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THE ORDINARY RINGER

HE saw me looking at the tower from outside and, after completing my short walk around, he approached and asked, 'Interested in ringing?' My reply seemed to please him, for he suggested a talk and led me to a nearby seat in order to exchange views on a subject of mutual interest. He told me he was 'just an ordinary ringer' who rang for Sunday services and festivals with one evening a week for practice. 'We used to ring call changes,' he said, 'but now we can ring two methods.' 'Are you a member of the diocesan or county organisation?' I asked, and he replied, 'Oh yes, but I am unable to attend any meetings.' He explained that he worked in a food shop and could not get away from his business on a Saturday. 'This is my one and only tower,' he told me, 'and after service ringing I hurry to the vestry for choir duty.'

Further information revealed that his evening kept him busy, therefore the time he devoted to ringing was limited, but one pleasing answer he gave to a question was, 'Yes, I take the "R.W." every week.' This was the means of opening up and getting the opinion of a ringer who styled himself 'ordinary,' one with a keen sense of duty to his particular church, but at the same time followed ringing by carefully reading a weekly paper devoted to ringers and ringing.

Questioned about peals, he commented on the recurring towers and oft-repeated ringers' names, and he held the opinion that the vast amount of space taken should very well be made the subject of a charge if required to be inserted in full original form. A fee of 3d. per name per peal would considerably help towards the heavy costs of running the paper, in his opinion. Regarding quarter peals, he expressed a great admiration for them, especially when rung for Sunday services, and he proudly recalled the three occasions when he formed one of the band.

His views on various matters reported in our paper were expressed quite clearly, and there was nothing to suggest he was liable to be dubbed old fashioned or non-progressive. One of the points he stressed was the behaviour of some visiting ringers during their short stay at various towers, and it was up to those responsible to ensure the visits were quiet, orderly and dignified. We came to the question of filling vacancies caused by death, retirement and lapses, a situation which every organisation continually has to face, and he told me their local band generally had two or three recruits in reserve, because they constantly kept the training of new hands well to the fore. 'Mind you,' he said, 'many towers are not so lucky to get such a steady flow of recruits as we, and even if some leave us for other towers our losses often help in other districts.'

When we parted company I pondered over our conversation, for it made me wonder why he used the term 'ordinary ringer' as applied to himself. Here was a man who could be relied upon to be in his place at the three appointed times each week, carrying out voluntary work faithfully over many years, yet applying the word 'ordinary' to what he is able to do in his own parish. You will find many hundreds of such ringers throughout this ringing island, but they certainly cannot be regarded as 'ordinary,' seeing they perform duties for which the bells were dedicated. On the subject of peals, there is a wide range of views among ringers, and it is generally realised that some districts are more favourable for peal ringing than others. It would not do for a large percentage of ringers to go in for peals on a big scale, and when I read the figures given in the Guildford Diocesan Guild report for 1956, it is remarkable to find that only twenty-five peals were rung in eighteen out of the sixty-two towers listed in the four districts.

Coming to quarter peals, it is a pleasure to look at the progressive signs in the weekly issue of this paper, for to me it brings back happy memories of places visited over sixty years, and it often reveals the names of ringers whom I have had the pleasure of meeting in or out of the tower. Quarter peals also show us what valuable help the male ringers receive from those given under Mrs., Miss or Christian name, and most of these quarters are rung for Sunday or special services.

Fifty years ago a special enquiry took place regarding conditions in towers containing rings of eight and upwards, and it revealed that in 77 per cent. of towers there was half-pull ringing; in 58 per cent., Sunday service ringing twice; in 10 per cent., Sunday service ringing once; in 13 per cent., Sunday ringing occasionally; in 19 per cent., no Sunday ringing; in 77 per cent., a regular practice night.

These figures were compiled when most of our villages were isolated and consequently bear no comparison with conditions to-day, yet we find plenty of sustained interest in all branches of our art, and if anyone who serves in the same way as Mr. Ordinary Ringer, then I venture to suggest the word assiduous could more correctly be applied.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	JOHN S. MASON	8
JAMES PHILLIPS	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	9
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	10
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
BROOKE K. LUNN	6	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

Rung to mark the consecration as Bishop of Newcastle in York Minster this day of the Very Rev. Hugh E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, 1946-1957.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
DOREEN D. DUTTON	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
ERNEST MORRIS	3	VERNON GREEN	9
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	JOHN A. SMITH	10
ERNEST RAWSON	5	S. ANTHONY JESSON	11
HAROLD G. JENNEY	6	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Josiah Morris, and also to Mrs. Stelfox, donor of the sixth bell of the 'Stelfox Eight.'

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	†ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
*†JOAN K. BROWN	3	†JOHN A. ACRES	8
PHYLLIS POOLE	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
JOHN M. JELLEY	5	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method.

In memoriam Josiah Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, who died on April 27th, 1957.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM J. CHESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*CHARLES COLES	3	*GEORGE F. BURTON	8
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	9
WILLIAM A. YATES	5	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Surprise Royal † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

D. BERESFORD (King's)	*Treble*	J. L. MORRIS (Q.M.)	6
*MISS M. FLOYER (U.C.)	2	D. ROBINSON (King's)	7
D. N. LAYTON (Imperial)	3	*P. BROWN (Nth. Poly.)	8
†MISS B. THOMPSON (Bed.)	4	R. KEELEY (King's)	9
‡D. JACKSON (Imperial)	5	A. F. THIRST (Imperial)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENNIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters for the Society.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*JILL BALDWIN	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	NELIA M. LEAHY	7
CEDRIC MURPHY	3	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	8
JEAN POWELL	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
MAURICE J. BUTLER	5	JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal. The conductor's 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORE, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., April 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

MRS. CYNTHIA ROBINSON	*Treble*	MRS. D. ELAINE MATTLI	5
MARGARET MILLS	2	MRS. SHIRLEY CARVER	6
SUSAN CHADDOCK	3	ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	7
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

All pupils of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*KENNETH GRAHAM	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	F. KEVON THOMPSON	6
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	3	*ROGER A. BREWIN	7
ERNEST F. PAYNE	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Major.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ALBAN DISNEY	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
RALPH ELKINGTON	3	HARRY POYNER	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	WILLIAM A. LACEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of David S. Harris to Jeanette M. Simpson, two local ringers and choristers, which took place at this church the same day.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*WILFRID F. MORETON	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
REGINALD T. JONES	2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	3	†LESLIE EVANS	7
CHARLES JONES	4	GEORGE DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

* Has 'completed the circle.' † 350th peal. The first peal of Oxford T.B. Major by all and on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
*CHARLES JONES	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Treble*	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
ARTHUR PRITCHARD	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.
* 200th peal for the Association. First peal of London Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. M. Connop-Price, M.A., now Rector of St. Giles'.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. UNY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	6
MARGERY A. BIRCH	3	DAVID N. PENROSE	7
V. MARY MATTHEWS	4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
Rung as a compliment to Canon W. R. Ladd-Canney, who has retired after 31 years as rector of Redruth.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., April 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
*ROGER MAHER	2	PHILIP DUNDERDALE	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	7
†J. BARRY PICKUP	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Major.
Rung on the 232nd anniversary of the first peal of Bob Major.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3qr. 16 lb. in E.

HENRY A. PRATT	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	JOHN WARNER	6
*MRS. H. W. MOORE	3	TERRY EARLE	7
ALAN R. SYDER	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.
* First peal in the method.
In memoriam George A. Andrews, of Thorington, life member of the Association.

USK, MONMOUTH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	EDWARD W. ROAST	5
*THOMAS R. ROAST	2	JOHN E. MORGAN	6
MARY DOWSETT	3	DAVID J. KING	7
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung as an engagement compliment to Mr. Richard J. Bowden and Miss Elizabeth Grime.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*PATRICIA LEES	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
G. BARBARA COOKE	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
NORMAN TOMPKINS	3	ORRELL DAVIES	7
ALAN SHARPLES	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. G. Botham, donor of the third bell, who died that week.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
CYRIL W. HANCOCK	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	7
EDWARD J. JENNER	4	WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Canon R. S. Greaves, on his retirement from the Ministry.

LEYTON, LONDON, E.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*MISS M. FLOYER (U.C.)	*Treble*	R. KEELEY (King's)	5
D. BERESFORD (King's)	2	†J. ARMSTRONG (Lon. Hos.)	6
†D. JACKSON (Imperial)	3	†P. P. BROWN (Nth. Poly.)	7
†MISS B. THOMPSON (Bed.)	4	J. L. MORRIS (Q.M.)	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rutland for the Society.
Rung to mark the occasion of the wedding of Mary Fuller and Richard Stevens, both members of the Society.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 13. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JENNIFER DAVIES	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal of Treble Bob and on eight bells. The conductor's 300th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 WHITCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

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

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 250th peal for the Association. The first peal in the method.

WHITCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR
-38-14, 58-12, 38, 14-14, 58, 16-16, 78.
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CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MURIEL R. PIPE	*Treble*	IVAN COOPER	5
WALTER RUFFLES	2	RONALD G. BUGG	6
CHARLES F. FISHER	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	†ARTHUR A. JOPP	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	CHARLES ROUSE	6
†MRS. A. A. JOPP	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
COLIN B. LONGMORE	4	ERIC T. LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.
* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Good Friday, April 19, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two different extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one extent of Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. J. J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	A. HARRY HAWCROFT	4
WILLIAM GRAVES	2	JOHN J. TAYLOR	5
G. FRED TERRY	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM MARSH	*Treble*	LEONARD P. WILSON	4
STANLEY R. WILSON	2	BEN BOYFIELD	5
NEVILLE WHITNEY	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A farewell peal for Mr. N. Whitney, captain of the Rippingale ringers, and Mrs. Whitney, on their departure for Cheltenham.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten extents and 16 240's (ten Morris' and six Pitman's).
Tenor 7½ cwt.

