is such a Guild really going to be of any practical use? Is it going to advance the cause of Sunday service ringing or is its object to be the meeting together of a few railwaymen ringers to ring an occasional peal?

Why has Mr. Stenson asked the general manager of the London Midland Region for his official blessing? That gentleman can only speak for his own region and not for British Railways as a whole. There are five other regions on British Railways and it has not been unknown for anything coming off the London Midland to be treated with a certain amount of suspicion.

I would suggest there is ample scope within the framework of the British Railways Staff Association for the formation, at the large railway centres, of local change ringing groups; such groups would automatically be affiliated to each other. At York there are some nine ringers of sorts who are railway employees, but I cannot say that any of these would wish to join such a group. It is difficult enough now for many to find time to attend practices and meetings, and so far as I am personally concerned there are never sufficient evenings in a week or Saturdays in a month.

To put the subject into its correct perspective, will someone please propose Ringing Guilds to represent the other nationalised industries—Docks and Inland Waterways, Road Services, Hotels, Coal, Electricity and Gas?—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD WALKER,
Assistant Carriage and Wagon Works Manager,
British Railways, York.

THE QUICKEST TOWER-BELL PEAL YET RUNG

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Claude Rush, while I do not propose to 'let him have it,' there is a comment I would like to make.

Although I like fast ringing on bells which are SUITED to this, AND consider the sound of the bells outside and inside the tower as No. 1 priority, I think that the Loughborough peal is a justified exception. The foundry campanile is one of the exceptionally few rings suitable for the above attempt. If Mr. Rush has had recent experience of the foundry bells he should know that the noise outside the tower is so slight as to be negligible.—Yours faithfully,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield.

MR. BEVERLEY RINGER

Dear Sir,—Mr. Beverley Ringer, of Seething, Norfolk, does come of a ringing family.

Many years ago a member of his family farmed and was buried in my native village of Tharston and used to ring at Redenhall, Norfolk. Also I have known two other members of his family who were good ringers. — Yours faithfully,

W. L. DUFFIELD.

Long Stratton, Norwich.

BURES' YOUNG RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett's letter on those who rang their first peals on twelve bells has aroused our interest. One of our pupils rang a peal of Maximus last year, being the first changes he had ever rung on twelve. He stood in at short notice and we were all proud of receiving congratulations on how well he rang his bell. Two more of our young pupils rang touches of Stedman Cinques when they were 12 and 14 years of age.

We are situated in an area which requires a good journey to get a ring on even a tenbell tower.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS (Master),
Bures St. Mary's Society.

ORIGINALITY OF SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—We were interested to read Mr. C. K. Lewis' letter on page 59 of your recent issue with regard to the composition of Wembley in which he quite rightly points out that the composition claimed by us is merely a shortening of a 29 course round block used previously by other composers.

We, of course, were not aware that the 29 course block had been previously published, but are glad that an observation has been made about it because this raises the question of the originality of compositions. It so happened that the composition in question was one of several dozens of Wembley, which we had derived, all of different characteristics, and was selected for simplicity of conducting and on its musical merits.

The deriving of all these peals was part of an attempt by us to obtain a logical system in the composition of Surprise Major. It was obvious to us that several of our well-known composers use a logical system of composition, but when one of us wrote for information on this subject there was no adequate reply. The only ones to comment were Mr. York-Bramble and Mr. B. Price.

Our own efforts have shown that there is a logical system and we now know that it is a simple matter to derive the maximum extent from a given set of courses using complete bobbed Q-sets* in a few minutes. It is not even necessary to write out the composition to know that it is true and to know what the length is. An article by one of our leading composers might have saved us and others interested in the subject from going over the same ground.

Suppose we had submitted the following composition instead of the 5,152.

5,120 WEMBLEY

M	B	W	H	
3	x		3	35264
—	4x		—	34256
	x			45362
—	x			56342
3	2x		3	42635
	x	3	—	42356
	x			25463
—	4x		—	23456

This composition is a Q-set variation of the original 29 course block. Would this have been recognised as such? Must this be attributed to Mr. G. Lindoff or the Rev. H. Law James?

