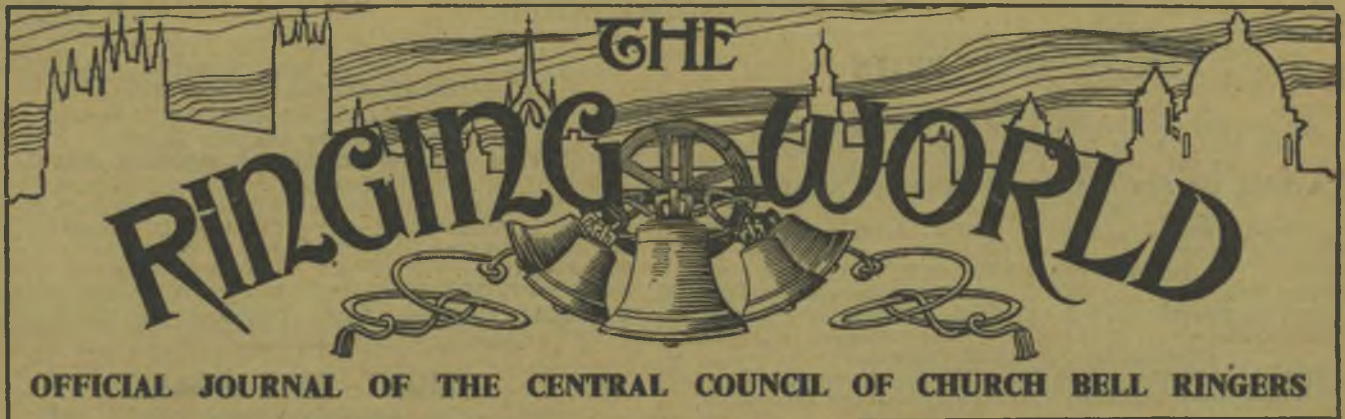




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'FAIR ENOUGH?'

DURING recent weeks front page articles and letters, and indeed some speeches, have raised questions and offered speculative comment on the work of the College of Campanology. The general impression created by all this seems to be so far removed from actuality that 'fair enough' can only be said of the discussion if factual response be given, and offered in the Christian-like hope that better understanding may ensue.

In October last it was said to be (a) 'nonsense'; yet at the same time (b) 'comprising what Snowdon had said already'; and yet again (c) 'requiring the prior consideration of the Central Council.' A moment's consideration shows the absurdity of this three-cornered contradiction, since no two, even, of the three are compatible.

In early December 'R. S. A.' referred to the College in two succeeding front page articles. He queried the connection of the identifying name given to the system of training in bell-handling and control (with elements of method ringing), i.e., the name 'Cathedral'; and on Jan. 11th 'J. P. F.' said, 'Cut out the Cathedral System — because it means absolutely nothing. . . .' Clearly, the latter writer had not studied it. The system, though introducing only what has been proved in practice at various times and places over the years, is so named for two reasons — first, because of two distinctive features: the use of principles of teaching (Sections I. and II.), adapted also with the modern 'synthetic practice' or drill action to reduce fault-proneness; and second, because the first courses employing the system, as such, were rung in a Cathedral tower — Portsmouth. (Their success has received both spoken and written commendation of the Provost.)

'R. S. A.' also says, apropos the Central Council Committee for revision of the booklet, 'Hints, etc.,' that the College 'conflicts' with it. How? Not only is the policy of the College one of entire co-operation in and loyal adherence to the Council's Rules and Decisions; but also the terms of reference of that Committee cover only part of only one of the seven main phases of College activity. Moreover, as a letter from that Committee ('The Ringing World,' No. 2,388, page 11) indicates, some are members of the College. Indeed the booklet itself (and its revised version when out) is 'adopted' for use by the College, among other publications.

'R. S. A.' also queries the relationship of training and testing under one authority. He is under a misapprehension. Most colleges and schools set the tests for their own examinations; but not the 'externals,' of course. Most training work of this College is without any examination, and some even without certificates of course-completion, which are also provided for. 'R. S. A.'s' ensuing remark, about producing a diploma before being allowed to vote at meetings, should illustrate the futility of sarcasm, as applied to the serious work that College personnel are doing and being commended for. Finally, he implies that the College will remove informality from ringing. A visit to a training course will show what a degree of friendliness is maintained, with keenness. What he should have said is not 'informality' but 'non-conformity.' 'Over 90 per cent. successes' would be unattainable otherwise. But while ringing remains voluntary, so also must be any tests in it.

Of things said in public, two examples may be considered. In a speech by a guest at the Universities' Association recent reunion dinner ('The Ringing World,' Jan. 4th, page 9) reference was made to one of its members and the College as 'much ado about nothing.' The speaker could hardly have been aware of the affront thus offered to all those who have been and are engaged in the work; for example, in

putting in countless hours in collating, sifting and setting out tested ways and means of training and applying such means; in organising courses; in putting aside personal affairs for days at a time to deal with correspondence in helping others; in getting down night after night to training in the towers. In the light of expressed gratitude is it — 'nothing'? Again, in reference to 'The Ringing World' and the support it needs, the speaker said, 'If learners are not satisfied with what (has been published) in the last three or four months, well, they have had it.' But is it not well to remember that the majority of ringers in the land are the not-so-advanced and the learners? And that 'The Ringing World' can look for INCREASED support, mainly, only to them? The serialisation of Part I. of what is designed as a standard of reference for instructors, to be used selectively, can hardly be set up as a sort of 'take-it-or-leave-it' criterion of satisfaction for those much-needed supporters. They should be 'wooded,' not rebuffed.

In the front page article for Jan. 4th 'C. C. C.' sketches the links in ringing between Past, Present and Future, and rightly refers to the debt owed to the Past. But, to him, Part I. of the Manual appears to be involved and unnecessary. Well, ringers, like other human beings, must move with the times. Admitted that for 300 years the art of ringing has been handed down without any manual of training, and that the standard of advanced ringing has never been higher. BUT — this standard is reached by a comparative minority, in favourable circumstances; AND — the rate of trainee-wastage has never been so great as now. WHY?

The causes may be found in the increasingly sophisticated outlook of youth; in their greater preoccupation with study and training for a living; in the increasing distractions of present-day leisure, and in the faster tempo of everything undertaken. Remedy? One, at any rate, lies in a planned system of training, based on proved principles, adaptable, interesting and thorough. On this basis was the Cathedral system designed, and, hitherto, it has not been found wanting.

But this is not all. On front page 17 (Jan. 11th) 'J. P. F.' implies that the College lacks what is, in fact, one of its main objectives, namely, the training of instructors; and offers what may be described as 'partial' advice. His opening critical sentences are unfounded, for experts in several fields have contributed, directly or indirectly, in shaping the work; and with contacts in those types of tower where help is most needed.

Nothing is perfect, or universally acceptable. To some the text of Part I. is 'long-winded' and 'too elaborate.' To others — people actually working from it — it needs further amplification. In its compilation the aim was a compromise. In the last analysis, it works. But already it is under improvement. Its publication in 'The Ringing World' was an invitation to constructive criticism; and this, coming by post, has been invaluable in its contribution. The present indications are that, given a fair chance, this labour of love will achieve something worth while. And all those engaged are grateful.

A. Y-B.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*E. CHARLES TURNER Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 7
*RICHARD F. PRIME 2	†JOHN A. SMITH 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.. 3	‡WILLIAM A. LACEY 9
PHYLLIS POOLE 4	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 10
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT 11
†VERNON GREEN 6	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Maximus. † First of Cambridge Maximus. ‡ First of Cambridge Maximus away from treble. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

LONDON, W.C.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MISS M. PROCKSON Treble	*PETER P. BROWN 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 2	FREDERICK E. CULLUM .. 8
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 4	†BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 10
ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER .. 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE 11
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 6	A. RONALD LING Tenor

Composed by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 29, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

DORIS E. LIDBETTER Treble	*JOHN S. BARNES 6
GEORGE P. ADAMS 2	*JOE E. G. ROAST 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 8
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	NOLAN GOLDEN 9
GEORGE SAYER 5	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb.

*D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 6
*HAROLD CASSELS 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
NORMAN LEECH 3	WILLIAM DARE 8
JAMES E. DANIELS 4	THOMAS YEOMANS 9
TREVOR LEWIS 5	*WILLIAM T. PETTY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Caters.

A birthday compliment to John Davies, who has been a ringer in this tower for 44 years.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JACK HIGHAM Treble	PHILIP DUNDERDALE .. 6
THOMAS BARKER 2	ALAN MEADOWS 7
JOHN JACKSON 3	GEORGE MEADOWS 8
JACK GARTSIDE 4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE .. 9
ARTHUR RIGBY 5	FRANK STEAD Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

The first peal of Bob Royal for all the band.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Sawle, B.D.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt.