LESLIE G. MAYNARD	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HARRIS	4
RICHARD HARRIS	2	STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	5
*RON RAYFIELD	3	ARTHUR E. WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Rupert Stedman, who 'drummed' in this tower for 45 years. Passed away April 14th, aged 72 years.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In six methods: One extent each of Capel, Kingston, London Scholars Pleasure, Sandal and Kent, and two of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

SHIRLEY HARRIS	*Treble*	ALAN MCFALL	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	ROBERT SMITH	5
BASIL JONES	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., April 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Rung to welcome Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip to Herefordshire this day.

NEWLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., April 25, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES JONES	*Treble*	DAVID G. KING	4
JACQUELINE EVANS	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*STUART M. STONE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	4
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ROGER A. BREWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., April 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. PRYOR	4
WILLIAM DOWSE	2	ALAN MCFALL	5
BERNARD GROVES	3	ROBERT SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN MCFALL.
This is the first peal of Minor by a local band.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. McFall, parents of the conductor.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FOSTER	4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

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

Rung as a compliment to Colin Reed and Beryl White, whose wedding took place at Balderton earlier this day.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: Oxford Bob, Single Court, Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Bob, 42 changes of method. Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	4
REV. GILBERT THURLOW	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	5
GEORGE SAYER	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal on the bells, believed to be the lightest ring of six in any church.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN CLARK	*Treble*	†LAURENCE MITCHELL	4
HAZEL V. DADSON	2	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
JOHN R. WORSDALL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	*Treble*	STANLEY JENNER	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
ERIC BRUNGER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 St. Martin's Bob, 1,200 St. Simon's Bob, 2,160 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*VALERIE PENNINGTON	*Treble*	†WILLIAM H. DOWSE	4
BERNARD GROVES	2	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	5
†FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	*MERITA V. BRADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. † First peal in four Doubles methods.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., April 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*DANIEL PHILLIPS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4
†REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
‡N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First of Cambridge.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., April 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 extents and eight 240's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

*MARGARET C. MACKAY	*Treble*	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE	4
*DOROTHY M. STAFFORD	2	WILLIAM H. DOWSE	5
FRANK OSBALDISTON	3	BERNARD GROVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all. First peal in the method as conductor. Average age 15.2 years. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Guild.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 120's (ten callings) and one 240. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C.

*MRS. S. M. CLIFFORD	*Treble*	‡WILLIAM NOON	3
†C. WILLIAM TRINDER	2	†JOHN A. W. BAYLISS	4
‡LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'inside.' First of Doubles as conductor, who has now conducted from Doubles to Maximus.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 30 extents and one 240 Grandsire, and ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*ROY THURMAN	*Treble*	JAMES A. LORD	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	C. WILFRED LORD	5
*REGINALD UPTON	3	GEORGE HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 1, 1957, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, College, Reverse, Double and Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

ROBIN G. TURNER	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3—4
LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5—6		

Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., April 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Eighth place bobs. Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK OGDEN	1—2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4	WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7—8
LESLIE BOUMPHREY	9—10		

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

In memoriam C. H. Page.

WHITWORTH PARK, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT WESTON HOUSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*MRS. F. W. GROCOTT	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., April 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD	1—2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7—8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3—4	ERNEST MORRIS	9—10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5—6	JOHN A. ACRES	11—12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Rung to the respected memory of Josiah Morris.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 5th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Toms 1, M. W. Ford 2, W. G Trevett 3, J. H. Hayne 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 28th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, June A. Grieveson 3, R. D. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Diana M. Gough 6. First in method by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Ronald G. Pumfrey and Valerie J. Banks for their wedding the previous day at St. Nicolas' Church, Portslade.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Smith 1, R. Alderman 2, S. N. Bristow 3, H. Bristow 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, J. Manning 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Norman, a member of this band.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. A. Masters 1, Miss C. Whitfeld 2, Miss E. M. Foot 3, J. F. Whitfeld (first quarter) 4, Miss K. Stisted (cond.) 5, H. Ballard 6, A. D. V. Hunt 7, G. Prodger 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. Groome, a member of the band.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Maureen Allen 1, Lucy Allen (first as cond. in method) 2, R. F. Baker 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. A. Allen 5. Rung for St. George's Day.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 28th, 1,392 Bob Major: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, H. S. Peacock 3, F. Briscoe 4, C. J. Smith 5, P. G. Smith 6, B. F. Sims (cond.) 7, S. Gilbert 8. Rung for the annual busmen's service.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On May 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, Mrs. J. M. Harris 2, J. Hartless 3, M. J. Best 4, L. F. Cobb 5, F. L. Harris (cond.) 6, P. N. Tubbs 7, D. R. Reed 8, R. N. Marlow 9, W. T. Godfrey 10.

COFFINSWELL, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,800 Doubles (1,320 Grandsire and 480 Bob): N. Mallett 1, Heather Hood 2, Rev. J. G. M. Scott 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, W. J. Harvey 5, J. A. Radcliffe (first quarter) 6.

COWLEY, OXON.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Newbold 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Holloway 3, L. Busby 4, D. Norris 5, A. Bennett 6. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of David Brian Tidy (son of the organist), which took place during Evensong.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, P. E. Clark 4, S. Croft 5, D. Theedom 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. A 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Minor (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Bob): K. Fleming 1, F. J. Mynard 2, Angela Grainger 3, Anne Spavins 4, A. E. Butcher 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6. Rung for the birthday of the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, G. A. Cockman 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, W. Parrott 5, N. D. J. Webb 6, G. A. Howells 7, Cherie Payne 8. Rung for Evensong and H.M. the Queen's birthday.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,320 Bob Minor: G. Henson 1, J. Spicer 2, Miss B. Spicer 3, C. Goodger 4, A. Davy 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, J. Witney 7. For morning service. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Thoday 1, J. Spicer 2, C. Goodger 3, Miss B. Spicer 4, J. Witney 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, G. Henson 7. For morning service. Also on April 24th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Mrs. Disney 1, J. Witney 2, Miss B. Spicer 3, C. Goodger 4, A. Davy 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6, G. Henson 7. A farewell to the Rev. P. J. and Mrs. Disney, who are leaving for Ipswich.

GREAT PONTON, LINCS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse Canterbury and Bob and 540 Grandsire): Mrs. G. Stableford 1, J. E. Cook 2, J. M. Simpson 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, W. R. Read 5. Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson from active parochial duties.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On April 7th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, L. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, K. C. Timbury 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,344 Bob Major: C. Hope (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Archer 2, Miss E. Wardill 3, Mrs. E. D. Kelley 4, I. M. Holland (cond.) 5, C. Rusby 6, Miss E. Bate 7, J. J. L. Gilbert 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Taylor of the local company, and to Miss Archer, 18 the same day.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On May 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: M. Pettitt (first of Major) 1, E. Edmondson 2, B. Boon 3, R. A. Cochrane 4, J. M. Page 5, L. Shepherd 6, A. F. Cull 7, S. Huckle (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Malcolm Pettitt, who is joining H.M. Forces, and on the patronal festival of St. John's Church, Hatfield, daughter church of the parish.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): S. G. Ponting 1, W. A. Kitchenside (cond.) 2, F. J. Lambert 3, G. E. Dann 4, J. Anderson-Smith 5, F. Baker 6, A. Mewett 7, F. Greenway 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Wilfred Booth.

A Quarter for 'The Cup'

Canon Guy Warman, Vicar of Aston, is an ardent Villa supporter, and in his parish magazine writes, wishing the Club success in the Cup Final.

'I have told the Villa captain we shall ring a peal if they bring back the Cup, and I think we might manage a quarter peal even if they only come away with the losers' medals!'

On the evening of May 4th the bells of Aston Parish Church rang out, and a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung by A. Short 1, B. J. Downie 2, J. A. Anderson 3, J. C. Slater 4, J. L. Gray 5, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 6. The footnote reads: Rung to celebrate the return of the English F.A. Cup to Villa Park and to congratulate Aston Villa on achieving this distinction for the seventh time.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On April 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Frost 1, J. Culley 2, G. Lock 3, C. Abbott 4, H. Lovell 5, B. Huddleston (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. A compliment to Miss Davey (tower secretary), who was married the previous day.

KIBWORTH, LEICS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bolton 1, A. Martin 2, N. Bolton 3, F. Wallington 4, S. Bolton 5, G. Hollick 6, F. Staniforth (cond.) 7, L. Allen 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Josiah Morris.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On April 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Ponting (first as cond.) 1, Sybil Tonkin 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, F. J. Lambert 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, L. J. Baldock 6.

