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THE YORKSHIRE DINNER

A TYPICAL Yorkshire welcome awaited those who made the journey to York, the ancient and most beautiful northern city, and only those who have received such a welcome can appreciate what these words mean. The honest, forthright sincerity of our Yorkshire ringing folk is a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

Added importance to this year's proceedings was the presence of the Archbishop of York, who has permanently endeared himself to all ringers by his downright denunciation of synthetic bells, which he described as 'one of the most bogus frauds in Christendom' and, he added, 'these devices could not be introduced into churches without the faculty of a diocesan chancellor.' He said he was always glad to hear of them taking a very poor view of proposals to make these installations. Dr. Ramsey continued, 'I wish to extend and safeguard the great art of ringing in the Church.'

The Archbishop's words were very widely reported in the Northern Press, and 'The Bradford Telegraph,' in a leading article commenting on the speech, said: 'Many churchgoers who have misgivings at the modern trend to make religious observance easier on the body and soul will agree with the Archbishop. Bell-ringing is more than a mere alarm call giving warning that the service is about to begin. It is in itself an act of worship — the raising of a hymn of praise. If it is to be replaced by gramophone records *because sufficient ringers cannot be enlisted*, then it might as well be dispensed with altogether. A hooter or siren would fulfil the same purpose.' The article concluded: 'The bells must ring out again. But their song must come from the hands and hearts of men, not from the mechanical lungs of an ecclesiastical juke-box.'

Ringers everywhere will, we feel sure, appreciate what both the Archbishop and Press have said on this matter, but the situation is one which calls for continuous vigilance, and every possible obstacle must be put in the way to prevent synthetic installations. Many of our present-day evils have come about because of apathy, and the stronger our ringing organisations can be made the greater the vigilance that can be exercised. Synthetic bells can lead to synthetic music in the church, synthetic prayers, synthetic sermons and finally to synthetic congregations!

Another speaker, Canon Tardrew, referred to the power of ringers to 'make the dumb speak.' He was referring to the many silent rings there are up and down the country, and said that if these dumb bells could be made to speak it might also be possible 'to make the deaf hear.' Here is a still further challenge to us as ringers to go all out for greater recruitment, and in this connection York is leading the way with its School of Ringing at the Institute of Architectural Study. The writer was able to see very young ringers using the six bells there with an efficiency that was most impressive. One very small boy (Colin) was ringing Bob Minor like a veteran, and also giving a slightly bigger boy (Michael) some practical help in getting successfully through a touch. These boys are in the hands of capable instructors and the whole scheme is a most inspiring one, and deserves every possible help and encouragement that can be given.

Truly the Yorkshire Association is facing up to its task, and under the guidance of their most able president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, will enhance the great traditions of this Association, built on foundations laid by his great predecessors, Jasper and William Snowdon and Canon Marshall.

J. F. S.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

(C.C.C. No. 10, rearranged with 12 courses in the handstroke home position.) Tenor 42 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	THOMAS C. LARKEY	7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
†GWENDOLYN I. HOWLETT	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	9
†THOMAS LEE	4	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	10
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5	†PERCY SWINDLEY	11
†HENRY O. BAKER	6	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 2, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
HENRY H. FEARN	4	MICHAEL G. MORTON	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	ALAN J. BROWN	7
BASIL JONES	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	8
EDWARD JENKINS	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS, President	*Treble*
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH, Past Hon. Secretary and Treasurer	2
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH, Past Master	3
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD, Past Hon. Secretary	4
REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE, Past Hon. Secretary	5
DAVID A. CARPENTER, Northern Branch Secretary	6
*HARRY WINDSOR, Southern Branch Secretary	7
J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer	8
LEONARD TREVOR, Past Branch Secretary	9
*ROBERT J. EDDEN, Master	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.
* First peal on ten bells and first attempt.
This is the first peal to be rung for the Guild by officers and past officers.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	†ARTHUR J. SMITH	6
VALERIE WILLARD	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	7
HENRY B. WHITNEY	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	8
*JUNE GLADMAN	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal on ten bells and first attempt for a peal of Royal. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. The first peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 26, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	*FRANK RAYMENT	5
M. VIVIEN COPPING	2	ERIC BALDWIN	6
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	3	†E. MARTIN FIELDEN	7
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First in the method. † First of Surprise 'inside.'
Rung to honour the 85th birthday of Mr. William Clark, of the local company.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 29, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	*F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST.- MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Sept. 30, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*PAUL W. WEBB	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
†DIANA J. PERRINS	2	F. BRIAN COOKSON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First of Superlative.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*KATHLEEN APPS	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
MRS. S. M. DOBBIE	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	†WILLIAM ROGERS	7
BERNARD V. COLLISON	4	†WALTER H. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a 91st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Bishop, sen., who has been a ringer at this church for 73 years.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 1, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
MICHAEL G. MORTON	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	PETER BORDER	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Oct. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
PETER BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,880 changes of Cambridge and 2,208 of Superlative, 132 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	5
GEORGE P. ADAMS	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
JOE E. G. ROAST	3	*BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 300th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all and on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Superlative.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

ALEXANDER E. MARSH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
*VERNON BOTTOMLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Bristol on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*MALCOLM F. COWLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conduced by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise.

BARNES, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DOREEN A. DEVERELL	*Treble*	LEWIS J. BATLEY	5
†NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	2	†SQUIRE CROFT	6
*JEAN I. SCRUTTON	3	‡FRANK R. L. BLEWER	7
JAMES A. HALES	4	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Hales.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDERICK KINCHIN	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. SHOREY	5
WILLIAM H. MALE	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
CLARENCE R. STEED	3	FRED C. LYNE	7
HAROLD HUXLEY	4	FRANCIS POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
A birthday compliment to Fred C. Lyne.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

*ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH	*Treble*	GEORGE E. OLIVER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

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BUCKINGHAM.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 BUCKINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

FREDERICK VICKERS	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	5
KENNETH A. ROE	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON.. ..	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	7
T. EDWARD HARROLD ..	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.
First peal in the method for all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	5
*RONALD W. PANKHURST..	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	3	EDWARD J. JENNER	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	†ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 25th peal. † 250th peal. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. S. J. N. Henderson, who was inducted to the living the previous Tuesday.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ..	*Treble*	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING ..	2	JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	6
MICHAEL SOLLEY	3	REGINALD R. DARCH.. ..	7
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	4	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER KINDRED.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD B. SMITH	*Treble*	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
*MARIAN H. MILLS	2	ROY K. DUESBURY	6
†MICHAEL A. MILLS.. ..	3	*DAVID E. WEST	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN E. COOK	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH.. ..	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Southwell, Notts.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

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

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* 75th peal of London Major. † 700th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 8, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ..	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. S. Winter to Miss E. M. Wright, which preceded this peal.

BAWTRY, YORKSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being a 720 each of Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALBERT HULLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
†ALEC WILSON	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
*FREDA ROBINSON	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'
Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

EAST KEAL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

G. LEONARD THOMPSON ..	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM..	4
ERNEST BRITTAIN	2	*HAROLD GIBSON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	*ALBERT DUNK	4
*TERENCE BARTON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
†RALPH BIRD	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † 350th peal.

UPPER DEAN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 13, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one Morris's 240, ten different extents and 15 different 240's.
Tenor 11 cwt.

BRYAN S. COPE	*Treble*	JOHN B. LONG	3
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.. ..	2	PETER J. SHIPTON	4
BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First peal on the bells.
Mr. P. I. Chapman has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 16, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

SYLVIA STREATER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY LEE	4
JEAN EGERTON	2	ERNEST TREAGUS..	5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS ..	3	JUNE M. CLEMENTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Netley, member of the Sussex County Association, 1895–1956.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 17, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, as follows: (1) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Primrose, 72 Bourne and 72 Hull, with 26 changes of method; (2) London; (3) Wells; (4) York; (5) Beverley; (6) Surfleet; (7) Norwich. Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Minor in 12 methods by all the band. The conductor's 250th peal.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 19, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne, York and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	JOHN HALL	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	JACK BRAY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the conductor.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

FRANK H. BEENEY	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	GEORGE BEENEY	5
KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

A birthday compliment to Miss Laura Beeney, and a third birthday compliment to Philip, grandson of the conductor.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD C. BURNS	*Treble*	TERENCE BARTON	4
ALBERT J. DUNK	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RALPH MOORE	*Treble*	ALLAN R. JONES	4
*BERT JOHNSON	2	FRED BENFIELD	5
*FREDERICK J. ATTEWELL	3	BERNARD E. FROST	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD E. FROST.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Mark Meynell, after his institution and induction this day as Rector of Cogenhoe.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	3
*RALPH BIRD	2	DEREK P. JONES	4
*†PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † 100th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Mr. Ralph Bird has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 WARKWORTH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ALBERT C. WENBAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
PHYLLIS M. PAYNE	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

The first peal in the method.