PETER WOODWARD Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 8
HOWARD SCOTT 4	GORDON BENFIELD 9
ALEXANDER E. MARSH .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID J. BRYDEN Treble	ALBERT J. DUNK 5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2	RONALD C. BURNS 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT 3	TERENCE BARTON 7
EDWARD C. BARTON 4	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Tunstall, Rev. Philip Vernon Moor Allen, B.A., who was inducted on January 22nd.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROGER B. MORRIS Treble	GILES C. GALLEY 5
PETER F. WINDLEY 2	ANTHONY J. HOWARD .. 6
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL .. 7
M. SUSAN JACKSON 4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

AND

THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5008 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

WOR. BRO. WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY, Asted Lodge, No. 4693 .. Treble	
WOR. BRO. GEORGE F. OAKSHOTT, Ebbisham Lodge, No. 2422 .. 2	
BRO. FRANK E. HAWTHORNE, Teddington Lodge, No. 4528 .. 3	
BRO. ARTHUR G. MASON, Rectitude Lodge, No. 4727 .. 4	
BRO. PETER N. BOND, Amherst Lodge, No. 1223 .. 5	
BRO. FRANK R. L. BLEWER, Old Wilsonians Lodge, No. 6602 .. 6	
BRO. BERNARD HAWKINS, Mole Lodge, No. 4627 .. 7	
WOR. BRO. GEORGE W. DEBENHAM, P.P.G.D., Old Albanian Lodge, No. 4999 Tenor	

Composed by BRO. BERNARD H. SWINSON, Old Albanian Lodge, 4999.

Conducted by WOR. BRO. GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Carter's Twelve-part.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HAROLD ALDRIDGE Treble	HENRY BISHOP 5
JAMES BLOND 2	CLAUDE CORDEROY 6
ROBERT BLOND 3	WILLIAM CORDEROY 7
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 4	CECIL CORDEROY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung half-muffled in memory of George Frederick James, for over 50 years a member of this tower and Guild.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES

Being 2,520 of Grandsire and 1,260 each of Oxford and Court Bob. with 96 changes of method.

ALBERT MALLEN Treble	FREDERICK JUKES 5
*BERT MORGAN 2	BERNARD LAWTON 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	STEPHEN MALLEN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Spliced Triples.

Rung to the glory of God and to commemorate the second anniversary of the dedication of St. Paul's Church, Hawbush.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's One-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*MRS. A. ROBERTS Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 5
PHILLIP S. WHALLEY 2	*WILLIAM TALBOT 6
*HAROLD ROBERTS 3	DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY 7
RONALD BARLOW 4	ALBERT H. LAWTON Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS R. WHALLEY.

* First peal.

To the glory of God, and the pleasure of comradeship of ringers.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
JOHN J. STANIER Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 5
*ROWENA HARRIS 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
DAVID BEACHAM 4	FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* First peal and first attempt.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Treble	CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY 6
DAVID W. BEARD 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
ERIC T. LEE 4	GERALD C. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

*ROGER L. NUTT Treble	*J. WILLIAM HOVEY 5
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. 2	*D. KEITH LANE 6
*LESLIE L. WILLIS 3	JEFFREY B. WEBB 7
GEORGE PEERS, SEN. 4	†GORDON H. LANE Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. 125th peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome home to D. K. Lane from National Service.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RUSSELL G. PARKER .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	*CHARLES W. BEECROFT .. 6
*MURIEL R. PIPE 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	WALTER W. MILLER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Superlative.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to William Wightman.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PAUL J. RIGBY Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
ANN BARR 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	EDMUND MALIN 7
*RICHARD J. WARRILLOW .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. 34.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.
EDWARD B. SMITH .. Treble	LEONARD E. SHARP 5
*HELEN M. SHARP 2	DAVID F. J. WELHAM 6
MARIAN H. MILLS 3	PERCY W. MILLS 7
MICHAEL A. MILLS 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY J. HAW .. Treble	WALTER STOREY 5
FRED C. WIGMORE 2	THOMAS BUSH 6
GEORGE BUTLER 3	ROLAND M. REED 7
*GRAHAM MANN 4	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON (C.C.C. 116).

Conducted by F. C. WIGMORE.

* First peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (fourth observation).

*ANTHONY A. A. LOCOCK .. Treble	ALBERT W. DYER 5
WALTER H. POOLE 2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT 6
JAMES E. LOOKER 3	†WILLIAM G. TURK 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 4	*RONALD E. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, Rev. L. E. Walsh. Also an 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Farrant, wife of the tower captain.



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

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.		Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.	
MURIEL REAY	Treble	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's variation.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
ERNEST J. LADD	Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	2	†RALPH BIRD	6
†STANLEY G. PONTING	3	GEORGE S. BUTCHER	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	BERNARD V. COLLISON	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 200th peal for the Association. The tenor ringer has now twice 'circled the tower.'
 In memoriam Stafford H. Green.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
EDWARD J. JENNER	2	*STANLEY JENNER	6
HENRY N. VAUGHAN	3	*COLIN A. TESTER	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	ERNEST J. LADD	Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal of Major in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
 AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

PETER J. MORTON	Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	JOHN R. JOYNER	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DERICK E. TUPPER	Treble	REGINALD RIPPINGALE	5
†AUBREY W. BROWN	2	ALAN R. SYDER	6
THOMAS BIRD	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
EDWIN JENNINGS	4	WALTER ARNOLD	Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor's 250th peal for the Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

S. Biddleston's Twelve-part.		Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
STANLEY WOOD	Treble	WILLIAM TYSON	5
JACK KAY	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
JAMES FIELDING	3	JAMES WM. KAY	7
ALBERT ED. SANDIFORD	4	ARTHUR SEWART	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

All service ringers at this church. The ringer of the 7th has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung to celebrate the birth of Judith to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wm. Kay; also a birthday compliment to Marylyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kay.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,304 of Cambridge, 126 changes of method.

CHARLES H. MOORE.. .. Treble		H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
GEORGE SAYER 2		ARTHUR G. BASON .. 6
*WILLIAM CLOVER 3		*REV. GILBERT THURLOW.. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN.. .. . 4		BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOAN M. BROWN	Treble	JOHN A. ACRES	5
*ERNEST MORRIS	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 3).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 400th peal of Surprise.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.

Ernest W. Rawson		Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Phyllis Poole		2	J. Frederick Milner	6
*Vernon Green		3	Peter J. Stanforth	7
E. Alan Jacques		4	Frederick T. Bindley	Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	Treble	*DAVID S. HARRIS	5
*RALPH ELKINGTON	2	*GORDON H. ARGUILLE	6
*VERNON GREEN	3	*WILLIAM A. LACEY	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal in the method.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*MARION ARCHER	Treble	*CYRIL RUSBY	5
JOHN E. TURLEY	2	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	6
ELIZABETH BATE	3	*IAN M. HOLLAND	7
*H. DAVID HOLLAND	4	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by DENNIS A. CHAPMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TRIPLES

Being 2,520 each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, with 84 changes of method.

*CHARLES PEAKMAN	<i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK JUKES, JUN.	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	FREDERICK JUKES, SEN.	6
JOHN LLOYD	3	ARTHUR PEAKMAN	7
BERT MORGAN	4	*DAVID GRIFFITHS	<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Spiced Triples.

A welcome to the Rev. T. F. Woolley, who was inducted to the living of Kingswinford on the previous day by the Bishop of Lichfield.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 4
JOHN T. MEDHURST .. 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. 5
LUTHER J. HONESS .. 3	*LESLIE EVEREST .. Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal of Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*LYNNE HOLMES .. Treble	JAMES H. MUSSON .. 4
†W. RUSSELL READ .. 2	HENRY P. COLLIN .. 5
†JOHN E. COOK, JUN. .. 3	DENIS A. FRITH .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

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

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 19 methods: (1) Balmoral Delight; (2) Wilmslow Delight; (3) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood Delight; (4) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS .. Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN .. 4
ALAN R. SYDER .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD .. 3	TERRY EARLE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Snowden, mother of the fourth ringer.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells, Bourne and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

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

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings).

*DEREK BRISCALL .. Treble	LEONARD COPNALL .. 4
GEORGE FORRESTER .. 2	†ERNEST PIMLOTT .. 5
ROBERT BARRATT .. 3	BRIAN SCHOFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal away from tenor. † 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: (1) and (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) and (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5), (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in A.