LEICESTER.—On May 5th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Firth (first quarter) 1, Beryl Ayris (first quarter) 2, E. Morris (comp.) 3, Mrs. N. Bramley 4, T. H. Bent 5, W. J. Tanser 6, C. P. Walker 7, G. Olliffe (cond.) 8, J. Bramley 9, J. Moore 10. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Josiah Morris.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 14th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss F. Brown (first of Major) 1, W. Wilson 2, Miss S. Sherwood 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Rea 5, A. Lewry 6, M. Williamson 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Young (first quarter 1, R. E. Dean 2, Heather Bonner 3, Evelyn Gibson 4, E. G. Silvey 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, M. Spracklen 8. For Evensong on Easter Day.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On April 7th, 1,260 Bob Minor: B. Groves 1, W. Dowse 2, Christine MacNair 3, A. Osbaldiston 4, A. McFall (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. For Evensong.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Best 1, R. P. Selway 2, M. E. Turner (first quarter, aged 11) 3, W. E. Turner (cond.) 4, A. Robinson 5, W. England 6.

OXFORD.—On May 5th, at New College, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. A. Hodgson 1, D. J. Roaf 2, Miss D. R. Castell 3, W. H. Jackson 4, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 5, R. N. Pittman 6, C. J. B. Taylor 7, P. R. Sanders 8, F. A. Barrett 9, S. J. Ivin 10. First of Cambridge Royal by all except 4 and 5.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On April 21st, 1,320 Bob Doubles: P. Andrews 1, S. Ashton 2, B. W. Lake 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. Rung by the local band for Easter Day.

RAVENSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Bob, 540 Grandsire): E. Gautry (first quarter) 1, M. F. Amos 2, R. E. Holland 3, J. H. Williams (first 'inside') 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. For morning service.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, Miss S. Morey 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A Fry 5, K. Jacobs 6, I. Templeton 7, C. White (first quarter) 8. For Easter.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. Chappel 1, M. Bingham 2, H. Seymour (cond.) 3, P. R. C. Williams 4, J. Reed 5, D. Martin 6, S. Seymour 7, R. Curnow 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 8. A farewell to the Rector, who retired from active ministry on that day after 31 years as Rector of the parish.

RUMNEY, GLAM.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. D. Woodman 1, E. J. R. Hartley 2, N. A. James 3, G. R. Marchant (cond.) 4, A. K. G. Jones (first of Grandsire Doubles) 5, M. Bennett (first quarter) 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,255 Erin Caters: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, W. J. Arnold 2, B. A. Cornell 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Blake 6, L. Cox 7, J. Ewer 8, G. Penny 9, M. Frost 10. First in the method on the bells and by the band, all Sunday service ringers.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Fleming 1, Angela Grainger 2, Anne Spavins 3, A. E. Butcher 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5. First of Grandsire for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the festival of SS. Philip and James.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On May 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. D. Rivers 1, F. R. Scott 2, E. S. T. Farr 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, A. E. Hartley 5, E. E. Gosling 6, Miss J. Adamson (first of Treble Bob Royal) 7, J. C. Birt 8, W. Birmingham 9, A. D. Barker (cond.) 10. Rung for the Baden-Powell centenary service attended by Princess Alexandra of Kent.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Stanyon 1, Miss A. Aldridge 2, Miss M. Piper (first of Triples) 3, R. Stallibrass 4, S. G. Peck 5, J. Wallman (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Perrett 8. Rung by members of the Sunday service band in memoriam Sidney Wade, a ringer at Christ Church for 60 years.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on April 28th, 1,320 Thelwall Bob Minor: Miss L. Hawes 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, M. J. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Bob, 240 Old and 240 Norfolk): J. S. Clark 1, W. G. Knight (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Sheehy 3, K. G. P. Stacey (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, P. Bawden (first quarter) 6.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. Bradshaw 1, J. Goode 2, F. Ginns 3, D. Urquhart 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5, R. Webster 6. First quarter by the regular Sunday service band.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, A. Bishop 2, Susan Jacobs 3, A. Bagworth (first of Minor) 4, F. Corfield 5, M. Sinden (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. John's Church, on April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rehn 1, Mrs. K. Buckingham 2, F. Scott 3, E. S. T. Farr 4, K. Buckingham 5, J. Brooks 6, B. L. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of J. Painter and the birthday of Mrs. K. Buckingham.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 480 Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. E. Adams 1, G. B. Porter 2, F. R. Morton 3, R. A. Trickett 4, J. D. Smith (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to J. E. Adams.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The 200th anniversary of the casting of the bells was celebrated by a joint meeting of the Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches at Winterbourne on May 4th.

Mr. W. F. Scudamore, general secretary of the Association, who presided, gave a short history of the bells and peals rung on them. Miss Brenda Chalk, of Warmley, was elected a member.

The resignation of Mr. C. R. Harding as Branch chairman was received and Mr. D. M. Bennett, of St. Ambrose, was elected his successor. Taking the chair amid the congratulations of the meeting, Mr. Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. L. Stevenson for conducting the service, the organist and ladies who had prepared tea. Methods rung included a course of Cambridge Minor.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT

Life membership was a subject fully discussed at a well-attended meeting at Tickhill on April 27th. This, it was suggested, should be conferred on veterans who had served the Society well and others who had left the District. A recommendation to this effect was passed for submission to the A.G.M. Conisbrough was selected for the June meeting. Mr. Blunt thanked the ladies for preparing tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells. Mr. Jackson, under 'Any other business,' asked the secretary if he could find the Society's peal book and original minute book. The secretary promised to do his best to find them. Methods rung: Stedman, Double Norwich, London Surprise and Grandsire. A very successful meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

JOINT MEETING AT OLNEY

A successful joint meeting of members of the Bedfordshire Association (Bedford District), the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Northampton Branch) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Bucks Branch) was held at SS. Peter and Paul, Olney, Bucks, on May 4th.

Olney is conveniently situated on the borders of the three counties, and atttracted a goodly number from all Branches. Ringing on the excellent octave commenced at 2.30 p.m., and all ringers were catered for until 4.15 p.m., when a Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. Collins), who welcomed all to Olney and gave a short address. The organist was Mr. Goddard.

An excellent tea in the Church Hall was served to 80 ringers by the local ladies. Appreciation and thanks were given on behalf of the company present by Miss E. Steele (president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. R. H. Howson (secretary, North Bucks Branch) and Mr. G. F. Roome (secretary, Northampton Branch). Arrangements for the meeting were made by Mr. R. H. Howson and Mr. M. Cook (local representative). The neighbouring towers of Emberton (6) and Stoke Goldington (6) were also visited in the evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Five-bell towers were the order of the day when the Devizes Branch met at Chirton on May 4th, 30 ringers attending. After the service (conducted by Rev. P. R. Ormsby, Vicar), tea and meeting, at which the branch chairman referred to the Vicar's impending departure for Collingbourne Ducis, visits were paid to Marden and All Cannings in the evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Over 80 ringers and friends attended the Rochester quarterly meeting at Rainham, when seven new members were elected. Present were a number of ringers with over 50 years' membership of the Association, among whom was Mr. Macey, who was celebrating his 53rd year that day. Good handbell ringing by friends from Canterbury was a feature.

Mr. A. Dunk proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. J. Clifford) for conducting the service and presiding, Rainham ringers, the ladies connected with the tea, the organist and Mr. Frank Cheal, local captain. The collection of £2 6s. 8d. was for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

A ringing tour in Herefordshire and parts of Worcestershire and Shropshire was announced by the secretary (Miss Pamela G. Butcher) at the Society's meeting at Barming on April 27th. Members interested were asked to contact her.

The Rector (Rev. A. F. Weigall) and Mrs. Weigall made the Society most welcome. The Rector took the service and presided at the business meeting, and Mrs. Weigall acted as organist, and with the help of Barming ringers prepared tea. Evelyn Ray, of East Farleigh, was elected a member, and Mr. T. Warner, of Mereworth, and Mr. W. Manser, of Barming, honorary members. The next meeting will be held on July 27th at Biddenden. Methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge and Erin.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Handsworth, Sheffield, is a tower favoured by the ladies. The peal on May 4th was the third by an all-ladies band, the previous peals being by another generation of the Ladies' Guild in January, 1931, and January, 1928. No other tower has had three ladies' peals. The band included the present secretary of the Yorkshire District and two past secretaries.

The first peal has been rung on the six bells at Saxthorpe, Norfolk, which has a tenor of 2 cwt. 94 lb. Mr. Nolan Golden believes that this is the lightest ring of six in any church.

At the conclusion of the quarter peal at Great Ponton, Lincs, to mark the retirement of the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson from active parochial duties, the bells were fired eight times, one for each year he had been at Great Ponton.

Seven lady pupils of Mr. Norman Chaddock rang in a peal at Dore, Sheffield, on April 13th. Mr. Chaddock called their first 720, first quarter and first peal. Four of the band took part in the Ladies' Guild peal at Handsworth on May 4th.

The composition of 5,040 Kent T.B. Maximus rung at Evesham bell tower (see 'R.W.', May 10th) was by the late Mr. George Lewis and not by Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, as printed.

The peal at Hemingbrough, Yorks, on Good Friday, was rung at the expressed wish of the Vicar (Rev. F. Amcotts), who is desirous of the bells being rung half-muffled, as has been the practice for the last nine or ten years.

Mr. Norman Chaddock had the pleasure on Easter Tuesday when visiting Cartmel, Lancs, of meeting Miss Snowdon, daughter of William Snowdon, former president of the Yorkshire Association. It is to Miss Snowdon that the Exercise is indebted for the continuance of the Snowdon series of text books.

College Youths who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on May 1st to mark the consecration of the Provost of Southwark as Bishop of Newcastle would like the name of Mr. Ernest G. Fenn, the senior trustee of the Society, to be associated with the peal. It was Mr. Fenn's 76th birthday.

