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NOTES ON RECENT PEALS

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

I THOUGHT some readers would be interested in a few facts concerning some of the peals rung in the past two or three months, i.e., facts concerning first in the method on the bells, rarely heard of towers, nearly 'conquered' towers, etc. Perhaps such details could form the basis for a short article every now and again. If so, here is the first of them.

To mention towers which appear frequently first, one finds that there have already been more peals rung at Willesden this year than in the whole of last. This church has heard 147 peals since the last war, and very few towers can beat that number. Oxford, St. Ebbe's (the most popular of that city's towers), has had over 80 in the same period. I notice that Hughenden is nearing the 300 mark of peals — 298 is its total, I believe, whilst Warsop has just reached its half century. Although St. John's, Waterloo Road, has a grand total of 186, I confirm that the peal in July was the first for 34 years, the previous one being on July 19th, 1922. That is a very long silence even allowing for the war damage.

To go on to towers which have appeared for the first time for a long time, we find Fulbeck had its first since 1937; Frensham, the first since 1939; Little Missenden's only previous peal was also in that year. Bromham (Wilts) scored its first peal for 25 years, whilst Newton Abbot (I confirm) had its first since 1909. It was the fourth peal on the bells.

Another even longer silence was at South Harting. Again, I confirm the claim that the recent peal was the first since May 24th, 1903, when Minor in seven methods was rung as the first peal on the bells. We find a 43 years' silence at Saddington (Leics), where the only previous peal (Grandsire Doubles) was rung in February, 1913, South Harting 53 years, Saddington 43 years and then St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, 33 years silent, the last peal here (also Grandsire Doubles) being on March 21st, 1923. Barsham is also in the long silence category. There had only been one peal rung here before—on October 17th, 1912. Huntington (Yorks) had not appeared in the peal columns since 1926, but there had been two previous peals.

The touring bands found some little rung bells for their peals. In Cumberland and Westmorland, Orton had its first peal since 1933 (both the last peals were Cambridge), Carlisle Cathedral its first since 1931 (by the way, in connection with the recent letters about the first peal of London in the county, a peal of this method was rung at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, in 1931), whilst Cleaton Moor had its first since 1936, the peal being the first of Surprise on the bells.

The Derbyshire tour found the various bands managing to make history in most of the towers visited. Ilkeston, West Hallam, Hayfield, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derby (St. Peter's), Fairfield all had the first peals in the particular method rung at them. Derby, St. Luke's, had its first peal of Surprise, whilst Dore had its first peal of Superlative since 1909. Shirland's last peal was in 1931 (three in all), whilst Killamarsh had likewise been silent for 25 years even though it has had 66 peals in all (a very good number for a six-bell tower). The outstanding band at this tower some 40–50 years ago was noted in the article on Peal Ringing in Derbyshire. Hope has only had four peals in 25 years.

Towers rarely seen in the peal columns noted recently are Kegworth, Hawarden, Oxford (St. Mary Magdalene's), Rochdale (St. Chad's), St. Gluvias (Cornwall) and Cwmcarvan.

Other points of interest concern Croft and Marston. The former is only the second six-bell tower to reach the century mark for peals, so deserves special mention. I actually made the claimed 100th peal the 99th, and the one appearing in 'The Ringing World' of August 24th, the 100th. I should be grateful to compare notes with those concerned if they will write to me. Marston (5) has had nine peals in the last two years and now has 18 in all. This means that it is now third on the list for most peals in the five-bell towers, only Warkton and Pytchley having more than that. I confirm that the peal at Whixley was the first on the bells, but I fear the claim for the first two-method peal at Kingstone cannot be established — one was rung there on November 21st, 1931.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	7
GEORGE W. HOLLAND	3	GEORGE E. GREEN	8
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
EDMUND E. PEARSON	5	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* 200th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

FRANK C. PRICE	*Treble* / 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	6
		DAVID E. PARSONS	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	8
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	4	FRANK E. DARBY	9
JOHN S. MASON	5	ALBERT J. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.
The band are indebted to Mr. Frank Price for ringing two bells, owing to the sudden indisposition of one of their number.

BRISTOL.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOAN GRAY	*Treble*	*†F. ALLAN BENNETT	6
*†PHILIP F. COOPER	2	FREDERICK S. SAVAGE	7
VALERIE W. WILLARD	3	PERCY W. CAVE	8
†BARBARA J. BEESON	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	9
JAMES E. BENNETT	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. M. TYLER. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal outside Australia.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
HENRY O. BAKER	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	3	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	8
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Bob Royal.
A birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia Pillinger, niece of the second ringer.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb.

*BRIDGET A. SANGER (13)	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CRAGO	6
ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	ROBERT G. FIELD	7
†DAVID M. C. HILL	3	GWILYM SALMON	8
†JOHN R. BADMAN	4	HENRY J. SANGER	9
ARTHUR H. REED	5	ARTHUR J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. HAWKINS. Conducted by HENRY J. SANGER.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.
With the exception of the ringers of 5 and 8, all are members of the local band.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALBERT M. TYLER	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
H. PERCY SPARKS	2	MICHAEL J. BEST	7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	*JAMES E. LOOKER	8
TREVOR E. MARKS	4	THOMAS J. SETTER	9
*LESLIE E. PARRIS	5	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger J. Fox, a member of the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

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

Composed by ANDREW J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALAN THORNTON	*Treble*	*JOHN POTTS	5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	6
D. MARGARET HAWLEY	3	ERNEST SHORT	7
G. FRED TERRY	4	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.
A wedding compliment to Mr. David Lawson and Miss Frances Welsh.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*ALEX. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	5
*ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW	2	*†SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	6
HENRY KIRK	3	*NEIL D. LOMAS	7
WILLIAM A. SMITH	4	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES N. LEA	*Treble*	THOMAS M. COX	5
ROBERT BELL	2	*KENNETH LAWSON	6
ENID SOFTLEY	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
HARRY SHORT	4	FREDERICK L. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung for the Houghton Feast celebrations.

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WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*HAROLD HAMER	*Treble*	*STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
ALLAN SMITH, SEN.	2	FRED PRITCHARD	6
†MRS. G. S. MILLS	3	IVAN KAY	7
JOHN T. WALMSLEY	4	‡COLIN S. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED PRITCHARD.
* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.
In memoriam Mrs. Rachael Taylor, mother of the tenor ringer.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

*JUNE GLADMAN	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	*JOHN M. JELLEY	6
*ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rutland on the bells.
The composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 at course-ends and no 8-2's or 8-3's.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in A flat.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	5
*REV. D. N. TINDALL	2	†GWEN I. RUSBY	6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	3	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE	7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	4	†FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 of Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and with all the work of the eight methods for each bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	††‡GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
*FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
†JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of eight Spliced Surprise Major. ‡ 50th peal for the Association.
A 73rd birthday compliment to Charles Marshall, father of the treble ringer and grandfather of the ringer of the sixth.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE S. DEAS	*Treble*	A. NEVILLE BROWN	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	*ERIC N. HARRISON	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Bristol.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., Oct. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	MARK MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
*ELSIE K. HART	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
†WM. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE	7
*H. GEORGE HART	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.
A birthday compliment to Percival W. Grice.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

STEPHEN BROMFIELD	*Treble*	*SEPTIMUS NEAVE	5
NORMAN BELL	2	GWEN I. RUSBY	6
W. ARTHUR CROWDER	3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	7
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.
Rung to welcome the Rev. E. Hutchin as Vicar of Barrow.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK G. OLIVER	*Treble*	JAMES H. EDWARDS	5
*MRS. H. J. MILLATT	2	*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	6
†FRANK CLAYDON	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	4	HARRY J. MILLATT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	2	†EDWARD G. TALBOT	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	7
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Yorkshire.
The composition, published in 'The Ringing World' on August 31st, is believed to be rung for the first time.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES W. MUNDAY	*Treble*	†ARTHUR S. BESANT	5
RALPH C. SPITTLE	2	JOHN HILL	6
*DEREK G. SPITTLE	3	JOHN E. BEAMS	7
JOHN WHITEHORN	4	GEORGE W. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HILL.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. The 100th peal on these bells, rung by the local band.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

CECIL W. PIPE	*Treble*	*ROBERT F. DOWNING	5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
*BRENDA FREEMAN	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
RODERICK W. PIPE	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal in the method.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
*PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	FRED STANIFORTH	6
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
RONALD RUSSELL	4	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
* 100th peal. This peal has the extent of 5 and 6 in 6ths place.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Being 2,016 of Stedman and 3,024 of Erin, with eight changes of method.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	JAMES E. DANIELS	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	4	PHILIP N. TUBBS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal of Spliced Triples for all, except the ringer of the second. Believed to be the first peal of Spliced Triples to be rung in these two methods.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F sharp.