*BRIAN HEBBORN .. Treble	JOHN A. ACRES .. 4
†GEORGE HEBBORN .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 5
PHYLLIS POOLE .. 3	JOHN M. JELLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. Treble	ALBERT J. DUNK .. 4
GEORGE KENWARD .. 2	STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. 5
*HAZEL V. DADSON .. 3	†EDWARD C. BARTON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung as a welcome home from Cyprus to Peter, son of Stanley V. Rayfield.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars, Capel, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK BAGSHAW .. Treble	HENRY KIRK .. 4
MRS. MARGARET FINLOW .. 2	RONALD DAWSON .. 5
ELIZABETH M. BAGSHAW .. 3	JACK T. MARRIOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

Rung by the local ringers to welcome the Rev. P. Lyne as curate.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Alnwick, Chester, London, Lightfoot, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	PETER J. CAME .. 4
PETER J. EVES .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 5
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Sandal.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL .. Treble	*HAROLD DENMAN .. 4
GRACE BURCHNALL .. 2	ERNEST PRESTON .. 5
GEORGE CHALLANS .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* 200th peal, 60 of them being on these bells.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently, all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JANE GOODYEAR .. Treble	†REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS .. 4
TERRY A. TARRANT .. 2	†GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 5
†PETER R. DOLLERY .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

LECKFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 2,520 Plain Bob and 2,520 Grandsire (14 callings).

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*JANE GOODYEAR .. Treble	*TERRY A. TARRANT .. 3
*PETER R. DOLLERY .. 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 4
A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor	

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in two methods. The first peal on the bells, rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1934.

HANBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Plain and Double Bob, (5) Fulbeck, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

HARRY P. FLOYD Treble	DONALD H. NIBLETT 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	FRANK A. BARRETT 5
CHARLES COLES 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, as follows: (1) 360 Cunecastre, 288 London and 72 Wells, with 12 changes of method; (2) Alnwick; (3) Carlisle; (4) Beverley; (5) Surfleet; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge.

JOHN R. MAYNE Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 5
JEAN A. DARMON 3	STANLEY E. DARMON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).	Tenor 11 cwt.
DERRICK G. CLARKE Treble	JOHN E. LLOYD 4
LESLIE D. YOUNG 2	TRACEY H. YOUNG 5
REGINALD G. POWELL 3	ARTHUR W. PREECE Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. S. W. E. Jones, M.A., on his institution to the parish.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

DEREK RILEY Treble	*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN 4
*JOAN PEACOCK 2	*MICHAEL AUSTIN 5
ANDREW J. SALISBURY 3	LIONEL S. WOODS Tenor

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael Austin.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
GEORGE E. CRISP Treble	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS 4
*DOROTHY A. M. ROBINSON 2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS 5
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN 3	STANLEY SHIPP Tenor

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung in honour of the enthronement in Ely Cathedral of Dr. Noel Baring Hudson, 64th Bishop of Ely. Also a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*SHEILA PERCIVAL Treble	†STANLEY W. BROWN 4
†HARRY W. BROWN 2	GEOFFREY MAYES 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY 3	LEWIS BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS BYWATERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Arranged for ringers of 2nd and 4th. who were visitors from Aldington, Sussex.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 49, 50, 51, 54, 55.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

AMOS INGALL Treble	*G. LEONARD THOMPSON 4
GEORGE SCOTT 2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM 5
WILLIAM NORTH 3	LOUIS WILLDERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. Joseph North's first peal (Saturday, February 2nd, 1907), which was rung in the above tower, in the same method, and was conducted by Mr. G. Scott, the second ringer in the above peal. Also a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Scott, who has now 'circled the tower.'

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.
*GILLIAN POOLEY Treble	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE 4
MRS. H. F. CARTER 2	HANBURY F. CARTER 5
JOHN R. SMITH 3	REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON Tenor

Conducted by HANBURY F. CARTER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the Feast of the Purification.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ORIGINAL DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: C.C.C. Doubles Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12.	Tenor 12 cwt.
JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH 4
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5
PETER J. EVES 3	PETER J. CAME Tenor

Non-conducted.

* First peal of Doubles.

Believed to be the first peal of Doubles to be rung in the method. Rung one day late for the 201st anniversary of the death of the composer, Benjamin Annable.

Rung for the Feast of Candlemas.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
THOMAS BUSH Treble	JOHN E. FOX 4
FREDK. C. WIGMORE 2	ROLAND M. REED 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. C. WIGMORE.

Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Ely (Dr. N. B. Hudson).

HANDBELL PEALS

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD, NORWICH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN 1-2	KENNETH L. BROWN 3-4
ARTHUR G. BASON 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

Rung to celebrate the engagement of K. L. Brown to Miss M. E. H. Spark, younger daughter of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Spark, of Glasgow.

LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH HALL,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	DENNIS L. HALL 5-6
JAMES WALLMAN 3-4	WILFRID G. WILSON 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by JAMES WALLMAN.

QUARTER PEALS

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Allen 1, S. G. Day (cond.) 2, Miss M. Hibberd 3, Miss J. Hibberd 4, L. Hall 5, W. Bolton 6. For the dedication festival.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harwood (first quarter) 1, Brenda Davidge (first 'inside') 2, A. E. Goodchild 3, S. Sherwood 4, P. Sherwood (cond.) 5, S. Russell 6. For Evensong.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Stote 1, H. Ashley 2, J. Bell 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. Beamish 5, A. J. Hinde 6, E. Sibley (cond.) 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mr. Raymond Lydster, captain of the local ringers.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on 'an. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Lester 1, R. Rose 2, E. Nice 3, C. Stannard 4, L. N. Melton 5, L. S. Sharpe 6, K. G. Brown (cond.) 7, F. Buckle 2. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Melton, parents of the 5th ringer.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Larbalestier 1, B. McKie 2, E. Newnham 3, A. Bull 4, L. Ladley 5, W. Newnham 6, W. Foote (cond.) 7, R. Durrant 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. P. Pare) on leaving the parish.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Major: J. Hulme 1, Mrs. A. Craven 2, Jill Mayes 3, S. H. Brown (first of Major 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown 5, G. Mayes 6, J. Church 7, P. Tompkins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Spliced, 540 Bob): Yvonne West 1, T. R. Roast 2, Mary Dowsett 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Barlow, P.C.C. secretary.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Banks 1, J. Tuffin 2, A. Kemp 3, K. M. Chambers 5, P. J. Kemp 5, B. J. Dyke 6, R. H. Duke (cond.)

7, J. Chambers 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. F. L. Edwards, for 37 years general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, Jean E. Howells 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Parrott 4, W. Robinson 5, Ann Howells 6, N. D. J. Webb 7, D. J. F. Oakshott 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Pettitt (first on 10) 1, E. Edmonson 2, L. Shepherd 3, S. Huckle 4, D. Wellington (first on 10) 5, B. Boon (first on 10) 6, R. H. Cochrane 7, J. M. Page 8, A. F. Cull (cond.) 9, L. F. Cull 10. A farewell to the Rev. Paul Goddard and his family on leaving the parish to take up an appointment as chaplain of Christchurch University, New Zealand.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. E. G. Smith 1, A. F. Lee 2, T. J. Milsom 3, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 4, R. E. G. Smith 5.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, M. Bland 6, D. M. Salisbury 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. A welcome back to the district to M. Bland (Sedburgh) after National Service in Cyprus.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 27th, Grandsire Doubles: E. Ford 1, L. C. Dare 2, C. Sangwin 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Hamby 6. A farewell to the Rector (the Rev. A. T. M. Jasper) on leaving for Swansea to become chaplain to the Missions to Seamen.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, W. Tyler 3, F. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, G. Hollick 6, R. E. March 7, P. Garret (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. W. Hector, 50 years a ringer at this church.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 2,160 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Milsom 1, H. L. Parfrey 2, R. E. G. Smith 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry 5. Jointly conducted by ringers of 4 and 5.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Stevens 1, A. H. Reed 2, D. Miller 3, C. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke 6. Longest touch in method by 3, 5 and 6.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Aldridge (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Rodwell 2, W. Bowden 3, Miss M. Prockson 4, S. G. Peck 5, A. J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, W. Wainwright 8.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Bob, 240 April Day, 300 Grandsire): P. Westerman 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, Miss D. Elson 3, J. Kinchin 4, R. Wilson (cond.) 5. Rung at Matins in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. V. Tucker and Miss W. M. Stuart.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, J. N. Lindon 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, Elizabeth Yeld 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, Jill Tombs 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John William Smith, a member of the local band for many years.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Marian Mills 1, Heather Stewart 2, M. Mills (cond.) 3, I. Cooper 4, P. W. Mills 5, W. Downs 6. For morning service, and also as a birthday compliment to Miss Heather Stewart.

WALKDEN, LANCs.—On Jan. 15th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton 1, Mrs. A. McDermott 2, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 3, P. Lomax 4, N. Tompkins 5, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 6, J. F. Wood 7, A. Burton 8. In memoriam Ben Welsby, a member of the local band, who was cremated on January 11th.

WEARE, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Cox 1, A. Peters 2, W. Wiseman 3, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 4, G. Burdge 5, H. Emery 6.

