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FOOLISH THOUGHTS OF A FOOLISH RINGER

A Duologue Between Self and Reason

'THIS really is the end! I'm going to give up ringing for good.'

'You're going to what?' (That's the voice of Reason.)

'I'm going to give up ringing.'

'But for heaven's sakes, why?'

'I think it's nearly time. Three times I've tried to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, and three times it's failed because of my stupidity. And to crown it all, to-night I completely botched up a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. Grandsire Doubles, mind you, and I can really ring that standing on my head. It was in the last five minutes, too—I completely forgot what I was supposed to be doing and wrecked the whole thing.'

'And because of that you're giving up ringing?'

'Well, one can't go on for ever mucking up quarter peals. Besides, it's wasting people's time. In any case, I spend far too much time ringing as it is, and getting precisely nowhere. There's no doubt about it, I'm not cut out to be a ringer.'

'You've learned a lot about the elementary methods. At least you've got a theoretical knowledge, which is important, and it hasn't worked out too badly in practice most of the time.'

'But I just can't seem to get on any further, and I do the silliest things. The other day I was trying to ring Stedman. I thought I knew the slow work off by heart—couldn't go wrong, but I made a complete mess of it. It just isn't any good going on.'

'So, because you failed to ring a quarter peal . . . .'

'Quarter peals!'

'All right—quarter peals—you're going to give in. Just like that.'

'Well, I'm becoming frustrated. That's what it is. And frustration is a bad thing. You get all mixed up and bitter—any psychologist will tell you that.'

'It doesn't sound like frustration to me, but much more like a deflated ego. I believe it really amounts to the fact that you're not as good as you thought you were. You want to be one of those people who never make mistakes, who are always right—no matter what. They cannot put a foot (or should it be rope?) wrong. They become very tedious you know, and are often as not the most shocking bores. Do you really want to get like that because you've temporarily lost your sense of humour? Supposing every ringer, when he'd had a bad patch, took the attitude that he was going to give up—it would be a pretty poor look-out wouldn't it? Plenty of silent towers up and down the country.'

'Well . . . .'

'And another thing. What about all the friends you've made? Goodness knows, you've always flogged the idea of friendship in ringing. Are you going to give all that up because you haven't been able to ring a few quarter peals recently? What about all the kind people you met when you visited those towers in Lancashire the other week? Weren't you thrilled about the friendliness and welcome you found there? You said you were looking forward to going again next year. And didn't you tell one of the ringers that you would be ringing Kent Treble Bob by then?'

'Well, yes. . . .'

'If you're supposed to be giving up ringing you won't be able to fulfil that promise, will you?'

'Well, no. . . .'

'And then there is a little matter of your duty to God and the Church.'

'I'm beginning to think I've been talking out of the back of my head.'

'I'm sure you have. If you start to lose your sense of humour over things, you won't be a good ringer, and you certainly won't be a great deal of use to the ringing fraternity.'

'All right, Reason, stop it. I give in.'

'And you are going to carry on ringing.'

'Yes, gladly.'

'You're going for that quarter again?'

'Yes, I'll even call the blooming thing!'

'Good—I didn't think you were really serious about giving up.'

'I'm quite sure I wasn't. I enjoy ringing and ringing company too much to really want to give it up. They were just the foolish thoughts of a foolish ringer.'

NANCY E. KEMPSELL.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 17, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *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
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	S ANTHONY JESSON	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
ERNEST MORRIS	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
VERNON GREEN	6	E. CHARLES TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Dr. Guy Vernon Smith, M.C., D.D., Lord Bishop of Leicester from 1940 to 1953, whose funeral took place earlier this day at Salisbury.

TEN BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	JOHN N. LINDON	7
JOHN F. BUTLER	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	8
MRS. C. A. BARRON	4	REGINALD WOODYATT	9
E. DENNIS POOLE	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

Rung for the wedding of Ernest Willcox and Sylvia Beddow, both local ringers, which took place on June 8th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 19, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
ERNEST MORRIS	2	‡SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
†CECILIA COWLEY	3	§JOHN A. ACRES	8
†MRS. F. E. WILSON	4	‖RUSSELL S. MORRIS	9
PHYLLIS POOLE	5	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells as conductor. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal in the method. § First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells; 300th peal for the Guild; 150th peal on the bells. ‖ First peal on ten bells.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

NORMAN V. HARDING	*Treble*	*JOHN ARMSTRONG	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
ALAN F. THIRST	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 6, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

DAVID ATKINS	*Treble*	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*E. MARTIN FIELDEN	6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	7
*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

DOREEN MURFIN	*Treble*	PAMELA J. PEARSON	5
EDWIN WALKLATE	2	JOHN F. MURFIN	6
BRIAN R. MANNING	3	†SAMPSON WALKLATE	7
*BERNICE A. MANNING	4	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal on eight 'inside. † First of Bob Major.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 14, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*JEAN HUTTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	A BRYAN ELLSMORE	7
†DESMOND FERGUSON	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

PAMELA J. PEARSON	*Treble*	*FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON	6
H. GEORGE HART	3	†VIVIENNE M. HORTON	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 TYTHORN DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CARTER	5
T MAUREEN LLOYD	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
KENNETH A. ROE	3	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD	7
COLIN P. WALKER	4	SAMUEL J. HAINES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOS. EDWARD HARROLD.

First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Basil Tudor Davies, M.A., following his induction on the previous Tuesday, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humberstone on their golden wedding anniversary.

TYTHORN DELIGHT MAJOR
38-3814,-12-18,-14-58,-14-58. 2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

ALLAN SMITH, SEN.	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. MILLS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	IVAN KAY	6
JAMES L. WRIGHT	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
STEPHEN L. PARRY	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of Father David Moseley, assistant priest af this church, on that day in Manchester Cathedral, and for the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 20, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

MRS. M. EVANS	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
FRANK RAYMENT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

In memoriam the Rev. A. W. F. Blunt, second Bishop of Bradford, who died on June 2nd, 1957, aged 77 years.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (second observation). Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	PETER M. GILES	6
*CAROL HALL	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
ROBERT F. TELFORD	4	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC N. HARRISON.

* First peal of Grandsire. First of Grandsire as conductor.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of this parish for 43 years, and President of this Association 1950–53.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

NORTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

COLIN B. LONGMORE	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	DAVID BEACHAM	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	ERIC T. LEE	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of No. 4.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM BUTTON	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to June, daughter of the ringer of the seventh bell.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	†CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	6
*PETER SMITH	3	RALPH BIRD	7
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich. Mr. Ralph Bird's 200th tower for a peal.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	*LAURENCE A. MITCHELL	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	6
THOMAS BEAUMONT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
HARRY SPRINGATE	4	WILLIAM H. HOLLANDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the tenor ringer's daughter and her husband, who were married at the above church this day.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Pitstow's variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
TERENCE BARTON	2	GEORGE KENWARD	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	RONALD C. BURNS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
ANN M. COX	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

Rung in honour of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Guildford this day in connection with the celebrations to mark the 700th anniversary of the granting of the first known charter to the Borough.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 17 cwt.

DENNIS A. PIKE	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBBER	4
DAVID T. NORTH	2	GEOFFREY G. GAMMON	5
GORDON WALFORD	3	CHARLES E. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six-scores in 14 methods, being 360 changes each of Stedman, Union, St. Vedast, New, Huntspill, St. Osmund, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Remigius, St Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	3
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	2	*PHILIP MEHEW	4
		*DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal in 14 Doubles methods. The greatest number of Doubles methods to be rung upon the bells, and for the Guild.

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RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 32 extents and five 240's (three of Pitman's arrangement and two of Morris's). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*JOHN F. TAGG	*Treble*	KENNETH S. FAULKNER	4
PATRICK W. SEWRY	2	REGINALD J. STRETTON	5
K. JOHN FAULKNER	3	*DAVID J. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD J. STRETTON.

* First peal at first attempt.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Stanwell and Hampton Societies.)
On Mon., June 10, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise; (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (3) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Double Court and St. Clement's College Bob; (5) Childwall Bob and St. Clement's College Bob; (6) Thelwall Bob and Double Oxford Bob; (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MONICA M. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	PETER A. LAWRENCE	4
DAVID HAWKINS	2	SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK	5
WILLIAM DEASON	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Middlesex County Association.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
*MICHAEL CROWDER	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BURMARSH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*BRIAN T. WATTS	*Treble*	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	4
*MRS. M. R. WATTS	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
†MRS. R. WRATTEN	3	JOHN R. COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, with one combined extent, and two extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	ROLAND H. COOK	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	J. HARRY COOK	5
A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	3	MICHAEL VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Court Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PAT GRADY	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
*MARGARET ROSS	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in four plain methods.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. June 15, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E flat.