C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	†WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	6
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	JOHN S. BARNES	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	†JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by AMBURN WILSON Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major 'inside.' † First peal of Oxford T.B. Major.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
PERCY SWINDLEY	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. † 600th peal.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*A. WILLIAM DILLOW	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE	5
EDWIN R. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	6
REGINALD H. HOWSON	3	*HERBERT A. DANIELS	7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	4	GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to commemorate the redecoration of the church; also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Green, on the birth of a son.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 15, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	MICHAEL DAY	6
*A. SPENCER BROTHERS	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
CHARLES H. MOORE	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Mr. Michael Day, on joining Her Majesty's Forces.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*M. JILL FISHER	*Treble*	STELLA HUGHES	4
†ROGER W. BARKER	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	3	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Minor and of Plain Bob. † First peal.
Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Beverley, Bourne, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	JOHN HALL	4
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	HARRY HALL	5
JACK BRAY	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BECKFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	4
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	2	*HAROLD E. RAXTER	5
*ROBERT W. COLE	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal in seven methods.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent of York and two extents each of Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.
Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Standard calling. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	*ROBERT SMITH	4
*ALAN MCFALL	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
*BERNARD GROVES	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. SMITH.
* First peal.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

IVOR G. JONES	*Treble*	AUBREY J. PROBERT	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	5
CHARLES PHILLIPS	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

G. E. LARNER	*Treble*	GEORGE BATTERBEE	4
TONY OWEN	2	FRED RIX	5
SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

In memoriam Canon W. R. Musselwhite, C.V.O., Archdeacon of King's Lynn.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

HAROLD J. PESKETT	*Treble*	SYLVIA STREATER	4
WILLIAM H. HARRISON	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
*JEAN EGERTON	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. D. Isted and Miss B. T. McKane, whose wedding took place earlier in the day.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Killamarsh Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	*BERNARD G. MOORE	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARWELL B. DIBBEN.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Dedication Festival.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM HALL	*Treble*	JEAN STEWART	3
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	2	FRANK E. FAGG	4

VICTOR GRIFFIN .. .. *Tenor*

The ringer of the treble conducted the St. Simon's, the fifth Plain Bob, and the second the Stedman and shared the Grandsire with the fourth.

First peal on five bells by all.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Frank King and Miss E. Holmes, ringers at the local church, and also a farewell to V. Griffin.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	4
DAPHNE R. CASTELL	2	*RALPH BIRD	5
ANN M. COX	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 350th peal. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 275th peal as conductor.

Rung after meeting two short for Yorkshire.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: One extent of London Surprise, two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	4
JOHN WARNER	2	ERNEST W. BRIGHT	5
ALAN R. SYDER	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*MARY CARNOCHAN	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	4
†GEORGE FRANCIS	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
‡JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal and first attempt. † 75th peal and 50th for the Association. ‡ First peal in the method.

Rung, at the request of the Vicar, for Harvest Festival.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Wragby, St. Albans, Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) Capel Treble Bob; (3) Sandal Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (5) Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Standard calling.
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. GLADYS RICHARDSON	*Treble*	ALEX. RICHARDSON	4
ERIC ELLISON	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. H. Saunders Williams, B.A., retiring after 27 years at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 17, QUEEN STREET,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

GERALD PENNEY	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	5—6
J. DESMOND PAINTER	3—4	JOYCE DODDS	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT 21, NORTH RIDING, BRICKET WOOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and six extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor size 13 in E.

*WALTER G. PAUL	1—2	JOHN R. MAYNE	3—4

*MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 5—6

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in two methods on handbells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
AT 24, DOYLE AVENUE, HILSEA,
A PEAL OF 5040 KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 7 in D.

S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	1—2	ROBIN G. LEALE	3—4

ROGER BALDWIN .. .. 5—6

Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.

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

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Barnes 1, M. Fox (first 'inside') 2, Miss F. Smith 3, J. Livock 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, B. Pike 6. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Helder (first quarter) 1, Joyce Haywood 2, A. E. Cheeseman 3, G. Huxley 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8. For harvest festival.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, W. S. Girling 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, Miss M. Newby 3, W. S. Girling 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, L. N. Melton (14) 6. For harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Oct. 7th, a date touch, 1,956 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, J. Kesterton 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, A. Skinner 7, E. Bass 8. For harvest festival.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Spice 1, A. Purdom 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, A. P. Cave 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, P. W. Cave (cond.) 6 J. W. Smith 7, C. Cullen 8. For harvest festival and in honour of the 88th birthday of Mr. George Kyte. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cullen 1, Miss M. Fuller 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, R. W. Stephens 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, I. Emery 6, J. W. Smith (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Purdom 8. Rung for the anniversary service of the Over 60 Club.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, C. Bower 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. For harvest festival.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): Sheila Percival (first quarter) 1, Jill Mayes 2, A. Dilley 3, J. Church 4, P. Tompkins 5, G. Mayes (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, J. Hulme (first quarter) 8. For morning service and as a wedding compliment to Brenda Mayes, daughter of the conductor, to Mr. Mervyn Jones, married at this church the previous day.

CORSTON, SOM.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Parsons (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong (first as cond.) 2, C. J. Brown 3, Miss M. Hannam 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, L. W. Jewell (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Jennings 1, W. Slaughter 2, Miss A. Miles 3, Mrs. P. Cracknell 4, S. Arnold (first as cond.) 5, G. Jennings 6, B. A. Cracknell 7, J. Laker 8. For harvest festival.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Selway 1, Miss S. Eason 2, J. Hacking 3, W. H. Poole (cond.) 4, K. Pinney 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, H. Pike 8. First of Triples for 2, 3 and 5. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): Mrs. B. Wilkins 1, Dr. L. E. Wear 2, Miss S. Eason 3, J. Hacking 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, Miss S. Stagg 6, S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8. For morning service and for the baptism of Mr. and Mrs. K. Pinney's infant son.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Holdom (first quarter) 1, C. Pooley 2, E. C. Wilson 3, W. H. Holdom 4, R. W. Balls 5, J. R. Smith (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and as a farewell to D. Yarrom, who is joining H.M. Forces.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Pamela M. Humphries 1, R. Davies 2, E. J. Razzell 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, N. G. Steere 5, E. J. Ladd 6, W. F. Oatway 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, P. G. Humphries 10.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: K. Alton 1, R. E. Old 2, J. Hadley 3, J. G. Chapman 4, J. M. Nash 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First of St. Clement's for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the enthronement of Dr. R. Stopford as Bishop of Peterborough.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. Potter 2, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 3, G. Winter 4, W. G. Mortimer 5, P. Hunt 6. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. A. F. Lurcock 1, Rosemary A. R. Lurcock 2, S. N. Scott 3, J. H. R. Betts (cond.) 4, F. Eldred 5, G. Halton 6, A. L. Cook tenor. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Miss K. D. Smith.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): K. E. Hirst 1, C. A. Levett (cond.) 2, S. F. Buckland 3, P. H. Avey 4, R. G. Roberts 5, E. F. P. Bryant 6, H. Harrison 7, W. Levett 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. Longest length by 6 and 7.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Wilson (first quarter) 1, H. Oakshett 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, M. Armstrong 4, D. M. Randall 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and a welcome to the treble and tenor ringers, who have joined the band. First quarter by the regular Sunday service band.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, C. J. Young 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hoskins 1, S. Penfold 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, F. G. Richardson 4, A. Gargrave (first in method away from treble) 5, J. Fowler 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the end of a fortnight's mission, by undergraduates of Cambridge University.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss L. Allen 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, E. J. Whiting 6, R. F. Baker 7, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 8. Rung before the County British Legion service.

HURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Castle (first quarter, aged 12) 1, J. Froome 2, C. A. Eele 3, A. Rivers (first 'inside') 4, Mrs. B. C. Castle 5, R. Rivers 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, W. Austin (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival and a farewell to Anthony Rivers, who leaves for National Service.

KENSINGTON, S.W.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. E. Harte 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, R. Mackerill 3, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 4, W. S. Langdon 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Waters 7, M. Moreton 8, J. Phillips 9, A. B. Peck 10. For harvest festival.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Spliced Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, G. Avis 2, R. Bennett 3, J. Pell 4, P. Ostley (cond.) 5, T. Brett 6. A golden wedding anniversary compliment to Capt. and Mrs. Martin.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss H. Bonner 2, Miss E. Gibson 3, J. T. Clay 4, R. E. Dean 5, E. Silvey 6, E. D. Poole (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For Evensong and harvest festival.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Wareham 1, W. Mills 2, A. Bratten (first 'inside') 3, G. Wareham 4, D. Robertson (cond.) 5, F. Elliot 6. For harvest festival.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Smith 1, E. Hughes 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 4, A. Fisher 5, C. Pearson 6, J. F. Roper 7, C. Williams 8. First in Australia for ringers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

MORTIMER COMMON, BERKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Collins (first quarter) 1, F. Parsons 2, D. E. Elliott (first 'inside') 3, A. Ham 4, I. F. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Hetherington (first quarter) 6. For harvest festival.
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NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Tovey 1, H. L. Parfrey 2, Miss M. L. Hannam (first as cond.) 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, C. J. Brown 5, F. Pike 6. For harvest festival.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, Terha Barnett (first quarter) 2, R. C. Bucknall 3, H. C. Pearce 4, E. H. Amey (first as cond.) 5, T. Jeanes 6. Rung half-muffled in tribute to Sir Charles Chute, formerly of this parish, who died the previous week.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury, 360 St. Bartholomew): Mrs. Croall 1, Miss J. Wallace 2, W. A. Wood (cond.) 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Blacketh 5, G. Wood 6. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment for Mr. G. Wood.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 510 Plain Bob, 30 St. Simon's): B. Woodfield 1, R. L. Sheppard 2, G. C. Durham 3, S. J. Gee 4, T. W. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. S. Weekes 6. First of Doubles in three methods by all. For dedication festival.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hemmings 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, G. W. Hollis 3, Howard Meek 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6.

STAUNTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Besant 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, G. W. Hollis 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. A farewell compliment to the treble ringer before going overseas.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. Stacey 1, R. Pearce 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Heard 5, F. Gilbert 6, S. Stacey 7, J. Hockridge 8. For harvest festival.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Sanders 1, M. Williamson 2, J. Rae 3, J. Chapman 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, R. Cook 6, R. Sanders 7, R. Cressey 8. For the church's 102nd anniversary.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Gray 8. For harvest festival.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Gill (first quarter) 1, Jill Fisher 2, R. W. Barker 3, J. H. Allen 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, P. G. Golder 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, C. T. W. Coles 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. Lumsden (first in method) 4, R. J. Chapman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, E. E. Holman (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong and as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Maynard.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Mayne 1, Miss J. M. Wilcockson 2, Miss M. Chapple 3, D. Laud 4, S. H. Hoare 5, R. Rowley 6, W. G. Paul (first as cond.) 7, K. R. Dunstan 8. A farewell to Miss M. Chapple on leaving for Germany.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. J. Stevens 1, Miss P. M. Stevens 2, P. Cox 3, C. J. Stevens 4, C. T. Clarke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung in the conductor's 1,250th tower on the 25th anniversary of his first lesson in ringing.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCS. — 1,440 Bob Minor: C. Metcalf (first quarter) 1, K. Stainton (first quarter) 2, N. Kitchen (first 'inside') 3, T. Barker (cond.) 4, J. Charnock 5, S. Tuson 6. First local quarter since 1939.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Gill (first on eight) 1, Stella Hughes 2, Jill Fisher (first of Grandsire Triples) 3, J. A. Roden 4, C. Wallater 5, G. W. Hughes 6, R. Stitch (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. For patronal festival.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Coggins (first quarter) 1, L. T. Oliffe 2, E. Hill 3, F. Patrick (first 'inside') 4, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 5, A. Cornish 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. T. Peace, late churchwarden.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Looker 1, R. Moore 2, L. B. Parris 3, T. W. Look 4, R. J. Fox 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, D. Corry (first quarter) 8.

OUTINGS

BARKING, SUFFOLK

On September 22nd, a band of ringers from Barking had an outing into the Sudbury district. Ringing friends, who joined the party at various places along the route, came from Sudbury, Clare, Ixworth and Hartest. The towers visited were Foxearth, Pentlow, Cavendish, Kedington, Stoke-by-Clare and Clare. Methods ranged from Bob Doubles to London Minor and Cambridge Major. The party tender sincere thanks to the incumbents, Messrs. Sam Twitchett, Archie Fitch and Miss Rosemary Seabrook, for their help; also Mrs. Seabrook for providing the tea.

A. E. J. L.

FAREHAM

Fareham ringers spent September 15th very happily on the Isle of Wight, crossing on the 8 a.m. ferry and having a 41-seater coach at their disposal on the other side, although the party only numbered 22.

The Vicar of Arreton had to be disturbed over his breakfast, to get the key of the church, and at Carisbrooke some of the party found the castle a counter-attraction to ringing. Lunch was had at Brighstone and ten minutes were lost through four of the party ordering a cooked meal.

Two local ringers joined in the ringing at Cheale, and at Niton Bill Upton and Frank Taylor rang with the party. There was some good ringing at Whitwell and also at Godshill, where Les Bailey welcomed the party.

Despite a more than ample tea, the best ringing of the day was at Brading. Methods rung ruring the day were Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

ST. JAMES', RUSHOLME

Blackpool was the venue for the annual outing of the ringers of St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, on September 22nd, and at Blackpool they were joined by three other ringing friends.

An hour's good ringing at Bispham (10½ cwt.) finished with a well-struck touch of Cambridge Major. Lunch was attacked with enthusiasm at the Savoy Hotel, and with the temperature attaining a humid zenith of 75 degrees, perspiration ran freely for the first time this summer.

Good use was made of the six at Holy Trinity for three-quarters of an hour, and the visitors were joined by an Ashton-under-Lyne ringer and his girl friend, from Swinton. The only flaw in the day was that on the return to St. John's no one seemed to expect the party, but permission was granted and the eight were heard to their best advantage in a course of Yorkshire.

After tea at the Savoy, the pleasure beach was visited, and later the magnificent illuminations were viewed in their exotic splendour.

EAST DEVON RINGERS

On the afternoon of October 4th, a party of East Devon ringers had a trip in the Witheridge area. Ringing commenced at Cruwys Morchard (6, tenor 14 cwt.), where the fifth and tenor certainly took some 'pulling off.' The recently rehung ring at Witheridge was next visited (8, 25 cwt.), and the ringing was thoroughly enjoyed by all, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, followed by a call-change 'peal of Queens' for one of the local ringers.

West Worlington (6, 9 cwt.) and Thelbridge (6, 8 cwt.) were next on the list, and the visitors were rather amused by the fireplace in the belfry of the latter tower. Poughill (6, 11 cwt.) gave us great pleasure. The last tower was Cheriton Fitzpaine (6, 15 cwt.).

SYSTON, LEICESTER

Thirty-four members of the Syston District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held their annual half-day ringing tour on October 6th. As eight towers were represented, a circular tour of the district first took place; and so to Rutland and the pleasant-toned light five at Preston, where we were welcomed by 86-years-old Mr. Stevens.

After another light five at Wing, we were met at Edith Weston by the Vicar, and the recently augmented six here were put to good use.

The country lanes between here and Empingham were successfully negotiated and the need for tea satisfied before ringing on the heaviest six of the day.

Cottesmore proved to be the best ring and the last, as on arrival at Greetham there was no one to greet us. After many enquiries we were told that a rope was broken.

In high spirits the party returned after a day of Rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Kent, Cambridge, Norwich—and, of course, 'Shepherd's Hey'! A day of Norman arches and the all-too-frequent remark, 'They're not rung very often.'

Our thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers for their help, and, of course, to Jack, who is getting most adept at finding the best way to churches tucked away in country villages!

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A set of 13 handbells has recently been given to St. Dunstan's, Stepney, bellringers by the family of Mr. Wm. Tanner, one time ringer of St. Dunstan's, and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1880, who died in 1925. The present ringers of this church are very pleased to accept this gift as an historic link with a past ringer of this church.

Mr. Eric N. Harrison is now back in civilian life after his National Service with the Royal Marines.

Previous to a quarter peal at Stoney Stanton, Leics, on October 14th, a silver rose bowl was presented to Mr. C. Roger Hayward and his bride-to-be, Miss Nancy M. Toone, as a wedding present from the local ringers.

Miss Margaret Alderman, who is this term an undergraduate at Durham University, should be an acquisition to ringing in the University. She is a member of the Ashbrittle tower and rang her first peal at the age of 14.

On hearing that St. Michael, the fourth bell at Cromhall, which has called the people to worship for over 500 years, was cracked, the late Rector not only sent a very generous donation to start a fund for its replacement, but has also sent some very lovely water colours which he painted himself to be sold towards the fund.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to provide a new steel frame and to tune the six bells (14 cwt.) of Chiseldon, Wilts. The five old bells were rehung in the ancient oak frame by Llewelyn and James (Bristol) in 1914 and a treble being added by Mears and Co. in 1937. It is interesting to note that Mr. S. C. Archer, who became leader in 1914 and introduced change-ringing, is still in that position. Seldom have these bells not been heard for Matins and Evensong throughout these years.

Is this a record for a small country church? At Tortworth, Gloucestershire, harvest festival service on October 11th, the three clergy, Rev. W. A. Peel (Rector), Rev. W. F. Burlton (Cromhall) and Rev. A. D. H. Allan (late of Cromhall), who all shared in the conducting of the service, also rang together in touches of Grandsire before robing.

Owing to an accident on practice night, the tenor in the peal at Beddington on October 13th was rung without a slider.

At the invitation of Canon O. N. Gwilliam, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a peal for Houghton-le-Spring Feast. A feature was 5,000 people hymn-singing outside St. Michael's floodlit church. This feast is 800 years old.

Many visitors to Spalding Parish Church will be sorry to learn that the captain, Mr. John G. Ames, had an accident while teaching a pupil to handle a bell. As the result of this he has lost a part of the second finger of his left hand. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Supt. Claude Rush, of Sunnyside, Castle Street, Eye, Suffolk, is raising funds for Eye Church Bells Restoration Fund by the sale of an attractive Christmas card with a photograph of Eye Parish Church. The charge, with envelopes, is 9s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

The peal at Kibworth on October 13th commemorated 50 years' connection with this tower by Fred Staniforth, and 55 years since he and Ernest Morris were together taught to ring by the latter's father, Mr. Josiah Morris, at St. Mark's, Leicester. It also celebrated the 46th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staniforth, which took place at this church on October 8th, 1910, at which ceremony Ernest Morris was 'best man'!

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FABIAN STEDMAN'S MEMORY HONOURED

THERE are still some lacunæ in the social life of our foremost University town. One of these has been troubling the admirable secretary of the Ely Diocesan Guild for some time; namely, that our ringers have been carrying out their proper duties of ringing for service, and attending practices and meetings, but making no attempt to gather for a purely social occasion, as so many other guilds and associations already do.

At last, however, our secretary has succeeded in finding an excuse for them to do so: the 325th anniversary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, sometimes called the 'Father of English Ringing,' and whose home was Cambridge, and home tower that of St. Bene't's Church. Birthdays are, of course, often celebrated every year, and already we have in mind that in 1957 we will have the 326th anniversary—not such a good round number as 325, but an equally good excuse for a dinner.