GREAT HASELEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHRISTINE HALL	*Treble*	THOMAS S. BOWLES	4
*MRS. F. V. BUSBY	2	A. JAMES ADAMS	5
CECIL BENNETT	3	LAURENCE BUSBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. JAMES ADAMS.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Bowles, on the birth of a daughter.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*ROBERT J. WARRILOW	*Treble*	*FREDERICK R. WIGGIN	4
PAMELA J. PEARSON	2	*ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
SHELAGH K. SEERY	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.

* First peal of Minor.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Treble*	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	4
HARRY BOYCE	2	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. WELLS	*Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	RAYMOND W. BALLS	5
LESLIE H. RISEBROW	3	WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND W. BALLS.

First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 14, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 14 in D.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	1—2	MARIE R. CROSS	5—6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	3—4	ROBIN A. HODGSON	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

CLEEVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 21, 1956, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT WOOLMER'S,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor size 15 in C.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	DAVID HOARE	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. S. Laker 1, J. H. G. Gardner 2, R. Johnson 3, R. Squire 4, D. J. Laker 5, E. H. Knapp 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, R. Stoner (first quarter) 8. Rung for the special organisation service, also for the christening of Richard Sidney Squire, son of the 4th ringer, and for the engagement of the treble ringer.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place): T. Bailey (first quarter) 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, P. Cattermole (first quarter) 4, W. Barrett (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Teresa Jones 1, G. Grant 2, Ann Fear 3, J. Phippen 4, A. L. Fear 5, K. Moon 6, E. Bray (cond.) 7, P. Saunders 8. First quarter for all except 4, 6 and 7. Rung with 1 and 3 in front for harvest festival.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. H. Wallis 1, F. H. Briscoe 2, Miss S. Duffin 3, P. G. Smith 4, A. S. Smith 5, C. J. Smith 6, N. J. Betts (first 'inside' in method) 7, B. F. Sims (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 4. For harvest festival.

BIBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire): J. Carey 1, J. Dowdeswell 2, M. Day 3, P. Bartlett 4, R. Wenban (cond.) 5, J. Price 6. For harvest festival.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Wincott 1, W. E. Burnell 2, Mrs. J. A. Tole 3, P. C. Taylor 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Allan Campden (a local ringer) and Miss Margaret England.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Plain Bob, 1,140 Grandsire): J. Mitchell 1, H. P. Schofield 2, J. Schofield 3, G. Mitchell 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5. First in two methods by Sunday service band and by 1 and 5. For harvest festival.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Spliced College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob: Mrs. M. Finlow 1, J. T. Marriott 2, Miss E. Bagshaw 3, R. Dawson 4, F. Forster 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,440 Oswald Delight: J. Bagshaw 1, J. T. Marriott 2, F. Forster 3, R. Dawson 4, Miss B. Bagshaw 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. For Confirmation service.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, G. M. Rouse 5, B. B. Dibben (cond.) 6. For evening service.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Oct. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, E. G. Webb 3, Miss V. A. Brooks (first quarter) 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter 8. A birthday compliment for Vera and Albert, twin brother and sister of the treble ringer. For Evensong.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Matthews 1, Miss P. Bathe 2, W. Wills 3, S. Duxbury 4, D. Wells (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. H. Bathe 6. First quarter for 2, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

EPPING UPLAND, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Evans 1, H. King 2, L. Cordell 3, J. McPhail 4, S. Blatch 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. For harvest festival by the North Weald Guild.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Ellison (first quarter) 1, E. Anne Charlesworth 2, Elizabeth M. Bagshaw 3, E. Ellison 4, W. A. Smith 5, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 6.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Allsop 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Langdon 5, F. J. Smallwood 6, H. Belcher 7, R. F. Deal 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Page 10.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): C. Rigby 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, G. G. Mansfield 3, C. Massingham 4, G. Shellard 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new Lord Bishop of Peerborough, and also for harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 4th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hodgson 1, Mrs. T. Cooke 2, P. Holland 3, F. Hodgson 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3 and 5.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Free (first of Minor) 1, C. Hagger 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For dedication festival. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, R. Hazell (first of Minor 'inside') 2, W. Avery 3, W. Woodward 4, C. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Free 1, R. Hazell (first of Grandsire) 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, W. Avery 6. For harvest festival.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Winch (cond.) 1, G. Peters 2, D. Astridge 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, A. S. Harris (first 'inside' in method) 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sellars 1, A. E. Chilton 2, F. W. Vernon 3, D. Simpson 4, P. N. White 5, F. G. Hooper 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, J. W. Raithby 8. For the first Sunday of Gopher.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Erin Triples: Miss C. Hall 1, C. McGuiness 2, G. S. Deas 3, T. Sewell 4, K. W. Checseman 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, R. Kirkpatrick (first quarter) 8. First in method by all except the conductor. A compliment to J. A. Ainsworth on his coming of age.

OXENDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Burdett (first quarter) 1, W. Cropley (first 'inside') 2, D. Griffin 3, C. Swann 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): H. King 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Melton 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

PARRAMATTA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Munday 1, R. Ferris (cond.) 2, Alf Cusick (Cheshire) 3, K. Stacey 4, Wm. Smith 5, T. Howell 6. For the induction service of the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Crawford).

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Oct. 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob Minor: R. Johnson 1, J. F. Wood 2, J. W. Grounds 3, A. Sharples 4, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 5, J. Thornley 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. W. Dimond 1, H. Green 2, P. D. Oldham 3, L. J. Malings 4, M. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Smart 6.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Ryall (first quarter) 1, A. Locke 2, J. C. Basher 3, F. Roberts 4, D. Burnett (cond.) 5, W. T. Thomas 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. R. Jose, and a birthday compliment to John Basher.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Keel 1, E. K. Jordan 2, T. R. Taylor 3, C. Butler 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. First quarter by 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

REDHILL, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Evangelist Church, on Oct. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, M. Soper 2, P. J. Lewis 3, D. Searcy (first in method) 4, D. C. Bowen 5, C. Ward 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubo 8. For the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lewis.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Saggers 1, C. S. Hoad 2, M. Holmes (first quarter) 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, F. E. Roberts 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Miss J. Hanning 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cooke 1, Susan Chaddock 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Miss E. Wardill 4, J. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, P. Coote 8. First of Grandsire Triples by 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sutton 1, N. Round Turner 2, L. Nice 3, G. Hunt 4, E. Nice (first as cond.) 5, R. Rose 6. For harvest festival.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. W. Debenham 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, A. R. Tysoe 3, H. G. Mason 4, C. F. Sayer 5, B. C. Johnson 6, F. J. Spicer 7, T. J. Southam 8, H. V. Frost (cond.) 9, A. E. Ewer 10. For harvest festival.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 14th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, R. Barlow 2, Shelagh K. Seery 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, F. Eley 8. For harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to John Warrilow, for many years head ringer at this church.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, H. Wittering 2, W. Brown 3, C. Stubbington 4, W. Houghton 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Luxon 8. For harvest festival.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pettiford 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, Mrs. E. Sutton 3, A. T. Collins 4, R. E. G. Luton 5, H. Austin 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, T. R. Collins 8. For children's service.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stewart 1, Marian Mills 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. W. Mills 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Stewart 1, Mrs. P. Mills 2, A. Hales 3, I. Cooper 4, P. W. Mills 5, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Faircloth 1, Mrs. R. Rouse 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. For the Deanery choir festival service.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. H. May 1, J. D. Upton 2, Miss E. A. G. Grime 3, P. J. Mayne 4, R. J. Kelland 5, W. H. Ware 6, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 7, P. Corke 8. Specially arranged for Miss E. A. G. Grime.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Highley 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, W. F. Jarvis 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Gray (first of Major and first in method) 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss J. M. Highley 3, Miss N. Hales 4, Mrs. D. Neal 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. Gray 8.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Bishop (first of Triples) 1, Edith Bassett 2, Ann Bassett 3, S. G. Ponting 4, C. Pilbeam 5, L. W. Giles 6, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 7, J. Wilcox (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Shepherd 1, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 2, M. J. Hayes 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, D. Hewitt 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, E. E. Holman 7, B. Collard 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

WHITTINGTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. B. Taylor 1, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 2, M. S. Hart 3, Miss G. Hawkins 4, C. G. Pickavance 5, W. A. Smith 6. Believed to be the first 1,260 of Grandsire on the bells. Rung on the 10th wedding anniversary and birthday compliment to Kathleen (Faversham, Kent), the elder daughter of the conductor.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Spavins (aged 12) 1, H. D. Harris (aged 82) 2, P. Newing 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Valerie Willard (cond.) 5, S. Ivin 6, K. G. Spavins 7, B. Grainger 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. For harvest festival.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Double Court: Miss R. A. Gower 1, E. S. Ruck 2, R. J. Carlton 3, L. C. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For early celebration. Also 1,320 Plain Bob and Double Bob Minor Spliced: Miss P. Lowes 1, E. S. Ruck 2, Miss R. E. Gower (first of Spliced) 3, C. T. Hillis 4, L. Pope 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Pope 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6. For Evensong. All for harvest festival.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Warm sunny weather has favoured the last two meetings of the North Staffordshire Association at Uttoxeter and Eccleshall on September 22nd and October 13th.