The majority of simple compositions of Wembley are variations and transpositions of the 29 course block or of one other 29 course block which is unique. By simple, we mean compositions containing only bobbed Q-sets.

Whether Q-set variations should be claimed as original or not depends on the definition of the term 'Q-set variation.'

If the term means bobbing or plaining whole Q-sets and retaining all the original courses or shortening by complete courses then there is little originality.

If the term also embraces shortening by a plurality of parts of courses then it would be unfair to say originality was not shown since in order to produce the required result a great deal of ingenuity may be required.

Whatever rules could be agreed on with regard to originality of composition would be difficult to apply because:—

(a) There is no comprehensive reference book of original compositions.
(b) Some Q-set variations of an original composition may be difficult to recognise.

Yours, etc.,
D. R. CARLISLE.
G. A. HALLS.

Risley, Derbys.

* If anyone requires this information we will gladly supply it.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

With regret, the resignation of Mr. C. J. Champion as hon. secretary was received at the annual meeting of the Southern District, held at Redhill on January 21st, with Mr. A. P. Cannon in the chair. The meeting expressed thanks to Colin for the work he had done during his four years as secretary. His many friends wish him and his future wife happiness in the years to come.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, Mr. D. J. Parr; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Messrs. G. Olliver, T. H. Bird and A. Streeter.

The meeting agreed that the District should arrange a programme of ten meetings for 1956, excluding the Association's annual meeting, and that combined practices be continued at Redhill, Nutfield, Merstham and Bletchingley, at about monthly intervals.

The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. Mr. Dyer) was thanked for conducting the service and use of the bells, and Mr. H. Comber for arranging tea. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 3s. 1d.

Northern District Has 267 Members

A slight increase in membership, bringing the total to 267, was reported at the annual meeting of the Northern District, held at Beddington on January 28th. Attending the meeting were 39 members from ten towers, and ten visitors.

The Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Collins) presided, and announced the deaths of Mr. Shuffell, of Streatham, and Mr. E. A. Reeve, of Battersea. The company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Only six peals had been rung in the District during the year. These included Stedman Cinques at Southwark, two of Cambridge Surprise Royal and one of Grandsire Royal at Beddington. Plain Bob Major at Wimbledon and seven Minor methods at Thames Ditton. A higher balance was shown on the financial report.

District officers elected were: Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Parrot; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; hon. auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. A. J. Weise; committee, Messrs. A. J. Adams, G. Peters and H. V. Young. Five new members were elected.

The committee announced the programme for 1956 as follows: April 7th, two towers at Epsom; July 14th, Hersham and Walton-on-Thames; August 6th, Leatherhead (joint with Guildford Guild); September 29th, West Hill, Wandsworth (subject to permission); October, joint meeting with Lewisham District of Kent County Association.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. F. D. Jennings for arranging the meeting, and to the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Jukes) for taking the service, and for the use of the bells. Ringing continued until 8 p.m. A. J. W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Senior Chaplain to the Forces at Bicester, the Rev. J. M. Pickering conducted the service at the Bicester Deanery Branch meeting at Islip on January 28th. The Guild's Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) presided at the business meeting. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Kirtlington on the last Saturday in April and an outing on the last Saturday in June. A joint meeting with the Oxford City Branch is to be held at Bicester on February 18th. Mr. John Hadland, of Brill, was elected a member of the Guild.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

Forty-three ringers were present at the annual meeting of the Guildford District, held at Guildford on January 21st. Mr. A. Harman, Master of the Guild, presided for the business meeting, which followed tea in S. Nicolas' Hall.

The officers elected for 1956 were: Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Munday; joint hon. secretaries, Miss M. E. Collins and Miss A. M. Cox; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horseman. Mr. R. C. Fincher was re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Eight new members were elected, viz.: Mrs. M. Cox, Misses J. Young, J. Beesley, Margaret and Maralyn Oliver, Messrs. S. Hobbs, M. Hobbs and J. Ward.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. S. F. O'Dwyer, who conducted the service, and to the ladies who provided tea.

Ringing took place at Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Churches in the afternoon, and at S. Nicolas' Church in the evening.

Chertsey District

Less than half of Chertsey District's towers were represented at the annual meeting held at Chobham on February 4th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. D. A. Campbell, and the address given by the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Acworth. Mr. P. Readings was at the organ.