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At the University of Bristol Society's annual dinner, the Master, Miss P. M. Bourn, remarked that during the previous term one of their members had gone a long way to becoming the best one-armed ringer in the district (having fractured an arm while playing rugby). Accordingly she presented Mr. Alan Smith with a suitably inscribed plaster-of-Paris arm casting and congratulated him on his return to a full peal-ringing state.

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon rang his 550th peal on February 2nd. These have been rung in 453 different towers.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Gilmorton on January 2nd was the 100th peal by Brian S. Chapman, of South Wigston, Leics.

By the peal at Leicester Cathedral on January 28th, R. F. Elkington has now conducted peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Mr. G. L. A. Lunn suggests that the illustration with Tom Ingram's article in the Christmas issue of 'The Radio Times' was of the ground-floor ringing room of Newdigate, Surrey. If this is correct, it has a timber steeple.

Until 1930 Mr. Arthur Stewart was a regular ringer at Holy Trinity, Bolton, and, because of his acceptance of the position of organist in another church, resigned. He has now relinquished his duties as organist and is back in the belfry and in our peal columns, too!

On a recent visit to Melton Mowbray the Lord Bishop of Leicester was handed a peal card recording a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Melton on November 6th, 1956, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the Diocese of Leicester. The Bishop said he was delighted to have the card and insisted that the conductor of the peal, Mr. P. A. Corby, should sign it for him.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Sutton Coldfield was rung as a compliment to Mr. Frank B. Yates upon his 80th birthday. Mr. Yates was the donor of the trebles at King's Norton and Birmingham Cathedral. It was also rung to celebrate the jubilee as a ringer of Mr. William G. Anker, tower keeper at Sutton Coldfield.

Mr. D. Wright wishes to thank the ringers of the Wirral district for their warm welcome to him during his stay at West Kirby R.A.F. camp.

Mr. Walter Perry, of Clare, Suffolk, wishes to thank the ringers of Ipswich and district for their help and kind hospitality given to him during his stay in the district with the R.A.F.

Miss Maisie Vantom qualified for a diploma in salesmanship at the Ashford District meeting at Folkestone. She sold 19 Guild badges to an attendance of 40.

Prior to conducting the peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on December 29th last, Mr. Walter Tomlinson had called only one peal—in five Minor methods at Wellington, Lincs, on December 31st, 1938.

The band who rang the peal of Stedman Triples at Thurcaston wish to thank the local captain, Mr. Fred Bindley, for kindly standing in at the last minute. The method should have been London, but one of the band failed to arrive in time.

Mr. Arthur W. Rolfe writes refuting that the peal at Fornham All Saints, near Bury St. Edmunds, was the first known peal on the bells (see 'Ringing World,' February 1st). Mr. Rolfe conducted a peal of Grandsire Doubles in this church in 1927 or 1928, in which the ringers were G. Lilley 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, W. Head 3, G. Petch 4, W. Stannard 5. He is looking forward to November 7th, which will be the 50th anniversary of his first peal (at Chevington).

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PEAL RINGING IN 1956

An increase of 128

The drop in peal ringing, which has been continuous each year since 1951, has been arrested. The total for 1956 shows an increase of 128 over 1955 figures. Subject to revision and the final check, the figures are:—

Tower bells .. 2,192
Handbells .. 173

Total 2,365

This represents an increase of 66 tower bell peals and 62 handbell peals. Comparative figures of recent years are: 1955, 2,237 (111 handbells); 1954, 2,412 (123); 1953, 2,567 (154); 1952, 2,915; 1951, 2,925; 1950, 2,723; 1949, 2,906.

MONTHLY TOTALS

	Tower	Hand
January ..	160	14
February ..	148	12
March ..	143	17
April ..	236	19
May ..	165	12
June ..	170	14
July ..	152	8
August ..	182	13
September ..	188	15
October ..	193	12
November ..	203	14
December ..	252	23
	2,192	173

SPLIT ANALYSIS

Maximus ..	18	—
Cinques ..	37	3
Royal ..	116	8
Caters ..	70	9
Major ..	858	58
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Doubles ..	236	18
	2,192	173

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HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Watford District Have Same Team of Officers

Watford was again the venue for the annual District meeting held on February 2nd. Ringing on the ten bells of St. Mary's continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (Canon St. John Thorpe) conducted a short service. Tea followed in a nearby church hall and was most acceptable, thanks being extended to Mrs. Bell and her helpers.

At the business meeting which followed, all the officers were re-elected. These were:—secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. R. Dunstan; Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Hoare; representatives on General Committee Messrs. G. W. Seaman and S. H. Hoare; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. K. R. Dunstan.

The secretary's annual report showed satisfactory progress and that peal ringing was being well maintained. The accounts showed a balance of £18 7s. 6d. Further ringing continued in the tower until 8 p.m. K. R. D.

QUIZ ON CAMPANOLOGY

No competitor succeeded in answering all the 20 questions correctly. The greatest stumbling block was the Artichoke Inn. Only one of the many entries had the correct answer—the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. There were various guesses, such as where the Birmingham ringers of the last century congregated after ringing and where the first Guild was formed.

The Editor has awarded the prize of a book token to Peter N. Bond, Gaywood, Stock's Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent, who had one error.

THE QUESTIONS

- 1.—Where, and by whom, was Big Ben originally cast?
- 2.—What is 'The Fragrant Memory,' and where would you hear it spoken of?
- 3.—The Artichoke Inn has a strong connection with campanology; what is it?
- 4.—Which bell should all loyal ringers never wish to hear?
- 5.—A famous author was a ringer; who was he, and where did he ring?
- 6.—What had the incumbent of Fittleworth to do with modern bellfounding?
- 7.—In which city have two rings of 12 been installed since the war?
- 8.—Probably all of us have, in our early years, rung crotals; what are they?
- 9.—Who learned to ring at Duke's Denver?
- 10.—What has 'Saxifrage Umbrosa' to do with Bow Bells?
- 11.—The so-called 'Westminster Chimes' were first installed, where?
- 12.—For which famous bell was £400 paid for unsuccessful attempts to recast it, but only £190 for successfully doing so?
- 13.—Where are ringers asked to ring a muffled peal on a wedding anniversary?
- 14.—A ring of eight hangs beneath a golden ball, where?
- 15.—Upon which famous bells appears the inscription: '(Founder's Name) made me 1625'?
- 16.—A royal ring of bells is hung 'widdershins,' where?
- 17.—In which ring of 12 is the tenor twice as heavy as the 11th?
- 18.—A famous campanologist gave his name to a chiming hammer; who was he?
- 19.—The 1951 Festival bell is now the tenor of a ring; where?
- 20.—Which bell has, cast upon it, a tune in musical notation?

The following competitors are commended for their entries:—C. M. Meyer, 33, Norfolk House, London, S.W.1; Henry Allen, 3, Russell Terrace, Leamington Spa; A. P. Cannon, 20, Deepdene Vale, Dorking; Cpl. J. B. M. Pattison, R.A.F., West Kirby, Laxton, Cheshire; Miss Anne Wooler, 31, Reigate Way, Wallington.

A very good effort was made by Daphne Lester, Woodlands School, Deganwy, North Wales.

THE ANSWERS

- 1.—At Stockton-on-Tees, by John Warner and Co.
- 2.—It is the toast, proposed at the College Youths' annual dinner, to the memory of the Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years before.
- 3.—It is now the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.
- 4.—The Sevastopol Bell in the Round Tower of Windsor Castle, rung only at the funeral of a Sovereign.
- 5.—John Bunyan, author of 'Pilgrim's Progress,' who rang at SS. Mary and Helena's, Elstow, Beds.
- 6.—Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, Sussex, did much to introduce full harmonic 'Simpson tuning.'
- 7.—Liverpool, at the Cathedral and at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pier Head.
- 8.—Spherical bells, much used on babies' harness, etc.
- 9.—Lord Peter Wimsey, in Dorothy L. Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors.'
- 10.—It is the Latin name for London Pride, used to ornament the new Bow Bells.
- 11.—At Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, composed by Dr. Crotch (1793), properly called the 'Cambridge Chimes.'
- 12.—For Great Tom of Oxford; Richard Keene, of Woodstock, received the £400, Christopher Hodson, of London, the £190.
- 13.—At Bath Abbey, by the terms of an 18th century bequest.
- 14.—At St. Lawrence-on-the-Hill, West Wycombe, Bucks.
- 15.—Lavenham tenor. 'Miles Graye made me 1625.'
- 16.—In the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, hung anti-clockwise.
- 17.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Redcliffe, Bristol.
- 18.—The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.
- 19.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Kelvedon, Essex.
- 20.—The fourth at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Oxford.

A JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Ringling ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal at a joint meeting at the Parish Church of Stockton-on-Tees arranged by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. Thirty-five ringers from Tees-side attended. The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. E. V. Davey) and Canon Hesilton preached the sermon. Mr. Gordon Mackie, A.R.C.O., accompanied on the organ.