*JOHN H. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	RICHARD S. HOLLAND	4
*RHONA C. PEBODY	2	JOHN KINCHIN	5
*PETER L. WESTERMAN	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal of Minor.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Holland, parents of the ringer of the fourth.

NEWNHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Four callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

*ERIC BULL	*Treble*	†HUGH M. JOHNSON	4
†HILARY M. JOHNSON	2	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
*DAVID C. WEST	3	*PETER BOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by VICTOR A. PERRY.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR,

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, York, Ipswich, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

The conductor's 400th peal for the Association.

Rung in connection with the summer festival by three Bedfordshire and three Hertfordshire ringers; as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Lewis; and for the engagement of John W. Sinfield and June Gladman.

SHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 15, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Oswald Delight; (2) Double Court; (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Cambridge; (6) Kent and Oxford; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	2	JAMES WALLMAN	5
MICHAEL J. ROWE	3	JOHN L. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Double and Single Court, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	GILES C. GALLEY	4
MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	2	W. ROBERT PARKER	5
JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung for the ordination of the Rev. F. E. Rusby at Lincoln Cathedral earlier this day.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

ERNEST A. SHIPP	*Treble*	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON	4
TONY OWEN	2	WILLIAM LOVE	5
F CHARLES GOODMAN	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

Rung at the invitation of the rector, the Rev. D. N. Bringloe to mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., June 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising one extent each of York, Westminster, Netherseale, Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Ashley C. P. Pugh .. *Treble*		*Donald H. Niblett ..	4
*Robin A. Hodgson	2	Robin N. Pittman	5
*Dermot J. Roaf	3	Stephen Ivin .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods, also the first such for the Society.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Geoffrey R. Parker .. *Treble*		John A. Freeman	4
Mrs. R. Pearce	2	John Walden	5
Charles E. Brown	3	Jack L. Millhouse .. .. *Tenor*	

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.
Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Brian E. Mason .. .. *Treble*		Walter C. Medler	4
Ivan Smithson	2	D. E. Rust Andrews ..	5
Herbert G. Smithson ..	3	William R. Catchpole .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by William R. Catchpole.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Dick W. Smithson and Avril F. Helsdon, married at this church on June 8th.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Nancy Wilcox .. .. *Treble*		*†Graham Davison	4
Douglas H. Rooke ..	2	George Challans ..	5
*Margaret Johnson	3	Herbert T. Rooke .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal in four plain methods. † First peal of Minor.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*Jack Smith .. .. .. *Treble*		David T. North	4
Stanley N. Bristow ..	2	Gordon Walford	5
†Arthur H. Reed	3	William F. Slocombe .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by William F. Slocombe.

* First peal of Minor. † 250th peal.

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

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in nine methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Double Bob and Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Violet Relf .. .. .. *Treble*		Ralph Bird	4
*Olive M. Boulden	2	Tom Cullingworth	5
Crawford T. Hillis ..	3	A. Patrick Cannon .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal in nine methods, and on the bells.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward S. Ruck, a founder member of this Association.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

Peter R. J. Lester (43) .. *Treble*		Frank Borley	4
Hubert A. Mitson	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey (15)	5
Peter M. Adcock (15) ..	3	Leslie N. Melton (15) .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.

Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Double Court and St. Clement's College Bob; (6) St. Clement's College Bob, Childwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Thelwall Bob; (7) Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Sidney J. Woodcock .. *Treble*		David A. S. Hawkins ..	4
Monica M. Blagrove ..	2	Peter A. Lawrence	5
William S. Deason	3	Frank T. Blagrove .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 13, 1957, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
At 19, Royal Parade,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, St. Clement's, Double and Reverse, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

*Shirley M. Parsons ..	1—2	David J. Marshall ..	3—4
		*Cyril A. Wratten	5—6

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First of five methods 'in hand.'

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 1¼ Hour and 57 Minutes,
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 57 methods: (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Beenington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham, Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court; (3) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth, Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob; (4) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

Howard Scott	1—2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	3—4
		W. Eric Critchley	5—6

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., June 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At St. Catharine's College.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

H. Neill (St. Cath.'s) ..	1—2	F. E. Roberts (Selwyn) ..	5—6
Susan Jackson (Girton) ..	3—4	J. D. Painter (Caius) ..	7—8

Composed by David Hoare. Conducted by J. D. Painter.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*John A. Acres	1—2	Peter J. Staniforth ..	5—6
Walter P. Whitehead ..	3—4	Alfred Ballard	7—8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Templeman 1, D. Kerley 2, Patricia Crimmin (first 'inside') 3, D. Kerley 4, G. Kerley (cond.) 5, L. Scott 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret E. Perry (first quarter) 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, R. D. Brown 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, I. C. Forrest 6. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to June Grieveson.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Booth 1, J. Booth 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. A 76th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who has now been ringing for 40 years.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Whit Sunday, 1,385 Grandsire Cinques: A. M. Tyler 1, Miss E. Grime 2, Miss P. Bourn 3, M. J. Hancock 4, J. M. Stallard 5, E. Taylor 6, M. Downs 7, R. J. Bowden 8, A. Hilliar 9, F. Hansford 10, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 11, S. Gillett 12. First of Grandsire Cinques for 2, 4 and 7. Rung after Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. J. C. Norton.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Pamela Clarke (first of Grandsire 'inside') 2, P. E. Ball 3, F. Daykin 4, J. Troughton 5, B. M. Buswell 6, J. D. Clarke (first on eight as cond.) 7, W. Perkins 8. For Sunday School festival.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Line 1, Miss J. M. Packwood (first of Major) 2, P. Jones 3, W. R. Hammons 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, A. C. Cozens 6, K. D. Perkins 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the forming of the Church Lads' Brigade, and on the occasion of the visit of the Bishops of Peterborough and Hull.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Roome (cond.) 1, Miss C. Coleman 2, J. Rainbow 3, R. Line 4, E. Smart 5. The conductor's 100th quarter peal.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,320 Double Court Minor: Miss H. Wilcox 1, R. Lucas 2, Miss M. Johnson, 3, D. H. Rooke 4, G. Challons 5, F. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter of Double Court by 1, 2 and 3.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On June 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Payne 1, P. Swales 2, Angela Grainger 3, Iris Walker 4, I. Pett 5, C. Payne 6, P. Newing (cond.) 7, A. E. Butcher 8. Rung for the St. Albans Diocesan Festival for the parishes.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On June 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Ruth Highley 1, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 2, S. T. Jarrett 3, J. C. S. Benson 4, R. C. Burns 5, L. B. Dobbie 6, G. Beadle (first quarter) 7, R. Burns 8. First in five methods for 3, 4 and 5. Rung with 7, 6, 8 cover.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On June 2nd, 1,170 Grandsire Caters: Miss L. Holmes 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, J. Watson 4, P. E. Parry 5, J. E. Cook 6, B. Hunt 7, J. M. Simpson 8, H. R. Woods 9, P. A. Hill 10.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Newman 1, L. Andrews 2, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 3, G. Brown 4, C. Longmore (first of Doubles) 5, B. Hawker 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Leonard Mills (local ringer and chorister) and Miss Doreen Smith.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. Crump 1, Miss J. A. Bennett 2, Miss E. M. Yardley 3, L. C. Willday 4, A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 5, D. J. Harrabin (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. Hall, of Handsworth, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Young, of Knebworth.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Smith 1, Miss J. M. Downing 2, Miss M. Wilson 3, Miss D. Lester 4, E. Bryant 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, I Vaughan (first of Triples) 7, J. E. Downing 8.

HEREFORD.—On June 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Jones 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, A. J. Probert 5, F. Jones 6. A wedding compliment to Miss A. George and Mr. M. Munn, married this day.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Underwood (first quarter) 1, O. Payne 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby (cond.) 4, C. Underwood 5, G. D. Deighton 6, A. J. Wilson 7, R. Whiting 8. For Evensong.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At St. John's Church, on June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 1, H. W. Impey 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, N. D. Robinson 4, M. J. Palmer 5, Christine T. Townley (first quarter) 6. First of Stedman Doubles by 4 and 5. Rung to inaugurate the parish festival.

Ringing Listed As Public Nuisance

Cape Town ringers are wondering if the new regulations for the prevention and suppression of nuisances will affect their ringing, particularly when they practise a new method.