After tea in the Church Hall, the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting. The officers elected were the same as last year, viz.: Ringing Master, J. F. Dodson; hon. secretary, R. Collins; hon. auditor, W. Shepherd. Eight ringing and five junior ringing members were elected from Chobham and one ringing member from Horsell.

Last year the Guild's general secretary put forward a suggestion that the district be renamed Hersham district, as Chertsey was a dead-end as far as ringing was concerned. The secretary pointed out that it would be expensive to change the name, and that the same end could come to any other tower. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to remain Chertsey district.

Mr. Collins proposed and it was agreed that the name of Mr. William Shepherd be submitted as a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. Shepherd, a founder member who had been ringing since the 1890's, was well known for his articles in 'The Ringing World,' and was still an active ringing member, always ready to help the younger folk. Mr. G. Talbot seconded the proposal.

All present stood to the memory of Wilkins Massey, of Claygate, who passed away earlier in the week.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. E. A. H.

5,152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

BY SHIRLEY BURTON

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First rung on October 20th, 1955, at Loughborough Bell Foundry; called by B. G. Warwick.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The annual meeting of the South Wales District was held on February 4th at St. Mary's, Aberavon. The bitterly cold weather had its usual adverse effect upon the attendance, but this fine ring of bells was certainly appreciated by those who attended. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. A. D. Pegler, who deputised for the Archdeacon of Margam, the Ven. Lawrence Thomas, who was prevented by illness from attending.

An excellent tea was provided by Miss Sylvia Cockwell and her helpers. Mr. Arthur Hoare expressed the thanks of the company. Miss Dilys Hulbert thanked the Rev. A. D. Pegler for his warm welcome to the Guild.

At the business meeting a successful year was reported by the secretary, who mentioned that 17 new members had been elected during the year. Mrs. R. E. Coles was elected vice-president and Miss Jacqueline Evans was re-elected secretary. Committee members were: Miss Lily Temlett, Miss Dilys Hulbert, Miss Jean Powell and Mrs. T. M. Roderick. General committee: Miss Dilys Hulbert and Miss Jean Powell.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Monmouthshire, if possible at Llanfrechfa. J. S. E.

Central District

Although the afternoon was wet and muggy, 11 members and as many friends arrived at St. Mary's, Ealing, on January 28th for the Central District's annual meeting. The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Perman, conducted a short service and spoke on the correct interpretation and application of bellringing. The charming internal decoration of the church belies its grim exterior, and the rich bronze altar frontal contrasts well with the delicate pastel walls.

Tea, a varied home-made spread, was provided by the committee in the Church Hall. As there were not enough gentlemen present to ring the bells on their own, they kindly 'volunteered' to wash up.

At the business meeting, Mrs. T. J. Lock was re-elected vice-president, as were the rest of the committee, with Miss B. Marks in place of Miss J. Sandersen. The next meeting will be on June 30th at Beddington. Ringing continued until 8 o'clock, and included an all-ladies touch of Grandsire Triples.

Kent Branch

A total of 21 ladies and 18 gentlemen attended the annual meeting of the Kent Branch at St. John's, Erith, on January 21st. Mr. Fred Cullum, who kindly made all the local arrangements, welcomed the visitors. The Rev. Mr. Lea conducted a short service.