To give the series a fair start, it was assumed for convenience that Stedman's birthday fell upon September 29th, a Saturday, and a convenient time for most of us. In the afternoon of that day the bells of St. Mary-the-Great, of St. Bene't's and of the Roman Catholic Church were available; and touches of Stedman's method, in all sizes from Doubles to Cinques, were rung by a very representative selection of local, University and visiting ringers. But we also remembered that Stedman was a practical ringer, interested in all the methods of ringing of his time, and we did our best to make the selection of methods rung on September 29th representative of those of our time.

For the main business of the day, some 75 ringers, wives and friends came to the Brunswick School Hall for dinner. Beside the chairman, Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, we were glad to see Sqdn. Leader J. S. Mason, Master of the College Youths, who, in proposing a toast to Stedman's memory, gave us a brief life-story of the great man. Mr. Frank Haines proposed a toast to the Ely Association in general, and to the secretary, Mr. W. Ridgman, in particular. In his reply, Mr. Ridgman mentioned the hope that the bells of St. Andrew-the-Great would be quickly restored and returned to Cambridge by Taylors, and that the rate of income of contributions to the fund showed no shortage of confidence in the future of these bells.

FABIAN STEDMAN, 1631–1713

The facts of Stedman's life-story—even the dates of his birth and death quoted above—appear to be rather uncertain. But leaving out the qualifications, this is the life-story which Mr. Mason gave.

Stedman was born in Cambridge in 1631, and served his apprenticeship as a printer, probably also in Cambridge. In 1662 we hear of him in London, as treasurer of the Scholars of Cheapside, a ringing society which was dissolved in the same year. He joined the Society of College Youths in 1664, and we hear of him again soon afterwards, back in Cambridge, as a printer, and as the Parish Clerk of St. Bene't's.

'Tintinnalogia,' by Richard Duckworth, was produced about this time, and Stedman may have taken some part in its preparation. His own book, the 'Campanalogia,' was first published in 1677, and was printed in London. By this time Stedman was Steward of the Society of College Youths, and they probably financed the printing of his book.

He moved to London shortly after the publication of 'Campanalogia,' and probably stayed there for the rest of his life. We hear of him as Master of the College Youths in 1682 and, finally, as being employed by the Audit of Excise. He was buried in the Church of St. Andrew Undershaft, in 1713.

Fabian Stedman was clearly a practical ringer of ability, although he may not have advanced the theory of ringing as much as is nowadays supposed. The 'Campanalogia' may in fact have been little more than a reporting of what was already established ringing practice. The ringing principle which bears his name was given no more emphasis than others in his book. He may indeed have invented it, but it was rung at St. Bene't's Church by visiting members of the Society of College Youths in 1671, six years before the publication of 'Campanalogia.'

Although these facts may be true, they only show that Stedman, in common with many other great inventors, did not fully realise the value of his product at the time.

That we still value his method highly was nicely demonstrated at the close of this memorial dinner, when after some well-struck touches of Cinques, Caters and Triples, three of our ablest ringers took six handbells, and three times failed to bring Stedman's original 120 of Doubles into rounds.

The company refused to disperse, however, until this little thing had been done, and done well.

SOLIHULL'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, October 6th, was the 50th anniversary of the first peal to be rung on Solihull bells by an entirely local band. From 1894 the revived Solihull Society had been making progress, first under the tuition of Mr. William Kent, and strengthened later by the incursion of some of the (then) younger Braggs. The Society, under the leadership of Geoffrey Martineau, had adventured into peal ringing, and one Solihull man, Walter Wall, had already called a peal of Grandsire Triples. But the peal of 1906, Taylor's Six-part, was rung entirely by the Sunday men, and was conducted by Roland Bragg on his 21st birthday. Four of that band, the conductor, William Meeks, Ernest Davis and John Bragg, are still alive. Only the latter is still 'on active service,' and the tower and bells are in his care.

It was unfortunate that it was not possible to arrange a peal to celebrate the anniversary, but on October 7th the Sunday band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, R. Cann 4, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 5, J. Bragg 6, C. W. Bragg 7, T. R. Hayward (first quarter peal) 8. The ringer of the sixth was in the band of 1906.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

A COMPANY of 112, representing all branches of the Guild, sat down to dinner at Bollands, Chester, on October 6th, when the guest of honour was Rev. Canon A. J. Humphreys, Vicar of Shotwick. After dinner, the loyal toast was honoured on the call of the Master, and after a short interval, the proceedings opened with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells.

Canon Humphreys, in proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' commented on the fact that last year the Lord Bishop had been entrusted with this toast, and he asked: 'Why choose me?'. He realised that another engagement prevented the Bishop from being present, but why should he be chosen? Of course, he had been a friend of ringers ever since he came into the Chester Diocese. For 26 years he was Vicar of Norbury and he was interested to see that Norbury appeared 15 times in the annual report for 1955. Although he had a ring of bells in his present church, he had not, at present, a permanent band, and he missed the welcome sound of the bells. He was interested to see that a peal had been rung for the installation of Canon E. D. Reeman, and he claimed to have had some influence over him in regard to bells when he was one of his curates at Norbury. He was also pleased at the wedding compliment paid to himself and his wife, and thanked publicly all the band, all of whom were present.

The bells of churches, he said, were not only associated with the church but also with the life of the district. In this connection it was worth recalling that when the bells at Norbury were rehung and augmented in 1925 it was indeed a village and not a church affair. He applauded the sentiments in the report which called upon ringers to be punctual and attentive to their duties, and commented that people still loved to be called to church by the sound of the bells. He was pleased to note that the Guild was flourishing, and hoped that it would long continue to do so. He was indeed glad to be present and proud to propose the toast of 'The Guild.'

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, replied to the toast and said that they could not have found a more fitting person to propose the toast. During all the 26 years Canon Humphreys was at Norbury he was known as the friend of the ringers, and they had had evidence of his kindness since he had been at Shotwick. He had received a communication from someone who knew him well and who said that Canon Humphreys would deal with complaints about bell-ringing in his own inimitable way. But he was not only known for his interest in bell-ringers: he had carried out much work for the church. Whilst at Norbury he had had a new chancel made as well as completely restoring and augmenting the ring of bells to eight, a very fine eight, too.

He assured him that the Guild was in a flourishing condition; young people were in evidence at Branch meetings, and there was an encouraging number of first pealers. As regards the Canon's present church, he was able to tell him that Shotwick was famous for smuggling in the past, and no doubt the Vicarage cellars had in time past held other things than coal. He himself had had a fight to get a ring of bells installed in the tower because the architect had tried to insist on a chime only. Shotwick was famous for its harvest festival, and last year the Lord Bishop preached the sermon from the famous three-decker pulpit. Although the village was fast becoming modernised, it was not so long ago that the nearest telephone was three or four miles away. It was a delightful spot and well worth visiting, and ringers were always sure of a warm welcome from Canon Humphreys.

The rest of the evening was devoted to tunes on the handbells by the Donmayal Handbell Ringers of Macclesfield, and humorous songs and sketches by Messrs. Nield and Mitchell. These two gentlemen will, however, have to look to their laurels if the rendering of one verse by a gentleman member of the Guild, who shall be nameless, and another verse by a lady who is well known to many ringers, of the celebrated lyric 'Cock Robin' is any indication of hidden talent. The evening's proceedings concluded with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem at about 10.30, and the members dispersed to make plans for next year. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, formerly of Norbury.

C. H. L.

GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS AT MANCHESTER

The characteristic hospitality of the Northern members was very much in evidence when the National Guild of Police Ringers met in Manchester on September 15th for their annual meeting.

The president (P.C. R. Benson) and other members of Manchester City Police Ringers were there to greet the early arrivals from places as far distant as London, Bristol, Northampton, Leicester, Yorkshire, Kendal, Blackburn and Liverpool. Contrary to popular belief, the weather was fine and added greatly to the joy of the occasion.

Ringing had been arranged at St. John's, Miles Platting, and St. Mark's, Worsley, for the morning, where just before mid-day ringing was interrupted for the benefit of the visitors to hear the clock strike the unusual 'thirteen' at the mid-day hour. The bells of the Cathedral and the Church of the Sacred Trinity were available during the afternoon.

The business meeting was held at the Town Hall. The president, in opening the meeting, welcomed the members to Manchester and thanked them for their loyal support.

The secretary reported that during the year under review much of the activities, particularly in the form of practice meetings which had been going on more recently in the Midlands, had been curtailed, mainly by the death of the late president, Mr. Poole. This, also, was largely responsible for the absence of any peals during the year. Five new members had joined the Guild, and the deaths of Ex. Sgt. W. Dowding (Birmingham), Ex. Insp. Wiffen (Southend), Ex. Sgt. Fielding Crossley (Bradford) and Ex. P.C. Heath (Cardiff) had been reported. Membership remained about the same.

The funds of the Guild were satisfactory; expenses had been light and the year ended with a balance of £26 19s. 4½d.

The Central Council delegate, Insp. Butler, of Liverpool, expressed his regrets that owing to the exigencies of duty he had been unable to attend the Council meeting in Leicester. Ex. Sgt. C. Turner gave a brief account of the proceedings.