There is a clause against the ringing of bells in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance in the neighbourhood. A fine up to £20 is possible on conviction.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Marriner 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. H. Winch 3, Rev. E. B. Wood (first of Surprise Major) 4, B. H. Hawkins 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6, H. V. Young 7, A. H. Smith 8.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On June 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Slaughter 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, A. Streeter (first of Surprise) 3, F. E. Roberts 4, B. Cracknell (first of Surprise) 5, R. Bird 6. First 720 of Surprise on the bells since 1930.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECONS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Vera M. Powell 1, Wm. G. Smith 2, S. V. Edwards 3, W. Chick 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, Margaret R. Parry (first quarter) 6, J. Parry 7, Penny Parry 8. Rung for the wedding anniversary of John Parry, also a 65th birthday compliment to him and a birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Parry.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): P. Grimshaw (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, J. H. Williams 3, M. F. Amos 4, R. S. Holland (cond.) 5. For morning service.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Fry 1, T. Belben 2, Miss J. Maitland 3, P. Cumberland 4, L. Pink (cond.) 5, F. Laslett 6. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Gray (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Wareham (first 'inside') 2, A. Bratten 3, D. T. Robertson (cond.) 4, G. Wareham 5, F. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Sidney Elliott, who rang at Marston for a number of years.

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Rosamund A. May 1, Joan E. Probert 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, P. G. Smart 5, G. M. Battersby 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3.

MONMOUTH.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): Miss J. Goodwin (first quarter) 1, K. Goodwin 2, Mrs. K. Smith 3, Mrs. D. Stafford 4, S. Goodwin 5, L. H. Jones (cond.) 6. E. Goodwin tenor. Rung during the visit to the Monmouth Schools of the Lord Mayor of London.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cropley 1, Miss M. Wilford (first quarter) 2, M. Wilford 3, A. Flutter 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On June 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. Beard 1, Angela Grainger 2, F. R. Evans (first of Major) 3, K. Fleming 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, R. H. Howson 6, A. E. Butcher 7, M. G. Hooton 8. For the Feast of St. Barnabas.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Jones 1, J. Lane 2, J. H. Thomas (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, F. Clements 5, G. Bishop 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. Colley, of Pencombe.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, J. Harper 4, Howard Meek 5, W. Beard 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. Rung in honour of the patronal festival, also as a welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Hoskins).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,320 Doubles in three methods (three extents of Stedman, six of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob): Mrs. B. G. Warwick 1, Joan K. Brown 2, R. K. Stretton 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, P. Norman 6. First in three methods by 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: V. Norman (first 'inside') 1, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2, R. K. Stretton 3, A. E. Bodycote 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5, P. Norman 6. Rung prior to the civic service.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Costar (first in method) 1, L. T. Oliffe 2, A. R. Cornish 3, E. J. Hill 4, A. H. Gearing (first in method as cond.) 5, B. J. Coggins 6. Rung to celebrate 50 years' ringing in this tower by the treble ringer. Also on June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): B. J. Coggins (first in five methods) 1, B. J. Coggins 2, A. R. Cornish 3, E. J. Hill 4, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 5, B. Costar 6. Rung to welcome the son and daughter-in-law of the tenor ringer on return from their honeymoon.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. V. Young 1, Mary White (first quarter) 2, Catherine Powell (first quarter) 3, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 4, G. Marriner 5. The ringers of 2 and 3 are members of the newly-formed local band.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): J. Shipley 1, Katharine Burchnell 2, B. Hough 3, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 4, M. Gartside 5, R. Mumford 6, Lavinia Hulford (first quarter) 7, J. Wilson 8.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On June 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. J. Lester 1, Mrs. P. J. Parker 2, L. N. Melton 3, R. Crooks 4, H. Mitson 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 4. For Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss N. Hales 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, P. F. Borer 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7.

UPPER DEAN, BEDS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 120 St. Simon's, 540 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): K. Wakefield 1, Phyllis Gray 2, Mary Stephens 3, B. Grainger 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Talbot 1, M. Williamson 2, J. Cook 3, R. Goodman 4, A. Lewry 5, F. Corfield 6, C. Wood 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother to the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables adjoining the church.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. King 1, Sandra Lewis 2, Anthony Gibbs 3, Rita Webb 4, J. Sprules 5, S. Burridge 6. Rung in honour of the new captain, Paul King. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gloria Newton 1, Sandra Lewis 2, A. Gibbs 3, Barbara Rogers 4, Rita Webb 5, Paul King 6.—A wedding compliment to Mr. H. Werrett and Miss M. Warner.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, R. J. Carlton 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, L. C. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of the treble ringer. Mr. Ruck led up in raising, rang the quarter and then lowered without setting the bells.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Marilyn Bird (first quarter) 1, Angela M. Kitto (first quarter 'inside') 2, E. J. Hill (first in two methods as cond.) 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, B. J. Coggins 5, Bernard J. Coggins 6. For Ascension Day.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Prosser (first quarter) 1, J. Laker 2, C. Ridgway 3, C. Stoner 4, R. Elliott (first as cond.) 5, P. Hewitt (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

AN OLD RINGERS DAY

'I cannot help feeling,' writes E. A., 'that the outing arranged by Mr. E. Buck, president of the Herts County Association, on June 1st, was partly for my benefit. At the first tower, Soham, a lovely ten to ring, I rang the fifth to my first Grandsire Caters since 1908.

'In my home town, Bury St. Edmunds, we were met by many old friends. After ringing at St. Mary's came lunch, and sitting by my side at table was A. E. Moore, my old tutor, whom I had not seen for 48 years. The other was Mr. A. Rolfe, a pupil of mine in the early 1900's.

'Many memories of old friends were brought back when we rang on the heavy ten at the Norman tower, as it was here that the greater part of my ringing was done 50 or more years ago.

'At Lavenham there were Mr. Stedman Symonds and Mr. W. F. Ayers to meet us. The last time I saw Stedman was 48 years ago, when we three were in a peal together at Lavenham on March 6th, 1909; today we are the only survivors. Halfway through this peal the gas went out. Stedman appealed to us to carry on: the moon shining through the windows helped to show the shirt-sleeves going up and down. The peal was rung but the second half took several minutes longer. Tea followed some good ringing, and then Stedman entertained us with tune ringing on his tiny handbells.

'Two good eights, Long Melford and Clare, followed, with some good touches of Stedman, Cambridge, and other Surprise methods, Grandsire and Plain Bob. A well-arranged supper a few miles away brought our very pleasant outing to an end.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Yorkshire District

On June 8th a quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire District was held at Whiston, near Rotherham. During the afternoon and evening the delightfully pleasant ring of eight bells was kept going in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Surprise Major. A course of Stedman Triples was rung entirely by ladies, this being the first course in the method in the District, by ladies, for very many years.

After a delicious tea, the business meeting was held, at which four new members were elected. Other business included a discussion on the change of the rules of the Guild. The large attendance of ladies was very heart-warming, and it is hoped that it will be repeated at the next meeting to be held at Bolsover in October.

Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Lyme Regis on Whit Saturday where, in spite of thunderstorms inland, we were bathed in brilliant sunshine. For the benefit of those travelling from remote parts of this somewhat scattered district, ringing was arranged at Whitchurch Canonicorum and Broadwindsor.

The business meeting at Lyme Regis was preceded by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, and at the conclusion of tea a vote of thanks was passed to Canon C. C. Cox, who had rendered valuable assistance in making arrangements for the day's ringing.

At the meeting one new member was elected —Mrs. Davis, of Lyme Regis. It was agreed that the next June meeting should be held in the Yeovil district, and it is hoped to hold the next quarterly meeting on September 14th at Malmesbury. M. de J.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO FORMER CHESTER GUILD MASTER

At Evensong in the Parish Church of St. Mary, Liscard, Wallasey, on June 1st, a tablet was dedicated to the memory of Mr. John W. Milner, a great friend and servant of ringers in Cheshire. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. W. Stephens), assisted by Rev. Austin Edwards, Vicar of St. Columba's, Wallasey. The dedication was performed by Rev. A. Edwards, who spoke in appreciation of Mr. Milner's life and work.

The stone tablet is plain with gilt-inscribed lettering, and the inscription reads:—

'JOHN WILLIAM MILNER
1864–1952
Sometime Warden of this Church
A Member of the Church Assembly
A keen Secretary of the Church of England Men's Society and Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers
An active friend to all Christian endeavour
A beloved husband and father.'

To mark the occasion a peal was rung at the Parish Church he served so well, and Branch members also rang the bells again for the service.

The peal band would like to express thanks to Miss R. Milner for her generous hospitality on this occasion.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Cross 1, Patricia Smee 2, A. H. Winch (cond.) 3, C. Smart 4, G. Marriner 5, B. Hawkins 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. V. Young 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Humberstone, of Wigston Magna, Leicester, the happy anniversary taking place on June 20th. The event was honoured by a peal on June 15th, which was also a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Basil I. Davies. Afterwards there were liquid refreshments at the Vicarage. For over 50 years 'Bill' has rung for Matins and Evensong at Wigston Magna with consistent regularity. Alas, his respiratory organs will no longer permit him to climb the long wooded spiral staircase to the belfry.