At the business meeting which followed tea, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president and Miss J. Haffenden secretary. The only change in the committee was the election of Mrs. P. Carter to replace Miss Mary Tapley, who has gone to Saffron Walden. The Branch wish her every success and happiness in her new venture. Five new members were elected. After the usual votes of thanks the ladies returned to the belfry to join the gentlemen, where ringing continued until 8 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Nearly 70 ringers, representing 17 towers in Cheshire, North Staffs and Shropshire, attended the meeting of the Crewe Branch at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 21st. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Gentry, chairman of the Branch.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Diana M. Gough 2, S. W. Brown 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, C. D. Linington 6. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6. Rung as a compliment to Pamela Law on her 17th birthday, and also to Diana Gough for her 16th birthday the following day.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. B. Harris (first quarter) 1, J. B. Long 2, P. J. Shipton 3, S. Foskett 4, S. J. Ivin 5, R. A. Lennard (first as cond.) 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, J. B. Pattison 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Watts 1, F. Goodearl 2, H. Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, L. Payne (cond.) 5, H. Munday 6, C. Deacon 7, V. Paine 8. To celebrate the engagement of the ringing master, S. G. Waters, to Miss J. Haffenden, secretary of Marden.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire, 60 Stedman): A. Lathall 1, W. French 2, A. May 3, E. Whitlock (cond.) 4, M. Mynard 5, K. Lockwood (first quarter) 6.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ashby 1, J. B. Ibbotson 2, J. V. Davies 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. W. T. Chew 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, H. H. Holland 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Edwards 1, Mrs. L. D. Mills 2, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, C. Bower 5, L. D. Mills 6, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 7, D. L. Mills 8. First in the method for all except 6 and 7. For the institution and induction to this parish of the Rev. Michael C. Brown, M.A. Also on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: A. W. Cansdale 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, Miss J. M. Spurgin 3, Mrs. L. D. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, L. D. Mills 6, D. L. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. First of Spliced for all. For Matins.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Mullard (first quarter) 1, P. Barker 2, G. Bradbury (cond.) 3, A. Armstrong 4, H. Butler 5, E. Borley 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. F. Young (first quarter) 1, D. Chatfield 2, W. F. Jenkins 3, J. W. Unwin (cond.) 4, S. Walter 5, T. H. Holmes 6, B. J. Luck 7, R. T. F. Divers (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the fourth anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty the Queen; also as a birthday compliment to B. J. Luck.

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and 180 of New Grandsire): Miss W. Pennal 1, B. Angell 2, D. Pennal 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6. First quarter in 10 methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. T. Walters.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marjorie Hunter (first quarter) 1, R. C. Spittle 2, Gladys Anderson 3, Margaret Howard 4, D. Spittle (first 'inside') 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, J. E. Beams 7, G. Hill 8. Rung for Confirmation service, conducted by Bishop H. C. Montgomery Campbell.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. H. Waterfield 1, G. Greeve 2, G. Cooke 3, A. A. Cooke 4, G. R. Drew 5, T. Owen 6, D. Harrison 7, B. G. Moore (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Cooke 1, J. Thornley 2, N. Tompkins 3, A. Critchley 4, A. Lomas 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6, B. Cooper 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of the Rev. Canon John J. Robinson, of the daughter Church of All Saints', Farnworth.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Minor (180 Plain, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): S. J. White 1, E. E. S. Johnson 2, B. C. Mann 3, A. Appleton 4, W. J. S. White 5, H. R. A. Appleton (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Arthur Appleton, who has been a ringer at Goldhanger for 56 years.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Hamilton (first quarter) 1, T. Robinson (first 'inside') 2, G. I. Rusby 3, J. B. Budd 4, A. Pashley 5, F. Kennington 6, S. Bromfield (cond.) 7, D. Kennington (first quarter) 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, at S. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. M. Cox 1, E. Etheridge 2, Miss E. A. Hiley 3, Miss M. E. Colling 4, Miss S. J. Corke 5, D. M. MacPherson 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, D. G. Wright 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. M. Goodhand and the Rev. H. A. Puntis, assistant priest at the above church.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Funnell (first quarter, 14) 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first 'inside,' 16) 2, Laura M. Beeney (16) 3, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond., 17) 4, G. Beeney 5, F. Beeney (17) 6. For Evensong.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor of Cambridge and Beverley (30 changes of method): C. Hinton and G. Shellard 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, W. A. Yates 4, E. Lines 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Cleaver 1, W. J. Chester (cond.) 2, M. Saunders 3, B. E. Saunders 4, C. Haynes 5, Kathleen Humphrey (first quarter) 6. In memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, late Bishop of Peterborough.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 29th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Taylor 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, E. A. J. Hilton 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, J. Scott 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. White 8. Rung on the heavy eight for Evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,152 Plain Bob Minor: C. V. Hare 1, Miss J. Mayes 2, P. Mehew 3, R. J. Coppage 4, C. M. Orme 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on the back six.