As usual the meeting at Uttoxeter was arranged for the Patronal Festival coinciding, incidentally, with the local fair and races. The meeting was well attended and the ringing was particularly rewarding. A high standard of striking has always been expected and obtained on these fine bells; this was no exception, and ringing in many Surprise Major methods was heard. A course of Leek Major was eventually brought round—after it was found that half the band, in writing out the principle, had begun the course at the wrong whole pull!

The meeting at Eccleshall, re-affiliated in 1955, was the first official visit of the Association for very many years and was also a most enjoyable occasion. Eccleshall itself is a delightfully unspoiled country town, attractive under any circumstances, with a fine, spacious church, well-proportioned tower and a ring of six, rehung in 1954, and soon to be augmented to eight. The sound of the bells is particularly welcomed by the parishioners and townspeople, whose interest has helped so much to maintain this ring. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Tetley), who presided at an excellent tea provided in the Memorial Hall by the wives and friends of the local ringers.

During the short business session after tea the congratulations of the Association were extended to the Sunday service band of Norton-le-Moors, who successfully brought round a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major—the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells—on the previous Saturday.

JOINT MEETING AT BOWDON

A joint meeting of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the North-Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bowdon on Sept. 29th. The bells were in good use from early in the afternoon until the service in church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon D. P. Low), who also gave the address. In order to avoid clashing with the Guild business meeting the ladies held their business meeting in the vestry before the service.

After the service some 80 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal as the guests of an anonymous friend and the local ringers. The business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Vicar, was of a routine nature. Visitors from the Chester, Crewe and other Branches of the Guild and from neighbouring Associations were present and the presence of the Guild general secretary, the Rev. John Kingdon, was greatly appreciated. Ringing was enjoyed until a very late hour and ranged from rounds and call changes to Spliced Surprise Major.

C. K. L.

BEGINNER'S PLAIN BOB

Mr Alex Waddington has produced another of his handy little books, 'Beginner's Plain Bob,' setting out in simple language Bob Minimus, Plain Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Bob Triples and Bob Major. Like all Mr. Waddington's work it is a one-man venture, the setting, printing and binding work being undertaken by him in a very creditable manner. 'Beginner's Plain Bob' is obtainable from the Peregrine Press, Egerton, Kent (price 1s. 9d. post free).

CONSECRATION AT LITTLE CHART

On St. Michael's Day the newly-built church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Little Chart, was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This was a great day for the parish, and the bells played their gay part in the rejoicing as once more the village has its House of God after the destruction of its 15th century church by one of Hitler's flying bombs.

The new church, of pleasant brick with Bath stone mullions and cornices, blends in a friendly way with the walls and tall trees of the corner of the old Surrenden Park in which it is situated.

The nucleus of the pre-war band of ringers, under the energetic leadership of Mr. J. Batchelor, has been strengthened by a new batch of young ringers. For months they have practised assiduously at Egerton, Charing and Harrietsham, and lately on their own lashed, silent bells.

The dedicatory rounds during the service were rung by some of the local band not otherwise taking a major role in it, and then afterwards all the local ringers took turns on the open bells. Then followed a 120 of Grandsire Doubles by an Egerton band, and many touches in which everyone present could take part. Stedman, Single Oxford, Bob Minor, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise were included in the methods rung.

It was not until 9.30 that the bells were lowered in peal and the visitors departed with pleasant thoughts of this bright new church, its beautiful light ring of Taylor bells, and the happy enthusiasm of the ringers planning to ring their bells for three services on the following day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Patricia M. Bourn, Master of the Bristol University Society, has just celebrated her 21st birthday. Her Bristol ringing friends and members of the Bristol University Society congratulate her on becoming of age and wish her every success in her ringing and academic careers.

The local band at Willesborough, Kent, have completed so far this year 100,000 changes for service ringing.

Correction.—It was Enford and not Exford ringers who rang their first peal together. (See page 665.)

With deep regret we announce the death of Mr. Ernest James Taylor, of Tiverton, hon. secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The funeral was at Tiverton last Monday.

Sixteen members of the Sunday service band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, London, have this year rung quarter peals in their tower in more than 35 methods.

Four mistresses and eight girls at Queen Margaret's School, Escrick Park, have been trained to handle a bell by one of the ringers from York Minster. On Sunday evening of October 21st the bells of Escrick Parish Church were rung by them for evening service, for the first time in six years. We await the first quarter from Queen Margaret's School.

In the peal at Warwick on October 13th it was obviously impossible to include all past officers of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, so the band who rang the peal would like to associate the following past officers: Adolphus Roberts, W. A. Stote, A. Hinde, W. Collett, T. Adams, J. A. Fenton, T. Sheppard and the Rev. Carew Cox. Before the start of the peal it was decided to light the gas as well as the electric light. It was discovered that the band were all non-smokers and did not possess a match between them. Is this a record?

In appreciation of the kindnesses he received and also as choirboy in 1937, Mr. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts, sends us 10s. for the Bow Bells Restoration Fund. On that occasion, Mr. Wilson (now 81) rang the fifth to Cambridge Surprise with Mr. J. T. Dyke on the tenor. The choirboy has never forgotten the rounds he rang at Bow.

Rugby is having a spate of press correspondence concerning the eight at St. Andrew's Church which were rehung last year, and being in the main street cause annoyance to those who do not like bells, especially when rung on a Saturday afternoon.

The Dean of Liverpool informs us that the open ringing day at Liverpool Cathedral this autumn has been fixed for November 17th. Ringing will be from 11 to 12.30 and from 1.30 to 3 p.m.

Apropos two ringers ringing at Rock, Worcs, and Roll, Northants, the same week, 'Peter Simple,' in 'The Daily Telegraph,' writes:—

If Treble Bob is just the job
When tolled in syncopation,
Do Grandsire Triples rung in ripples
'Send' the congregation?

Inadvertently, the report of the National Police Guild last week mentioned that Mr. Arthur B. Wiffen, ex-Inspector, Southend-on-Sea Constabulary, had passed away. His police comrades will be pleased to learn that Mr. Wiffen is very much alive and is living at 23, Burdenshott Avenue, Richmond, Surrey. Last July Mr. Wiffen was seriously ill and his right leg was amputated, but an artificial leg was fitted and he is able to walk short distances, although he is afraid his ringing days are over. Now 70 years of age, Mr. Wiffen rang his first peal at Braintree in 1902 and his last at Prittlewell in 1952.

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ARCHBISHOP HONOURS SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 24th annual commemoration dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on October 20th. During the afternoon the bells of the Minster, Acomb Parish Church and the Institute of Architectural Study were rung to various methods. Before ringing started at the Minster the Belfry Office was recited by the Rev. A. J. McMullen, chaplain to the Minster Ringers.

Undoubtedly the focal point of interest was the ancient ring of six bells at the Architectural Institute (formerly the Church of St. John), which had recently been restored in full accordance with Central Council principles.

In the evening a company of over 90 assembled at the Windmill Hotel. The guests included the Lord Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsey), Canon T. H. Tardrew (Precentor of York Minster), the Rev. D. Oxby Parker (Vicar of Acomb) and the Rev. A. J. McMullen.

A GREAT HONOUR

The chair was taken by the Ven. C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, and in his opening remarks he said it was a great honour to the Association that the Archbishop in the midst of a very busy life had found it possible to accept an invitation to be present.

The toast 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. E. Hudson (vice-president). He said there were some people who would welcome the dissolution of the bond between Church and State. Many people realised that there were great problems and difficulties and at times the tension was considerable, but if the bond was dissolved the Church might lose materially but the State would be the loser in far more important and deeper ways. 'Could not we as Christian people pray that Church and State in this realm should become one in purpose and intention?' He continued and proposed the toast in verse:—

'My friends, it may cause you a Minor Surprise
To hear in light verse a request to arise
And drink to the health of the Church and the State,
Together with that of our gracious Primate.
May they, like our bells, speak in tuneful accord
And ever abound in the work of the Lord.
Good ringers are glad when they hear the last call,
So pick up your glasses, my friends, this is all.'

'Mr. President, Reverend Sirs, Ladies and Gentlemen,
The Church and the State, His Grace our Archbishop.'