From Ballaarat, Victoria, we hear that a party to welcome Mrs. George Pipe to Australia was held at Melbourne on May 4th.

Mr. Dermot Roaf, of Christ Church, Oxford, is arranging a peal attempt on Winchester College bells on July 6th. Any Old Wykehamists who would like to take part are asked to write to him. Any others who do not feel up to a peal attempt but would enjoy a ring on the bells are also asked to contact him.

Congratulations to the four Marple girls who rang their first peal on April 29th at Disley and New Mills. Also to the three Marple boys, aged 13, 13 and 14, who rang in both the peals. The one at New Mills is believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild—average age 15.2 years, and with a total of 106 peals between them.

On May 4th, 1897, Mr. Samuel W. Hawksford was appointed parish clerk of St. Neots, Hunts, and since May 6th of that year, when he took up his duties, he has never missed a Sunday service to this day. He has been a ringer since the age of 13, rang his first peal in 1902, and at 83 his energy as tower-keeper is amazing. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at St. Neots on May 4th, and the many ringers who must know Mr. Hawksford will no doubt wish to join with the band (one of whom he taught to ring) in congratulating him on his unique achievement.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION RAISE SUBSCRIPTION

FAVOURABLE weather attended the annual meeting held on April 27th, and once again success was ensured by two Districts organising coaches, which enabled many to enjoy a day's outing and ring at Stevenage (8), St. Ippolyts (6), Knebworth (8), Watton (6) and Datchworth (6) in the morning; Baldock (8), Graveley (6) and Norton (8) in the afternoon, while Hitchin (8) was in great demand from 3 p.m. Ringing also took place at Walkern (6) and Great Wymondley (6).

At 4.30 p.m. all converged for the annual service at St. Mary's, Hitchin, one of the largest parish churches in the county. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. N. O. Walsh (Vicar), who gave a great welcome to the Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four of the officers, and the singing of the hymns and Psalm was led by a small choir of boys, and the organist on an organ worthy of the church.

Over 125 sat down to a meat tea at St. Saviour's Hall, and afterwards adjourned to a room above for the business meeting.

The president (Mr. W. T. Holmes) welcomed the members, and paid tribute to the work of the officers. He regarded it as a very great honour to have been elected as president of the Association, and hoped the members would go on from strength to strength and make this a lively, happy and progressive Association.

The names of those members who had passed away since the last meeting were read, and the meeting stood in memory of C. Dickins (Berkhamsted), C. Nash and W. Nash (North Mymms), J. Ferris (Knebworth), S. E. Roberts (Royston), A. Spicer (Baldock), F. C. Rice (St. Albans), W. T. Prior (Stanstead), C. Gouldsmith (Broxbourne), W. W. Wolstencroft and E. C. S. Turner (non-resident life members).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, with no matters arising, the following new members were elected: John Thwaites, St. Peter's, St. Albans (probationer); S. Cadle, Bengeo; Janet Heathfield, Royston (ringing members), and A. R. Tysoe, Chichester (non-resident).

The annual report of the committee indicated that the Association was not only holding its ground, but going forward in every aspect. Each of the five Districts had grown stronger over the last five years, but increased costs in every direction were now making further progress difficult. There were 67 towers affiliated, resident ringing members numbered 483, probationers 8, associate and resident life members 40. The report was adopted.

INCREASE IN PEALS

The report of the peal secretary (Mr. B. C. Johnson) stated that 65 peals had been rung, an increase of 12 on 1955. This was entirely due to the incidence of peals 'in hand,' which numbered 16. Conducting was shared between 18 people, with Mr. J. R. Mayne calling 12 and Mr. W. Ayre eight. Fifteen rang their first peal during the year. First peals in the method rung were Dacorum Imperial Bob Major, Gadebridge Imperial Bob Major and Little Grandsire Caters. Double Norwich at Broxbourne, Stedman Triples at Harpenden, were rung by Sunday service bands, and Little Bob Maximus at St. Albans Cathedral was the first level 5,000 of Maximus ever rung. The peal book had been written up to the end of 1955 by Mrs. Dodds, and the composition register had been taken over by Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. C. F. Sayer, librarian, reported that ten members had used the library during the past year.

The financial statement of the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) showed a loss on the year of £3 9s 8d., and that the subscriptions of ringing members did not cover the cost of running the Association. Although the Association was not now financially poor, they did not want to slide back into the serious position of a few years ago. The only remedy was to increase the annual subscription.

The Benevolent Fund now stood at £92 10s. 3d., and the Voluntary Bell Fund, after grants of five guineas each to King's Langley, Knebworth and Kimpton, had dropped to £45 17s. 6d. The financial statements were adopted.

The Queen at Hereford

When the Queen and Prince Philip visited Hereford, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, captain of the ringers, was presented by the Dean to Her Majesty.

The royal visitors were rung into the city at All Saints' with some Grandsire Triples, and produced Queens and firing while they passed close to the church on their way to the Town Hall for tea.

A quick dash was made to the Cathedral by some of the band, and here the Queen and Prince Philip were welcomed with Grandsire Caters, Queens and firing (some of this was recorded and later broadcast by the B.B.C.). When the word was given to stop ringing the ringers rushed down to the north transept to be in their privileged positions to see the royal party.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted immediately the Queen left the Cathedral, but did not quite succeed.

The committee's recommendation that the annual subscription be raised to three shillings and sixpence was discussed, and it was agreed that this be done as from January 1st, 1958; but the suggestion was made that bands should voluntarily pay this extra shilling this year—it was no more than the price of one packet of cigarettes these days.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

The election of Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock, as president was met with great enthusiasm, and the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: H. V. Frost (general secretary), T. J. Southam (assistant), G. W. Debenham (treasurer), C. F. Sayer (librarian), B. C. Johnson (peal secretary), H. H. Hole, C.A. (auditor).

Central Council representatives elected were: W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and E. Edmondson, these being the only nominations received. Mr. C. W. Woolley was thanked for his many years of service to the Association and to the Exercise by Mr. E. G. Buck, who expressed regret on behalf of the Association that he was no longer able to stand for re-election.

Mr. B. C. Johnson (peal secretary) drew attention to an error in the printed compositions, viz.: Peal No. 2,399 (5,008 D.N.C.B.). The third row of figures should read 25346 produced by a bob at 1 and three bobs at 6 (not two bobs at 6).

The general secretary invited the full support of the members at the forthcoming summer festival at St. Albans on June 15th with the Bedfordshire Association, and also mentioned the dedication service at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on May 11th.

Votes of thanks to all concerned were voiced by Messrs. W. C. Hughes and W. Ayre. Ringing was resumed at Hitchin until 9 p.m. H. V. F.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Notice to Members of the Standing Committee

Any members of the Standing Committee who are interested in participating in a peal attempt on Monday afternoon, June 10th, to finish early enough to enable them to be back in time for the Standing Committee meeting, are invited to communicate with Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES

Will the 17 secretaries who have not yet done so please send the names and addresses of their representatives for 1957-59 *immediately*. See Rule 4 (iv).

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A goodly company of members and visitors from various counties helped to make the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association on Easter Monday at Bedford a most enjoyable day.

Ringing commenced at St. Paul's at 10.30 a.m. and continued until lunch time, which was partaken of at the Dujon Restaurant.

The president (Miss C. Steel) opened the business meeting by welcoming everyone to Bedford once again. During the past year the Association had lost two valuable members in Mr. C. H. Harding, who died suddenly during February, and Mr. D. Knox (hon. peal secretary), who has taken a post in North London.

Apologies for absence were tendered by Mr. A. King, Mr. H. D. Harris, Mr. A. C. Sharman, Mr. D. Knox, Canon A. Rust, Mr. P. Lawton, Miss J. Deveroux, Mr. T. Harris and Mr. D. Brazier.

The statement of accounts showed a balance of £92 15s. 8½d. as compared with £85 15s. 6½d. for the previous year, and were on the proposition of Mr. P. Inskip, seconded by Mr. B. Witney, adopted. All the officers of the Association were re-elected, with the exception of the hon. peal secretary, the vacancy being filled by Mr. S. J. Ivin.

In spite of some strong feeling that it might be advisable to change both the place and date of the 1958 annual meeting, it was once again decided to come to Bedford.

It was brought to the attention of members that the summer festival was to be a joint meeting with the Hertford County Association in St. Albans on Saturday, June 15th.

Owing to the strained financial position of 'The Ringing World' it was proposed by Mr. S. Foskett that the Association send a donation of £5 5s. The proposition was duly carried.

It was decided that the ruling regarding subscriptions of members serving in H.M. Forces be continued until the end of conscription.

Mr. K. Spavins agreed to purchase on behalf of the Association 100 duplicated copies of the superior original certificate, at a cost of 30s.

The following were elected as members: The Rev. K. G. Martin (honorary) and Mr. A. R. Mann (non-resident life member).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair and the clergy for their continued interest in the art during the past year.