HUNTINGDON.—On Jan. 22nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. S. Peacock 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For morning service.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Picken 1, F. Joyce 2, S. Earl (cond.) 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, E. Frost 5, D. Wright 6. Rung in memory of the late Bishop of Peterborough.

LONDON, S.E.—On Jan. 22nd, at the Borough, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Highley 1, J. H. Taffender 2, Miss J. Scrutton (first 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, C. W. Otley 5, P. Hutchings 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major (384 Yorkshire and Superlative, 576 Cambridge, with 36 changes of method): M. G. Hooton 1, P. Mehew 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, B. F. Sims 4, R. J. Sharp 5, C. H. Harding 6, L. H. Bywaters 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Stedman, 120 each of Candlesby S.C., Rugby S.C., St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): Mrs. R. Quint 1, Monica Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, C. Kortright 5, Mrs. D. Strong 6. First in 11 methods by all the band.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Owen 1, D. Emerson 2, F. Beales 3, J. Couzens 4, B. G. Moore 5, G. R. Drew (first of Minor and first as cond.) 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Peacock (first quarter) 1, H. King (cond.) 2, J. McPhail 3, R. Bridges 4, S. Blatch 5, J. Lodge 6. For Confirmation service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, R. Morgan 2, H. Goakes 3, J. Haw 4, G. Bush 5, W. Barker 6, R. E. Price 7, G. Cowlan 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,956 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sheppard 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. W. Edwards 3, G. C. Durham 4, S. J. Gee 5, J. Michael Stephens (cond.) 6, R. S. Weekes 7 (covering). First 'date touch' and longest ring in the method by all except the conductor. Rung to mark the visit to St. Lawrence's College on January 28th by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and as a welcome to the Rev. Arthur J. G. Ellery, newly-appointed curate to this parish.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sutton 1, E. Nice 2, N. H. L. Round Turner 3, G. Hunt (first 'inside') 4, R. Rose 5, L. Nice (first as cond.) 6.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lilian Butler 1, G. Bradbury (cond.) 2, M. H. Butler (first 'inside') 3, H. Butler, jun., 4, A. Armstrong 5, H. Butler, sen., 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth, who is father of the ringer of the fourth and grandfather of the ringers of the treble and third.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Brooke 1, F. Ward 2, D. E. Mattli 3, R. Birch 4, J. S. Seager 5, R. S. Long 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, G. K. Chaddock 8, B. Holland (cond.) 9, P. J. Kitteridge 10. A farewell to G. K. Chaddock on joining H.M. Forces.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, A. Boyack 2, C. Smith 3, R. Chapman 4, E. Smith 5, J. Armstrong 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, C. Willmington 8.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 22nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, J. Rea (first on 10) 2, H. Belcher 3, James Phillips 4, B. K. Lunn 5, M. Moreton 6, J. Chilcott 7, P. Border 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, K. Cherrell (first quarter) 10. In memoriam Dr. C. F. Garbett, late Archbishop of York and formerly Bishop of Southwark.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Banwell 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, G. F. Bryant 3, T. K. Price 4, F. Parramore 5, H. Collings (cond.) 6.

UPPER GRAVENHURST, BEDS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): R. J. Sharp (cond.) 1, P. J. Lawton 2, A. L. Murphy 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, T. P. Harris 5. Rung as a welcome to Prebendary B. T. Guy, Archdeacon-designate of Bedford, and Mrs. Guy.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,263 Stedman Caers: L. Batley 1, C. Hughes 2, C. Smith 3, H. Rumens 4, A. Boyack 5, R. Chapman 6, E. Smith 7, J. Armstrong 8, J. Crampion (cond.) 9, C. Willmington 10.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity: 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Ellis 4, B. K. Lunn 5, W. Hibbert 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Fuller 1, P. Wilson 2, F. Smith 3, F. Goden 4, J. Godman 5, R. Tuckwell 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, D. Absolom 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Williams (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Sims 2, J. Warner 3, J. Parker (first quarter) 4, E. W. Bright (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. For Evensong.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Glanvill 1, L. K. Dawe 2, T. Gooding 3, H. P. Burton 4, G. Betts 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. For evening service.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Miller (aged 15, first quarter) 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, B. R. Allen 4, W. Vince 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,356 Plain Bob Minor: C. Peddar (first quarter) 1, Avril Thackray (first 'inside') 2, W. Brew 3, C. Gilbert 4, H. Gilbert 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. E. Marks 1, A. C. Jeans 2, L. E. Parris 3, T. W. Look 4, R. J. Fox 5, J. Looker 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, G. Gaylard 8. Rung for Evensong and as a welcome home to the ringer of the fifth after completing his National Service.

