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EIGHTY YEARS ON

THERE are certain places that are hallowed in the memory of ringers and one of these is the Choir School at Durham Cathedral. Tucked away up a steep flight of stairs, this room with its sparse furnishings — the wooden benches of the decani on one side and the cantoris on the other—has been associated with music for years. And what could be more appropriate than amidst such surroundings the Durham and eventually the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers saw its birth on August 25th, 1877. Of those who founded the Association in that room little is known of them to-day, but we are certain that it was an all male gathering, for women were not tolerated in belfries.

They were keen men with a sense of vocation; their presence in the Cathedral of the Diocese that day marked a significant change in their attitude towards ringing; it was the passing of the secular to the religious. No longer was the ringing chamber to be like the skittle alley; the whole purpose of ringing was to be based on its service to the Church to the glory of God. In return for this dedication of their skill they expected and received the recognition of the ecclesiastical authorities as servants of the Church. Those lofty ideals have remained stedfast and they have been blessed. The blessing has revealed itself in the unparalleled friendship that exists among ringers to-day, extending far beyond the confines of their own tower, district and guild so as to embrace all who ring changes on church bells.

Members of this Association were wise to include in the celebrations of their 80th birthday this act of commemoration and rededication. Although the Exercise has surmounted many obstacles, it is essential for its members to renew the spirit that resulted in the formation of diocesan and territorial associations throughout the country. The essential purpose of ringing is in the service of the Church — the call to worship on a Sunday. There was one phrase in the sermon of Canon R. T. Heselton at the evensong at the Cathedral service which should be remembered in every belfry: 'Let your ringing be pleasing to the ear and tell the code of your churchmanship.' This must be in the forefront of all our ringing for services of the Church. How can it be achieved? Not by just attending for one or two half hours on a Sunday. The keynote is assiduous practice and the capturing of that perfect rhythm that can only be brought about by participating in quarter peals and peals. The friendship of ringing develops largely from this association of being just one of a team blending all his or her faculties to one purpose—of the ringing being as near perfection as possible. With the complete mastery of the bell comes the desire for the extension of the knowledge of methods.

In some respects the Durham and Newcastle Association is an isolated body. There are no great centres of ringing on its borders, and advancement is dependent upon the initiative of officers and tower captains. Nevertheless, the art of change ringing in many towers is on a high plane and the recording of Newcastle Cathedral bells which was heard on the Northern Region when the president, Mr. Kenneth Arthur, gave his broadcast, was ringing of a high order. Fortunately a tape-recording of this performance exists.

An unfortunate circumstance in this year of rejoicing is that the bells in the great Cathedral at Durham are far from satisfactory. Hung high in the massive tower, which is a landmark for miles, their ringing is accompanied by oscillation that has alarmed the authorities. The architect to the Cathedral has taken a serious view and has limited ringing to not more than one hour in 24 hours, and touches are limited to 20 minutes followed by a considerable interval. Consultations have taken place with leading bell founders as to what improvements can be effected whereby the tower can be strengthened and the bells improved, and it would be gratifying to the Association if this magnificent Cathedral had at an early date bells equal to the grandeur of the building.

Those who attended the 80th birthday celebrations took away with them happy memories. The first was the esteem with which the Association is held by both the Church and the University. It was indeed an honour for the dinner to be held in the Great Hall of the Castle. The second was the keenness and meticulous attention to details by the president and the hon. secretary and the admirable way members of the Association supported the three events. The strangers who were privileged to be present and enjoy the hospitality provided were not only impressed but encouraged that this distant Association was imbued with the true spirit of our craft and was worthily upholding the principles the Central Council hold most dearly. The centenary is not far distant, and to the young ringers who join this Association they have the knowledge that it is built on a solid foundation and possesses a tradition that makes full membership a privilege to be prized.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	RICHARD GRANT	8
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	9
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	10
RICHARD PRIME	5	ALAN E. JACQUES	11
*E. CHARLES TURNER	6	JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.
* First peal of Cinques on a working bell. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	ROGER O. FRY	7
ALBERT M. TYLER	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	'EMLYN F. HANCOCK	9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	10
ARTHUR H. REED	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
REGINALD G. HOOPER	6	FRANK E. HANSFORD	*Tenor*