'BOGUS FRAUD OF CHRISTENDOM'

When he rose in reply to the toast, the Archbishop was received with acclamation. Dr. Ramsey said he was concerned to safeguard and extend the great art of bellringing in the Church. Bellringers had one or two enemies. One enemy was the use of gramophone records and similar devices which tried to produce the sound of bells without ringing at all. 'I regard this as one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom,' he said. He did his utmost to clear the Diocese of Durham of such installations and thought it reassuring to know that they could not be introduced without a faculty from the Diocesan Chancellor. He was always glad to hear of a Diocesan Chancellor taking a poor view of proposals to make these installations.

Dr. Ramsey said his regard for ringers was coloured by his own experiences. Those who were now ringers were but a small fraction of those who once made the attempt but fell out of the race for want of encouragement. He came into that category. When he was a theological student he thought he would have a try at ringing the bells at the Parish Church. 'And I will not try to describe what happened. I concluded that as regards efficiency and the safety of my person, my vocation lay in what are called other channels.'

During his parish work he had been fortunate in serving in three churches with great traditions of bells—St. Nicholas', Liverpool, Boston Stump, and St. Bene't's, Cambridge. Again and again he had been conscious of the estrangement of a large part of the population from the Church and the Christian religion. Yet he believed that there was a deep latent religious sense in the bulk of the population. Because of that he was glad that the connection between Church and State still continued and was able every now and then to evoke that religious sense in the whole community.

THE BAN ON BELLS

'The Ringing World' editorial of June, 1940, is quoted by Peter Fleming in his article in 'The Sunday Times' on 'The Night the Bells Rang.' He wrote:—

'A ban on the ringing of church bells was announced on June 13th, 1940. Henceforth they would be rung only by the military or the police to give warning that an airborne attack was in progress. This arrangement had, in addition to the story-book quality so characteristic of the period, an agreeably traditional flavour; but it was viewed with concern by "The Ringing World," an organ devoted to the interests of campanology. The ban was seen as "a stunning blow to ringing, from which, even when the war is over, it will take a long time to recover".'

BELLS—THE BOND OF CHURCH AND STATE

He was sure that the work of the bellringers in a special way symbolised the bond between Church and State. After all, the bells of a Cathedral and a great Parish Church were heard by the whole community as well as the churchgoers. They told the whole community they ought to be churchgoers, a heartily right and good thing to tell them.

The Archbishop said he would never forget the bells of York on the day of his consecration in the Minster as Bishop of Durham, nor the bells on the day he was enthroned Primate. 'I am grateful, too, and proud of the bells and the ringers of York Minster, and I realise that what the ringers of York Minster mean to York, the ringers in so many parishes throughout Yorkshire mean to those parishes.'

Mr. G. Benfield, hon. treasurer, proposed 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.' He reviewed the life and work of Snowdon and wondered how it was possible he was able to accomplish so much in such a short ringing life. Jasper was followed by his brother, William, as president. Later the beloved Canon C. C. Marshall presided over the affairs of the Association, and since the Association was formed in 1875 there had only been four presidents—a remarkable record. Other past officers he called to mind were William Horner Howard, first vice-president; Charles Henry Hattersley and his brother, Tom, Clement Glynn, Jim Cotterell and George Bolland.

The company stood in silence for a few moments before drinking the toast.

THE GUESTS

Mr. H. Walker proposed 'The Guests and Kindred Ringing Societies' and said this was the first time the gathering had been headed by the head of the Northern Province, and he took the presence of His Grace as being a compliment to the work of the bellringers. He welcomed Canon Tardrew, Precentor of York Minster, who many would remember as Vicar of St. Mary's, Beverley, with its glorious ring of ten.

Another guest was the Rev. D. Oxby Parker, Vicar of Acomb and Rural Dean of York, who had been responsible for transferring a derelict ring of six bells from a disused city church to his church at Acomb. He was pleased to say the bells were now rung twice each Sunday.

The Rev. G. McMullen was not only chaplain to the Minster Ringers but was secretary to the Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches in the York Diocese, and he was glad to say that this committee always advised against the installation of synthetic bells.

Representatives were present that evening from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, the Lancashire Association, the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the London County Association, the Universities Association and last but by no means least the Ladies' Guild.

He said that it was interesting to note that 45 years ago there were only two lady members of the Yorkshire Association, now the number of resident lady members had risen to 112.

NO MORE DUMB TOWERS

Canon Tardrew replied on behalf of the guests in his usual happy style, but on a more serious note said that far too often we heard of empty belfries, empty choir stalls, empty pews and empty pulpits. He suggested the ringers should make a resolution that there should be no more 'dumb' towers. 'If we can make the dumb to speak, we might make the deaf to hear,' he declared.

Mr. Frank Smallwood, replying for the Kindred Societies, said he brought with him from London the fraternal greetings of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Referring to the school of bellringing which the Minster Society had sponsored, he said the solution to silent towers lay in York. At the York Institute of Architectural Study provision was made for the teaching of bellringing. 'There is nothing more useful you can do than to give help and support to this Institute in York for the training of youngsters. I only wish we had a similar Institute in London, where many of the rings of bells are unsuitable for the teaching of learners.'

Mr. C. McGuiness proposed 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' and said that 'continued' implied present prosperity. The Association had not only produced officers capable of managing its own affairs, but also men who could play their part in national affairs. He thought that the ringing of multi-method peals by a few ringers was not of general benefit to the Exercise but only to the few. But such ringers saw an objective in their ringing and it was important that instructors also had an objective—the prosperity of the Exercise.

'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. V. Bottomley, and in reply Archdeacon Ellison said thanks were due to the local organisers of the function and to the artistes who had enlivened the proceedings with harmony.

The principal toast was followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. Musical items were contributed by Mesdames V. Holland and E. Wilkinson and Messrs. F. Horner and S. H. Steel. H. W

POPULARITY OF GUILDFORD GUILD DINNER

Service of Ladies to Ringing

THE Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner on October 20th at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, fully maintained its popularity—a company of 178 enjoying the excellent arrangements. As a mark of appreciation of his interest in ringing the Rev. F. A. Woodard, Vicar of Horsell, who is retiring from the living at Christmas, was invited to preside. He is a vice-president of the Guild, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Woodard, after his retirement, would still be able to maintain his interest in the Guild.

The toast of 'The Memory of John S. Goldsmith and the Continued Prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. W. G. Challen, tower master of Chichester Cathedral. 'Jack Goldsmith,' he said, 'had always the voice of encouragement. He understood people; he had the ability of putting some enthusiasm into you that made you get on with the job. He was a man who was always bubbling over with enthusiasm. They had heard many times that he had helped to found their Guild and of the hard work he put into it, and also how he was the proprietor of 'The Ringing World' and made certain that the whole country knew of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He mixed with the highest but he never disdained to help the lowest.

A 'HAPPY MAN'

What always lived in his memory concerning Jack Goldsmith was that he was a happy man—a joyous man. He always enjoyed going to a wedding. Mr. Challen said he remembered eight of them in Jack's car with handbells, following the bridal pair to the station. There was a quotation: 'You cannot pour happiness on others without getting a few drops yourself.' He thought Mr. Goldsmith got a few drops.

He (the speaker) was not a stranger. He went to school in the Guild's area at Aldershot. It was then always encouraging to go out and get higher education at the District meetings. He was then 'whipped very soundly' by his tutors with a loud voice: 'You will never make a ringer if you don't keep those 'ands together.'

He thought the Guild was very fortunate in its officers. He noticed that they had a particularly young vice-president. He hoped they would not let him rust. They were always pleased to see visitors from the Guildford Guild—because they were always able to ring what they said, whether it was Stedman or rounds.

He did not want to enter into the controversial side, but he felt there must be closer working between the lay and the clerical. With the falling off of numbers there was a possibility of things taking place—and they heard much about automation in these days. It could come into a belfry with synthetic bells, and it sounded ridiculous to hear Major coming from a small tower that could only take five bells.

His own Archdeacon had expressed to him the desirability of theological students of Chichester having some knowledge of handling bells. They had done a little in that respect, but he would go further and say that the qualification of any candidate for Holy Orders should be that he was able to handle a bell. 'The strength of any organisation is in the present and future and not in the past. We can draw inspiration from the past and you have a big reputation to live up to. I hope you will continue to make the name of the Guildford Diocesan Guild sound clear and true throughout the land.

RINGING 'CELESTIAL BOB'

Miss W. Oliver, assistant hon. secretary, and treasurer of the Guild, replied. She said she had never had the privilege of knowing Mr. Goldsmith, but whatever she had heard of him had a happy tinge. She hoped if Mr. Goldsmith was now with a band of immortals ringing a touch of Celestial Bob their thoughts would reach him and he would smile down on them.