OBITUARY

MR. WILKINS MASSEY

Mr. Wilkins Massey died on January 30th, aged 62, at his home at Claygate, Surrey, after a short illness.

Bill learned to ring at St. Peter's, Newdigate, in 1906, where he remained until the outbreak of war in 1914. He served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and after the war moved to the Kingston area, finally settling in Claygate in 1927.

Having no bells in his own parish, he had to go to the surrounding district for his ringing, and at various times he was a regular Sunday service ringer at Thames Ditton, Esher, Kingston-on-Thames and Christ Church, Epsom. He became widely known in Surrey and for many years was a committee member of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild. He was appointed captain of Esher belfry in 1949.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, he enjoyed those he rang. His duties as verger of Claygate Church restricted his ringing career for some years. His last peal was at Radstock during a visit to Somerset in October last year.

He was always enthusiastic in encouraging young ringers and assisting struggling bands. He spent much of his leisure time in teaching new recruits to the Exercise, and at the time of his death he had a large new band at Esher.

The funeral service was held at Esher Crematorium on February 2nd, conducted by the Rev. J. Huggins, Rector of Esher. A memorial service was held at Esher Parish Church on February 11th, attended by his ringing friends.

MR. C. A. MANNING

The death took place on January 27th at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, after an operation, of Mr. Charles Arthur Manning, at the age of 53 years.

Born at Naseby, Northamptonshire, he was better known in ringing circles as C. Arthur Manning. When Arthur was quite young his parents moved to Market Harborough, and here he joined the Parish Church choir and later learned to ring. He subsequently came under the expert guidance of Mr. Fred Dexter at the same time as the late Mr. Harold J. Poole was learning to ring. In 1937 he left Market Harborough to take a post as manager at Broom Flour Mills, near Evesham, where he was employed until his death.

Although he did not keep a record of his peals, the writer would think, from comments Arthur made, that he had rung about 200. He was an excellent striker and was not afraid to voice his opinion in the belfry when necessary.

Mr. Manning had a wide knowledge of music and had he taken up music in place of ringing there is no doubt that he would have been an excellent musician. His favourite musical work was Handel's 'The Messiah,' and he had heard many performances of it, often travelling considerable distances to hear choirs. He was also a great lover of architecture, and there were very few of our great cathedrals that he had not visited. To some people Arthur appeared to be a rugged and stern character, but underneath this exterior was a warmth and friendliness. A widow, four daughters and one son are left to mourn his passing.

The funeral took place at Bidford-on-Avon on January 31st, and afterwards a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by A. T. Shorey 1, W. J. Newman 2, G. C. Hemming (conductor) 3, R. C. Chapman 4, H. Huxley 5, F. C. Lyne 6, G. J. Hemming 7, J. Moore 8. The ring of ten at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, was also rung muffled in the evening. G. J. H.

MR. E. E. LOMAS

All Saints', Asfordby, has lost another of its veteran ringers by the death in Leicester Infirmary on February 1st of Mr. Ernest Edward Lomas, aged 81. On the previous Wednesday he slipped and fractured his thigh.

Mr. Lomas came to Asfordby as a youth, being apprenticed to the village blacksmith. Afterwards he worked at the Holwell Iron Works as a smith until he was 70. For 63 years he had been a member of Asfordby ringers and was captain for several years. In the early '30's he took part in many quarter peals of Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. He was a great Christian character—loved and respected by all.

Five of his fellow ringers attended the funeral service, and in the evening a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung to his memory. The band was: Mrs. Dorothy Day 1, Evander Littlewood 2, Roland H. Cook 3, A. E. Hurman 4, R. Looker 5, J. H. Cook (conductor) 6.