After a ban lasting several months, the bells of Sweffling, Suffolk, are now available for ringing, writes Mr. Alan R. Bridges.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Charles Smith, of All Saints', Boyne Hill, on June 22nd, aged 71 years.

The bells of St. Paulinus', Crayford, will be out of action for several months while extensive war damage repairs to the tower are carried out.

Sheffield and District Society are meeting at Harthill on July 6th, where the new band rang their first course of Plain Bob Doubles on the back six on June 3rd.

The band who rang the peal of Surfleet Surprise Minor at Willingham, Cambs, on June 22nd, had not struck a blow in the method previously

The Vicar of Gorleston, in his June magazine, denies any danger of collapse of the church. He writes: 'I have not yet received the estimate from the bell founders, but it certainly looks as though we shall have the bells ringing again in a few weeks. We have yet to have the architect's advice about necessary strengthening of the tower.'

A correspondent writes: Mr. Barker may be perfectly right about the peal of *Plain* Bob Major at Dartford in 1921, but he is a long way out in adding that this was the late Thos. Groombridge's (jun.) first peal as conductor, who was calling peals before the 1914–18 war. The writer's memories of 'young Tom's' first peals as conductor were Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich at Eynsford, Kent, around 1910.

We apologise to Miss Jean Barnett for a changed surname when she presented the bouquet to Mrs. Lewis at Chelmsford (see p. 398).

Pressure on our news space has prevented us from publishing at once all the ringers' outings received. We hope to catch up with arrears at an early date.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was the hon. secretary of the dinner committee that arranged the diamond jubilee dinner of the Middlesex Association. The general secretary of the Association is Mr. T. J. Lock.

The second number of 'The Ringers' Magazine' is now published. Life stories of Charles F. Winney and Henry W. Haley are among the varied contributions.

In the quarter peal at Whitchurch, Oxon, on June 17th, the treble was rung without a stay. The band thank Mr. John F. Carter for his perseverance.

The meeting of the Southern District of Durham and Newcastle Association at Gainford started with visitors having to splice the rope of No. 3 which broke during the first touch, and finished at 7.45 p.m. due to the rope of No. 4 breaking. However, between these times a successful meeting was had by the 24 ringers and friends who attended.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL — Continued from Page 418

ACADEMIC TITLES NOT WANTED BY COUNCIL – OVERWHELMING VOTE

The first motion to be considered was: 'That this Council as the representative assembly of all change-ringing associations deprecates the proposed introduction of academic titles for ringers, particularly by a body which is not recognised or affiliated to the Council.'

Mr. P. A. Corby, in moving the motion, said the 14-day rule did not provide for the proceedings of the Council because one observed that one or two people had tried to get their shot in first. The other point on procedure might well be that persons who were active with the Institution that was coming under consideration were interested parties, and as such should not take part in debate on the subject. Of course, they would not wish to deny them that right.

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

It was said that they lived in a democratic age, and of all institutions the ringing Exercise had been able to claim to be more democratic than most. In a democratic state there must be a considerable amount of freedom, but that must not be interpreted as freedom to do what they liked. Anarchy would only result from that.

He would seriously put before the Council that over 69 years they had established a place in the ringing Exercise where their principles were accepted not because they tried to force things on people but because they came there and debated them and passed resolutions that were accepted by ringers at large.

It was therefore disconcerting that at the instance, in the first place of one man (he would not be certain of that), but in some way or another various members of their Council, although present at last year's Council meeting went away with an idea in their minds, which for good or ill must have an effect on the future of the ringing Exercise. This scheme they dished up in the ringers' own journal.

The purpose of the motion was not to condemn the College of Campanology—rather they wished to assert that the Council should be the body to decide whether or not a College should be established. He did not think it could ever be a good thing for people to start on individual lines of action on such a large and ambitious scale as has been attempted. He hoped in the debate they should hear from those members of the Council whose names had figured so prominently in the Press but who hitherto had maintained a very tactical silence.

'DISCOURTESY TO COUNCIL'

It would be remembered that when the correspondence started the point he elaborated upon, discourtesy to the Council had never been answered. If all those members of the Council heartily supported the thing, where was the answer when they were challenged on discourtesy? It might be said, to the best of his knowledge and belief, no official approach had been made to the Guilds and Associations. Certainly nothing had been made to the Association he represented.

Pointing out that there were no distinctions of rank among ringers, Mr. Corby said peers of the realm, bishops, archdeacons, priests and representatives of many walks of life all rubbed shoulders together. He often wished that his boss was a ringer because he felt it would be an opportunity to take it out of him in the belfry That was the state of affairs they wished to continue. Let them judge people on the merits of their performances and not on degrees.

He felt to a certain extent that the College was based on misconception. In ringing it was not the prowess of the individual but the team work. 'You can have seven professors of campanology, but if you have one rabbit with them you will not ring a good peal . . . . We don't want a number of exalted individuals but a band that will ring together, capable of producing the best.'

MANUAL AND 'R.W.'

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, seconding, said he did not wish to be construed as condemning the College, but the way it was brought into being. Last year they discussed a handbook for beginners, and some of those people who discussed it were connected with the College, and yet not one word came out about it. He felt in that way they had done them a dishonour. He felt that if the College wanted a manual they should have published it at their own expense. [Hear, hear.]

Mr. J. F. Smallwood supported the motion. The award of diplomas and certificates, he said, was made so that these people could swank their powers before their fellows.

Mr. Bernard Ashford said the motion was discussed at considerable length by members in his area and while little was expressed of the value of the College, a great deal was expressed that the Central Council's own journal was used to publicise the College. 'Village Bells' and other publications, he pointed out, were financed by their authors. He gave his full support to the motion.

Mr. N. Chaddock felt that the College of Campanology made a big mistake in bringing in these titles.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said he had let his name go forward as chaplain to the College, but when the invitation came to him it stated that his services would not be needed just yet. They lived in an age when the running down of titles was popular. But the title of M.D. was one of value in cases of illness. If there was something worth while in the idea behind titles then it was for a deeper brain than his. It seemed to him that the best policy was not to take sides but to try and find what good there was behind it.

'NO NEED OF AN EXAMINATION'

Mr. C. W. Roberts said in the past they had always managed to get along without any distinctions, qualifications, or call them what they would. The art of ringing was democratic. Possibly 12 or 13 join under a good instructor. Out of those 13 one emerges who is head and shoulders above the rest: he needs no qualifications. As soon as those who organise peals or quarter peals hear of him his place is assured. There was no need of an examination. His point was it was not necessary to bring out the qualifications this outside body wishes to impose. If qualifications were necessary, there was only one body to decide, and that was the Council, which was the voice of the representatives of the various associations. He wished to protest most strongly against the imposition of any qualifications. When one took hold of a rope for Stedman Cinques one did not have to look for qualifications.

Mr. Philip Gray pointed out that there were a tremendous number of towers with no ringers and a tremendous number indifferently staffed. Any body which tried to do something for these towers should not be frowned upon. He did not want the Council to discourage anybody who did anything outside the Council.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott thought the motion was unnecessary. If these titles were empty then nobody would take any notice of them. There were numbers of people up and down the country who took up high-sounding titles but they did not pass an Act of Parliament to forbid them to do so.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher said in opposing the motion he was not doing so as a representative of his Association. There was no way the College of Campanology could be represented there, and as it was not represented it was not legal. It would be more sensible if the Council were to do its best to enable those who were thinking along these lines to have some sort of encouragement. That morning the name of Mr. York-Bramble was put forward for honorary membership. They knew the result. He thought what Mr. York-Bramble had done was to focus very effectively their attention on the problem of teaching ringing in the early stages. He had not suddenly started this; he had been working on it for a very long time.

Dr. Hatcher said he had known Mr. York-Bramble for ten years, and one of his ideas was that the method of teaching ringers could be put on a standardised basis so that they could compare the results of instruction with various places and various times. Two years ago in a series of articles in 'Topics of the Month' one was on the question of a manual for ringing and a college of campanology. At the end of the article he suggested a possibility that this idea might be sponsored by the Council.

COUNCIL 'SHIED' OFF THE PROBLEM

Last year the Council considered the question of teaching and instructing and set up a small committee to produce a book for beginners and instructors. It was interesting to see the result—the draft of a book for beginners; but the idea of something for instructors was put in a subsidiary role. The point was that the Council had 'shied' off the problem of producing instructors. The idea of these titles was not, as had been interpreted, as giving an air of snobbery. The value of the College was not in the award but the discipline in the training system. The Exercise would not go from strength to strength unless it faced up to the problem of instructors. It was suggested that the Council should be the pioneer authority on ringing matters. The College of Campanology proposed to work towards its recognition by the Council and applied in its instructions the rules and decisions of the Council. By accepting the motion the Council would be doing a disservice to itself.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin said he was unhappy about voting for the motion. He knew nothing about the College except what they published, which he was pleased they put in. He did not know Mr. York-Bramble or the people who supported him. If there was any good in the College it would survive. Personally, judging from the matter in 'The Ringing World,' it would be a total flop. He thought the matter ought to be ignored: it would then find its own level.