Further ringing was carried on in crowded belfries at St. Peter's (8) and St. Paul's (10) until a late hour. Methods rung during the day included Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Little Bob and Plain Bob Royal, Treble Ten, and numerous courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The back eight at St. Paul's were lowered at approximately 9 p.m. J. W. S.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS INVADE BRISTOL

THE majority of ringers who take part in tours are people able to obtain regular practice the year round and, therefore, in the report of such tours one expects to read of Surprise methods rung and peals achieved. But the members of the Clerical Guild are not quite in that category. Many are serving at churches without bells, being unable to ring on Sundays, and can rarely spare time from their duties to attend a practice. The Guild's ringing week, therefore, becomes a coveted opportunity to make up some lost ground; indeed, for many members it is the only opening in the year for attempting, say, a course in a Surprise method. So it is not surprising, perhaps, that peal attempts are not always successful, or that the striking in touches is not of the highest order. One can say, however, that improvement is definitely noticeable towards the last day of the tour.

Be that as it may, this annual ringing week is a really good holiday. A priest who has had an exhausting Lent could ask for nothing better, whether he is an advanced ringer or only a novice. To explore—as has been possible this year—such beautiful and interesting churches as Yatton, Thornbury, Berkeley, Wraxall and others, is a happy experience; also, the noting of historical features, e.g., at Brislington the tombstone of Thomas Newton, who died in 1542 at the age of 153; and at Wotton-under-Edge, the organ given by 'His Sacred Majesty King George I' to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and sold to Wotton on the advice of Handel for £200: things like these do add to the pleasure of a trip into other counties.

This year, members gathered from 12 dioceses in England and Wales, with headquarters at Bristol, and visited some 33 towers in the city and country around. All met for Corporate Communion at Christ Church, Clifton, on the Feast of SS. Philip and James, the president having the privilege of celebrating, by kind permission of the Vicar; and the same evening our Precentor, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, assisted by the president, Canon C. C. Cox, with the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge at the organ, led the Guild choral Evensong after ringing at Wraxall.

The first comers met at Stoke Bishop on Monday afternoon, April 29th, and rang also at some Bristol churches before and after dinner. Tuesday was an interesting day among good Gloucestershire scenery, including a visit to Berkeley Castle after a brief spell on the ten bells in the detached tower, where bats' and birds' nests shook their contents upon our heads. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bitton on Thursday unfortunately failed after an hour's good ringing. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, of chiming apparatus fame, was Curate and Vicar of this parish from 1817 to 1850.

It can truly be said that no district can rival Bristol for fine bells. To ring at St. Mary Redcliffe is an unforgettable experience, and Cambridge Royal and Grandsire Cinques on these wonderful bells were much enjoyed. But the real surprise was the civic welcome to the Guild in the tower by the High Sheriff of Bristol, who is himself a bellrope maker, and expressed his opinion that we ought to be called the Guild of Athletic Parsons. There, also at St. Stephen's and St. James', we were allowed to usurp in some measure the practice night of the local band. Outside Bristol itself many magnificent rings are to be found—Long Ashton, Chew Magna, Yatton, Wotton-under-Edge (which were half-muffled in tribute to a local ringer) and Thornbury—to mention but a few of those we enjoyed most.

But the most remarkable feature of this tour was the really superb teas provided for us; at Emmanuel, Clifton, where their own Deacon, the Rev. R. G. Bryant, took part in a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, rung to entertain our good host and hostesses, and who was able to join us for most of Thursday; at Tortworth, where the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Peel) is a member of the Guild; and, again, on the lawns of Portishead Rectory.

One addition was made to the programme: a visit by very special permission to St. Mark's, the Lord Mayor's tower, a visit so brief that it might almost be described as 'tower-grabbing'; but who would wish to miss such a rare opportunity? From these good bells we had to dash on to St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, a fine eight not duly appreciated in that residential neighbourhood. Here a member remarked (shall we say unwisely?) that the tour had gone thus far without any broken ropes, and lo! in the very next touch down came the fourth rope over the president's head.

The one criticism of Bristol and district must be that it has far more fine bells to offer than can be included in a few days' programme. Courses of Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge Major were scored, but in the short time possible at each tower the ringing of advanced methods could not on the whole be expected.

At the business meeting on Wednesday evening (held with a background of television and sound broadcast!) the members stood for a moment in memory of the Revs. F. Llewellyn Edwards and Noel E. Hope, who had passed away during the previous year. The hon. secretary explained that Bristol had been substituted for the original plan to visit the Dorset and Somerset border owing to petrol rationing, and this decision was ratified without dissent. One new member, the Rev. R. G. Bryant, was elected, and the election of two others confirmed. All the officers were unanimously re-elected and Bridport voted for as the centre for next year's tour. Some general discussion took place upon details of organisation with a view to improving striking and allowing members fuller opportunities according to their capabilities.

Our thanks were expressed to all incumbents who put their bells at our disposal; those who at nearly every tower were present to welcome us, and the local ringers who made things ready for us; to all who helped in any way in contributing to the success of the tour. And not least to the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, our hon. secretary, for his immense labours in working out the programme, as well as to those members of the Bristol Guilds whose advice proved invaluable. E. B. W.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on Easter Monday at St. Nicholas' Church, Carrickfergus. The day's proceedings opened with the annual meeting, presided over by the Rector (Canon J. C. Rutherford) and was attended by over 100 ringers. The District secretary reported that the membership was now well over 200 and that the ringing was flourishing.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that the Association should not recognise the College of Campanology nor any of its principles or teachings until such time as they were recognised by the Central Council.

The District office-bearers for 1957-58 were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. E. G. Parke (St. Mark's, Dundela); District secretary, John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); District assistant secretary, Miss J. Stewart (St. Donard's, Belfast); District treasurer, Rev. John J. Fielding (Holywood); Ringing Master, H. Brown (Holywood).

After the meeting over 140 sat down to lunch in the Parochial Schools, while some others had a picnic lunch by the sea. We were very pleased to have as our guests Mr. Fred Bogan, from Cork, and Mr. George Skinner, from Exeter. Lunch was followed by a short service, conducted by Canon Rutherford, and then the Cunningham cup competition was rung off. Eleven teams (a record number) took part and as the standard of striking was high, a close result was assured. Messrs. Bryan and Skinner acted as judges, while Mr. Brown was on duty in the tower. The result was as follows: 1, St. Mark's, Dundela, 23½ faults; 2, St. Bronach's, Rosthern, 25½; 3, St. Donard's, Belfast, 30. This was a wonderful achievement for the St. Mark's team, which has only been in existence two years and only one of them, Mr. Fagg, their Ringing Master, has been ringing for longer than that time. Canon J. Barry, vice-president of the Irish Association, presented the cup to Mr. J. M. Benn, the chairman of the Society.

After tea, the bells were put to good use in ringing various methods by mixed bands. This meeting was one of the most successful ever held and had the largest attendance so far. Tributes were paid to the Carrickfergus ringers, particularly Miss Young, for their hospitality and for making the catering arrangements, and to Mr. John T. Dunwoody, for his untiring services for the District. J. T. D.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

John Rainsford, of St. James', Turramurra, was married on December 22nd to Miss Judith Scowcroft. A touch of 360 Grandsire Doubles was rung immediately prior to the wedding, and earlier in the afternoon both John and his brother Barry (who was best man) stood in a touch of Doubles.

Three new arrivals among the ringing fraternity in Australia recently. To Bob and Margaret Ferris, of All Saints', Parramatta, a daughter (Heather Margaret). To Tom and Margaret Goodyer, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, a second son (Andrew John). To Jennifer (nee Jobson) St. George Smith, late of St. Mark's, Darling Point, and now of Drogheda, Ireland, a daughter (Brenda Jane).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE YOUTHS IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—Some 18 months ago I suggested to the officers that the Ancient Society would be welcome to hold its summer provincial meeting at Yeovil where, whilst we could not offer them 12 bells for Cinques and Maximus, we have an excellent ten, with the heaviest tenor cast by Bilbie. Also in the near vicinity are Sherborne Abbey with the heaviest eight, and Queen Camel with the heaviest six, which I would endeavour to make available.

The invitation was accepted and the event would have taken place last year had not the Master, who visited his native city for the Johnson Dinner received a request for the Society to make Birmingham the venue for last year's meeting, which date was also the 80th birthday anniversary of our old friend Albert Walker.

So the offer to visit Birmingham for 1956 was accepted, and I attended and renewed my offer for 1957. The attendance here on May 4th exceeded my most optimistic expectations, 48 having lunch, 29 of whom were from London and others from as far distant as Bedford, Bristol, Southampton and Dartmouth, together with a sprinkling of locals.

The 48 attending lunch had been almost numerically doubled by the afternoon by those whose business requires attention on Saturday mornings, and I was glad that during the preceding week I had sensed a large gathering and made arrangements to extend the period of availability of the bells to give all an opportunity.

Some excellent ringing took place during the day, notably Stedman Caters at Yeovil, Bob Minor at Queen Camel, with the Master operating the tenor, and London Major at Sherborne Abbey, where the new clapper for the tenor, which only arrived a few days previously, gives a much improved tone to that bell.

I am most grateful to all who made the gathering such a success (it was not just a 'better go down to please old Tom'), to the officers of the Society, to those who so willingly transported our visitors in their cars, and to those who so readily put their bells at our disposal. I trust that to all who attended the day was a most enjoyable one—the latter being the best reward sought by yours truly,

T. J. SETTER.

Yeovil, Somerset.

ST. CHAD'S CHURCH, LICHFIELD

Dear Sir.—St. Chad's Church, Lichfield, should be added to your list of 4-bell towers. The tenor here is reputed to be one of the oldest bells in the diocese, though the date is variably given as 1033 (!), 1255 (the most probable) or 1555. The inscription is almost unreadable, but has been translated as 'Holy Mary help Chad pray,' followed by the founder's initials, and the disputed date. The metal was subjected to analysis some 20 years ago, and included traces of about 20 metals: it is thought that this was due to the bell alloy being produced by smelting together the impure tin and copper ores.