MR. LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN

The peal record of the late Mr. Leslie C. Wightman, who was 62 when he died, will be read with interest by his friends:—

Minor.—Five methods 1, seven methods 7, Cambridge 1, London 1.

Triples. — Grandsire 7, Stedman 23 (conducted 4), St. Clement's 1, Erin 1.

Major. — Plain Bob 9, Double Oxford 1, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 69, Kent Treble Bob 19, Oxford 20.

Surprise.—Cambridge 130 (29), Superlative 67 (8), New Cambridge 10, Yorkshire 21 (1), Norfolk 3, London 42 (6), Bristol 34 (10), Pudsey 2 (1), Lincolnshire 2, Kent 2, Premier 3 (1), one each of Southwell, Otley, Ipswich, Clarendon, Yoxford, Monewden, Clacton, Lavenham, Droitwich, Rochester (1), Camdon, Edinburgh, Edmundsbury (1), Helmingham, Daventry, Woodbridge, Bosmere (1), Waveney, Orwell, Deben (1), Silchester, Marina, Huntingdon, Lincoln (1), Dunwich, Suffolk, Chester (1), Double Dublin, Leeds, Minsmore (1), Cornwall, Devon (1), Loughborough, Gippeswyk (1), Belvedere (1), Spliced four methods 3 (1).

Caters.—Stedman 7.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 7, Oxford Treble Bob 3.

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GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. G. Mansfield 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, A. A. Booth 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Spencer Leeson, Bishop of Peterborough.

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MEETINGS

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

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.—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.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7733

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, Salehurst (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th, 2.30 p.m. 7760

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. All ringers and friends welcome. 7718

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.—F. A. Finch. 7782

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 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. 7717

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

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Essentially for learners—practice at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 6.15 to 7.30 p.m. Please note the time. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Hon. Sec. 7796

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Feb. 23rd, St. Mary's (R.C.), Clapham Common, 7.30 p.m. Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 10th, S.-E. London. All welcome.—Hutchings, Brockwell School House, Tulse Hill, S.W.2. TUL 0800. 7815

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 25th, St. Luke's, Derby. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—V. Horton, Dis. Sec. 7821

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Barnby Don on Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Important business—good attendance, please.—F. J. Jackson. 7822

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, Feb. 25th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington. 7823

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Mark's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7816

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard, soon as possible, please. 7723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton (heavy eight, tenor 24 cwt), Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7820

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Turner. 7819

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, at 3 p.m. on Feb. 25th. (Tram route 1.) Tea for those notifying R. Bettley-Cooke, 35, Ash Road. Leeds, 6, by 21st.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7824

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Thurcaston (8) on Feb. 25th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea. followed by meeting, 4.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Names for tea to reach me before Tuesday, Feb. 21st.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Sec., 117, Church Lane, Anstey, Leicester. 7812

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Swaffham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30. Please make your own arrangements for tea—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 7817

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Farnham Royal, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 5.45 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 7809

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, East Bridgeford, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to M. I. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold. 7818

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting at Stradbroke (10), Saturday, Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, to J. W. Blythe, 29, Holton Road, Halesworth. 7807

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me have names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7811

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice, Horsham, Feb. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Special methods, Ashtead and Lincolnshire. Own arrangements for tea.—I. Butcher. 7803

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner will be held at the Gardeners Arms, Sandhurst Road (off Ampthill 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

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Whimple, Saturday, March 3rd. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 27th to Miss E. Lomas, Sandfords, Whimple. 7797

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Springfield (6), Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7755

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. Annual meeting, Saturday, March 3rd. at Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcs. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) 5 o'clock at Messrs. Bullock's Cafe, High Street, followed by business meeting. Ringing later. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Buses, Midland Red 144, leave Station Street, Birmingham, every 15 minutes.—S. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 7805

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Easton Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Feb. 27th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7813

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, 3 p.m., at Clarendon Press Institute, Walton Street, Oxford.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7806

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Old Bradwell, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7814

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 3rd, Basford (8), from 2.30 to 4.15. Tea at Bulwell, and ringing there from 6 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham. —C. W. Towers. 7798

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual meeting at Lavenham on Saturday March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to M. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, by Wednesday, Jan. 29th. 7810

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baglan, on March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7801

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