Mr Challen had wished the Guild continued prosperity, continued Miss Oliver. The size of that gathering that evening and the continued infusion of young blood as they had in the last few years, made her feel that as long as they had the services of such officers as Charlie Denyer and George Grover the Guild would never have to put out the notice she had to put on her old Austin, 'Please pass, wearing out.'

Mr. R. Morant proposed the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise.' He regretted that the clergy rarely came into their towers on practice night. There were about 60 towers in the diocese and if they could name half a dozen where they saw the clergy fairly regularly on practice night he would be surprised. He could, however, name one church near that hall where the Rector came up once a fortnight and had a word with the ringers. If they were short he would ring rounds with them or cover on the tenor.

As to their ringing activities they tended to look on them rather subjectively. If they took their work for the Church as ringers seriously they should look at other branches of the Church and, if possible, help them.

The Rev. O. R. Acworth, Vicar of Chobham, said the first peal rung in his tower for about 40 years was rung about Christmas time. He did not go up and wish the ringers a happy Christmas—he was too busy laying paving in the aisle. He did not go up to see the ringers on practice nights because Monday was his day off and also because one could not get into the belfry because of ringers.

THE CHURCH'S ADVERTISEMENT

Ringing was the Church's method of broadcasting and it was the obvious advertisement of the Church, but unless it rang eight bells when it was an eight-bell tower there was something wrong with the clergy. There was no difficulty in getting ringers. He had 21 in his tower. It was essential to have discipline in the church and worship, and if the ringers were not regularly in the church they were out of the tower. Bellringing should be a religious act. The advertisement for the church they ultimately made was not in the bells but by their lives. 'If your life does ring true and you are really a part of the Church, then the advertisement you make for the Church is very great indeed,' he concluded.

Mr. Roy Collins, captain of the Chobham band, in proposing the toast of 'The Ladies and Visitors,' said they were now rather dependent on lady ringers. He had ten in his tower and he could only think of one tower in the Chertsey District which had not a lady ringer. He had recently been in the West Country and he felt that if they recruited more ladies in Devon and Cornwall there would be fewer silent towers.

Dr. Isabel C. Mitchell, of Woking, who replied, said she would like to see the good comradeship that existed in the belfries extend not only in England but into international affairs.

The Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of Aldershot, also responded, and said he found that his ringers were the best of his parish workers. If ever the grass wanted cutting or a social arranged, the ringers were always to the fore.

The hall was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums provided by the Master (Mr. A. Harman), who was thanked by the chairman. Mr. Woodard also gave the company the apologies of the Bishop and Mrs. Watkins. At his suggestion the gathering decided to send a message from the Guild to the Bishop, wishing him every blessing and prosperity in his work for the diocese.

The arrangements for the dinner were made by a committee consisting of Messrs. C. Denyer, W. Viggers and R. H. Mills. As usual, there was an excellent entertainment and the topical verse, a feature always keenly anticipated, by Messrs. J. Bragg, W. Viggers and C. Denyer. There was also handbell ringing by members from Holy Trinity tower.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. J. Beadle, Miss Cass, the Shalford ringers, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce and Mr. W. J. Shepherd.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

Saturday, October 13th, was a bright and sunny day and ideal for the contest which took place at Rampton, Notts. It was regretted that only three teams entered, these being Warsop, Ordsall and the local band (the first time they had competed). Owing to a misunderstanding Mr. F. Hooper, of Newark, who was to have judged, did not turn up and substitutes had to be found. However, after 40 minutes' delay a start was made and each team rang their 360 changes.

This being done a move was made to the Royal Oak, where Mrs. D. Beecroft had a very nice tea ready, 40 sitting down. Before the short meeting began, with Mr. H. T. Rooke in the chair, all stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. A. Rowsell, of Laneham, an honorary life member. Harworth was selected for the November meeting, and the sum of £1 2s. was collected for the Bell Repair Fund.

Ordsall were declared winners with 69 faults, Warsop being close with 72, and Rampton 153. Mrs. R. V. Larmour presented the cup to Mr. J. Hurst, captain of Ordsall, whose reply was brief. Mr. D. A. Piercy proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. R. V. Larmour for the use of the bells, Mrs. R. V. Larmour for presenting the cup, and Mrs. D. Beecroft for providing tea. Further ringing again took place until 9 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THOUGHTS ON 'THE COLLEGE'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby's letter about the College of Campanology was both apt and commendable, as it expresses what is felt to a greater or lesser degree by many ringers. The idea of the College must not be rejected out of hand, but it must be treated strictly as an experiment, which may or may not prove beneficial to the Exercise. Personally I think that those who see in a written system the answer to all our troubles are going to be in for a big disappointment.

Mr. York-Bramble, in his abstruse and long-winded letter published in 'The Ringing World' on October 19th, seems at great pains to assure us that criticism of the scheme is to be welcomed, inferring that this is all right as long as it doesn't clash with his own ideas.

We must watch the whole experiment carefully. We may in due course find the academic purists clashing with the Central Council on questions affecting ringing and the College may be tempted to think itself the supreme arbiter on what standards are to be accepted. This would prove disastrous, because no Association can flourish if it has two masters.

We must also remember that our art is voluntary. Will prospective ringers be so enthusiastic if they find a College tutor organising lessons by blackboard and easel, of wading through the ponderous theory of the College manual with all the motions of a pocket schoolmaster? This sort of thing is more calculated to drive away than to encourage prospective ringers. Teaching has not hitherto depended on an exhaustive 'system' as envisaged by the College, and yet we seem to have advanced quite well despite our lack of 'cathedral' schooling. The requirements to produce a good ringer remain the same as ever, namely, a good tower captain, a friendly and helpful band, goodwill and patience. These qualities, coupled with enthusiasm and a natural desire to learn, should do away with the need of a written system of teaching.

I shudder to think of the day when an unsuspecting ringer steps into a strange tower to be greeted with the words 'Where is your certificate of competence to ring?' or 'Can I see your list of exam successes first, please?' when he goes to take a rope. This vision may sound a little horrific, but it cannot be entirely overlooked.

Let us be careful not to be carried away by Mr. York-Bramble's brand of eloquence and persuasiveness. Whilst his picture envisages the College welcoming potential schoolmaster-type ringers with open arms, let us be certain (a) that the arms are never attached to a straitjacket, and (b) that the College does not take a leaf out of the Frankenstein book and become both the master and the monster of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

MR. CORBY REPLIES TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE

Dear Sir,—I would assure Mr. York-Bramble that he has by no means the monopoly of 'all-voluntary' work on behalf of ringing, and that my nose, albeit a large one, is not the limit of my vision. I would also record that he and those to whom he refers are not alone in their aspirations for the future. I would further, with all due modesty, plead that I have not been entirely unassociated with progress in the art of ringing.

Mr. York-Bramble's project has never, to my knowledge, been discussed by the Central Council, and this is the cause of the complaint which I expressed in my previous letter with, I hope, greater moderation than Mr. York-Bramble has considered necessary or desirable in his reply. Further, the project has not been placed before either of the two ringing societies in which I have held office over many years. Since, therefore, the promoters of the project have not sought, as far as I can see, public approval of their activities, I still contend I was not wrong in suggesting that they were engaged upon a private project.

I still regard the Central Council as the proper vehicle for important decisions on ringing matters and I still regard it as discourteous to the Council that this scheme should have been launched before discussion at a Council meeting. If several members of the Council have, in company with Mr. York-Bramble, been considering the launching of such a project for years, it merely means that they have failed to bring this subject before the Council, and their discourtesy is thus the less excusable.

I note that Mr. York-Bramble refers in his letter to 'the content of the first part of the Manual (now being serialised).' He, no doubt, can understand what it all means, but I, with my reactionary outlook, have the feeling that everything he has placed before us so far has already been expressed by Snowdon in 'Ropesight' with greater clarity, as comprehensively, and, above all, with greater brevity.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

Another Spurious Peal

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Grandsire Triples which appeared in the issue of 'The Ringing World,' stated to have been rung at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, on August 25th, 1956, I have been informed by the Master of the Crypt tower that no such peal has taken place.

Enquiries show that the persons named are not members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the Master and Rector of the Crypt tower have no knowledge of the bells being rung on that date.

It would therefore appear that the Gloucester and Bristol Association is the second victim of a perverted sense of humour. Words could not express what I personally think of such a person.

I would be obliged if you would, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' make it known to the Exercise that this peal is another HOAX, so that those responsible for 'records' can delete same.—Yours, sincerely,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE,
Association Secretary,
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A THIRD PEAL FOR ST. PAUL'S, MELBOURNE

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether the peal of Grandsire Caters at Bristol is not the *third* peal which has been rung by members of the St. Paul's Society, Melbourne, in England.