The treble is inscribed: 'Richard Grymley Ralphe Low C.W. 1670'; the second 'God save this Church and Realme and our King in War. J.C. 1664'; the third 'Domino canticum cantate novum. 1625.' All four were rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1935 on ball-bearings with the original oak frames: they are in good ringing condition.

The tenor weight is given locally as 14 cwt., but 9 cwt. would seem to be more probable.—Yours, etc.,

C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER.

Wolverhampton, Staffs.

BELL FOR SALE IN MARKET PLACE

Dear Sir,—One of our young ringers told me that he was in Mold, Flints, last Wednesday (market day), and he saw on a street stall for sale at £4 10s. a bell, complete with cannons, dated 1792. The stallholder told him it had been given him to sell.

Surely this is a most unusual way to dispose of such a bell! Our young ringer estimates the weight at approximately ½ cwt. Further enquiries could be made if any ringer is interested. —Yours, etc.,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Flintshire.

Ghosties and Beasties in Cornish Peal

The peal of Bob Triples rung at Redruth, Cornwall, on April 24th, was not achieved without a certain amount of hardship. At about 8.30 p.m., just as the conductor was clearing his throat to call the first bob of the fourth part, the paraffin lamp, which had given good service up till then, decided to play silly things. Soon, each ringer was but a shadowy form in the gathering dusk. Also, to the consternation of the ladies, a large and particularly evil-looking bat appeared out of the gloom, and after a few preliminary 'circuits and bumps' of the church, decided to show his disapproval of peal ringing by flitting in and out between the ropes.

However, in spite of such happenings, the peal was well and nobly brought round at 9.15 p.m., to the relief of all concerned and (no doubt) to the disappointment of friend bat. The ladies were afterwards revived at a nearby hostelry.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I was so interested to read 'Bat-er's' letter in 'The Ringing World' of April 26th, and I appreciate very much his kind remarks.

Please, 'Bat-er,' I would like to make it clear to you that I do not decry peal ringing—far from it. I'm very conscious of the fact that it is the life blood of the Exercise. May I make the excuse that I'm a very 'new girl' to this method-ringing lark, and up till now I've said 'No peals for me—they're far too long.' I am as convinced as you are that I *will* eat my words; indeed, I believe I'm already beginning to do so. Is a feverish enthusiasm for quarter peal ringing indicative of symptoms of the malady of peal ringing? I rather suspect that it is, and already I feel a vague urge that I *ought* to ring a peal—perhaps even peals!

I am quite sure you are right, 'Bat-er,' when you say that 'non-batters' really do know good and bad ringing. My remarks were prompted by the fact that charitable friends say, out of sheer kindness: 'How *nice* the bells sounded,' when you thought it was the most ghastly row. I apologise sincerely to discerning 'non-batters' for being disparaging about them. It only goes to show how dangerous it is to generalise.

Again, thank you, 'Bat-er,' for your encouragement.—Yours faithfully,

NANCY E. KEMPSELL.

Nutfield, Surrey.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS

At Anstey

On Easter Monday the wedding took place at St. Mary's, Anstey (Leics), of Mr. David S. Harris to Miss Jeanette M. Simpson. It was truly a ringers' occasion, as the bride, bridegroom, best man and principal bridesmaid were all local ringers. Gordon H. Arguil was best man and Judith K. Harris chief bridesmaid, the other bridesmaid being a little cousin of the bride.

Many ringers and friends were at the church for the ceremony. The bells were rung as the bride arrived and she was met at the door by the choir and clergy. The Rev. C. H. Rowe officiated, assisted by his son, the Rev. D. H. Rowe.

As the couple left the church the bells were again rung, and, following the reception in the Church Rooms, a peal was rung. The wedding cake was surmounted by a model of a church tower with a silver bell. Among the many messages of congratulation was one from the Midland section of the Ladies' Guild, of which the bride was at one time secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Harris have gone to reside at Barnet, London. R. F. E.

At Cranford

Saturday, April 27th, was a happy day at Cranford, Middlesex, when there took place the wedding of Mr. Harry Watson and Miss Barbara Thrush, one of the local band of ringers. The little church in Cranford Park was filled for the occasion, and a voluntary choir, composed mainly of members of the Livery of St. Dunstan, helped to make it a most impressive ceremony. The bride was given away by Canon Lowther Clarke, of Chichester, and Mr. D. Fowles was best man.

The bells were rung both before and after the service by members of the local band and friends, who were kindly invited to the reception afterwards. In the evening, a quarter peal of 1,260 Bob Minor was rung by W. H. Coles 1, J. B. Sansom 2, G. W. Morris 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, F. C. Price 6.

At Newark

Miss Beryl White, captain of St. Giles' Church, Balderton, Newark, was married to a fellow ringer, Mr. Colin William Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reed, of Ringwood, Hants, on April 29th. The Vicar (Rev. J. A. Johnson) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. Peter White, wore a gown of Nottingham lace with a matching headdress and short veil. Miss Janet Maltby was bridesmaid and Mr. David Reed best man to his brother.

As the couple left the church, St. Giles' bells were rung by Mrs. N. Parker, W. L. Exton, G. E. Foster, D. N. Sellars, G. Ball and C. J. Copp. The honeymoon was spent in Jersey and they will live at 5, Wellington Road, Newark.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD AT LIFTON

THE quarterly meeting of the South West Branch at Lifton, near Launceston, on May 4th was the largest attended gathering of the Branch since the war, between 80 and 90 ringers and friends being present. Visitors came from almost all over the county, and included the president (Preb. E. V. Cox), who made the return journey of about 120 miles to be present. The N.W. Branch was well represented and included Mr. F. C. Smale (Okehampton), the Branch chairman; Mr. J. W. Sangwin, hon. secretary; Mr. Charles Sangwin, Ringing Master; from the Mid-Devon Branch Mr. J. E. Lilley (chairman): Messrs. Truman from the Exeter Branch; whilst Miss Boyle, the hon. secretary of the Northern Branch, came from Coombe Martin with a car load. Other visitors included a contingent from Bickleigh, near Plymouth. Branch members came in great force from St. Andrew's and Emmanuel (Plymouth), Plympton St. Maurice, Kelly, and the local band.

Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m.; the start was delayed owing to a bereavement in the village, the funeral having taken place that afternoon. At 4.30 the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Mr. Welshman), Mr. W. Manning, who is a member of the Branch and the organist at Lifton, played for the service.

After the service a grand tea was provided by the ringers' wives and daughters, led by Mrs. Welshman, the Rector's wife, in the new Church Hall. The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth). A very hearty welcome was extended to all the visitors. Apologies were received from Rev. Mr. Bennett (Plympton St. Maurice) and Messrs. H. Myers and H. Tippett (St. Andrew's), who were all indisposed, and the hope was expressed that they and the local captain (Mr. Brimacombe), who was also ill, would soon be restored to good health.

The election of four members to the Guild in towers were confirmed, one being Mr. Philip Westwood, formerly of Emmanuel and now residing in Dove.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, the organist, the local ringers, and the ladies for a really excellent tea.

The last meeting held at Lifton was the annual meeting in January, 1955, and since that time several young people at Lifton had taken up the noble art of campanology and joined the Guild. The Rector, although not himself a ringer, had done much to encourage the young lads and young ladies who had commenced since he became the rector, about 2½ years ago.

As the evening went on, little groups who had arranged to ring at other places made their departure; the Kelly ringers were going to ring at Ashwater and Halwell; our friends from the Stratton District (N.W. Branch) were ringing at St. Mary's, Launceston, whilst the Bickleigh ringers, with several from Emmanuel, had made a day of it, and leaving in the morning had rung at Brentor (5), Stowford, Broadwood Widger and Thrushelton, all rings of six, and after leaving Lifton were going on to Lew Trenchard. Arrangements for this 'run around' were made by Mr. George Godard, who is also a member of Emmanuel band.

We were able to tell the Rector and ringers of Lifton that their new police constable is Mr. W. J. Harvey, who is well known to the members of the Mid-Devon and S.W. Branches as an exceptionally keen and efficient ringer. We know that Mr. Harvey will make his weight felt, not only as the local constable, but that he and Mrs. Harvey will be welcomed in the belfry and church life at Lifton. The Branch extend best wishes to them both during their stay at Lifton.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers) of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and continued until 8.45, concluding with a really good lower.

The great success of this meeting was evidence of the popularity of Lifton as a meeting place, of the Rector, the grand ring of eight bells, the wholehearted co-operation of the local band and of the sumptuous teas provided by the ladies.

H. H. T.

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SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

The third annual meeting of the Guild was held at the University on March 18th, with the retiring Master (Mr. R. E. Finch) in the chair. He stated that Mr. D. Cecil Williams had agreed to accept the position of hon. president. Reviewing the Guild's activities, the Master said four meetings with other Universities had been held, and all had been very successful.

The highlight of the year had been the tour in Somerset at Easter.

During the year the Guild had visited 93 different towers and cycled over 900 miles. Although no peal had yet been rung for the Guild, eight quarter peals had been rung, including the first by a ladies' band. The Master, expressed thanks to local ringers, especially Mr. R. A. Reed, for their help, and to the hard-working retiring secretary.