Tea and meeting followed in the vestry, where the members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Mr. G. W. Peverell and Mr. H. Smith, both of Bishop Auckland.

Mr. N. W. Park thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and the brilliant young organist for his part in the service, and Mr. G. Robinson, of Skelton, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for an excellent tea. F. W. C.

OTHER NEWS

We thank the readers who have replied to our query as to the Ringers' Ten Commandments. They appear in the ringing chamber of SS. Peter and Paul's, Checkendon, near Reading.

The Homewood Secondary Modern School at Tenterden, Kent, have formed their own Ringing Society. Kent ringers will be interested to learn that the grandson of Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, has joined the Society and is learning to ring at Biddenden.

February 1st was the 79th birthday of Mr. George H. Simpson, for many years ringer, chorister and verger at Anstey, Leics. Peal honours were done to him that day, and the peal was also a welcome home, on demobilisation from the R.A.F., to David S. Harris, and engagement congratulations to N. G. (Gerry) McCrum, a former ringer, now in the U.S.A.

University of Bristol Society's Annual Ringing Day

THE University of Bristol Society's annual ringing day opened at 9.15 a.m. on January 26th at St. John-on-the-Wall, where a large gathering of visitors, guests and members met to enjoy various Doubles and Minor methods. Meanwhile, 200 yards away at Christ Church, an attempt for a peal of Grand-sire Caters by a band of resident and non-resident members of the Society had commenced. By the time the bells of St. John's had been lowered the attempt had been going some three-quarters of an hour and the company was told by a competent listener that the striking was quite good.

The party then trekked up the hill to St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, where the eight were raised and going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. The arrival of two of the band indicated that the peal attempt at Christ Church had come to grief. It was later discovered that these two were the culprits in a change of course and that the rest of the band had disappeared to drown their sorrows!

A rapidly increasing party arrived at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, where the six were rung to Plain and Surprise Minor methods and various Doubles methods, including Chase. At one period ringers queued down the spiral stairs in their efforts to get at least one touch on the bells.

During the afternoon ringing continued in the more spacious ringing chambers of St. James' (10) and St. Mary Redcliffe (12). Grand-sire and Stedman Caters and Cinques were amongst methods rung here. Finally an hour's ringing took place on the six at St. Michael's before the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Vyvyan Jones), the lesson being read by Mr. Brian J. Wyld.

THE DINNER

The dinner was held in the senior common room of the University Refectory, by kind invitation of the president of the Society, Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst. The president proposed toasts to 'The Queen' and 'The Church' before expressing his pleasure at seeing so many old faces. He then called the secretary (Mr. David Heighton) to propose the toast of 'The Visitors.'

The secretary first read apologies for absence from the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. Paul Taylor, Mr. Cyril Harding, Dr. Hudson and Mr. Jack Worrall. He also regretted the absence of Prof. Piper, a vice-president, due to indisposition. Turning to the guests, Mr. Heighton welcomed the Rector of St. Michael's, Mr. John Chilcott, the well-known composer and conductor from London, Mr. Roger Fry, secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, a great friend of the Society, the Masters of the University of London Society (Mr. J. M. Armstrong), the Oxford University Society (Mr. P. Sanders) and the Cambridge University Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter) and also many City ringers and visitors from Northampton and Surrey.

Mr. John Chilcott, replying on behalf of the visitors, said the atmosphere of Bristol was always so friendly, especially in that certain hostelry where the City ringers always took him! On the more serious side, he said he had read of a plea to technologist ringers to invent a self-lubricating bell. In these days of

ball bearings, however, he considered this plea to be out of date, especially when the cost of bells was prohibitive. It was far better, he said, that ringers should employ their energies in the field of public relations. It was their duty to go out and meet, especially, the younger generation, and generally to smooth things over with the public. In this case the Exercise would receive more favourable publicity than that in an article by 'Cassandra' in the 'Daily Mirror,' concerning the record length attempt at Loughborough.

In proposing the health of the Society, Mr. J. D. Painter (Master of the Cambridge University Guild) opened with the quotation 'All men are born equal.' He felt however, that men had inequalities and that although these inequalities provided incentive to competition, they should be viewed in their proper perspective. To say that a person had rung more and bigger bells and peals did not make that person better than someone who had done his best in ringing, perhaps one good peal. Hence he asked the guests and visitors to drink to the Society, not because it was a better Society, but because it was a good Society.

Replying on behalf of the Society, the Master (Miss Patricia M. Bourn) first congratulated certain members on their engagement, and also Mr. Frank Mack on his appointment to the Ringing Mastership of the City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

FAILURES PHENOMENAL

Summing up the activities of the Society over the past year, she said in numbers the Society increased and ringing had been held regularly at St. Michael's during term time. Ringers were also sent to certain City towers, and their 'help' was received with tolerance. The termly quarter peal attempts at St. Thomas' had literally 'fallen through' because of unsafe floors, but regular eight-bell practices were initiated and had been a great success.

Sad was the tale in the field of ringing; there had been a phenomenal number of failures. Three peals had been rung, one of Grandsire Triples by an all-resident band, and two of Minor, one being Plain Bob and the other Bob Minor (laughter). The Plain Bob had been rung for the Rector's 21 years at St. Michael's, and the Master hoped he would be at the church for many more years. In all, 45 towers in three different counties had been visited by the Society, on bus, cycle and foot, on which occasions the standard of map reading was shown to be extremely poor! The summer ringing tour, however, had been the highlight of the year. An annual Society Corporate Communion had been inaugurated at St. Michael's, thus binding the Society even closer to the Church. Finally the Master thanked the Rector for having the Society at St. Michael's, and also friends in and around Bristol for helping to acquire towers.

Flowers were presented to the Master on behalf of the Society by Mr. Michael Sprackling. He said that they had a good Master in all respects, which made for a good Society. It was due to Miss Bourn's hard work during her two years of office as Master that the Society had remained among the leading University Societies.

P. J. B.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The Bristol Rural Branch held a most successful annual meeting at the Church of St. Ambrose, Bristol. Visitors from the City Branch, Malmesbury, Clutton and elsewhere helped to make the numbers up to well over the 60 mark. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Hocking, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Easton and Mr. H. Pentreath, and afterwards came an excellent tea prepared by the ladies of the parish.

Mr. T. T. Walters presided at the business meeting, and the company stood in silence to note the passing of three members. The secretary (Mr. W. F. Scudamore) presented his report, together with the balance sheet. Commenting on the healthy state of the Branch's finances, the secretary said that the year had been one of steady progress, almost all the towers in the Branch being affiliated to the Association. In view of the work involved in his new post as hon. secretary to the Association he would not seek re-election as Branch secretary.

The chairman also made his report, in which he thanked the members for their loyal support during the past year. He invited the Master (Mr. C. R. Harding) to take the chair for the election of new officers. Mr. Scudamore was thanked for his five years of service as Branch secretary, and was persuaded to take the office of chairman. The former chairman, Mr. T. T. Walters, was elected secretary, Mr. R. G. Hooper was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. H. Taysom was elected representative on the Management Committee.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

On January 26th ringers of the Truro Diocesan Guild were invited to spend the afternoon and evening at Perranzabuloe, when a bazaar was also held to raise funds towards expenses incurred in connection with recent work on the tower, which has included a new roof and the partial blocking of the louvres.

Ringing started at 2 p.m. The bazaar was opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. Treve Holman. At 4 p.m. the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Harvey) conducted a short service at which he was able to welcome about 50 ringers, including Mr. A. Carveth (president), Mr. D. Burnett (Master), the Rev. A. S. Roberts, R.D. (secretary, Penzance Branch) and the Rev. J. Vincent, who has just returned to his native Cornwall from Shrewsbury to be curate of Camborne.

During the service the Vicar processed with the choir to the west end ringing chamber to dedicate an electric clock in memory of the late William Jarvis Hodge, who, in 1928, gave the tenor bell in memory of his parents. Mr. Hodge died last year and for a long period had been captain of the tower.

A splendid tea was served in the Church Hall nearby where the bazaar was in progress, and this was patronised by many present.

Ringing on the pleasant six (tenor 94 cwt.) was of a particularly high standard and included rounds and call changes and methods up to Cambridge Minor. This happy afternoon, at the invitation of the Perranzabuloe ringers, was much appreciated.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HUDSON'S NEW LIGHT

Dear Sir,—I feel I must disagree with the convener of the Analysis Committee regarding this peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (see 'Ringing World,' page 821) and point out that the decision of the Council at Bristol in 1955 was 'This Council resolves to recognise all true peals rung in conformity with the conditions required for peals.' The conditions for peals incorporate no restrictions as to method or composition except in regard to record peals. (See Handbook, pages 19 and 20.)

Therefore the peal must be incorporated in the Analysis as there is apparently no objection to the standard of ringing, etc.