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

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5020 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*ALAN CLARKE	*Treble*	RODERICK W. PIPE	6
JAMES BENNETT	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	8
*DAVID H. BUXTON	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	9
GEORGE A. FLEMING	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RODERICK W. PIPE.
* First peal on ten bells.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL	*Treble*	‡IAN M. HOLLAND	6
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	7
†MARGARET MILLS	3	‡FRED FISHER	8
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
†CYRIL RUSBY	5	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. GROCOTT. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Little Bob Royal.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST MORRIS	7
G. RONALD EDWARDS	3	JOHN A. ACRES	8
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 500th peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
MRS. R. PEARCE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
JOHN FREEMAN	4	RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
WALTER TOMLINSON	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
The first peal of London Surprise Royal by all except ringers of fourth and tenor. First peal of London Royal as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MASSEY	6
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER	2	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	8
*MICHAEL J. BEST	4	DAVID HOARE	9
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.,

ROSEMARY JARRETT	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
FREDERICK LEECH	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
HAROLD WHITE	3	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	†PETER M. ADCOCK (15)	6
BRIDGET H. B. MUTIMER	3	†TREVOR N. J. BAILEY (15)	7
*ALAN F. ELLIS (15)	4	LESLIE N. MELTON (15)	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. G. William Harwood, of Great Yarmouth, a vice-president of the Association.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	DONALD H. NIBBLETT	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	ERIC LEE	7
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Rung on the 75th birthday of the conductor.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	5
*DAWN V. ELSON	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	PERCY STONE	7
RAYMOND WINTER	4	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rector of Allesley (the Rev. F. W. Moyle) and Mrs. Moyle, who are leaving, after 14 years, to go to a new living at Somerton, Oxfordshire.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*R. ERIC BRITTON	*Treble*	FRED HARTMANN	5
*ELRY DUMBELL	2	‡RAYMOND A. WATKIN	6
†D. JOHN POOLE	3	LESTER L. GRAY	7
MRS. MARJORIE POOLE	4	FRANK T. PARRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.
To mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

DENNIS C. BOWEN	*Treble*	J. DESMOND PAINTER	5
GEORGE A. SPENCER	2	WILLIAM J. POOLMAN	6
DAVID S. HARRIS	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	JAMES WALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
Arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Poolman, both members of the local band.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	*JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	5
*SUSAN CHADDOCK	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
*CYRIL RUSBY	3	*H. DAVID HOLLAND	7
*IAN M. HOLLAND	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on St. Bartholomew's Day.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
The first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 25, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	*MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	5
*MRS. R. PEARCE	2	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major. First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major as conductor.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¾ cwt. in F sharp.

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ANDERSON	5
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	2	JOHN R. JOYNER	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
STELLA HUGHES	4	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. G. Bond, Vicar of St. Giles', Willenhall.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*JOHN FREEMAN	*Treble*	*CHARLES E. BROWN	5
*MRS. R. PEARCE	2	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
*CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
†KENNETH S. B. CROFT	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conduced by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Erin Triples. † First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung and called peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
JACK PILGRIM	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	6
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
C. J. GIBSON	4	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JEAN HUTTON	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4	MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN G. CULL	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
†BERTIE A. CORNELL	2	FREDERICK J. SPICER	6
‡MARY G. CARNOCHAN	3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
* First peal and first attempt † First of Triples in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method and on eight bells.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	ARCHIE A. FITCH	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	BERNARD C. FAIRHEAD	6
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	3	LESLIE N. MELTON	7
VICTOR CONNELL	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

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BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Treble*	*J. HARRY COOK	5
MARGARET E. HILL	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	6
*ROLAND H. COOK	3	†WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
MRS. A. SIMPSON	4	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together.