The following offcers were elected, and took office immediately: Master, Miss Ruth A. Carey; deputy Master, Donall C. Exell; hon. secretary/treasurer, John L. Queen; committee member, Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Cambridge and London were rung at the Portsmouth District quarterly meeting at Swanmore on April 27th, attended by 38 members. The Vicar (Rev. A. E. P. McCaig), who conducted the service, was elected an honorary member at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Nobes. Other elections were: Shirley Parsons and Richard Smith, compounding members; John Ralph and Albert Pollard, ringing members.

SOUTH WIGSTON RINGERS IN OXFORDSHIRE

AS a change from previous years, St. Thomas' ringers, South Wigston, Leicester, decided to arrange their annual outing on Easter Tuesday instead of on a Saturday. The change was quite justified, and in excellent weather the party of almost all South Wigston ringers, together with friends and ringers from St. John's and St. Mary's, Leicester, set off.

The first stop was at Middleton Cheney (6), where the tenor is 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. The bells were pulled up in peal, and after we had become used to handling this heavy, majestic ring with its long draught (and no guides!), we had some excellent ringing.

The magnificent eight at Adderbury, with its tenor of 24 cwt. 14 lb. was next sampled. Here we were met by Mr. Roper, and after the bells had been raised in peal, a course of Cambridge Major was rung. The writer recalled calling a peal of Yorkshire here in 1955 in the rather slow time of 3 hours and 30 minutes (P. A. C. please note!), and there has not been another peal since as there were complaints from the inhabitants that the peal took too long. In actual fact, the bells were ringing for over four hours on that occasion, as there was some ringing for those not taking part in the peal and also a false start of ten minutes (future touring parties, please note!).

A short journey of three miles took us to Deddington with its eight bells (tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb.). Here also the writer recalled ringing in 1955 and trying to dodge with the clock pendulum which swings across the middle of the belfry. This is where the Tenor King (A. Patrick Cannon) added a broken rope to his list of destruction after 2 hours of a peal attempt!

After an excellent lunch in Banbury we left for Oxford, where arrangements had been made by Mr. P. Walker to ring at St. Giles', the University Church of St. Mary, and Magdalen College. Our guide through Oxford was Mr. J. R. Chaundy, and we offer our grateful thanks to these two gentlemen for looking after us so well. At St. Giles' (8, tenor 13 cwt.) we had our worst ringing. We were glad to leave them for the heavy six (tenor 27 cwt.) at the University Church. A good rise and fall and a course of Double Oxford were enjoyed here, while visitors to the tower walked through the middle of the circle. After tea the ten bells of Magdalen College (tenor 19 cwt.) provided an opportunity for a course of Grandsire Caters.

The next call was to be the tit-bit of the day. After ringing on two sixes with tenors of 22 cwt. and 27 cwt., we were all eagerly looking forward to trying the six at Balscott Home Farm, where the tenor is only 1 cwt. 21 lb. Mr. Jervis complimented us on the ringing, which he said was some of the best he had heard. Of course, most of our party were used to the light ring at Loughborough Bell Foundry. We were told that the locals could only manage to fall five in peal, and so we obliged by a perfect fall on the six. After we had finished we were surprised to see Mr. Jervis come out of his kitchen with a bell tucked under each arm. He intends to hang these to form a ring of eight! What a grand little ring of bells, and how we should enjoy a peal on them!

The last call was at Byfield (6, tenor 13¼ cwt.). Here we were welcomed by Mr. Kilby Holtom, and between the rise and fall some good ringing was enjoyed.

Our sincere thanks are due to all the local ringers who welcomed us, and to Miss Joan Brown, who made all the arrangements.

B. G. W.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob, 540 Grandsire): D. C. Cobb 1, R. K. Russ 2, J. A. Cobb 3, M. D. Ling (cond.) 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, N. C. Belson 6.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held in Derby on April 27th. Although the weather was very favourable the attendance was well below average, approximately 30 members being present for tea and the general meeting. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was arranged at the Cathedral and St. Peter's and a short service in St. Peter's was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Davies.

A substantial tea was prepared by ladies of St. Peter's, and this was followed by the general meeting, at which the chair was taken by the Association president. Apologies for absence were reported from Mr. E. Fletcher, Mr. Herbert Taylor and Mr. D. Walklate, and reference was made to the unfortunate illness of the vice-president, Mr. W. Lancaster. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Lancaster.

Officers due to retire according to rules were re-elected as follows: General secretary, Mr. A. B. Cooper; trustee, Mr. Francis Lowe; Central Council representatives, Mr. A. Mould and Mr. W. Robinson.

The annual reports of the general secretary, peal secretary and treasurer, as circulated, were approved. Reference was made to the fact that the number of peals rung for the Association in 1956—69—was the highest on record. This was due to the highly successful tour arranged by Mr. T. Lock and to the great increase in enthusiasm shown by certain members of the Peak District. The record of Mr. B. J. Woodruffe was remarkable, as he called his first peal during the year and was leading conductor.

The report of the treasurer revealed a serious financial position. There was a loss on the year of approximately £8 and the cost of the annual report had again risen by £5. After some discussion it was decided to accept the recommendation of the committee that the subscription for adult members should be increased from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. per annum. The president suggested that an approach for donations should be made to Parochial Church Councils of churches where the Association was represented, and promised that support would be forthcoming from the Cathedral authorities. Certain members felt, however, that the Association should be self supporting.

The following resolutions, recommended by the committee, were approved and, where necessary, the Association's rules will be amended:

(*a*) That the constitution of the Association be revised to allow for the election of additional vice-presidents. The following were unanimously elected to this office: Mr. F. Adams (Chesterfield), Mr. E. Fletcher (Ilkeston), Mr. J. Bailey (Derby).

(*b*) That the Rules should be amended to clarify the respective duties of the general secretary and District secretaries regarding the collection of subscriptions and the arrangements for general meetings.

(*c*) That a sub-committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of revising the layout of the annual reports to reduce the cost. The following were appointed: Mr. M. Bailey, Mr. G. A. Halls and Mr. P. H. Whitaker.

Mr. Halls reported on the annual dinner, which again was a very successful social function. Members were urged to give earlier indication of their intention to be present in future.

The sale of Association badges was proceeding satisfactorily and it was indicated that total sales accounted for approximately half the original number purchased.

Mr. Adams, of Chesterfield, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all responsible for the organisation of the meeting and made particular reference to the work of the Association officers. Mr. Adams also complimented the young conductors in the Association on the admirable progress they had made during 1956.

A. B. C.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWIN BISHOP, SEN.

The death occurred on May 1st of Mr. Edwin Bishop, sen., at the age of 91 years. 'Ike,' as he was affectionately known by his many friends in Rotherfield and district, Sussex, was a ringer at the Church of St. Denys for 73 years.

In 1908 when the old ring of five was augmented to eight, the late Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, came to Rotherfield to instruct a newly formed band in the art of change-ringing. Under his expert guidance the band made rapid progress, and in 1910 rang the first peal on the bells by a local band. Mr. Bishop only rang ten peals, but his regular attendance for Sunday service ringing and practice nights could be relied upon.

He leaves one son, Edwin, jun., who has been and still is a ringer since 1908. Mr. Bishop, sen.'s chief joy was to cover to Stedman with the 23 cwt. tenor, and up to three or four years ago could still manage to keep it going to a nice steady beat. Although old age eventually stopped him ringing, his interest was still as keen as ever, and on Saturday, May 25th, a half-muffled peal will be attempted in his memory.

W. R.

MR. WILFRED BOOTH

Death came suddenly and tragically to Mr. Wilfred Booth, of Heathfield, Sussex. While at work on the Tuesday of Holy Week he collapsed and was found lying on the roadside. He died later in hospital.

Mr. Booth was 70 years of age and for 50 of these had been a ringer at Heathfield Church where, for most of his ringing career, he had been tower captain. His own ringers and all who knew him speak with affection of his cheerful and warm greeting whenever there was ringing at his home tower. Mr. Booth rang quite a few peals but kept no record of them.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung half-muffled at Heathfield on May 3rd.

MR. HORACE HARRISON

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. Horace Harrison, of Long Sutton, Lincs, who died suddenly at his home on Thursday, May 2nd. He had been confined to his bed since Easter.

Mr. Harrison was always a very keen service ringer, and learned to ring about 50 years ago, for the past 19 years being captain of the tower. He rang his first peal in 1911, but there is no record of his total number. He was very popular and respected in the town, and was a member of many societies and committees.

The funeral service and interment on May 6th was attended by many ringers from neighbouring towers. The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening.

MR. SIDNEY WADE

It is with regret that we announce the death on April 28th of Mr. Sidney Wade, who had been a ringer at Christ Church, Southgate, since 1896. He was 76 years of age.

Before the funeral service at Christ Church on May 3rd his old ringing friends rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the half-muffled bells. Wreaths included tributes from the Christ Church Society and the Middlesex County Association. The interment was in the Great Northern Cemetery.

On May 4th 1,294 Stedman Caters was rung half-muffled to his memory by A. W. Coles 1, E. G. Talbot 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, S. G. Peck 4, T. J. Lock 5, J. Wallman 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8, J. G. Nash (conductor) 9, C. Aldridge 10.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

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The annual meeting of the Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 27th. Members representing some 20 towers were present and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting, held in the tower at 7.30 p.m., Mr. T. W. Strangeway took the chair, supported by the Precentor, the Rev. T. H. Bone.