I have inquired what was actually rung and find that it is what is usually termed the 'Ilkeston Variation,' but that no indication of change of method was given. The bobs were normal fourth's place bobs.

I have searched through the ringing books which I possess but cannot trace 'Hudson's New Light,' although I well remember looking at it many years ago, and from memory I feel sure it was only a variation of Treble Bob, similar to Ilkeston. The conductor of the peal tells me he found it in the 'Bell News' many years ago.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

FAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—How heartily I agree with Derek Jones in his letter re Hoar Cross and that vile footnote 'Quickest peal on the bells.' Should they not add in 90 per cent. of the peals 'and the worst'?

I, like D. P. J., remember ringing Bray, Berks, tenor (264 cwt.) to four Treble Bobs and three plain extents exactly 30 minutes per 720, and many good things were said about that peal on August 3rd, 1929. No one can dodge on the lead at a faster pace.

On another occasion, with A. H. P., we took 3 hours and 25 minutes for half-muffled Stedman (tenor 84 cwt.). Could our fast peal ringers strike out to that time? How we all enjoyed the solemn measured beat in that peal. On these same bells with our local band, Charlie Denyer (then Aldershot) rang his first peal, New Year's Eve, 1924, half-muffled, in 3 hours and 13 minutes (age 13), sister Nancy (14) on 2nd. Again, at Sonning (tenor 204 cwt.), Bob Major, 3 hours and 32 minutes, and I was proud to put a footnote 'Believed to be the slowest peal on the bells.'

During the middle 1920's nothing could be better than the wonderful musical effect of ringing steady peals with old Alf Pulling and his band. I have always tried to train mine likewise.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE GILBERT.

Burnham, Bucks.

FALSE BUT MUSICAL

Dear Sir,—An interesting fact was brought to my notice recently concerning the calling round of Stedman Triples, which may be of use to some of your readers.

The general plan used is that recommended by Mr. J. T. Dyke in J. A. Trollope's 'Stedman,' but whereas Mr. Dyke suggests avoid having 2-1 dodging behind at the bobs at 7, 8, I advise instead keeping that pair behind. The reason is that, although the touch will be false, if 2-1 are dodging behind at 7, 8, when the seventh comes in a quick bell a few sixes later, Queens will come up at backstroke. What is lost in falseness (and the touch may have been false, anyway, if it had to be called round) is amply regained in the improved music.—Yours sincerely,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

HOW THEY DO THINGS IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest some of the recent letters in your paper on the subject of the Christmas Bells Broadcast. A suggestion has been put forward that the Associations should nominate various bands to the B.B.C. for ringing in these programmes, but I feel that I should point out that such an arrangement is already in force between the Northern District of the Irish Association and the Northern Region of the B.B.C. since 1945.

Before selecting a tower to ring, the B.B.C. agreed to consult the District secretary and ask for his recommendations. Sometimes, due to calls on the services of the B.B.C. technical staff, it has not been practicable to broadcast the most suitable ring but the second choice has always been taken as the alternative. This arrangement has worked well with mutual co-operation on both sides and to their advantage.

The only complaint I have about the criticisms of the broadcast on Christmas Day is that I feel that 'the eminent ringer' should have had the courage to sign his name.

Some years ago the Central Council discussed this vexed question of anonymous letters being published and I understood that it was agreed that anonymity was not to be allowed to be used when criticism was published. The reason given for its retention was that it was claimed that some of our leading exponents would not be prepared to publish articles, etc., under their own names for private reasons.

I must say, however, that to be fair to our 'eminent member of the Central Council,' his criticism was realistic and agreed with the notes I made myself while listening to the broadcast.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Holywood, N. Ireland.

CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to see the letters of Mr. R. G. Edwards and Pat Cannon on the above subject. I agree with W. W. Ring—the ringing was not good. But the criticism of my old friend Pat was not good and cannot do the Exercise any good, either.

I fully agree with Mr. F. R. L. Blewer that if any bells are broadcast they should be taken from the country at random. Bells are in the church to be rung for services, not for the likes and whims of brass hats! The ringers who man them Sunday by Sunday are the ones to ring them for broadcasts, and it's up to the B.B.C. to pick where they like. That is their concern and no one else's.

I and a couple of others are struggling to teach a band at Twineham. They all read 'The Ringing World' and are not pleased to read such comments. And if any ringer is in the neighbourhood of Twineham Church any Friday evening about 7.30 he or she will receive a hearty welcome from

C. H. WICKENS.

Twineham, Sussex.

LIST OF FOUR-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Would it be possible for Mr. R. Dove to add a supplement, one day, to his excellent 'Guide,' giving a list of churches with four bells, if hung for ringing? The number of towers may not be great, and the interest to change ringing slight, but there is often much antiquarian interest among the smaller numbers. Once placed 'on the map' in this manner, who knows what local enthusiasm towards augmentation or the study of method ringing in its simplest form may follow from the increased interest shown by visiting parties made thus aware of the existence of these towers.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin.

MANUAL AS TEXT BOOK

Dear Sir,—May I add a few lines to what has been written to you in answer to the critics of the Manual of the College of Campanology?

First, What is a 'Manual'? Surely a text book of instruction, and in all types of education and teaching it is necessary to have a book of authentic instruction. Does everyone carry out their job in the textbook manner? Of course, it is not always practicable, but the letter of the law must be laid down somewhere, even if everyone does not keep strictly to it.

The compilers of the 'Ringing Manual' have done something that ought to have been done many years ago. By that I am not suggesting that the old 'stalwarts' of the Exercise did not know how to teach ringers. All who begin to learn ringing should aspire to be good ringers, and by this I mean those who ring what they can ring, and not those who try to ring something beyond them (for the time being) before they have realised that a good ringer is one who does not earn a reputation as a bad or indifferent striker. Theoretical knowledge allied to a bad standard of striking is no use to anyone, and a good instructor is one who teaches good striking and handling, and insists on these before technical progress.

The Manual was surely compiled as an explanation of the correct technique, and I should like to see any attempts made by some of its critics to put down on paper the correct way to learn and teach ringing. It is often easier to show how anything is done than give written directions on the method of teaching.

Anyone who considers that Snowdon's 'Ropesight' went far enough is entitled to their opinion, but 'Ropesight' is not so meticulous as the Manual, but this does not detract from the important place in ringing literature that the Manual and 'Ropesight' occupy.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

Wimbledon, S.W.19.

THE RAVEN PEAL AT EYE, 1906, AND GEORGE E. DAY

Dear Sir,—May I please refer to the issues of October 19th and December 21st, 1956, pages 667 and 810 respectively, concerning George E. Day in particular.

I am obliged to Mr. George H. Cross for putting me right. I had been under a misapprehension and had got the two George Days mixed up.

I have had a talk with Miss Ella K. Day, who, appropriately, lives at Bell Cottage, Eye, and is a grand-daughter of George Day, sen., and I now confirm that in the Day bell-hanging firm there was:—First, Joseph Day. His son, George William, died May 1st, 1905, and George William's son, Fred, carried on the business. He died in (I think) 1922. Fred had two sons, George E. and Hubert J. George E. never returned from the 1914-18 war, and Hubert J. died at Eye August 9th, 1952, aged 63. Fred was a College Youth.—Yours truly,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Eye, Suffolk.

Leading Peal Ringers

Among those near the head of the list for 1956, four founder members of the College of Campanology figure prominently. They include the president, who is also the record living peal-ringer; the registrar, who is fourth among the conductors; and the bursar, who is the leading lady peal-ringer and the highest in peals 'in hand.' The two latter—Mr. Roger Baldwin and Miss Kathleen Knight—recently trained and qualified as Tutors I., and are now giving valuable service in training others.

A. Y. B.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch**

The annual meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Stockport St. Mary on January 26th, when some 50 members and friends were present at the service conducted by the Rector (Canon R. Simpson). Before the service the bells were in full use from early in the afternoon, to the great consternation of the market people, whose stalls are under the shadow of the tower.

After the service an excellent tea was served in the Day Schools by the wives of local ringers, and proceedings were delayed because several members had been inspecting some of the church's treasures, among them the register which contains the record of the christening of John Bradshaw, of Marple Hall, who signed King Charles' death warrant. Against this some Royalist supporter at some time wrote 'Traitor.' Some old Communion vessels were examined, also the latest find — a pair of beautiful oak doors, which for years had been hidden beneath a thick coating of brown paint and varnish.

The secretary reported that the meetings for 1957 had been confirmed with the exception of the June meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith, where some alteration of date might be necessary. It was decided that a Branch social be held, if possible on March 2nd, and the arrangements left to a small committee.