Ex. Supt. R. Williams then proposed the alteration to rules be taken next, as the result of that might materially alter the period of office of the elected president. This was unanimously agreed. The president, P.C. R. Benson, proposed alteration of Rule 5 be amended to read 'The president and hon. secretary-treasurer shall be elected for the year at each annual meeting.' This was seconded by Ex. P.C. J. Crawshaw (Manchester), and after much discussion it was unanimously agreed to amend the rule.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

Ex. P.S. F. Hansford (Bristol) proposed and Ex. Sgt. C. Wilmington seconded that the next annual meeting be held in Leicester. This was agreed to. Ex. P.S. F. Hansford then proposed that in view of the next meeting being in Leicester Ex. Sgt. H. G. Jenney be elected president. Mr. Jenney felt reluctant to hold office due to his advancing years, but after much encouragement he agreed and was unanimously elected president of the Guild for the year 1957.

The president congratulated Mr. Jenney upon his appointment and Ex. Supt. Williams said in view of the long association of the Guild with Leicester and the long association of Mr. Jenney with the Guild, he being one of the original founder members, he thought the choice of president was unique and the honour was long overdue. Mr. Jenney thanked members for the honour they had bestowed upon him and the kind things said of him; his heart was still with the Guild and he would endeavour to carry out the duties of president to the best of his ability.

P.C. C. Knight was re-elected hon. secretary. He had expressed a wish to relinquish the duties of secretary, but in view of the next meeting being in Leicester he was prepared to carry on another year.

Ex. Sgt. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool, was unanimously elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. Det. Sgt. Sharples, P.C. John Smith, and Special Sgt. Burgess and Special Sgt. John Halsall were elected members of the Guild.

Ex. Sgt. F. Hansford suggested that the time had arrived when the address list of members of the Guild should be reprinted and brought up to date. After discussion, this was agreed.

The president reminded the meeting that during the year four members of the Guild had passed away. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

This concluded the business meeting, and members made their way to the Town Hall, where a successful day's ringing was brought to a close.

Dinner had been arranged at the Waldorf Hotel, where over 90 members and friends partook of a first-class meal. The guests included the Dean of Manchester (the Very Rev. H. A. Jones) and Mrs. Jones. The Dean spoke of his long and happy association with ringers at Leicester and latterly at Manchester.

The dinner was followed by an excellent social evening, arranged by the president, with members of Manchester City Police. Handbell ringing was provided by Ex. P.C. W. Pye and P.C. S. Livesey and their party of youngsters. Change-ringing was provided by members of the company present, and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close with recordings collected and presented by Ex. Sgt. Hansford, of Bristol.

The president thanked members for their co-operation and everyone who had contributed towards the success of the day. This concluded an excellent day in real Lancashire fashion, and members bade farewell and wended their several ways homeward. C. H. F. K.

St. Benedict's Church, Norwich, was destroyed by the Luftwaffe. War damage payments have enabled a St. Benedict's Church to be built at Gunton housing estate, North Lowestoft. The 11 cwt. bell, cast in 1573, which hung in the Norwich St. Benedict's, is being hung in the tower of the new Lowestoft church.

HELSTON BELLS RING OUT AGAIN

On St. Michael's Day, September 29th, the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church, Helston, were rededicated by the Rural Dean, Rev. H. H. Dixon. The former ring of eight bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) was hung in 1904 in an iron cage, but the action of the salt air with strong winds caused gradual deterioration and ringing ceased in 1954.

The work of restoration was undertaken by Messrs. Taylor and Co. At the same time it was decided to install a new tenor at a total cost, with a new teak bell cage, of £1,500. After two years of waiting the work has now been completed. The new tenor is inscribed with the names of the Vicar and churchwardens, Rev. A. D. Moon and Messrs. J. S. Hendy and I. B. Truscott, and the dates 8th May, 1756—8th May, 1956. May 8th is significant as being 'Flora Day,' for which Helston is world-famous, and upon that day in the year 1756 the foundation stone of the church was laid.

The dedication service was held at 3 p.m., and after an opening hymn the clergy proceeded to the ringing chamber. The Vicar named the new tenor 'Francis,' in memory of the Earl of Godolphin of that name, who built the church. The Rural Dean then read the Collects of Dedication, after which a short peal was rung by the Helston team.

The large congregation present included the Mayor of Helston and bellringers from the churches of St. Issey, Kenwyn, St. Keverne, Landewednack, Illogan, Gwennap, Phillack, Mawgan, Cury, Ludgvan, Carbis Bay and Lostwithiel. In his sermon, the Vicar likened bell-ringing to a sport, and emphasised the importance of team work.

After the service tea was served in the Church Room for the visitors. A large iced cake, surmounted by an icing sugar bell, was given by Mrs. W. Liddicoat, and every ringer present received a portion.

The bells rang out to the delight of the listening townsfolk; and the visitors, too, were full of praise for the tone of the new ring. Regular ringing has now recommenced, and the Helston ringers, under their captain, Mr. W. C. Willey, are full of enthusiasm and very happy to be able to ring once again.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY UNDER FIRE

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Corby's letter in 'The Ringing World' and, like him, I have been rather surprised that the columns of your paper should have been used so extensively to publicise principles and standards which have not been approved or even discussed by the Central Council. Admittedly, publication in your paper does not in any way imply Central Council recognition of the views set out in these articles, but I feel that there is always the danger that publication may lead some ringers, particularly newcomers to our art, to believe that the views set forth by the College have been tacitly accepted by the Council.

Is there not at the present time a committee of the Central Council at work on the publication of notes for Instructors and Beginners?

I have a feeling that this nonsense (as Mr. Corby so aptly puts it) may have started as a result of an editorial article in 'The Irish Bell News,' and I had hoped that this article, which does not reflect any views of the Irish Association (whose official journal the paper is), had been forgotten, as I believe it was intended as a 'lark.'

If Mr. Corby goes ahead with his resolution for next year's Council, I certainly am prepared to support him.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Holywood, Co. Down.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby does not appear to realise that Mr. York-Bramble, founder of the College of Campanology, is a pioneer, although his pioneering work has been rudely described in this district as 'another of Y-B's stunts.'

I was invited, 'as an eminent ringer,' to become 'Tutor I (Hon.) and Ringer VI (Hon.)' of the College, with a place on the board of governors, subject to payment of the requisite fee (2s. 6d.). The signature of consent of my parent or guardian was not required because I was over 21!

After giving my reasons for refusing such an office I received a reply, of which the following is an extract:—

> . . . . The advancement of mankind is, of course, marked by controversy and criticism, and pioneers have to be prepared for it; but human progress would be slight indeed if such pioneers all feared "controversy and even derision," as you put it. The latter, it may be recognised, invariably stems from those whose real knowledge of the thing they deride is little or nothing, and may be ignored: but sometimes, also, alas, it comes from those whose "deeds" are limited to exclusive performances of a specialised kind, purely for their own enjoyment and/or advertisement, and who think little or nothing of the sturdy efforts of their humbler brethren.'

I can only assume that Mr. Corby, in describing the scheme as 'a piece of nonsense,' and intimating his intention of putting down a resolution for the next meeting of the Central Council, is 'one of those misguided people against whom pioneers have to be prepared.'—

Southampton. C. H. KIPPIN.

CORRECTION TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have discovered an error in the report of a peal in 45 methods at Gosport on September 16th that you published recently. In writing out the report I omitted Crayford Little Court and Little Bob in extents 4 and 5 respectively. Will you please draw attention to this error before the truth of the peal is doubted. —Yours faithfully, ROGER BALDWIN.

Portsmouth.

TO PRODUCE GOOD INSTRUCTORS

Dear Sir,—Are we to gather from Mr. Corby's letter that new ideas in the Exercise should only come from the Central Council? Is this inference due to the fact that the formation and launching of the College of Campanology has come from one who is not a member of the Central Council?

In my opinion this idea should have the support of the Exercise, as the main object is not to produce good ringers but rather good instructors. All of us too often see the results of poor initial instruction and have been tempted to formulate an idea to avoid them. Strangely enough, no college or manual will make us all good tutors; teaching is a gift and cannot be manufactured. Surely this 'college' is only a broader idea of the weekend course held by the Essex Association, and that event has not been frowned upon.

Mr. Corby's main grievance would appear to be that he finds the reading of the manual a little tedious; but then, is there a manual that is not? Personally, I am amazed at the detail it contains, and whether we like it or not it has provided something to talk about.—Yours sincerely, L. BAILEY.

Godshill, Isle of Wight.

CUMBERLAND TOUR AND FURNESS DISTRICT PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry the Furness and Lake District members feel aggrieved because the Kendal and Dalton peals of Surprise Royal were recorded for the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association. Frankly, I fail to see the reason, as the Lancashire Association must have dozens, if not hundreds, of similar peals to their credit. It seems rather uncharitable to begrudge a neighbouring association their first peals of Royal, when they do not possess a 10-bell tower of their own.

We always try to record all peals for the Association or Guild to which the tower belongs, but felt that these two peals could be an exception. The reason was not one of wishing to avoid paying another subscription, as some people may imagine. A nucleus of the band are members of the Lancashire Association, and the rest would willingly have joined.