A slight increase, both in membership and in the bank balance, was reported—the latter being achieved in spite of the fact that the annual subscription still remained at 6d., the amount originally fixed when the Society was formed in 1889! The treasurer, however, considered it necessary to point out that if this was to continue the membership must show a substantial increase, and the number of members in arrears with their subscriptions must be drastically reduced.

As well as the customary vote of thanks, to which the Rev. T. H. Bone replied, on this occasion the retiring officers were thanked for their services during the past year.

The following officers were declared elected for the year 1957-58: President, Mr. I. Slack; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Lofthouse, F. Rayment and J. M. Thorley; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. F. Hodson; auditors, Messrs. C. F. Sutcliffe and R. Bettly-Cooke.

Some discussion took place concerning the new meeting rota. This matter was left for the secretary to arrange.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A variety of methods were rung at the monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Hoylandswaine on April 13th. The Rev. A. Everall presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to all present. Mr. Noel Moxon spoke in appreciation of Mr. Jack Fish, of Cawthorne, who had been a ringer there for 48 years and died on March 12th—his 81st birthday. Bells were rung muffled before and after the funeral service, and a half-muffled peal to his memory was rung on March 23rd.

A special invitation to Holmfirth on May 18th was accepted and arrangements made for the annual shield contest.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PACKWOOD CHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.—The tower bells are at present being tuned prior to hanging in a new frame by Taylor of Loughborough. It will be announced in this column when they are again available for ringing. 179

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APPEAL

The bells of Chisledon Parish Church, Wilts, are being rehung by Taylors in a new steel frame. A local firm is to fit new soundproof flooring, the whole work costing approximately £800. Donations would be gratefully received by the Vicar, The Vicarage, Chisledon, Swindon, Wilts. Rededication date will be published as soon as arranged. 260

MEETINGS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Michael's, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (13) 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Special business: Amendments to rules and election of officers.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 189

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Gosforth, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Committee 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Dryden, 2, Harewood Road, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 181

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Heathfield on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 184

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 18th, at Madley. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 231

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 18th. Welwyn, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Knebworth from 3.30 p.m. Tea in School Room from 5.15 p.m.—S. Huckle and E. Buck, Dis. Secs. 198

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Hadham, 3 p.m., Saturday, May 18th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Albury, near Much Hadham. Much Hadham available after tea.—T. J. Southam. 230

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Shirenewton, Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow. 185

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 18th. Towers available: Edgware (6), 2 to 3 p.m.; Stanmore (8), 3 to 4; Harrow Weald (8), 3 to 4.30. Pinner (8) and Harrow Weald after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for officers and C.C. representatives to assistant secretary. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Hart, 1, Conway Close, Stanmore, Middx. Phone: GRImsdyke 1338.—W. N. Genna, Asst. Sec., 17, Tintern Way, West Harrow. Phone: BYRon 5197. 56

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick (6), Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m. Bring own eats. Cup of tea only available. Notify George Worth, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 233

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held at Preston Candover (6) on May 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Vicarage. Names for tea, please, to P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 232

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Butleigh, Saturday, May 25th, 7 to 9.—W. Marsh, Street. 257

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Churchill, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 271

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A joint meeting with the Northwich Branch will be held at Frodsham, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 268

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Duffield. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Bring own tea. Trent bus No. 2; alight Kennings Garage. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 224

DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Joint meeting, Sampford Peverell, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by 20th to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor, Tiverton. 234

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting; Barnby Dun, Saturday, May 25th. Buses leave Christchurch bus stand. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 22nd, to Mr. Ron Lunn, 133, Doncaster Road, Kirk Sandall. Next meeting, Conisbrough, Saturday, June 29th. 222

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 25th, at Ault Hucknall (one mile from Hardwick Hall). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday to Mr. J. J. Cooper, Highfields, Hardstoft, Pilsley, near Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 247

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Bourn (8), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. J. R. 249

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Braintree, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to G. Wiffen, 13, Warren Road, Braintree. 194

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at Westerleigh, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notify before 21st for tea.—T. T. Walters, 17, Newlands Avenue, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. 227

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting, Childswickham, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., own arrangements, in Broadway, please.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 261

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by May 23rd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 254

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send-with-Ockham on Saturday, May 25th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Ockham 2.30 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. Service, Send, 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by May 22nd to Mr. S. Strudwick, Eskholm, Potters Lane, Send. 236

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Combined practice at Staunton-on-Arrow Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) available from 6 till 9 p.m.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec. 239

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aymestrey on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 243

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenbury Wells on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford. 238

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Minster on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mrs. F. E. Baker, 334, Minster Road, Minster, Sheppey.—T. Barton, Asst. Dis. Sec. 211

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Ulcombe on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring your own tea.—R. L. Sills. 196

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Batley, Saturday, May 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by Thursday David Atkins, 65, Boothroyd Lane, Dewsbury. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 270

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Wednesday previous, for certain, to Mr. J. W. Bennett, 27, Manor Road, Desford.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Hugglescote, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in School Room. Names by previous Wednesday to H. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.—C. D. Cowley, Assist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough (8), Saturday, May 25th. Usual ringing arrangements. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 193

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Coity, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles. 191

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watton on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 42, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford.—C. Tovell.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Warborough. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 22nd to Mr. Frank Absalom, Warborough.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 218

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chilton Foliat, on Saturday, May 25th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Wilts. 262

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, Great Western Road, Glasgow, Saturday, May 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. Stafford, 16, Tabard Road, Glasgow.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Penn, near Wolverhampton, Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, May 22nd.—Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 208

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Rayleigh, Saturday, May 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. Blower, 37, Highfield Crescent, Rayleigh. 272

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 22nd to Miss N. Kempsell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 182

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 25th, Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. All Saints'. after business meeting. Not much chance of tea unless names by previous Wednesday to Miss J. Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.—H. Reynolds, Sec. 240

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, on Saturday, May 25th. Bells 4 to 6 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Special method, Superlative. Tea available. 264

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Salford Priors, Saturday, May 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names by Wednesday, May 22nd, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 250

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Clyst St. George, Saturday, June 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 30th to W. Wills, Restholme, Clyst St. George, near Exeter. 252

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Crusader meeting, Langdon Hills, Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 266

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at East Peckham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 29th, to Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge. No name no tea 265

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH. — Annual ringers' service on Saturday, June 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early as possible to W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. Tel. Timsbury 287. 253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by May 27th R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 255

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, June 1st, at Rushden. Committee meeting in Vestry Hall 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Institute. Names for tea not later than May 25th to Mr. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mears Ashby, Wilby, Earls Barton, Bozeat and Great Doddington. Wellingborough 1 to 2 p.m. Irchester, Higham Ferrers, Stanwick and Irthlingborough 1 to 3 p.m Rushden 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. All open in the evening. Raunds 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 214

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Saturday, June 1st, practice meeting, Codford. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names by May 28th. Boyton (5) also available evening.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 237

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave (6) Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. L. Henson, 14, Scrimshire Lane, Cotgrave, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 256

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, June 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available—bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 269

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton on Saturday, June 1st, Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Names for tea by May 28th.—B. Chilvers, Dis. Sec., Cotton, Stowmarket. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Cowlinge (5), Saturday, June 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Seabrook, Clare. 263

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Whit Monday, June 10th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral, conducted by the Provost. Address by the Bishop of Barking. Meeting immediately afterwards in the Chapter House. Cathedral bells available from 9.30 to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. From 3 to 6 p.m. the following towers are available: Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6), and from 6 to 9 p.m.: Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Coffee and biscuits available in the Cathedral Hall from 10.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch, 1.30 p.m.—cost, 4s. 6d. Tea to be served at a running buffet from 5 to 6.15 p.m.—cost, 2s. Tickets for lunch and tea must be obtained prior to the day. Please apply early and by June 3rd, enclosing stamped addressed envelope. —F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 241

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and festival at Bridgnorth, Whit Monday, June 10th. Service 3.30 p.m., at St. Leonard's. Towers: St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, Claverley, Quatt, Chetton, Worfield. Bells available 11 a.m. Names for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop. 154

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

In order to avoid 'clashing' with the crowning of the May Queen, ringing at the Kettering Branch meeting at Cranford on May 5th was suspended at 3 p.m. The Rector (Rev. P. G. Phillips) conducted the Guild office, for which Mrs. Phillips played the organ.

A short business meeting preceded tea at the Woolpack Inn, attended by 34 members and friends. Ringing was resumed at 5.30 p.m., under the direction of the new Master (Mr. B. Austin), and continued in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods until 8.30 p.m

Ten new members were elected, eight of whom were from Weekley. The Branch was very pleased to welcome this new band and also visitors from the Oundle and Thrapston Branches.

A vote of thanks was proposed at the meeting by Mr. B. Austin and seconded by Mrs. Austin, to the Rector and Mrs. Phillips and to Mr. C. H. Newell, who arranged the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Symondsbury on April 27th, when there were visitors from Iver Heath, Bucks, and Yetminster. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. D. D. Moore, Rector of Symondsbury. Twenty sat down to tea in the Old Rectory. Much interest was taken in this old building which has 19 bedrooms, and must be a milestone of an age that has passed.

The next meeting was fixed for July 20th at Loders. Six new members were elected, two from Powerstock and four from Netherbury. Canon C. C. Cox thanked the Rector, organist and choir for their efforts, and extended a very warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, from Iver Heath.

Handbell ringing followed, with Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Ringing on tower-bells included most methods up to London Minor. J. T. B.

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