'A SNOB VALUE'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said the last speaker had said he did not know Mr. Bramble. Some in the front of the hall did. Knowing him quite seriously from experience of what had happened in the past (he might be wrong), if they gave Mr. Bramble an inch he took a yard. They found that out in the Methods Committee, and when they were in difficulties the person in the background causing their troubles was Mr. Bramble. The speaker said he was quite willing and ready to see the Council support some scheme for instructors—no letters after their names. In spite of what Mr. Thurlow had said, knowing Mr. Bramble, such

things as letters did loom rather large in his mind, as one had only to see 20 or so after his name. There was in this a snob value which they did not want. He had pleasure in supporting the motion.

Mr. R. G. Blackman commented that there was a possibility that there might be things in the manual that might prove of value in bringing along young ringers. While he agreed with the speakers in deploring those with letters after their names, they must remember that all teachers had got to have the confidence of their pupils, and in some cases letters might help.

Mr. Bernard Ashford: We must not lose sight of the fact that this Council has been treated with contumacy.

Mr. George W. Fletcher: As I read this resolution, do we believe in titles or don't we?

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried, only eight votes being cast against.

A voice: You have passed this resolution. After all this talking you cannot enforce it.

IS THE COLLEGE NEEDED?
Council Reach No Conclusion

The second notice of motion relating to the College read: 'That this Council, while appreciating the good intentions of the organisers, considers that the so-called College of Campanology is unlikely to prove of any service to the furtherance of the art of change ringing; and therefore that no form of official recognition whatever be accorded to the organisation. In addition, valuable space in the Council's official organ, "The Ringing World," should not be wasted by the publication of any further "College Manuals," the Exercise being already well supplied with instruction manuals.'

The president suggested that the motion dealt with two separate subjects and should be treated accordingly.

Mr. Peter N. Bond said he was submitting the motion on behalf of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and he denied a suggestion that they were indicting the Editor or 'The Ringing World' Committee. They felt that the College was not the best way of gaining recruits and that it sounded too much of the college lecture room or university. When these boys saw a blackboard and tutor they were likely to be turned away.

'ROPESIGHT' ADEQUATE

'Is such an organisation needed? I have read this manual and I can only understand a quarter. If this type of organisation is allowed I can see in the future that if a ringer goes into a tower he will be asked if he has a diploma, and if he has not he will not be allowed to ring. I maintain that the requirements to produce a good ringer are not to be found in an academic college. I agree there is some need for a training manual for instructors. I maintain that a book like "Ropesight" would give all that is required.

'We feel that an organisation like this is not likely to benefit the Sunday service ringers. They are the people we represent. The average Sunday service ringer is not interested in certificates or diplomas. The St. John's School at Bristol has done a wonderful work without a manual. We think that the people who have organised the College have little understanding of the difficulties of the average village tower. If the possession of a College diploma is the qualification of a trained ringer, then I would say there are very few trained ringers. I think one of the greatest charms of the Exercise is the informality of the belfry, and we do not think it would be right to turn the belfry into the common room for evening classes.'

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in seconding, said his Society asked that the Council would not give its official recognition; this was entirely different from saying that they deprecated it. Many of his Society's members took exception to the Manual being published in 'The Ringing World.'

A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott said he agreed with all the last clause. About 2,000 years ago a motion of this sort was passed by the Sanhedrin. This was a motion which was quite untrue and brought ridicule on the body which passed it. He did not believe that the College of Campanology had acted rightly. It should have applied for affiliation or recognition by the Council. For them to look into the future and say that they did not consider the College was to prove of any further service was a silly thing to do because if they were right there was no need to pass such a resolution, and if they were wrong they would be fools.

He would like to move as an amendment that the Council deprecated the use of invaluable space in 'The Ringing World' by the College of Campanology, that body not having applied for recognition by the Central Council. The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead seconded the amendment.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said that so far as the motion was concerned he felt that the Council should reject it out of hand. A lot had been said about what was to be put in 'The Ringing World.' He acknowledged that 'The Ringing World' was the property of the Council and was its official journal, but it was also the only paper of its kind in this country. If the Manual had not been printed they would have had nothing to talk about. He was not going to apologise. He thought the Council should reject the motion.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: In view of what has been said about 'The Ringing World,' I ask to withdraw my motion.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I would like the second part to go on. I do not think the College of Campanology should have published its Manual in 'The Ringing World.' He therefore moved the amendment.

Mr. W. Wilson seconded the amendment.

Mr. P. A. Corby asked in what way could the College of Campanology be affiliated to the Central Council.

NEED OF INSTRUCTORS

Mr. Norman Chaddock said he had had his name connected in a minor way with the College and had been asked to act as an examiner and had agreed to. He personally thought that the greatest need today was for more competent instructors, and any effort that might achieve some success in that direction was worth a trial. They had a Boy Scout and Girl Guide ringer's badge and he had never heard anyone deprecating that badge. He thought the best thing would be to disregard it. He thought the Manual was well worth publishing.

Mr. C. K. Lewis deprecated the use of space in 'The Ringing World' by the publication of the Manual. It was a waste of space. His main objection to the College was that 'it flies in the face of educational thought—that you learn by doing and not by being taught. The average child is not academic, and the best way is to put his hand in the end of the rope and let him try.'

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow thought there was some good in the general idea behind it, if they started by calling it a school of ringing instead of a College of Campanology. About 'The Ringing World,' what a pity they did not think of inserting the Manual as an advertisement: what a lot of trouble they would have saved.

Mr. G. Pullinger suggested the motion be adjourned to next year. The College might fill a want. They should leave it to the good sense of ringers. After all, when the Council was first formed it was said it would not last two years.

Mr. J. R. Mayne said a good many did not believe it represented a good method of teaching. Because the Manual was published in 'The Ringing World' there was a danger that people might think it had the stamp of authority.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded that the Council pass on to the next business. This was carried with four dissentients.

DANGER OF LIGHTS BEING SWITCHED OFF

The motion was proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden and seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs: 'That the attention of the responsible Electrical or Ecclesiastical Authority be drawn to the dangerous practice of permitting bell chamber, ringing room and staircase lights to be controlled from the main switch box by one master switch; that in cases where such a state of affairs exists the authority be asked to fix cautions against switching off without due investigation.'

The secretary said the Standing Committee discussed the matter and felt that the Electrical Authorities would not be happy about more than one main switch. The committee thought that a small card should be printed giving warning about switching off the main switch while people were in the belfry.

Mr. W. A. Osborn said according to the Institute of Electrical Contractors every circuit had to be controlled by a main switch and fuse. He advised towers to have a stand-by oil lamp.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott moved and Mr. R. G. Blackman seconded that the Council accept the recommendation of the Standing Committee. This was agreed to, and the Council decided to have warning notices printed.

'PLAIN' REINTRODUCED

On behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. D Barker moved the following:—

'That this Council deplores the change of name of a standard method in "The Ringing World" and declares that in its view, "Bob" is a general term for a class of methods and should not be substituted for the "Plain Bob" which indicates a particular method in that class.'

He said that Plain Bob was one of the earliest if not the earliest system of change-ringing. He did not remember this having been discussed by the Council at any meeting. In asking the Council to put back the word 'plain' to the

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method, he would say it was necessary to have it from the conductor's point of view. Bob did not constitute a method.

Mr. W. Butler, seconding, said he had been through all the old books and they all said 'Plain' Bob. Bob was just an indication of calls.

Mr. E. K. Lewis called attention to a decision of the Council that 'no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods except where urgently necessary.' The original 'Campanologia' of 1702 mentioned Bob Doubles and it also mentioned Plain Bob, but when it came to Major it was always Bob Major. In 1735 they had Plain Bob Triples. In the Clavis it was Plain Bob Minor and Single Bob Minor. Troyte mentions Plain Bob Minor, usually called Bob Minor, and the same thing for Major. 'Plain Bob Major' was introduced into 'The Ringing World' in 1948: previous to that it was Bob Major. He thought the proper thing if they desired the word 'Plain' in was to rescind the decision.

The hon. secretary said no charge was made until the middle of March, 1948. A letter from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' explained that it was decided at a meeting which Mr. A. D. Barker attended that for the convenience of the Peals Analysis Committee the word 'Plain' be introduced, and that was the only authority. Bob Major was used at the beginning of 'Bell News' and in Ernest Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' 10,000 Bob Major was rung in 1735. He asked the Council to reject the motion.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd: I see no difficulty whatever in using 'Plain.'

Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson: If this is the Council's official attitude, why did it issue in 1956 on page 25: Bob Major, this method Plain Bob Place. That must refer to a method and not as a method.

Mr. Walter Ayre: I don't mind what the Council pass this afternoon, it still will be published in the analysis as Plain Bob.

The motion was carried, only two members voting against.

Next Meeting in Dublin

The secretary reported that members would recall they had an invitation to visit Dublin, and that still stood. They had also an invitation from the Oxford Diocesan Guild to hold their next meeting in Oxford.

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne seconded that the next meeting be held in Ireland—in Dublin.

Miss Marie Cross said next year would be the 225th anniversary of the Oxford Society, and they would like the Central Council there. She moved that the next meeting be held in Oxford and Mr. Peter Bond seconded.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow suggested that if the Council went to Ireland the meeting be held on Whit Monday.

Asked as to price, Mr. Dukes said by train and boat the cost would be £8 or £9 and the journey would take 12 or 14 hours.

Upon being put to the vote, 59 members voted for Dublin and 51 for Oxford.

The Council decided to hold its next meeting at Dublin.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The secretary reported: 32 Associations fully represented, 86 members; 17 Associations partly represented, 37 present, 23 absent: 7 Associations not represented, 8 absent; 5 life members present, 1 absent; 10 honorary members present, 7 absent. Total attendance 138, absent 39.

This tied with a record attendance of the Council in London in 1948.

VOTES OF THANKS

Mr. F. E. Dukes proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. T. W. White, for all their work in connection with the meeting. 'As a secretary, I know only too well what is involved,' he said.

Mr. P. A. Corby seconded and the vote was carried with acclamation.

The president proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the many people who had been to a great deal of trouble in connection with the meeting. He thanked the Mayor, the Lord Bishop, the Provost, the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. Heazel), Mr. Gant and Mr. Everett, for their excellent arrangements, Miss Hilda Snowden, for peal and tour arrangements, and the local incumbents and others. 'We appreciate very much all you have done for us.'

Afterwards the members of the Council were the guests of the Essex Association to tea.

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ERRATA

Page 415, column 2.—The Rev. R. S. St. J. Smith did not make the observation attributed to him. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the view expressed.

The Standing Committee.—The reference to the revision of Stedman should read: 'The committee accepted the offer of Mrs. Winifred Turner of the papers of the late Mr. Ernest Turner's revision of J. A. Trollope's 'Stedman.'

Towers and Belfries Committee. — Add to committee the name of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Add to apologies.—G. Benfield.

Page 398.—Presentation of bouquet by Miss Jean Barnett.

UNIVERSITY RINGERS IN NORTHAMPTON

Members of the Oxford University Society and the Cambridge University Guild met in Northampton on June 8th and enjoyed a most successful day's ringing together. A variety of methods ranging from Grandsire to Spliced Surprise was rung at the five towers visited—St. Edmund's, St. Giles', Holy Sepulchre, St. Peter's and All Saints'. It is hoped that a joint outing will become an annual feature in the programmes of the two Societies. R. N. P.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty members attended the monthly meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society held at Rise on June 8th.

During the afternoon the bells were rung to rounds, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. Hewson), who welcomed the Society. A very inspiring address was given by Rev. T. Shaw, Vicar of North Frodingham, and though it was the first meeting of bellringers he has attended, members hope he will attend many more.

Tea was served by wives of the local ringers in the Memorial Hut and was followed by the business meeting, with the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) in the chair. Further ringing brought another successful meeting to a close.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

The 146th ringing anniversary on June 22nd was attended by ringers from Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk. During the afternoon and evening touches in methods ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise, with rounds for the learners, kept the bells going till 8.30 p.m.

A distinguished and interested (non-ringing) visitor who came to the tower during the afternoon was Mr. Randolph Churchill, son of Sir Winston. M. T. S.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN WILLIAM HOVEY

Coleshill tower has sustained a great loss by the death of J. William Hovey, following an accident at his place of employment. Mr. Hovey was 24 years of age and an able ringer and conductor for standard methods.

Commencing to ring as a schoolboy, his keenness soon became apparent to his fellow ringers, and they elected him tower captain on completion of service in the R.A.F., a position he relinquished on taking over the duties of tower keeper. Although he rang several peals, his main interest was service ringing and practices.

He was a member of St. Martin's Guild and of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

After the funeral muffled touches were rung at Coleshill, while his friends at Kingsbury, a tower he often visited, rang a quarter peal of Doubles in memoriam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 15th at All Saints', Otley. The welcome extended to upwards of 40 members attending the meeting was warm in more ways than one, and on this fine, sunny afternoon the banks of the river Wharfe were almost as popular as the belfry itself.

Ringing in a variety of methods took place during the afternoon, followed by an excellent tea, arranged and served by members of the local branch of the Mothers' Union.

At the business meeting the usual formalities were observed and the annual election of officers was held. Officers due to retire this year were the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, and committee members Miss S. Schofield and Messrs. H. Armitage and W. Dixon. Each of these officers was re-elected for a further term of three years, and expressions of appreciation for past services were accorded to Mr. Johnson in particular, who has now held the office of vice-president for over 23 years.

New members elected were Messrs. G. Dean, L. Lawson and C. Lawson, of Skipton, and D. North, of Birstall.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Pudsey on September 21st.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Jubilee Meeting at Ealing

It is a matter of great regret that once again the attendance at the monthly meeting was disappointing, the more so in view of the excellent arrangements and careful preparation that had been made by the St. Mary's, Ealing, ringers for the meeting held there on June 15th. It had been hoped that there would be a large gathering as it was at Ealing 60 years ago that the Association had been formed.

Reference was made to this fact by the District secretary (Mr. F. A. Finch) at the commencement of the business meeting which followed a first-class tea at the Parish Hall. A photograph of those present on that occasion, which had been taken on the Vicarage lawn, was on view, having been refurbished after hanging for many years in St. Mary's tower.

At the meeting, eight new members were elected, and Mr. F. Blagrove was elected assistant District secretary, this office having been vacant since the beginning of the year. The question of lack of support for meetings was aired, and it was decided that it might help if a post-card was sent to each tower secretary reminding him to make the date and place of each meeting known.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to those responsible for the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Curate for taking the service. Enough people had turned up after this to make it possible to ring methods up to London Surprise in the evening.

W. T. C.



Members of the Railwaymen's Guild at Crewe. Report on Page 437. [Photo by permission of 'The Chester Chronicle.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMERICA'S ELECTRIC CHANGE-RINGER

Dear Sir,—May I, for the benefit of ringers generally, add a little to your report of my reference at the Council meeting to 'Mark II.' which our American friends have recently completed. Readers may recall an article on the subject which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 10th, 1956.

I recently received the following invitation:—

THE CHANGE RINGERS OF CORNELL
R. J. Walker and J. Keifer, props.
Request the honor of your presence at
A COCKTAIL PARTY
in honor of
MARK II,
the first automatic electric change-ringer
at The Statler Club Main Ballroom
Saturday, June 1st, 4 to 6 p.m.

Note: The proprietors assume no responsibility that the guest of honor will behave properly. R.S.V.P. Mathematics Department White Hall.

I did not, as your report states, reply that I was unable to accept, but mentioned at the meeting that the function clashed with our church fete! When I do write, I hope to be able to extract from the 'proprietors' some details of the machine, which I am sure will be of great interest. Cornell University already possesses a cricket team, and it is gratifying that another very English pastime also has its devotees there!—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

WOLVERCOTE'S THANKSGIVING

Dear Sir,—During the past five years at our ringers' annual Evensong we have sung the hymn 'Set them nobly in the steeple.' This hymn of prayer and praise is being fulfilled during the next few days when our bells, recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be rehung and dedicated (see notices). May I take this opportunity of thanking all ringers and friends who have supported us in the past, and invite them and any others to join with us on July 6th in praising and thanking God for the privilege and joy of serving Him in His temple here below. —Yours sincerely,

N. CHAMBERLAIN.

Wolvercote, Oxford.

RINGERS' SONGS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am collecting ringers' songs and ditties with a view to producing a Ringers' Song Book that could be used on outings and at social gatherings.

I would be grateful to receive any songs—old or new, or local interpretations of traditional songs (together with an approximate idea of the tune, if possible) from any ringer who could help me.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

17, Forest Road, Windsor.

TIME MARCHES ON!

The present issue is the first of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £1/8/-. New subscribers welcome.

HELPING HAND WANTED

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many ringers will take 'Church Bells and Bell Thumping,' in the issue of June 21st, to heart?