During a recent tour, it was necessary for some of the party to pay three different life membership subscriptions in one week; so I hope the Furness Branch will not brand us as one of those bands who travel into other counties and then record the peal for their own association.—Yours sincerely,

London. WILFRED WILLIAMS.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. & MRS. A. TOUT

Dear Sir,—In last week's 'Ringing World' I was pleased to see that a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by our old friend Claud Tarr, was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tout. Mr. Tout came to Milverton about 1911 as stationmaster at Milverton. Previous to this he had never done any method ringing. He rang his first peal at Bishops Lydeard, conducted by Mr. R. Scott, and the following Saturday at Wiveliscombe, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox. His only peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 1914, and he is the only ringer of the band living. Mr. Tout has done a lot of spade-work during his ringing career. He rang many peals of Grandsire Doubles, and conducted most of them. I had the pleasure to be in the peal of Grandsire Triples which he conducted at Milverton. Mr. Tout's peals number about 47.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

St. Paul's, Melbourne, Reunion

There are quite a number of people living in Britain, either permanently or temporarily, who have rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and are members of that Society. It has long been hoped that enough of them could be brought together to renew acquaintances, swap yarns and, if possible, ring a peal together.

At last this was brought about on October 13th, and as well as spending all too short a time chatting about ringers and ringing 'down under,' a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung for the Society at St. Stephen's, Bristol. In the band there were only two real Australian ringers—Phil Cooper, from Adelaide, and Allan Bennett, from Melbourne—but half the band have been regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral for some years.

Unfortunately, Florence Brown, who learnt to ring in Melbourne and is at present in London, was unable to stand in at the last minute because of illness, but fortunately Fred Savage was able to deputise.

After the peal, the band heard a recent recording of St. Paul's bells, whilst they had some well-earned refreshments. This is not the first time a peal for the Society has been rung in England; some of those who visited Australia in 1934 rang a peal of Kent Royal at St. Clement Danes' in 1935. P. M. J. G.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Shirley on October 6th. An encouraging feature of the ringing was the presence of a large number of young ringers, who took advantage of the opportunities given them for practice on the light eight (tenor 6¼ cwt.).

Mr. W. J. Roper, of Harborne, was made a full ringing member, and the tower elections of the following were duly ratified: Messrs. J. D. Painter (Cambridge), C. W. Woolley (Bushey Heath), F. B. Cookson (Stourbridge), P. W. Webb (Stourbridge), G. R. Parker (Lincoln), J. P. Hunt (Shirley), K. R. Foot (Shirley).

It was formally proposed and agreed that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner be held at the Imperial Hotel on March 2nd, 1957. The next meeting, being the annual, will be held in the city on January 5th.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The autumn meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Tutbury, near Burton-on-Trent, on October 13th. The ancient and beautiful Church of St. Mary, which adjoins the Castle, is situated on a hill overlooking the town and the pleasant countryside around. The squat tower of the church contains a good ring of six bells. The meeting, which was favoured with lovely weather, attracted an attendance of 62, this figure including a large proportion of young ringers.

Rev. H. C. Tunnadine (Vicar) conducted the service and gave the address.

A nice tea was served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Tunnadine and a willing band of lady helpers. Following tea, thanks were duly expressed to all concerned in making the meeting so enjoyable.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. George Hughes, Ringing Master.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Sedgley on January 5th.

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION IX. (Lesson 7)

RAISING AND LOWERING (Silenced)

117. **Organisation.**—This is the last session of 'silent' work in the Course, there being three others of 'open' ringing. The object of this exercise is not only to give the student fuller control of his bell (for example, to enable him to raise it again if it drops for any reason), but also to promote greater confidence in his ringing action, especially when he encounters strange bells. For this session very heavy bells should not be used, obviously; but since all students reaching this stage can handle a bell reliably, as many bells may be silenced as can be handled efficiently by the students, and for each of which a capable ringer (apart from the Tutor in charge) can be in attendance. By this means as many as, perhaps, six can be practising the work simultaneously, and by concentrating on the procedure as laid down, students should learn the work of raising and lowering (solo) in this one session. Raising and lowering 'in peal' must be practised 'one at a time' with an experienced band, preferably on the practice night. (Q T)

118.—**Analysis of the Process.** (S) A bell, normally hanging mouth downwards, is too heavy to be swung through an angle of more than a few degrees at one pull, by even a moderately heavy adult, for the simple reason that the bell is the heavier. But, due to the build-up effect of the repeated pulls as the bell continues to swing, the arc of travel is increased until the angle of swing reaches 360° either way. Since the ringer has to retain control solely by means of a rope passing round a wheel, and this wheel must be of large enough size to give a good leverage in the pulls and checks, a longish length of rope is unavoidable. But at the start of the raising, when the swings are small, this full length of rope is not called into use. To prevent the unrequired length getting in the way, or being flicked about, it is coiled up and held in the lower hand in such a way that, as more of it is required with the increase of the swings, it can be paid out a little at a time. As each coil in turn grows less with the paying-out, and is finally slipped from the hand, the next coil is drawn upon; and so on until the last coil is slipped off. The Tutor now demonstrates the preliminary coil-up, and the raising of the bell, with the paying out of the coils until the bell is fully raised. Emphasis is laid on the following points: (a) The 'chiming check' at the start; (b) Truly vertical pulling; (c) Absence of check (except for control) as checkstrokes develop; (d) Fullest possible length of pull, both ways, as the pullstrokes develop; (e) No undue haste to get the bell up; (f) Sally to be steadied with the upper hand the moment it passes 'full dip' position; (g) Caution in the pulling force exerted as the bell nears the raised condition.

Tutor now sets the bell and explains and shows that lowering is the reverse action; the bell being pulled off and checked at each checkstroke, with no pulling on the pullstrokes except to keep a tight rope and to maintain the beat when lowering 'in peal.' As the swings decrease and the excess rope develops, it has to be taken up by coils, formed a little at a time. This is effected by a 'pick-up' action of finger and thumb of the lower hand until the coil has become too large for the up-and-down motion (flipping about). This largish coil is then 'doubled' into two smaller ones. The second or 'outer' of these two smaller coils is then developed by the finger and thumb action again, until it, in turn, is large enough to be 'doubled.' The doubling action is performed by the upper and, which is otherwise occupied in 'steadying' the sally. (D) Tutor is now demonstrating this as he lowers the bell, with the coiling-up action continuing until the bell is down to the chiming condition, and the rope from end to sally remains coiled in the lower hand, NOT dropped on the floor, while chiming continues. (See Article 47.) (Q)

119. **Dummy Raising Practice. (Motions only.) (Ex. 42.)** Tutor and students now 'take position' at the ropes and, Tutor demonstrating, on the order 'Untie ropes and coil up!' they take the rope-end in the lower hand and coil it three or four times according to length of rope. The last coil will include a bit of the sally, all coils being in the lower hand and held to the sally, with the upper hand just above the lower, gripping the sally. On the word 'One,' the sally is released and the hands, keeping together, slide down the rope until the lower hand has allowed the last-gathered coil to tighten round it. On the word 'Two,' the hands are raised again to sally height. On 'Three' the upper hand grips the rope while the lower hand slips off the tightened coil. This sequence of three movements is now repeated, but with this slight difference: As the lower hand descends on 'One,' the upper hand holds up the rope until the coil has tightened round the lower, then joins the lower for movement 'Two,' and so on. The appropriate motions are repeated, until all coils are released and the hands rise with only the rope-end held in them, when they grip the sally and stop there. This represents the bell raised and set. (Q)

120. **Dummy Lowering Practice. (Motions only.) (Ex. 43.)** Position is taken and ropes untied, as in Ex. 42, the rope-end being taken in the lower hand and the sally gripped by both as when ready to pull off a raised bell at hand. On the word 'One!' the hands separate from the sally and as they descend the rope-end is eased through the lower hand grip by its finger-and-thumb movement ('gathered'). The upper hand now grips rope above lower hand in the latter's new position. On 'Two!' the hands rise to sally height. (In actual 'live' lowering this is the stroke with the 'extra check' which works to control the rate of 'fall.') These two orders and movements are repeated (say, four times in all) until the 'gathered' rope-end is dangling some 12 in. below the lower hand. As the hands rise on this (4th) 'Two!' the upper hand retains a tight grip, while the lower hand slips down the gathered part to the end of it. Now, on the next 'One!' as the hands descend, the lower one loops the end of the rope up to a grip-point just below the upper hand. Both hands are now ready for a check again, as they rise on 'Two!'. This description seems lengthy, but it is necessarily so for the detail, but is followed quite well after the Tutor's original demonstration. So, to take stock at this point—the student has paused with hands raised, holding the first loop, which has been gathered in about five pairs of 'One!—Two!'. (Q)

121. **Lowering Motions—continued. (Ex. 43 continued.)** The sequence is now repeated and continued until all the rope is gathered into loops (about four), i.e., as far as the lower part of the sally. When Tutor sees all bells to have reached this stage, he gives the order, 'All bells—Chiming!', and each student initiates chiming action (silent, of course) with his rope in due sequence with the others. (This is quite practicable, since all bells were stationary when the order was given.) (Q)