The statement of accounts and report for 1956 showed a healthy state of affairs; 37 peals had been rung in which 44 Branch members and 25 from outside took part. There were 15 conductors. The report contained an appeal for constant vigilance with regard to striking, and expressed satisfaction at the continued presence of young ringers, who are making good progress. Appreciation of the work of the officers was shown by their re-election. It was also unanimously decided to appoint Mr. James Milner, of Disley, a valued member who had done much for the Branch, a vice-president. The following new members were elected:—Sheila Norris and Derek Lawton (Stockport St. Mary), Dorothy Stafford, Valerie Pennington, Margaret Mackay, Merita V. Braddock (Marple), Ian Hodgson, John Beaumont (Staley), Derek Ogden, N. Bennett (Ashton) and Kenneth Hall (Cheadle).

Mention was made of the note in 'The Ringing World' regarding the peal of Treble Bob (Hudson's New Light variation) to which exception had been taken by the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, and the secretary undertook to write, putting the matter in order.

C. K. L.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION**North District Annual Meeting**

Seventy members met at the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, for the annual meeting of the Northern District. This church was recently rehallowed after being rebuilt due to being bombed in 1943. As there is still a lot of money to be raised to complete the rebuilding, the collection taken at the service and proceeds from the tea, which was nearly £15, was for the Church Restoration Fund.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. N. Brown), and Mrs. E. M. Everett played the organ. Tea was served in the Lecture Hall by members of St. Peter's Guild.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and the Master and secretary presented their reports, which stated that more peals were rung last year than the year before, and some were the first in the method for the Association. Restoration work on Halstead bells was going ahead and they will be rededicated in April. The secretary stressed that subscriptions must be paid more regularly, and that last year there was a considerable number of members in arrears. Tributes were paid to George Schlueter and Albert Catterwell, who had recently died.

Miss H. G. Snowden was re-elected Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt secretary, and Messrs. J. Elliott and J. Warner committee representatives. Ten new members were elected, four being from Coggeshall. The next meeting will be at Stebbing on March 16th. Votes of thanks were accorded to all who had made the meeting most successful.

J. F. H.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's first meeting of 1957 was held at Bradford Cathedral on January 26th. Throughout the afternoon the large tower was well filled, and good use was made of the bells until five o'clock, when a break was made for tea.

Afterwards the Provost (the Very Rev. John G. Tiarks) welcomed the Society to Bradford and looked forward to further meetings being held there. He lightheartedly suggested that Bradford rather than Leeds should appear in the title of the Society, as it was hardly likely that Bradfordians would consider themselves included by 'and District' as far as Leeds was concerned!

The chair at the business meeting was taken by Mr. I. Slack in the absence of the president (Mr. H. Lofthouse), who considered it inadvisable to make the climb up to the Cathedral. Mr. J. Gibson proposed the vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements.

The next meeting will be held at Birstall on February 23rd.

PUDSEY BELLS RECAST

The bells of St. Lawrence's Church, Pudsey, which have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated at morning service on February 3rd by the Vicar of Pudsey (the Rev. John Vipond) assisted by Mr. F. A. Bird (headmaster of Pudsey Grammar School). The bellfounders were represented at the dedication by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The bells, a ring of eight with a tenor 16 cwt., were cast by Mears in 1824, and were quarter-turned in 1907. It was on these bells, in November, 1884, that Jasper Snowden rang his last peal, a 5,024 of Kent Treble Bob Major.

For some time it has been felt that a thorough overhaul was both desirable and necessary, that recasting would improve the tone and rehanging make ringing much easier, so the bells went back to the foundry from whence they came, where they have been recast and tuned on the five-tone principle. New steel headstocks have been provided, and now that the bells have been rehung the result is a sonorous, tuneful ring, which is a pleasure to the ringers and a delight to hear. The tenor now turns the scale at 17 cwt.

W. B.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**Newark District**

Despite wintry weather and petrol rationing 40 ringers attended the Newark District annual meeting at St. Giles' Church, Balderton, on January 19th.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected for 1957:—Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton; Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Clarke; committee, Mr. G. E. Foster and Mr. C. J. Copp.

The next meeting, in March, was confirmed as Bingham, and Elston was chosen for May. The sum of 23s. was raised for the Belfry Repair Fund. Two new ringing members, Mrs. P. France and Mr. D. Drury, of Newark, and three non-resident life members, Messrs. J. E. Brown, F. Derry and C. Jackson, of Brant Broughton, were elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Hutchinson for taking the service, to Mr. Ball (the organist), and to the local ladies for preparing and serving tea, was proposed by Mr. F. W. Vernon.

W. L. E.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild, had the pleasure of presenting proficiency certificates to eight members of the Babbacombe band when the Mid-Devon Branch held their annual meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, on January 19th. The election of two members from Babbacombe was also confirmed.

Mr. J. E. Lilley presided, and the secretary's report and the treasurer's statement (showing an increased balance) were adopted. Officers unanimously elected were: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; General Committee, the Rev. N. F. D. Cole-ridge, Messrs. W. J. Harvey and W. Simmonds.

A discussion took place on a suggestion by Mr. W. Simmonds that the County Education Committee should be asked whether campanology should be included in education, but no action was taken. Subject to permission, the next Branch meeting will be held at Moreton-Hampstead on April 27th.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Bate) for conducting the service, the Rev. T. P. Vokes-Dudgeon for his address, the organist, and the ladies for the tea arrangements.

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OBITUARY

MR. STAFFORD H. GREEN

Mr. Stafford Green was an Essex man who came to Tunbridge Wells from Woodford some time about 1920. He was a member of the banking profession, and in company with the late Frederick White (also a banker), who came there from Hertfordshire at the same time, raised ringing to Surprise standard in the Tunbridge district.

He quickly became an officer of the Kent County Association and remained so until he left the county. During almost the whole of this period he acted (anonymously) as peal secretary.

As a Freemason he took part in the first Masonic peals of Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford in 1926, Cambridge Major at Crayford in 1927, Kent Maximus at Shoreditch in 1931, and Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow in 1939. This was one of the last—if not actually the last—peal on Bow Bells. He also took part in a bankers peal, which was organised by the late Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Wincanton, Somerset.

During the war he evacuated with his office to the Guildford district and rendered valuable assistance in that area when the ban on ringing was removed.

Retiring a few years ago, first to Lyme Regis and afterwards to Sampford Peverell, Devon, he continued as a Sunday service ringer and taking part in occasional peals. One of these, Grandsire Triples, at Exeter Cathedral, did not conform to the Central Council rules and was never published. When, some time later, the peal was rung, Mr. Green again took part, ringing the treble.

He had a son and a daughter. His son met a tragic end at Tunbridge Wells, being killed by a car while on his way to school. His daughter married a clergyman and some years later they emigrated to Australia. About three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Green visited them for six months, and Mr. Green's account of his visits to various Australian towers made interesting reading in 'The Ringing World.'

I could not agree more with the Editor's description of Stafford Green as a 'delightful personality.' I personally have the happiest memories of him. E. B.

MR. RAYMOND LYDSTER

With the death of Mr. Raymond Lydster on January 24th, in his 52nd year, Bedford has lost one of its staunchest workers at the Parish Church of All Saints. He served in the choir until he was 16, and from then on his interest was mainly centred on having the bells rung for Sunday services. He gave his time freely to this and eventually became captain of the ringers in 1935.

For the last five years he was verger of All Saints', a duty which he performed unselfishly.

Ray was not a prolific peal ringer and rang about nine in all, one of which was the only peal to be rung by a Sunday service band.

On January 28th, at his interment, the bells were rung half-muffled before the service by members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Will Maggs), and was fully choral. In his address he spoke very highly of Ray's service to the church he loved, and said he would be missed by all.

In the evening a quarter peal was rung by Guild members.

MR. ALBERT CATTERWELL

We regret to record the passing on January 14th of Mr. Albert Catterwell, captain of Sible Hedingham, Essex, ringers, aged 70 years. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

BISHOP B. C. ROBERTS

Bishop Basil C. Roberts, secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whose death was recently announced, was, during his undergraduate days at Pembroke College, an enthusiastic ringer. The records of the Cambridge University Guild show that he took part in two handbell peals of Bob Major. The band on each occasion was Basil C. Roberts 1-2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 3-4, E. Maurice Atkins 5-6, Reginald O. Street (now living at Bournemouth) 7-8. Both peals were compositions of Mr. Atkins, of Teignmouth, whose name still appears in our peal columns.

Before becoming secretary to the S.P.G. Bishop Roberts was Bishop of Singapore and previous to that a Suffragan Bishop in the diocese of Canterbury.

MR. WILLIAM SHIMMANS

The death occurred recently at Sidcup, Kent, of Mr. William Shimmans at a very advanced age.

A native of Bedford, where he learned to ring, he came to London as a steam crane driver at the Surrey Commercial Docks at the beginning of the present century and joined the band at Greenwich, which at that time enjoyed the distinction of being one of the very few towers capable of ringing London Surprise with their own band.