Reading back in earlier issues we have the forming of the Rabbits' Club, and several years earlier an excellent article on Team Spirit.

How often do the newer and younger ringers have to do the best they can for service ringing? How often do we hear of ringers who consider themselves too good to ring at their own towers, fail to realise the encouragement their presence gives to ringers who are not so good and the bitter disappointment their absence gives to those valiant ones who strive to bring on new ringers, often, perhaps having five or more learners, and all trying to keep their bells up?

I wonder if in these light summer evenings the army of peal experts could venture forth in twos or threes to visit these country towers and encourage and often instruct the local ringers so that the standard of ringing might improve! —Yours truly,

JOHN V. MULLER.

Ash-by-Wrotham, Kent.

RINGER SAILED WITH MAYFLOWER II.

Dear Sir,—Readers of 'The Ringing World' might be interested to know that the Mayflower II included a ringer amongst its crew.

He is 16-year-old Graham Nunn, of Corby, Northamptonshire, a member of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Kettering Grammar School Society.

Graham was chosen to represent the boys' clubs of this country, to sail as cabin boy, and has, of course, been well to the fore in the publicity given to the adventurous crew and their ship.—Yours, etc.,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

MRS. MARTIN'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of your paper, thank the members of the following Associations—Ely Diocesan, Cambridge College Youths, Cambridge University Guild—for their most generous gift to myself and my children in our sad bereavement.

I have been very touched by all the kindness shown to me since the loss of my husband, and I do appreciate all that people have done to help me over a very difficult period.

I take this opportunity of wishing continued success to all bellringers and their Associations. —Yours sincerely,

A. R. MARTIN (Mrs.).

Cambridge.

Gillett and Johnston

With reference to the announcement that appeared on page 368 of 'The Ringing World' of June 7th, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. ask us to state: 'It is true that from October, 1955, we have cast a few bells for Gillett and Johnston, but in no instance were these bells of our design or were any of them tuned by us. The last Gillett and Johnston bell casting we supplied was about six months ago, and apart from casting three bells to be added to a Gillett and Johnston carillon in the States, we do not expect to have any further bells to cast for them.'

The Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild now produce an attractive Branch newsletter. There are hopes of starting a Method Ringing Class in Witney soon. Mr. David J. Smith has certainly the right idea for maintaining a live Branch.

RAILWAYMEN GUILD OF RINGERS

DESPITE a change in the weather, the first annual general meeting of the Guild of Railwaymen Church Bell Ringers, held at Crewe on June 26th, was a very happy gathering and was attended by some 40 ringers from all branches of the British Transport Commission, including railways, waterways, hotel and catering staff. Ringing commenced at Christ Church soon after 11 a.m. and continued until lunch time at 1 p.m.

Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who had acted as chairman during the founding stages, was voted to the chair and welcomed the ringers. Another cordial welcome came from Mr. I. C. Forsyth, works manager, Crewe, who said he knew of the tremendous amount of work which had gone into bringing the Guild into being, and wished the Guild a long and happy life. Ald. J. A. Madeley, area welfare officer, a former 'Christ Church boy,' also spoke in welcome. Those present were very pleased to have with them Mr. McIntosh, of the London Midland Region Staff Association.

The main business was the confirmation of the Constitution and Rules. These were accepted with the exception of Section 4, Membership, and it was decided that the four regional representatives should contact their respective Regional Staff Associations to see if they now conform to the requirements of the Staff Association.

A further Section, 8, was adopted: 'That this Guild abides by and conforms to the aims and rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.'

For the office of Master of the Guild, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows gracefully declined the invitation, suggesting that according to age, there was (D.V.) plenty of time yet for him. To this office, Mr. Harold Walker, president of the York Minster Society of Ringers, was elected. It was decided that the Ringing Master should be the Regional Ringing Master of the Region in which the meeting was held. Mr. W. Frank Stenson, who was co-founder with Mr. Sydney Foskett, of Bedford, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer and the Rev. F. G. Gentry, vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, hon. chaplain.

The following dates and venues were confirmed: Autumn meeting, September 28th, at Swindon, Western Region (Mr. Bertram W. Kynaston undertook to make the necessary arrangements); annual general meeting, May 3rd, 1958, at York, and, provisionally, the autumn meeting in September, 1958, at Norwich.

After the business meeting the 'hallowing' of the Guild, which was incorporated in 'the Guild Office,' took place; also the dedication of a peal board recording the first peal rung for the Guild, to commemorate its founding, by the Vicar of Christ Church. For the service, Mr. C. S. Kelson acted as organist.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Christ Church and the organist; Mrs. Langford and her lady helpers who served tea all day, lunch, and a running buffet; Mr. Bert Sutton (Scarborough), for preparing and presenting the peal board; Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, as acting chairman during the founding of the Guild; and last, but by no means least, Mr. Frank Stenson, for the tremendous amount of work he has accomplished to bring the Guild into being.

Ringing was enjoyed at Christ Church, Crewe; St. Mary's, Nantwich, and St. Mary's, Sandbach. Several ringers went over to Chester overnight to ring at the Cathedral on Sunday morning. Thanks were also expressed to all who made this possible.

YORKSHIRE VETERANS ENTERTAINED

At the Eastern District meeting of the Yorkshire Association held at Beverley in April, Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole, made an iced cake to celebrate over 50 years' membership of the Y.A. of several ringers, and an outcome of this was a suggestion of a gathering of old ringers at Escrick, made by Mr. T. W. Robbins (83), a member for 63 years. This was arranged by Mrs. Taylor, who kindly provided tea, and was held on June 1st. Ringing on the eight in the tower took place during the afternoon, the methods rung being Grandsire Triples, Treble and Plain Bob Major.

After tea in the Village Institute, the evening was spent on the lawn of Mr. Robbins' house, when handbells were brought into use and Grandsire and Plain Bob rung. A most enjoyable time was spent. Messrs. G. Horna, of York, and A. B. Cook, of Hull, were unable to be present owing to illness.

Mrs. Taylor was thanked for her kindness in making all arrangements and providing tea.



YORKSHIRE VETERANS who attended the meeting at Escrick on June 1st. Standing (left to right): H. Rodmell, Mrs. J. J. Taylor (who kindly provided tea), F. Atkinson, T. Goodin, Mrs. H. S. Morley H. S. Morley. Seated: A. E. Sellers, T. W. Robbins and L. Rodmell.

WHIT MONDAY IN MID-KENT

Whit Monday was spent by a party of ringers from N. London, Essex and Kent in exploring a variety of towers in Mid-Kent. The six at Barming, where the party were met by Mr. Manser, proved a little tricky to handle, but a course of London was rung. St. Michael's, Maidstone, are 234567 of a ring of eight and were unringable for years, but now go quite well. Mr. Town made the visitors very welcome at Linton. These bells (tenor 15 cwt.) are rather odd-struck and the third is very loud in the ringing room: a respectable course of Cambridge was rendered.

A pleasant journey through the hop fields led to Boughton Monchelsea, with its heavy-going six; here it is necessary to remove the choir-stalls to ring. During the lunch break some of the party 'grabbed' Staplehurst, which resulted in a late start for Cranbrook (a difficult 23 cwt. eight). At Biddenden, where Geoff. Waters joined in some Yorkshire, are another heavy eight. Chelsea Delight was rung on the good-toned bells of Smarden, and Durham Surprise on the delightful ring at Little Chart.

Ringing after tea was at Hollingbourne, Bearsted (a course of Cunecastre) and Boxley, where despite opposition from the tenor ringer, Oswald Delight came round. Thanks are extended to incumbents, ringers who met us, and not least to the organiser. I. H. O.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

THE annual meeting of the Society took place at Lichfield on June 15th. The weather was ideal and this pleasant cathedral city was looking its best in the bright sunshine. Ringing during the afternoon and evening took place at the Cathedral and St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches. The well-attended service at St. Mary's was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. H. S. Cresswell, and the special preacher was the Rev. M. Tron, of the Lichfield Diocesan Relief Staff. Tea was partaken of in the Central Schools.

At the meeting following tea, Mr. F. Brotherton (hon. treasurer) presented the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £63 9s. 7d., this being a decrease of £5 on the previous year. An increase in the cost of printing the annual report and a donation of £10 10s. towards Lichfield Cathedral Restoration Fund were given as reasons for this deficit.

Giving the committee's report, Mr. F. Bennett (lay secretary) made special reference to the attendance of the Bishop of Lichfield at the annual dinner last November, and also to the instruction given to a young band of beginners which enabled Patshull bells to be rung again for Sunday services after a silence of some years.

Mr. G. Hughes Ringing Master, stated that 75 per cent. of the towers in the Archdeaconry rang their bells regularly for Sunday services. Only seven towers were completely silent. Peals rung during the year were 46 compared with 51 the previous year.