122. **Chiming Finish to Lowering. (Ex. 44.)** When the ropes are seen to be chiming in order (more or less), the Tutor will make comment on faults in checking and attend to each individually, showing that the checkstroke is just as important as the pullstroke, as in full ringing practice, though, of course, in a different sense. The aim is to make the bell sound with the minimum of swing, and though this is not practicable with bells silenced, of course, yet it should be pointed out at this stage, and kept in mind to be practised after 'live' lowerings. (Q) When ready to stop the Tutor calls 'Last three pulls—One, Two, Three—Miss!—Catch!'. This order is fairly self-explanatory: after the third pull the rope is allowed one 'free' swing, i.e., to rise and fall without pull or check on the rope, and is then fully checked on the next rise, to make the last sound (when 'open') as the bell stops. If the bell is properly checked down in the final chiming, there will be little or no rope movement (bell-swing) after the final 'Catch!'. But if there is any appreciable movement this must be gently checked, so as not to cause any further sound (when the bell is 'open'). The reason for stopping all movement is that there shall be no cause of damage to the clock hammers as they are put 'on' again, after the ringing. (Q)

123. **Bell Raising (Silent). (Ex. 45.)** Actual 'live' raising is now practised, there being an assistant or experienced ringer with each student independently, while the Tutor-in-charge keeps overall watch and check. The actions, as in the dummy practice of Ex. 42, in the main fit in with the movements of the rope as the bell swings higher; and the points, demonstrated by the Tutor and described in Article 118, are to be carefully observed and checked; especially that as to caution against overpulling when the bell is almost 'up.' When raised the bell is set at hand and the rope tied up. The Tutor makes his criticisms before the next exercise is taken, the students remaining at the ropes. (Q)

124. **Bell Lowering (Silent.) (Ex. 46.)** The same students now untie the ropes, take rope-end grip and reach up for sally grip, all as for a normal pull-off. After a few steady pulls (preferably in the rhythm of round-ringing), the assistant gives the order 'Lower Away!', and the student follows with the actions as rehearsed in the dummy practice of Ex. 43, which will be found to fit in with the movements of the rope, both hands otherwise acting as in normal ringing for the first few strokes of the lowering. As soon as the bell has begun to 'lose height,' however, the upper hand only takes the 'steadying' of the sally, while the lower continues the take-up finger-and-thumb action and the looping up. Emphasis is to be laid on the checking action 'at back' (as the loops are formed) since, when lowering 'in peal,' the closeness control essential for a good lower in peal is effected by these checks. When the bell is down to the chiming condition, each student carries on the chiming independently, since the actual lowering has not been 'in peal.' The assistant gives the order for stopping as in Ex. 44. (Q)

125. **Questions and Conclusion of 'Silent' Work.**—At the close of this session special attention should be given to questions both 'of' and 'by' the students: since the silent part of the training is now completed. Each student should be able confidently to raise, ring and lower a bell, to show in practice the distinction between the three rates of beat: (a) as in rounds, or place-making; (b) hunting up, and (c) hunting down: as well as to hunt, place-make and dodge when ringing with a small number, say four, of bells. Students are now informed that three or more lessons complete the course, but that these are on 'open' bells, and therefore will be on the local 'practice night,' for the first half-hour or so. (Unless, of course, a separate occasion is permissible.) (Q T)

(Registration. 'Open' the bells. Clock ON.)

TWO BISHOPS AT ESSEX ASSOCIATION DINNER

THE third annual dinner of the Essex Association was held in the Picture Room, Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on October 6th. The Master of the Essex Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel, acted as chairman, and the guests included the Lord Bishops of Chelmsford and Barking, the Provost of Chelmsford, Mr. and Mrs. F. Nolan Golden, and Dr. Armstrong Gibbs.

The toast 'The Church' was proposed by the Master of the Association, who said that when he thought of the Church, and in particular the Anglican Branch, throughout the world, he was filled with a sense of wonderment. The Diocese of Chelmsford, which the Essex Association covers, was a subject dear to the hearts of all present at the dinner. It wasn't an old diocese, having been founded in 1914, and there were probably people present who remembered the first Bishop. The Diocese has been faced with problems from the day it came into existence, and never were the problems so grave as those facing it at the present time.

The first Bishop, who was a man of great charm, faced the problems of weaving together a new diocese. The second Bishop, a great scholar, who did not remain at Chemsford very long, continued the process of cementing together the Church in Essex. The third Bishop, Dr. Henry Wilson, who is remembered with great affection in Essex, met and conquered many problems during his long term. His scheme, 'London-over-the-border,' found a solution for the new housing areas which came about in Essex before the second world war. The fourth and present Bishop, Dr. Faulkner Allison, who came to Chelmsford from Ridley Hall, Cambridge, has vast and intricate problems to face with the creation of the New Towns and large L.C.C. housing areas in Essex.

The Master continued that probably the ringers knew more about what was happening in the Diocese than most people. The Association holds 30 meetings a year in all parts of Essex, where all sorts of people from all walks of life meet together. It was fast becoming apparent that more interest was being found in the Church in Essex today than ever before. More clergy were coming into the Diocese; more ordinands were coming forward. The plurality of livings left a lot to be desired, but half a vicar was better than no vicar at all. The new vicarages being built in various parts of the Diocese were helping to attract men of the right calibre into the parishes.

The Master concluded by paying tribute to the great work done by the incumbents, and said that he hoped that the day was not too far distant when the income of every parish priest was at least £1,200 a year.

The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, who responded to the toast, said that it was a great pleasure for him to be present at the dinner, and thanked the Association for the invitation.

A DISTURBANCE WITH A REMINDER

The ringers, by their work, said Dr. Allison, performed a major service for the Church. The ringers invited the people to come to church and knocked their consciences. The ringers might be accused of disturbing the human race, but the disturbance was for a good cause if the people who were disturbed were reminded that there was a church and that they should be attending the church service, for which the bells were ringing.

The Bishop of Barking, proposing the toast 'The Essex Association of Change-Ringers,' informed the company that it gave him great joy to make the proposition.

The Bishop observed that since the war there had been an immense revival in change-ringing throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles. Before the war, he could remember, change-ringing was gradually dying out in some parts of the country. He was sure that the revival was due to so many young people taking an interest in the Exercise and that the prospect for the future was very bright.

The Bishop continued, that in his opinion fellowship was a good thing, and belonging to organisations like the Essex Association gave one an interest in life. A ringer could walk into any tower in the country and get a warm welcome. He knew, when in Germany as a Chaplain General, an Air Vice-Marshal's wife who was a keen ringer, and spent most of her husband's leaves in England 'tower snatching.'

The Bishop continued with a recollection of a wartime Christmas he had spent in Palestine while on sick leave from the Eighth Army. He could remember bells of Bethlehem commencing to ring after the carol service which ended at 12 midnight, and continuing until 8 o'clock next morning.

Mr. H. Turner, the Deputy Master of the Association, responded to the toast, and observed that the Essex Association was formed by churchpeople for churchpeople for church purposes. Mr. Turner continued that it was noteworthy that the Association had only had four Masters during the whole of its existence of 76 years. The Association, continued Mr. Turner, had one premier aim of seeing that every ringable ring of bells was rung at least once on Sundays for divine service.

THE EXERCISE IS FLOURISHING

The toast, 'The Exercise and Kindred Associations,' was proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant, the honorary secretary and treasurer. Mr. Gant said it was just as well to enquire into the health of the Exercise as thermometers and other applances could not be applied. In his opinion, the Exercise was in a very flourishing state and it was up to everyone to see that it continued at such a high level of activity.

The vice-president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, replied on behalf of the kindred associations. Mr. Golden prefaced his remarks by thanking the Association for inviting his wife and him to the dinner. Mr. Golden continued that he was a keen student of annual reports, and one thing was most noticeable to his mind regarding the Essex Association. There were so many young people ringing in peals and quarter peals, Mr. Golden continued; you have a splendid Association, you have wonderful leaders, the rank and file is extraordinary. You mustn't become despondent because one tower falls out. This must be expected. The Exercise has been full of ups-and-downs.

THE GUESTS

The Provost of Chelmsford proposed the toast, 'The Guests and Artistes,' and Dr. Armstrong Gibbs replied.

During the evening the company were entertained by Mrs. Horsnell (soprano), Mr. David Smith (raconteur), and songs by the Danbury Ringers, with Dr. Armstrong Gibbs at the piano.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Close on 30 members were present at the North Norfolk Branch meeting at Mattishall on October 6th. Mr. G. Sayer, Branch Ringing Master, saw that the bells were kept going, and ringing ranged from Rounds to Cambridge Minor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Geddes), assisted by the president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston); the Vicar also played the organ.

Tea was very kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, of Mattishall, after which the business meeting followed. Mr. A. Bason, Branch chairman, presided, supported by the president.

Four non-resident life members elected prior to a peal at St. Peter Mancroft on May 21st, were ratified, viz.: Messrs. F. R. Scott (Slough), W. H. Coles (Hayes), A. E. Hartley (Thorner, Yorks) and J. W. Haw (Peterborough). Miss J. Moore (Aylsham) was elected a ringing member; Mrs A. E. Dixon, Herbert J. Larwood and Peter J. Woodcock, all of Shipdham, were re-elected ringing members.

The chairman expressed thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, the Rev. D. F. J. Rutt for the use of Yaxham bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Moore for supplying a lovely tea, and the lady helpers.

The annual branch meeting will be at Wymondham on January 12th. Mr. H. Tooke said a number of peal attempts had been arranged during 1957, at the Abbey Church, and issued an invitation to the Northern Branch to make its attempt on Saturday, October 5th. Members wishing to take part should send names to the Branch secretary. If necessary, the Branch committee would pick the band. C. B.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN NETLEY

The death occurred on October 9th at Arundel, Sussex, of Mr. John ('Jack') Netley, aged 88.