Rung as a compliment to David Boden and Maureen Patrick, who were married at this church earlier this day.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

ROY WOODRUFF	*Treble*	DAVID CORNWALL	5
ARTHUR FOXALL	2	SYDNEY M. BAILEY	6
E. DENNIS POOLE	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
JOHN D. KAPE	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

Rung as a tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

ANNE C. GARNETT	*Treble*	EUNICE A. HILEY	5
*JOHN MAYBURY	2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	6
GEORGE TALBOT	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
†HOWARD COLLINGS	4	JOHN KING	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the fifth ringer, who entered Westminster Hospital as a student nurse on September 2nd.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

H. Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

ROGER A. BREWIN	*Treble*	*JACK HANDFORD	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	†HARRY POYNER	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
ROYSTON WILMORE	4	ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Triples.

An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Collins, of Mountsorrel, for many years a ringer at this tower.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55¼ Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	BASIL JONES	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FEARNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOAN GRAY	*Treble*	†LEWIS F. COBB	4
*ANNE BACON	2	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 19, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (6) Childwall and Thelwall, (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	4
*JACK PILGRIM	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
*PETER S. BEDFORD	3	†JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in ten methods. † 100th peal for the Guild.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

FREDA P. GREAVES	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	4
TONY OWEN	2	MICHAEL GATHERCOLE	5
*HAROLD HUXLEY	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

* 50th peal.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three 720's of Grandsire, two of April Day, and one each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*RODNEY J. MUSSON	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	3
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK	2	RONALD RUSSELL	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, also his son (the treble ringer), on his 13th birthday.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 24, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob, and 24 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*MISS J. E. OWEN	*Treble*	J. E. COOK	3
*A. P. HILL	2	D. A. FRITH	4
J. M. SIMPSON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by J. M. SIMPSON.

* First peal in four methods. First as conductor and first in four methods 'inside.'

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, four extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas' and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob, and eight extents each of St. Martin's and St. Simon's. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

*†C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	*EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
*†JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in eight Doubles methods. † 50th peal together.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

†LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	4
*M. JO ROPER	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
MARIE R. CROSS	3	†MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal together.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 27, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in A.

DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	4
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	5
ALAN PENDLEBURY	3	PETER P. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
First peal in five Minor methods as conductor.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*COLIN M. DRING	*Treble*	*MAURICE E. DOWNS ..	4
†LEONARD MANNERING ..	2	JOHN R. COOPER	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON ..	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EATA,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Double Plain and Fulbeck; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
*MICHAEL P. MORETON ..	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ..	3	*WILFRID F. MORETON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* 150th peal together. † First peal in 14 methods. The first peal in 14 methods in the county and for the Association.

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDGAR A. COLE	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
D. HENRY METTAM ..	2	WALTER WESTON	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Bob Minor.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MARTIN WALKER	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	4
*RICHARD HALL	2	JOHN HALL	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	HARRY HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal 'inside.'

ANCASTER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents of St. Martin's, eight of Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*PETER A. HILL	*Treble*	*BRIAN HUNT	3
*†JULIET OWEN	2	DENIS A. FRITH	4
		*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal in three Doubles methods. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung in celebration of the 20th wedding anniversary of the parents of the ringer of the third.