Mr. B. G. Key, Central Council representative, gave a most interesting report of the recent meeting of the Central Council at Chelmsford.

The chairman, Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford, thanked all the officers of the Society for their good work during the past year. He hoped something could be done to get the bells ringing again in the seven silent towers referred to by Mr. Hughes.

The officials elected for the year were: Ringing Master, Mr. G. Hughes; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton; hon. clerical secretary, Rev. C. H. Barker; hon. lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett; peal secretary and auditor, Mr. E. E. Speake.

Meetings for the next 12 months were provisionally arranged as follows: August, Elford, near Lichfield; October, Kinver or Enville; January, Willenhall; March, Tamworth; May, West Bromwich; June, Lichfield (annual).

A sub-committee was formed to go into the question of revision of the Society's rules.

A discussion took place on the advisability of increasing the annual subscription, and it was decided to bring the matter up again at a subsequent meeting.

Thanks to the Archdeacon of Stafford for taking the chair, Preb. Cresswell for arranging the service and securing the use of the Central Schools, Rev. M. Tron for his address, and the Rector of St. Michael's and the Cathedral authorities for use of the respective bells brought the meeting, attended by 72 members and friends, to a close. F. B.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On May 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the middle six): Miss J. Hodgson 1, E. A. Palmer 2, S. Hodgson 3, J. Boustead 4, R. Briggs 5, J. Ling 6, A. Forsyth (cond.) 7, J. Butterfield 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Partlett 1, R. Goodwin 2, Miss M. Townsend 3, C. Bennet 4, J. Adams (cond.) 5, M. Harding 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, of Leicester, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Vernon Green. 520

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MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Owing to an irrevocable appointment with Her Majesty's Government, Mr. H. M. Windsor has now to relinquish his duties as Southern District secretary. Future correspondence in connection with the Guild to be sent to Mr. P. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash, near Leamington Spa, Warks.—H. M. W. 522

COMPLETE YOUR FILES. — Back numbers of 'The Ringing World' are available for most issues of 1956, 1955, 1954 and 1953. Also odd copies back to 1945. Price 6d. per copy post free.—'Ringing World' Office, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—July meeting cancelled.—I. Kay, Ringing Master. 502

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, Saturday, July 6th, at 3.15 p.m. Cups of tea only at Grouse Inn, 5 p.m.—A. B. Cooper, H. L. Taylor. 500

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell (8) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Secs. 453

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 480

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Moreton, near Ongar (6), on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, High Easter (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. Cars will meet the bus service at Pleshey White Horse and take members on to High Easter. 429

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, July 6th, Abbotts Leigh (6), 6 to 8.30 p.m.—A. Bennett. 509

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Camp, Sparrows Nest, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 463

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ardeley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Ardeley House Garden Party Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 449

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—C. T. H. 438

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8); 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. 376

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Halton-Holgate, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. 479

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 468

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Harthill, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Rev. J. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill.—J. Seager, Sec. 485

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own teas—no facilities available.—I. Butcher. 456

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: Christchurch Priory (12) 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., Bournemouth, St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 9 p.m., Bournemouth, St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall, near St. Peter's Church, 4.15, followed by business meeting at 5 p.m.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 445

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Combined practice at Ewell on Tuesday, July 9th, 7.30 to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 448

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham, Bristol. 459

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Beckington (8), Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 499

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Crown Inn. A good meeting is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 489

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hutton Cranswick on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 12th to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, near Driffield. 516

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—On Saturday, July 13th, summer meeting at Tattenhall. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by first post Wednesday, July 10th, to Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole. 514

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Nether Alderley (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. No business meeting. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Hon. Sec. 513

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Heswall, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 515

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 11th to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James Williams Street, Sunderland. 503

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fletching (8), Saturday, July 13th. Tea at The Griffin. Summer outing Saturday, September 14th. Names for both as soon as possible.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 508

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Quarterly meeting, South Weald, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Essex. 457

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Saturday, July 13th. Evening only. Bells 5 p.m. Sevenhampton probably available also.—W. B. Kynaston. 519

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. 493

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Lacy 3 p.m., Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Reservations for tea early, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 482

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Tunstall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday, July 11th, to T. Barton, Asst. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 498

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 504

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, July 13th, at All Saints', Childwall. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea before Wednesday to S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Liverpool, 16. 505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, July 13th. Names for refreshments, please, by July 10th to Mr. J. Charnock, 2, Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley. Tram A6, Preston–Chorley Road.—L. Walmsley. 466

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, July 13th. Service at St. Mary's, Hinckley, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Bells: Sapcote (6) 1 to 2 p.m., Stoney Stanton (8) 1.30 to 2.30, Earl Shilton (8) 2 to 3, Barwell (8) 2.30 to 3.30, Hinckley St. Mary's (8) 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8, Burbage (8) 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, please, to C. R. Hayward, 6, Hurst Road, Hinckley, Leics. —B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 475

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Monken Hadley, Hadley Green, Barnet, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea, with business to follow. Bells in the evening.—T. J. Lock. 494

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hingham (8) (not Shipdham) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, please, to Mr. A. C. Haines, 9, Watton Road, Hingham. 486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10) on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 458

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 13th. Ringing: South Stoke 2.30 p.m., Goring 3. Service, Goring, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing after Goring and Streatley. Names for tea by July 11th to Mr. L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elverdon Road, Goring, Oxon.—Burton. 501

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, July 13th, at 6 p.m. —B. C. Castle. 506

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, Saturday, July 13th. Usual arrangements. Names by July 10th, please, to Mr. L. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool.—Hayne, Sec. 434

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 10th to T. W. Lloyd, Wayside, Clive, near Shrewsbury. 488

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Loughton, Essex, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 9th, *without fail, please.* All welcome. L.T. Central Line to Loughton.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 469

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss Burchnall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Ossington available 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. Denman and W. L. Exton, Dis. Secs. 461

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service at Thames Ditton at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea there. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. Thames Ditton bells available after business meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 447

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Petworth, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 510

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Ringers' cricket match, Tanfield, on Saturday, July 20th, at 2.30 p.m. President's XI versus Vicar Tanfield XI. Tea, service and ringing in evening. Essential notice for tea by Wednesday before to K. Cheeseman, Church House, Tanfield, Co. Durham. Supporters welcome. 512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 17th, to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 517

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough District and the Lincs Branch of the Ladies' Guild will be held at Owston Ferry on Saturday, July 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Meeting in the Chapter House, 12 noon. Lunch in the dining hall of Christ Church at 1.30 p.m. Luncheon tickets, 6s. each, must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Ringing arrangements: Merton 3 to 4 p.m., St. Thomas' 3.30 to 4.30, Marston 3.30 to 4.30, St. Giles' 3.45 to 4.45, Magdalen 4 to 5, Cowley St. James' 4.30 to 5.30, St. Mary Magdalen 5 to 6, New College 5 to 6, Carfax 5.30 to 6.30, St. Ebbe's 5.30 to 6.30, Iffley 5.30 to 6.30, All Saints' 6 to 7, Wolvercote 6.30 to 7.30, Christ Church 10 to 11, 7 to 8, Radley 7.30 to 8.30.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 20th, Shrewton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Durrington also available evening. Names for tea by July 16th, please.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 511

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Leiston (8) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Friday, July 19th, please, to Alan R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. Phone: Leiston 57. 497

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District).—Combined practice meeting at Betchworth (8) and Buckland (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 17th to A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 495

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diamond Jubilee Festival at the Cathedral, Saturday, July 20th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Subdean; followed by tea (2s.). Ringers may climb the central tower, also view the plate and other treasures in the crypt. Other towers: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), 5.30 to 7.30; Perranarworthal, Stithians and St. Erme (each 6): St. Clement (4). Replies by Tuesday, July 16th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, Crantock, Newquay. 462

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The June meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at East Peckham, which is not a very easy tower to reach by public transport. In spite of this there was a good attendance, and ringing continued in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods until the service, taken by the Vicar (Rev. J. C. Starkey).

Tea was very kindly provided by the captain of the local ringers, Mr. T. Saunders. The vote of thanks was no mere formality but a very heartfelt expression of grateful thanks for a magnificent meal.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and in thanking his own ringers for their loyal service he mentioned that Mr. Saunders had been ringing at East Peckham for 57 years. He therefore thought it would be a good idea if a meeting could be held there in June, 1960, to celebrate his 60 years at the tower. The secretary was instructed to make a note of this, and among tributes paid to Mr. Saunders it was pointed out that it was he who had kept the Tonbridge District going during the war so that everything was in order to start ringing again as soon as the ban was lifted.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., giving some of the younger members their first experience of ringing by the light of an oil lamp, there being no electricity in the belfry.

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