Mr. Netley joined the Sussex County Association on March 30th, 1895, and his first peal for the Association was rung at Horsham on May 14th, 1895. He rang several non-association peals, and his total was approximately 80.

He engendered much respect in the Western Division of the County Association and introduced many ringers to membership. He rendered much assistance to building up a new band at Arundel when the bells were rehung in 1950, despite his advanced age and the climb to the belfry. In latter years, however, his greater interest was directed towards the church and ringing at Lyminster, which he served well, and where his funeral took place on October 12th, the anniversary of his wedding day at the same church.

Mr. Netley served the community in other voluntary organisations, especially in the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Fire Service.

Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Netley, who did so much to encourage the enthusiasm in the art of her late husband.

MR. GEORGE LUFF

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Luff, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, which occurred on October 13th at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, at the age of 80. He was a ringer and chorister for a great number of years and took part in peals in the days of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place at Chiddingfold Parish Church on October 17th, the Rector (the Rev. M. Bruce) officiating. Handbells were rung at the graveside by Mrs. P. Fuller and Mr. R. Cooper (Chiddingfold) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden (Haslemere). In the evening half-muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, ringers from Haslemere assisting the local band. So passes almost the last of the old company of Chiddingfold ringers, all of whom are sadly missed. F. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Truro Branch held their autumn meeting at Perran-ar-Worthal on October 6th. Ringing was started at 2.30 p.m. by Perran-ar-Worthal ringers, and before tea several methods had been rung. A very good attendance of 88 members was there, including visitors from the Penzance Branch. Among them were very many young ringers, the youngest being Graham Dunstan, aged 10, of St. Kea.

The church was nicely decorated for the harvest thanksgiving, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Jose, the address being given by the Rev. Mr. Dodds, of Veryan. Tea was provided by the ladies and churchworkers.

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. Docking) the president of the Guild (Mr. A. Carveth) took the chair for the business meeting. Mr. B. Parkin was elected chairman for the coming year, and Mr. C. W. Jose was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

In the evening the ringers parted into their respective bands to ring at nearby towers. Handbell ringing took place in the schoolroom, methods as well as many hymns being rung. To finish off the day a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, with one of the oldest ringers there, Mr. W. Teague, taking the tenor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Simms (first in method) 1, W Butler 2, C. Burton 3, J. Warner 4, A. R. Syder 5, T. Earl (cond.) 6, E. Bright 7, H. Dorkin (first in method) 8. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. C. Turner 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, M. Edmonds 6, D. W. Davies 7, H. Preece 8. For harvest festival.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, R. Baker 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Picken 1, F. Benfield 2, S. Earl 3, J. Felce 4, J. Payne 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent Treble Bob, 720 combined Plain Bob and St. Clement's): R. Bush 1, R. Spencer 2, T. Bush 3, L. Bush 4, T. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Reed 6. For harvest festival.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, Ruth Morgan 2, J. W. Haw 3, G. S. Bush 4, H. Goakes 5, W. Barker 6, J. H. Bluff 7, F. Boyall 8. In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stopford as Bishop of Peterborough.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. C. Turner 1, J. Hale 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, C. A. Gerrish 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6. For harvest festival.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury, three extents Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss J Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, E. J. Rowe 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, L. Green 6. Also on Sept. 30th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (600 York and 720 Cambridge): M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First in two Surprise methods by all except conductor. Rung by Sunday service band.

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WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,320 Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: E. Rudkin 1, D. J. Edmonds (aged 11) 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, P Amos (cond.) 4, T. L. Pendred 5. First quarter of Canterbury for all except the conductor. For the harvest festival and to mark the enthronement of Dr. Robert Stopford to the See of Peterborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Cropredy on October 13th. The attendance was affected, apparently, by the fine, sunny weather which must have kept a number of members in their gardens, but between 30 and 40 were present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. T. Bennett, who subsequently took the chair at the business meeting in the unavoidable absence of the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. O. Moreton.

It was agreed to restart the monthly practice meetings, and the first was fixed for Bloxham on November 17th, and the second for Deddington on December 15th, starting at 5 p.m. It is hoped that these practices will bring together those members who are anxious to learn higher methods. It was also agreed to held the next meeting on January 12th at Bloxham.

Members stood in silence for a few moments in memory of Mr. E. C. Pearson, late hon. secretary of the Branch, who had passed away since the last meeting.

An excellent tea was prepared and served by the ladies from Cropredy, and this was much appreciated.

The bells were kept going before the service and after the business meeting, under the direction of the new Branch Ringing Master, Mr. E. E. Pearson, in various methods from Rounds to Surprise, to suit all tastes.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, West Hallam, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Brown, 37, Newdigate Road, West Hallam. Trent bus 25 or 26.—V. M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 9117

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Banstead, Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in bowls pavilion afterwards. Names for tea to H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, will be appreciated by the ladies. 9076

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Oct. 27th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9106

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Codicote, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Beverley.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9107

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Association Dinner at the Corn Exchange, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing: St. Mary's, Chatham, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; Rochester Cathedral, 5.15 to 6.15 p.m.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, 420, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 9130

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Branch.—Meeting at Enstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 9104

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Practice, Slough (10), Oct. 27th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. only for those names received. — Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9143

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tea 5 p.m.—K. C. Knight, Hon. Div. Sec. 9089

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9137

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice. Bletchingley, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31st. 9123

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—319th anniversary dinner, Bridge House Restaurant. London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 9009

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY. — Special general meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's. Bells (13) from 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Everyone invited.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 9159

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea to Miss P. Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. No names no tea. 9154

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne Hastings on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 31st, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 9151

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 9139

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-West District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (North-East District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Walthamstow, St. Mary's. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Saviour's (8), Markhouse Road, E.17, will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Rumens, 32, Woodstock Road, E.17. 9135

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Oxhey (8). Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 9157

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 29th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Special meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 3 p.m., when we shall be honoured with a visit from our new president, Mrs. K. Lock. I hope each member will make every effort to attend. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea to Mr. S. Dobbie, 4, Caldew Grove, Sittingbourne. —Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9073

LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District) and SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting at Sheffield on Nov. 3rd. Cathedral (12) 2.30–5 p.m., St. Marie's (8) 2.30–7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Marie's room. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hurst, 23, Carver Street, Sheffield 1. 9146

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. Meeting at Rishton, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 9170

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Hornby (8) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to T. Fisher, 19, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9169

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Ormskirk, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 to 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea Cafes nearby. Christ Church, Aughton (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. 9155

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea must reach me before Tuesday previous at 117, Church Lane, Anstey.—W. A. Lacey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9174

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Rippingale (6), on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 30th, to the Rev. D. L. Scott, The Rectory, Rippingale, near Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9153

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Netherseale on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. 9140

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing and committee meeting at Bucknall on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 31st, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. Committee meeting 4 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9171

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Old Wolverton, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) 5 pm. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 9160

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Middleton Cheney, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous. No names no tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9121

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Clipston, Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 9161

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Warminster (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9164

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Daybrook (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. P. E. Ball, 9, Nelson Road, Daybrook.—C. W. Towers. 9112

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley, Sussex. 9158

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The 19th annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at 5.45 p.m. Ample seating accommodation. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 3.30 to Evensong; All Saints' (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, available up to Tuesday, Oct. 30th, from any member of Dinner Committee, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 9102

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Northowram (8) on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. Names for tea by Nov. 8th, please, to Mr. W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram, Halifax. 9173

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Nov. 7th, please, to Mr. W. Downs, St. Michael's Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken. 9163

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Marshfield, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names, please, for tea.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 9149

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pulham Market, Norfolk.—Mr. A. R. Todd, of The Hall, Pulham Market, invites ringers in Norfolk and Suffolk as his guests to tea in the Parish Hall, Pulham Market, on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 5 p.m. The eight bells of the Parish Church available afternoon and evening. Names for tea by Nov. 5th to Mr. A. Roope, Church Croft, Station Road, Pulham Market, Diss, Norfolk. 9162

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 8th, to be sent to Mr. F. Crewe, 150, Wrexham Road, Whitchurch. 9167

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Kingswood (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to Mr. G. Clark, 1, Copley Way, Tadworth. 9124

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Nomination meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at Wandsworth. Holy Trinity bells 3 to 4.15 p.m., followed by service there. Tea in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names by previous Monday to Mr. L. H. Ford, of 40, Tonsley Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18, please. All Saints' bells after.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9152

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Annual dinner, Saracen's Head Hotel, Gloucester, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from R. G. Corby, c/o County Surveyor's Department, Quay Street, Gloucester. 9150

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Rededication.—The rededication of the ten bells, seven having been recast by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Further details later. 9156

THE LADIES' GUILD

The meeting of the South Wales District, held at Usk on October 13th, proved most successful, and some 45 ringers attended to enjoy this fine ring of bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who warmly welcomed the Guild and gave an interesting address.

A delightful tea was prepared in a nearby hall by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Luff, Mrs. Kear and Miss Hobbs. These ladies were thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles.

The vice-president, Mrs. C. Coles, thanked the Vicar for his kind welcome and Mr. Lionel Jones for contributing so much to the success of the meeting.

After the gentlemen had returned to the tower the secretary read a letter of good wishes received from the president (Mrs. T. Lock). One new member was elected — Miss Jennifer Stephens, of Ebbw Vale. Penarth was chosen as the place of the next meeting in January.

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