COITY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

H. DONALD BRYANT	*Treble*	CYRIL A. GERRISH	4
JOHN HALE	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	5
D. WALFORD DAVIES ..	3	HAROLD PREECE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.
Rung in memoriam G. Howard Underhill, a member of St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, band, who met with a fatal road accident.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (second observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES GRANDSEN ..	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
*EMILY B. P. WALKER ..	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ..	5
CECIL C. BISHOP	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
REGINALD J. DARCH	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
JOHN W. BLYTHE	3	PETER S. BEDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
The first peal on the bells.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 31, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS ..	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 4, 1957, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
AT ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.
P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 1—2 | W. T. COOK (Jesus) .. 3—4
H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 5—6
Conducted by H. NEILL.
First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 29, 1957, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of Plain Bob and Double Bob spliced, and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. 1—2 | †JOHN A. ACRES .. .. 3—4
ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .. 5—6
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. ROBERTS

The death occurred on August 24th of Mr. Herbert E. Roberts, of Dodleston, near Chester, aged 69 years.

He had been associated with St. Mary's, Dodleston, for the last 60 years, and took part in the first peal on the bells on Easter Sunday, 1930, which followed the augmentation of the bells from five to six a year earlier.

Ill health had prevented his taking part in the Sunday service ringing during the last two years, but up to that time he had been a loyal member of the local company and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Despite this he maintained his interest in the affairs of his local tower and of ringers in general.

The funeral took place at Dodleston on Tuesday, August 27th, at which the local company was represented. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung as a last token of respect in the evening.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex District

A meeting of the Sussex District was held at Southover, Lewes (10), on August 31st. The bells were rung to rounds, Triples, Major and Caters from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. At 5 p.m. the customary break was made for tea, followed by some handbell ringing.

When the gentlemen resumed ringing, at 6 p.m., the ladies held their meeting. One new member was elected, Miss Janet Elphick (aged 11). Miss D. Lester (Hastings) was unanimously elected District secretary in succession to Miss K. Yeo, who is leaving Sussex in the near future for Kent.

The next meeting, subject to permission, will be held at All Saints', Hastings, in the afternoon, and Christ Church, Blacklands, in the evening, on November 9th.

Thanks are extended to all who helped make this meeting a success.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although the afternoon attendance was rather disappointing, probably due to the indifferent weather earlier in the day, the evening saw a considerable increase in numbers at the Society's monthly meeting held at Collingham on August 31st.

The very light ring of eight was fully occupied from being raised at 3 o'clock until they were lowered just before 9 p.m. Even during the break at tea-time the bells were kept going by the Clitheroe ringers, who had chosen this particular day for their outing.

After a very delightful tea they adjourned to another room for the business meeting. Two new members were elected and then followed a reply by the Vicar to a vote of thanks he had not heard! He spoke of the recent celebrations connected with the golden jubilee of the bells, and went on to say that at Collingham they believed they had in their bells something really good—something to be shared rather than kept to themselves.

Some discussion took place concerning the 'October' meeting. It was decided to hold this at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 2nd, as Bramley would not be available, and the customary day, October 26th, was the day of the Snowdon dinner at Rotherham.

The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on September 28th.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Aug. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Read (first quarter) 1, E. G. L. Coward (cond.) 2, Margaret Brown 3, Ethel Clear 4, C. A. Read 5, B. Coward 6.

OUTINGS

GAINSBOROUGH AND DISTRICT

'Blazing June—all's in tune' is a fitting description of the annual outing of the Gainsborough District on June 29th.

This year the county of Staffordshire was visited, starting off with that most famous six at Hoar Cross, where some good Minor was rung without much difficulty. Next came St. Peter's, Marchington (6), with a tenor a mere third of the weight of the previous one. Here the bells seemed to lack mellowness.

The lovely eight at Uttoxeter followed, with hastily-snatched sandwiches on the way. Are the bells as good as Gainsborough's? Some thought they were, others not, but the graceful spire which Gainsborough lacks may have been in Uttoxeter's favour.

On to Cheadle, where Mr. Hall identified us on the outskirts and guided us to a spot from whence, with a minimum of walking, we could reach both towers. First the Roman Catholic Church, with its lofty spire seemingly trying to reach a higher point in the heavens than the Parish Church from a lower position in the town. The bells are a lovely eight, and whilst some rang the final touch here an advance party went to pull up the six at the Parish Church and to be welcomed by Mr. Roberts.