I have a distinct recollection of the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith conducting one at Melbourne, Derbyshire, in which all the band had rung a peal or peals in Australia. Seven were the 1934 tourists and the eighth man the late W. R. Madgwick, who had taken part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Melbourne, Australia, some years before.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

CHANGE RINGING AND THE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The report in 'The Ringing World' for August 31st of Mr. George Chappell's recent interview with 'The Portsmouth Evening News,' has raised some interesting correspondence on the very vital question of whether or not bell ringing is a dying art.

It seems that there are two quite distinct aspects to this problem. Firstly, the art of change-ringing itself, and secondly, the application of that art to the service of the Church. Confusion may easily arise unless these two aspects are treated separately.

This surely explains why Mr. Sheppard ('R.W.', September 21st) finds it surprising that Mr. Dawson ('R.W.', September 7th) should assert that there is a decline in bell ringing because the belfry and church are regarded as separate places. Mr Sheppard is manifestly referring to the first aspect which undoubtedly first began to flourish mainly on a secular background, as recorded in the history of the College Youths. Mr. Dawson, on the other hand, is manifestly referring to the second aspect mentioned above. Whereas the art of bell ringing itself has reached an advanced state, its application to the purpose for which it has been dedicated has lagged sadly behind, and continues to do so, as Mr. Dawson has observed.

If we can agree that the question of decadence is limited to the second aspect of the problem—the 'raison d'être' of the art—let us glance briefly at its history in order to see what is really happening. Canons of the English Church from Saxon times right down to the canons of 1603 have laid down certain rules concerning the ringing of bells, but it was not until about 40 years after this date that the first 120 of Bob Doubles was successfully brought round by members of the College Youths. So it would therefore appear that the official requirements of the Church regarding the use of bells were, and presumably still can be, adequately met without recourse to the art of change-ringing at all.

Of the eight churches of England built in the writer's home town since its development from a small village, not one has been equipped with a ring of bells. It is difficult to believe that this could have occurred if the Church officially recognised the necessity of change-ringing as part of its worship.

This strongly suggests that change-ringing in the service of the Church far from being a dying art is as yet one that has never really lived.—Yours faithfully,

C. E. VERDON.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—With reference to the University of Southampton Society, just less than a year ago a Society of Change Ringers was formed at the University College of Leicester — the youngest University Society?

Through being a small College we have consequently only a small membership. We are, however, lucky in that we are situated in one of the centres of change ringing. As honorary officers we are fortunate in having Ernest Morris (honorary president) and Alan Cattell and John E. Cooke (honorary vice-presidents).

Because of our small numbers we are not able to have practices on our own but join All Saints' ringers (through the kindness of Canon Matthews, the Vicar, and Alan Cattell, the Ringing Master) at their practice. Learners are also catered for on another evening.

So to any sixth-former wondering which University to enter next year, may I suggest they consider this small compact College, which by this time next year will have full University status.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN P. PARTINGTON,
Secretary, Society of Change Ringers.

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION X. (Lesson 8)

FIXED-PLACE RINGING (Open)

126. **First Open Ringing.**—It is now seen that this 'Cathedral' system of elementary ringing training aims at giving the beginner the fullest opportunities of handling a bell with considerable confidence, even in ringing with others, BEFORE he rings OPEN, in concert. The scheme not only demands less interference with the local band's regular practice night (i.e., is workable up to a relatively advanced point before requiring open-bell practice), but it also carries the tuition to a more advanced stage before the learners' efforts are rendered audible, and their ringing is then more pleasant to be heard. If the scheme as set out has been followed so far, and if the reception (of these three concluding sessions arranged to occupy the first part of regular practice occasions) by the more experienced ringers in the tower is sympathetic and encouraging, then there should be no reason why the whole class should not gain their diplomas as Ringer I. Also from now on they should make steady advance in studying Parts II and III of the Manual. Moreover, if the training so far has been carefully checked, the standard of attainment should be such that more than one student at a time can stand in with more experienced ringers, for their first open ringing. The students have now learnt how to control and ring a bell to a beat, and to follow others, so that a start can be made in fixed-place ringing, right away. (Q T)

127. **Placing the Students at the Ropes.**—The recommended procedure is to put experienced ringers on the odd-numbered bells, and 'sandwich' the students between them on the even-numbered bells, even up to the tenor, providing it is not a very heavy or badly going bell. (The students can have assisted, of course, in the raising of the bells under supervision of the experienced ringers.) The older ringers are then told to keep a steady beat together, allowing for the 'gaps' to accommodate the students. (Q T)

128. **Ringing in Rounds. (Ex. 47.)** By 'fixed-place' ringing is meant, of course, ringing in rounds and covering; though the latter is not taken in the current session. When bells are all raised and set ready, the tower leader can arrange his ringers to best advantage on the 'odd' bells, while the Tutor will arrange his students on the 'even' bells. The Tutor will watch his pupils carefully to see that all the training routine is automatically followed by them—Taking Position, Stance, Reach-up, Grips, etc.—and that when the customary cautionary call is given from the treble, all get their bells on to the balance, or, at least, quite ready to be pulled off. As the bells go off into rounds the Tutor will remind them to LISTEN carefully, as well as to look, and that each must check the striking of his own bell. Faults must be watched for, since occasionally the concentration on the listening and the striking may cause omission of some of the points of ringing action that have been taught (e.g., the beat). (Q)

129. **Leading off Last Bell Down. (Ex. 48.)** When all students have practised rounds, each will take a turn on the treble, recalling his practice in Ex. 33 (Article 101), when this was done 'silent.' Emphasis is laid on the need for maintaining the open handstroke leading, and on the regularity of the beat, so as to aim at precision in the striking. (Q)

(This will be all that there is time for, unless the ringers are prepared to give up more of their practice time, when the exercises may be repeated. Registration and Closure.)

BRISTOL RINGERS' VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH

On October 6th members of the Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took part in a coach outing to Loughborough. Each of the two coaches used made a very early start, in order to tour its respective Branch territory and pick up its share of the 79 passengers.

After meeting at Gloucester, both vehicles proceeded to Evesham, where a half-hour halt was called for refreshment. The excellent weather and pleasant scenery made the rest of the journey seem surprisingly short, and Loughborough was reached in ample time for the organised lunch at 12.30.

As soon as lunch was over, members made their way to the Bell Foundry, where Mr. Paul Taylor was waiting to welcome them and divide them into two groups for a tour of the premises.

The two parties started at opposite ends of the works to avoid congestion, but before they made their way to the ringing chamber, all members had the opportunity of hearing a most detailed and interesting account of the bell founder's art.

The belfry and its approaches were very crowded, but most people present seemed to get at least one ring, and in spite of the difficulties experienced by those ringers who were unused to such light bells, touches of Little Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Minor (on the front six) were brought round.

After bidding a reluctant farewell to the foundry, the party reassembled in the Parish Church. At times, due largely to the preponderance of members from 6-bell towers, the striking here left something to be desired, but before the tower was surrendered to another visiting band, several successful touches were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Double Norwich Major.

The return journey after tea was fairly uneventful, except for the inevitable stops for refreshment, the usual rearrangement of the seating accommodation in the rear of the coaches and the wide diversity of taste evidenced in the choice of community songs.

The thanks of all members are due to Mr. W. F. Scudamore, who assisted with the Rural Branch arrangements, Mr. Albert Tyler, the Ringing Master, all those who helped to welcome the party to the foundry and parish church, and to Mr. A. Bennett, the mainstay and leading light in the organisation of this very enjoyable outing. T. T. W.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

South-East Branch

The autumn meeting of the South-East Branch was held on Michaelmas Day at Landulph, when about 50 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rector of Landulph, Canon J. H. Adams, assisted by the Rector of Lezant (the Rev. C. H. York).

Tea followed at the Rectory and then the usual business meeting was held, at which Mr. H. J. Clark, the Assistant Ringing Master of the Guild, was re-elected as Branch secretary. Thanks were expressed to the Rector, and to the ladies for arranging the tea.

Ringing followed at Landulph, Botus Fleming and St. Dominic. D. B.

Stratton Branch

The third annual ringing festival of the Stratton Branch took place at St. Marwenne's, Marhamchurch, on October 13th.

About 50 ringers attended from the following towers: Stratton, Poughill, Launcells, Morwenstowe, Week St. Mary, Poundstock, Marhamchurch and Jacobstowe. The Branch service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper (Marhamchurch) and the address was given by the Branch chairman, the Rev. S. W. Drewer (Poughill). The collection for Guild funds amounted to £1 10s.

A grand tea was served by ringers' wives and friends. The annual meeting followed and the treasurer, Mr. A. Bissatt, reported a credit balance of £5 13s. 4d. The Rev. W. Brooks (Vicar of Launcells) was elected chairman for the coming year, and Mr. R. J. Hicks and Mr. A. Bissatt were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Next year's ringing festival will be held at Poughill on the last Saturday in October. R. J. H.