A lifelong Cumberland Youth, he did much to keep the Society together during those lean years in the Cumberlands' history which followed the death of George Newson in 1895. He remained on the active list, particularly with the Cumberlands, until between the wars, when he retired to Sidcup, since when little had been heard of him. E. B.

MR. W. WIGHTMAN

An Appreciation

It was with sorrow that I read of the death of Will Wightman, of Creetingham. I can fully endorse all that L. G. B. says of his hospitality, and that of his brothers, to any ringers who happened to visit the locality and took the trouble to call at the shoe shop, and one must not omit their sister, who was the power behind the scene at meal times.

I knew them all and rang with them from 1903 onwards, when I started to learn to handle a bell. They often came to Debenham—tall, pale-faced men, kindly with learners, rough with erring 'experts,' seldom at fault themselves. The father, Stephen Wightman, senior, had just given up tower bell ringing in those days.

Will was exactly the same age to the day as the late Alfred W. Grimes, and these two had a special liking for each other and were often together. Only last August, when I paid a visit to the shoe shop to see Will, he mentioned Alf and his feat of ringing 250 peals in two years. 'As many,' said Will, 'as I have rung in my life.' Will himself was still repairing boots in the shop, and produced for my inspection photographs of many famous ringers as published in the 'Bell News' of 60 years ago, still lying handy in the shop. As L. G. B. says, his memory of things past was almost uncanny, reminding one of things one had forgotten.

However, one must look upon the bright side of things, and remember William Wightman and his brothers, and not to forget the nephews, Leslie and George A., as a family of ringers who did an enormous amount of good work in their part of Suffolk in their day, leaving many ringers still about somewhere who can say that they owe a lot to the ringing skill of this remarkable family, and that includes

PETER LAFLIN.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District's Progress

In a welcome to Hersham at the annual meeting of Chertsey District on February 2nd the Vicar (the Rev. L. St. C. Gower Williams) at the service expressed his pleasure and surprise at the large number of young members present. Ringing preceded the service under the direction of Mr. J. King.

After a bumper tea, provided by local ladies, Mr. W. Shepherd presided for the business meeting. The secretary, in his report, stated that the membership, at 87, was the highest ever, most notable increases being at Chobham and Weybridge. Most of the other towers were holding their own.

The six District meetings had been well supported, an average of 34 being at each. Of 204 attendances, 130 were by District members. With the large number of learners, lower methods had been the rule, and it had been encouraging to see some famous ringers lending a hand. It was hoped the more experienced would continue to turn up and assist the learners.

The secretary reminded members of the need to pull together and to build up a strong District. They owed this to the memory of their late Ringing Master, Mr. J. F. Dodson.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. W. Shepherd, showed an increase at the bank of £1 11s. 5d.

After a ballot, Mr. R. Collins was elected District Ringing Master, and Mr. J. King assistant, Miss Hazel Hancock District secretary, and Mr. G. Talbot representative on the Executive Committee.

The question of junior members being allowed to vote was raised by Mr. W. Goldstone. After Mr. W. Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury had all spoken in favour it was decided to raise this matter again at the Guild Executive and at the annual general meeting. The secretary reminded members that the rule would not have been altered if those who supported the junior members' vote turned up at the annual general meeting.

New members were proposed from Walton (1), Weybridge (3), Send (3), Chobham (3) and Horsell (2). Ringing in methods up to Cambridge took place till 9 p.m. under the new Ringing Master. R. C.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Christchurch District

A practice meeting was held at Ringwood on February 2nd, when 25 ringers attended from all parts of the Christchurch District.

It was a successful afternoon and evening with striking of a variable quality but, on the whole, quite good. Beginners were encouraged to take part in many touches, whilst the more advanced members interspersed courses of Surprise Major and some Spiced Surprise in three methods. At a short business meeting it was decided to postpone the quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Brockenhurst from March 2nd to March 9th.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Want a Competition

The committee of the Northern District at their annual meeting at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on January 26th, advocated a competition based on four main points to advance Rule 1 (b), the cultivation of the art of change ringing. The points were: Attendance for Sunday service ringing, quarter peals scored, full peals scored, and a striking competition for Sunday service bands. There could be a leading tower for each section and a combined best tower. There would, of course, be no question of ringing for prizes.

The committee's report recorded a membership decrease from 277 to 245. There were 12 resignations and the majority were from towers in the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. It seemed that unless rapid progress was made with repairs there would be lapses from Mortlake and Mitcham Parish Church.

During the year 63 quarters were rung in 17 towers, and 12 ringers rang their first quarter and 45 their first in the method. The peal total, at 17, was well up, entirely due to the demobilisation of John Hill and David Parsons. Opportunities for Surprise practice were offered any Tuesday at Leatherhead, and Wednesday at Banstead and any Thursday at Beddington.

With regard to the competition the secretary was willing to do all the necessary work associated with organising.

The treasurer reported that there is a balance of £27 10s. 6d., an increase from last year.

The officers and committee for 1957 were elected as follows:—Master, Mr. G. Peters; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton; committee members, Messrs. N. Bagworth, J. Hill and H. V. Young; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. A. J. Weise.

Mr. Roy Davis thanked the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. F. T. Collins, who has held the position for 11 years.

It was passed that the programme for 1957 shall be:—April 27th, Epsom; July 13th, Thames Ditton and Esher; August 5th, Leatherhead, with Guildford Guild; September 28th, Guildford; October 12th, Banstead, with Kent County Association; November 16th, Streatham and Clapham Park; and the annual District meeting on January 25th at St. Peter's, Croydon, and Old Addington. The collection amounted to £2 for the Bell Fund.

The meeting, attended by 53 members and three visitors, was preceded by a short service with an address by the Rev. D. Rogers. Ringing was under the guidance of Mr. F. E. Collins.

Southern District

The annual District meeting was held at Bletchingley on January 19th. There was an attendance of 35 ringers, of whom 25 were District members. Shortened Evenson was conducted by the Rev. L. S. Hawkes, and tea served at the King Charles Tea Rooms.

The ringers then adjourned to the Church Room for the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. K. G. Hoare, a member. The secretary presented the committee's report, which stated that the ringing and attendance at meetings during 1956 had slightly improved.

Ten new members were elected, eight of whom came from Betchworth, where ringing has recently been resumed. Mr. A. P. Cannon was re-elected as District Master, Mr. A. Streeter secretary, Mr. A. Gear treasurer, Mr. M. A. Northover auditor, and Messrs. T. H. Bird, G. Olliver and B. A. Cracknell committee. Votes of thanks included one to Mr. F. W. Bird for arranging the tea. After the meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m. with methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge 'Surprise Major.

As It Should Be

The ringers of St. Mary's, Kingswinford, write expressing their appreciation of the help which has been given to them by their ringing friends of St. Michael's, Brierley Hill. Their helpful criticism, and patience on practice nights, is having most fruitful results.

The quarter peal rung on February 1st, also the peal on the following Saturday afternoon, in which six of St. Mary's band took part, only proves what a little help can do. All are most grateful to Clifford Skidmore and his band, and would like to say 'Thank you!'

Death of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft

We regret to report the death of Mr. Walter W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, on Saturday, aged 82. He had a fall while changing buses on the homeward journey after attending a meeting at Leatherhead and was dead on arrival at hospital. The funeral is to-day (Friday) at Stoke Poges at 2 p.m.

QUARTER PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,344 Bob Major: H. Cooke 1, P. Dawes 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, G. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. C. Ryder.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss L. Hawes (first of Treble Bob) 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. Rowe 4, B. Bladon 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. Gilling 1, Mrs. W. H. Kingcoat 2, T. Ferris 3, L. W. Pullin 4, H. H. Yeates 5, W. H. Kingcott 6, R. Brice 7, H. Vowles 8, H. W. Knight (cond.) 9, M. Board 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. H. Collins, over 50 years a member of Wrington tower.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE.—There will be a demonstration at the Science Museum, South Kensington, during the afternoon of Saturday, March 2nd. As it is difficult for more than about twenty people to view the machine at any one time, admission will be by ticket only (free), and the times will be arranged according to the number of applications, starting at 2.30 p.m. Please apply with stamped and addressed envelope to Mr. Douglas Hughes, 12, Orpin Road, Merstham, Surrey. 9757

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food. Cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9757

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, Shepshed, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed, by Wednesday previous. 9755

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available at 6 p.m. All welcome. 9756

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pershore, Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8 and 6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, 20th, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 9754

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DEATH

APPS.—Annie, dearly beloved wife of George Apps, of Cuckfield, passed peacefully away after a long illness, on February 4th, 1957. 9742

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Social evening.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9706

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—An additional meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec. 9749

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Iver (8), Feb. 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by 19th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9746

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 2nd, Bulwell (8), 3.15 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. Simpson, 2, Ellen Terrace, Welton Road, Radford, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9731

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