Mid-Cornwall Branch

The Mid-Cornwall Branch autumn festival was held at Lanlivery Parish Church on October 13th. About 90 ringers attended, representing St. Stephen, St. Mewan, St. Gorran, St. Ewe, St. Erme, Bodmin and St. Austell. Other ringers came from Kenwyn, Lostwithiel, Lanlivery, Tywardreath and two ringers from Leicester.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. T. Perry, assisted by Canon R. O. Oatey and the Rev. Mr. Fisher. The sermon was given by Canon F. F. Gilbert. An excellent tea was served by the ladies of Lanlivery.

Twenty-one sets of ringers took part in the test ringing, the judges being Messrs. W. H. Southeard, C. E. Lanxon and A. Locke.

The local arrangements were carried out by the Lanlivery ringers and the festival was one of the most successful in recent years. D. B.

AUNT MAUD'S BIRTHDAY

October 14th to 20th was the week in which occurred Mrs. M. Mussett's 80th birthday and the completion of 70 years as a chorister at Bures Church, Suffolk. Her father, Mr. Clarke, was captain of the old call change band, and her late husband was verger up to the time of his death. Early in the week the choir members visited her house and made her a presentation.

On Saturday the ringers took her to relatives at Woodbridge and then went on to the neighbouring village of Ufford, where they rang a good peal of Yorkshire in her honour. On the return journey she continually remarked about how kind everyone had been and hoped she could occupy her choir stall for another ten years. She is affectionately known in the village as Auntie Maud. L. D. M.

REDEDICATION

BLOXHAM, OXON

The bells of St. Mary's, Bloxham, were rededicated on October 6th by the Bishop of Dorchester (Dr. Kenneth Riches). The Bishop's visit coincided with the harvest thanksgiving, for which the church was profusely decorated with fruits and flowers. In his address the Bishop said that the duty of public worship and praise was not an 'optional extra' but a vital and integral part of the life of every Christian, and neglect of this imperilled our growth into the whole man. Referring to the work in progress and the rehanging of the bells, the Bishop said that the heritage of our wonderful churches involved a great responsibility. He praised the generosity of this generation of churchmen who, throughout the Diocese of Oxford alone, had spent hundreds of thousands of pounds so that these glorious churches might be passed on intact to the next generation.

As part of the dedication service and at the end of the service as the congregation were leaving, the bells were rung in rounds by the Bloxham ringers, and afterwards visitors were privileged to ring.

The bells were rehung in 1903 and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on them in 1908, but soon afterwards ringing was prohibited by the church architect on account of the oscillation of the famous tower and spire (198 ft. high) and danger of the spreading of vertical vibration cracks in the masonry. Before the recent restoration all the bells, except the third and fourth, swung north and south and were roped opposed; the bells were hung on a single set of rolled steel joists which, in fact, was a frame without a foundation. Now they have been rehung in a cast-iron composite two-tier frame placed in the former ringing chamber and with the heaviest bells swinging east and west and roped unopposed.

The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to the specifications drawn up by Mr. F. Sharpe. The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired and the oscillation of the tower is now negligible.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Preston

It has long been felt that with the large area covered by the Lancashire Association, it is difficult for the president and general secretary to attend sufficient Branch meetings to meet as many individual members as they would like.

In an attempt to help in this respect, a joint meeting of the Blackburn, Fylde and Preston Branches was arranged for October 13th at Preston Parish Church. This proved to be a most enjoyable and helpful meeting, with all three branches well represented and with plenty of ringing to suit all tastes.

Included in the company were Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, with over 60 years' membership, and Mr. Charles Blakey, the genial Blackburn Branch secretary, who has made a good recovery from his recent illness. Unfortunately Mr. E. A Martin, of the Preston tower, and until recently vice-president of the Association, was prevented by illness from attending, but he was visited during the evening by the president and general secretary.

The Preston Parish Church ringers and their ladies kindly entertained all those present to an excellent tea. The president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, and general secretary, Mr. F. Dunkerley, whilst thanking those responsible for the catering and for other arrangements, expressed the hope that so successful had this meeting been other similar ones might be arranged in the near future.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

Southern Branch at Evesham

Abbot Lichfield's magnificent bell tower at Evesham was the scene of varied activity on the occasion of the Southern Branch quarterly meeting on October 20th. Soon after 3 o'clock the ringing chamber was well filled and, while ringing was in progress, remained so. There was something for everyone—from the learner struggling with rounds to the pundits ringing changes on the 12. During the afternoon and evening there were touches and plain courses rung on six, eight, ten and twelve bells; naturally, the quality varied, but not the least delight was to hear rounds well struck on the 12 bells by a band which included four youngsters all under 14 years of age.

At 4.30 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the adjacent Church of All Saints for a service conducted by the Vicar of Evesham (Canon T. Charles-Jones), at which the curate (the Rev. J. M. Ouless) preached on the worthiness of the ringers' vocation. Mr. Ouless gave an account of some of the more curious customs associated with ringing in his home church in the Channel Islands, but could not commend them in this age. The music was arranged by the Parish Church organist, and the lesson was read by one of the ringers.

An excellent meal was arranged by the secretary at a nearby cafe (with the usual efficiency which has come to be expected of Mr. Newman), which was followed by a business meeting presided over by the Vicar. The retiring officers were re-elected, seven new members were elected and the officers were thanked for their services during the preceding year, particularly the secretary. The meeting closed with a compendious vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped with their services, and a message of goodwill to Mr. Ouless upon his impending departure to Liverpool to take up the living of Halewood (Liverpool Diocese). Arrangements for the quarterly peal were to be made by the bell tower Ringing Master (Mr. G. Hemming).

Ringing was resumed as before and finally the bells were rung down at 8 p.m. During the afternoon opportunity was given for visitors to look down on the bells in action from the staircase in the bell chamber—an impressive if somewhat deafening business. Some 40 members and friends from 13 towers attended. A. W.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on October 20th. A record number of members were present, and earlier in the afternoon a special band was able to ring at the same church for the wedding of Meriel Hawkesley to Alan Thirst, a member of the Society.

The business meeting was preceded by an address by the Rector, in the course of which he gave a brief history of St. Olave's bells, the oldest ring in the City of London until they were destroyed in 1941.

The president of the Society, Dr. D. N. Layton, was in the chair for the business meeting, which was held in the choir vestry, and officers elected for 1956-57 were: President, Dr. D. N. Layton; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. M. J. Gray and G. F. Carter; Master, Mr. J. Armstrong; secretary and treasurer, Mr. D. Priestley; auditor, Mr. P. R. Layton.

Among items discussed were the possibility of a water-borne tour in Norfolk next year, and also the provision of further amenities in the belfry of St. Olave's, the Society's headquarters. The annual dinner for 1957 is to be held on February 23rd, and a suggestion was put forward that in future the Society should hold more Saturday afternoon meetings.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on Saturday, October 13th. The usual large crowd arrived, all enjoying the very fine afternoon. They numbered 90 and represented 20 towers in the district. Also present were Mr. J. Willis, Mr. B. W. May (general treasurer) and Mr. C. T. Hillis, the new secretary of the Ashford District, who were welcomed by the chairman.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Dunstan's, and the service followed in this church, being conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Lawler, who also gave an address. A robed choir was made up from among the ringers, Mr. B. C. Milner being at the organ.

Tea was held in St. Dunstan's Hall. Mr. J. A. Russell took the chair for the ensuing business meeting. The secretary reported that the membership of the district showed a drop on last year, due to removals and non-payment of subscriptions. Meetings, of which six had been held during the year, had been well attended.

On nomination, Mr. J. A. Russell was re-elected as chairman, Messrs. D. Chatfield and S. Walter were also re-elected as District representatives, Mr. W. S. Palin as Ringing Master, and Mr. B. J. Luck as District secretary.

The latter said that as he would complete 21 years in office next year, he would like the members to appoint a successor at the next annual meeting. One new member was elected, and Faversham voted as the place of the next quarterly meeting.

Thanks were expressed to the various clergy for the use of the bells at St. Dunstan's, St. Stephen's and the Cathedral. Local city ringers' wives and friends had prepared and served the tea, and for the excellent meal they put on they received the thanks of all. Further ringing was held during the evening.

Maidstone District

One attraction of the annual District meeting of the Maidstone District on October 13th was that the bells of St. Michael's were available—the first time for about 20 years. Prominent in the belfry was a notice by Mr. Town, 'The Ringing World' representative, inviting members to buy the journal.

The service was held at All Saints', conducted by the Vicar, Canon F. Bennett. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells during the service.

Members of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society prepared a served tea in the college room. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. Macey was elected chairman. In his report the secretary stated that the total membership was 201 adults and 38 juniors. New members this year: 20 adults, 16 juniors.

All the officers were re-elected, as follows: District secretary, Mr. R. L. Sills; District representatives, Mr. W. R. Manser and Mr. A. Waddington; 'The Ringing World' representative, Mr. P. Town.

After some discussion, Sussex was chosen for next year's coach tour.

In order to help with the cost of printing the annual report, the notice of motion from the Canterbury District, asking for a peal fee of 6d. per ringer, was accepted.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and a special vote of thanks given to the Grammar Schools' Society for an excellent tea.

R. L. S.

Swanmore, Hants, bells are being rehung in modern fittings at a cost of £332 by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. P. McCaig), Swanmore Vicarage, appeals to ringers for donations towards the cost to augment the sum of over £100 raised by parishioners in the last few months.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. HARTLEY

The death took place on October 17th, in hospital, of Mr. J. W. Hartley, aged 79, who was a member of the Norbury Parish Church bellringers and a life member of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Guild.

He will always be remembered for his devotion and faithful service to Norbury tower. A good and most capable method ringer, his ringing of Norbury tenor was most accomplished. He rang about 70 peals, amongst which was the first 35-method peal rung at Norbury in 1923. He held the proud record of having struck 12 on the tenor at Norbury Parish Church on New Year's Eve for 50 years.

The funeral service was held in Norbury Parish Church on October 20th, when a number of ringers of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch, including the chairman (Mr. A. J. Brown) and Mr. Tom Wilde, from Hyde, attended. A course of Grandsire was rung over the grave.

MR. F. DAY

A link extending for over 56 years at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Keynsham, Somerset, has been broken by the death of Mr. Fred Day at the age of 85. Born at Hemmingway, he went to Keynsham at the age of 30, and for 56 years had been a most faithful member of the tower and for many years its captain.

A most consistent Sunday service ringer, he would not tolerate bad striking, and he did his utmost to instil this into any learner who came under his instruction. He rang about four peals.

Muffled ringing took place on the Sunday and Thursday following his death. After a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Wedgwood, and attended by most of the ringers, cremation took place at Arno's Vale Crematorium. A widower, he leaves two sons and two daughters.

MR. F. W. MUNNINGS

Mr. Frederick William Munnings, of Mendham, Suffolk, who died on October 20th, aged 75, was a keen ringer and was well known in East Anglian ringing circles. He had rung two peals for the Suffolk Guild and others for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Before his retirement he was a miller at Mendham, and also farmed at Fressingfield. His brother is Sir Alfred Munnings, R.A.

Mr. Munnings has bequeathed his body to the College of Anatomy, London.

SHARDLOW AND DISTRICT RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers of Shardlow, Aston, Lockington, Castle Donington, Chellaston, Breedon and Alvaston, with friends from Derby and Duffield, held their outing on September 8th.

The Bell Foundry, Loughborough, was the first stop. The party went round the main building first, and then ringers went to the tower whilst the rest visited the foundry. Leaving Loughborough 15 minutes late, ringing at Castle Ashby was short. These bells are a fine-toned, heavy-going five (tenor 19¼ cwt.).

At Olney the party were surprised to find a peal in progress, so after a short wait the bus left for Northampton, St. Giles'.

Daventry (8, 18¾ cwt.), the next ring, caused some amusement because they are hung anti-clockwise, being first pulled off 1, 8, 7. They are nevertheless a very good ring.

On the way to Rugby the fan of the engine of the bus snapped, and we arrived at the church (8, 24¾ cwt.) late. These bells 'go' remarkably well for their weight and are fine toned. The last stop was Clifton-on-Dunsmore (5, 9¼ cwt.), which has a pleasant little ring.

Thanks are accorded to all ringers who met the party and had the bells ready, and also to the clergy for allowing us to ring. D. W.

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SEMMENS.—On October 26th, 1956, at 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough, to Barbara, wife of P. W. B. Semmens (Hon. Sec., Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), a daughter, Honor Elizabeth. 9208

DEATH

TAYLOR, Ernest James, of Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon, secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopædic Hospital, Exeter, on October 24th, 1956, aged 51 years. 9187

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LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.—Practice suspended on Thursday, Nov. 8th, only, during alterations in tower; normal practice will be resumed on Nov. 15th.—R. H. Dove. 9177

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH.—Help us to pay for our bells by buying Christmas cards. This year's cards show a new and most attractive view of the church in the 18th century: 6s. 9d. a dozen (including envelopes), post free. Also a few of last year's cards (undated) reduced to 3s. 9d. a dozen. Orders, with cash, to Dr. J. E. Spice, 30, Glenmore Avenue, Liverpool, 18. 9211

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MARGATE.—Owing to repairs being carried out on the bells, there will be no ringing until further notice. It is expected that the work will take about five weeks.—A. J. Dadds, Sec. 9216

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX (12).—Sunday ringing, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice first and third Saturdays in each month 6 to 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—M. Austin, Sec., 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 9176

WINCHESTER, ST. MAURICE CHURCH.—The six bells of this church have now been sold and taken away. There will thus be no further ringing here.—J. A. C. King. 9206

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum change). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

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

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Housden. 9175

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

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. 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

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.—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. 9146

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.—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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 3rd.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley, Sussex. 9158

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells, All Saints', 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —A. M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9195

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Nov. 5th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 9186

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Southill (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2.45 p.m. New caterers, so names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, please, to L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec., 24, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds. 9185

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Following tea, Mr. C. K. Lewis will give a talk on Method Construction. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 8th, to Mr. J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 9212

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (price 3s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 13, Princess Close, Market Weighton, E. Yorks.

DEVON GUILD.—North West Branch.—Annual meeting at Clawton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 9190

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, West Hartlepool, Saturday, Nov. 10th. St. Aidan's 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. St. Oswald's 6 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 8th to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. 9199

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at Tibshelf. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Saturday, Nov. 10th, Ticehurst (6). Tea at The Bell. Names to S. G. Ponting, School House, Ticehurst, Wadhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 9192

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9196

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9189

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea by Nov. 6th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 9200

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Nov. 10th, from 6 to 9 p.m. —C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9178

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, 3 p.m., at Great Amwell. Will you please send names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to Mr. D. Munden, 16, French's Close, Stanstead Abbots, Ware.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9204

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Saturday, Nov. 10th, Berkhamstead (8), 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 7th to Mr. R. Shutter, Church House, London Road, Hemel Hempstead. 9213

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary, Prescot, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (price 1s.) before Wednesday, to W. Finney, 100, Thomas Drive, Prescot.—G. Howlett.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Millom (6), Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to M. Overfield, The Cross, Millom, Cumberland. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9209

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Newly restored ring of eight. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. in Church School, Parker Street. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 7th, to Mr. A. Rigby, 62, Park Road, Chorley.—L. Walmsley. 9210

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', East Crompton, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 7th, to R. Coppinger, 99, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.—F. Pritchard. 9179

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, Copt Oak (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Copt Oak Inn. Names by Wednesday previous to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville. 9207

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 9201

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.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Michael's, Tilehurst. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, meeting and ringing after. Names for tea must reach me by Nov. 7th.—R. G. Burton, 89, Gainsborough Road, Reading. 9193

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Kislingbury, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Names for tea by previous Monday to Mr. R. Clarke, Treetops, Weedon Road, Kislingbury, Northants.—F. W. Hancock.

SCUNTHORPE RINGERS' EFFORT. — Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d., from F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous. Prize for lucky ticket. Children, 1s. 6d., no ticket.

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

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 6th to W. J. Button, Hon. Sec., 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 9181

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting, Petworth, on Nov. 10th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 9219

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Earle Colne (8) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to W. Arnold, Tey Road, Earls Colne, Colchester. 9202

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 9184

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held at St. Dunstan's Parish Hall, Orchard Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each inclusive, can be obtained from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, enclosing cash, please. 9203

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Snodland on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 9214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Jarvis, Cheriton, London Road, Bethersden.—C. T. H. 9215

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Bennett, Bicker, Boston, Lincs. 9218

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Annual ringers' Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. Names to John Pogson, 6, Station Road, Marsden, near Huddersfield, for Nov. 15th, whist and dance 7.30 p.m. 9183

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North Muskham on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. G. J. Copp, North Muskham, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec. 9198

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Combined practice at Wolverton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Cane. 9182

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1st, instead of Dec. 8th. Full details later.—A. V. Davis, Hon. Sec. 9197

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. E. Lester (first on eight) 1, L. Forster 2, Miss A. Lester 3, C. Snowden 4, W. Girling 5, R. E. Lester 6, F. Sterry (cond.) 7, O. G. Barnard 8. Also on Oct. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Dale (aged 79) 1, L. Forster 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. D. Lister 4, W. Girling 5, C. Snowden 6, F. Sterry 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. Both rung for harvest festival.

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