After an excellent tea came the good six at Mayfield, but Spliced Minor would not go. A call was made at Baslow to refuel, or rather replenish, our cooling systems and on the stroke of midnight most of us were home again.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' OUTING

On August 21st the second summer tour was held, when a collection of ringers representing the towers of Barking, Beccles, Carlton Coalville, Ixworth, Mulbarton and Newmarket met at Brome. Here on the light five a 120 of Stedman Doubles heralded the arrival of Mr. F. B. Lufkin and his daughter who joined us for the tour.

The party rang at Yaxley (6, 10¼ cwt.), Stoke Ash (5, 1¼ cwt., where the bells were crying out for lubricant!), Thornham Magna (6, 10 cwt., where each bell was well equipped with a box and several spares, and where we experienced the only broken rope of the tour), Thorndon (6, 11 cwt.) and Eye (8, 22 cwt., where we were met by Mr. Claude Rush and another local ringer). At Eye some quite good ringing was experienced, and most of the party had to 'try the tenor.' After a reasonable lower on the back six we went our separate ways.

Methods rung were St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Osmund's, Grandsire, St. Peter's, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, College, St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major.

The thanks of the team are extended to the incumbents and local ringers for the use of the bells, and apologies to K. G. Brown and A. Fitch, who waited for us at Wickham Skeith where we were unable to have the bells at the last moment, due to my own shortcomings.

L. N. M.

TONBRIDGE YOUNG RINGERS

Young ringers of the Tonbridge area held a cycling ringing tour on August 17th, ringing at Hadlow, East Farleigh, Barming, Wateringbury, Mereworth and East Peckham. Methods rung were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Sincere thanks are offered to clergy and laymen who helped to make this little tour a big success.

AN ESSEX APPEAL

Mr. Robert C. Heazel, Master of the Essex Association, of Tye Green, Saffron Walden, Essex, is personally appealing on behalf of Little Horkesley Church, which has been rebuilt after destruction by enemy action.

The church is to become the home of a ring of five 'Miles Graye' bells, which have been removed from the redundant Church of All Saints, Colchester.

Owing to the shortage of money, plans have been prepared to hang the bells dead and use a chiming apparatus. The Essex Association of Change Ringers is using all its power to get the bells hung for ringing. The Little Horkesley Parochial Church Council are wholeheartedly in favour and would like this to become a possibility. In a parish of a little over 200 people they have raised £5,000 to supplement the payment by the War Damage Commission for the rebuilding of the church, and now feel that they have exhausted every avenue of possible income. The Association has promised a grant from its Bell Restoration Fund—they feel it is a worthy cause and are anxious to sponsor an appeal for help.

'Would you like to give a contribution or buy a rope? It is a unique opportunity to help and thereby let the sound of changing bells float over the surrounding countryside to proclaim that out of dust and ashes, from the darkness of apparent despair, there has risen a new tower from which iron tongues will send their message to the utmost parts of the earth,' concludes Mr. Heazel's appeal.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

The meetings held at Hurworth, the pretty Tees-side village, have proved a great attraction in recent years. This must be due to the keenness of the local band, whose belfry is kept in fine condition, and the excellence of the tea, provided by the ringers' wives.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Piper), and Mr. J. Brown (Ripon) was the organist. Over 30 members and friends sat down to tea. The vote of thanks to the Rector and his wardens was expressed by Mr. P. Rock, and special thanks to the ladies by Mr. F. W. Cooke.

The meeting that followed was the annual one, where Mr. T. Cooke (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington) and Mr. P. Rock were unanimously re-elected vice-president and hon secretary respectively. Mr. Piper, who had taken the chair temporarily, proposed to them a vote of thanks for their services during the preceding year. It was decided to send the District's compliments to the Association on its 80th birthday.

Ringing consisted of courses of London and Cambridge Surprise, touches of Bob Minor, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent and Grandsire Doubles.

F. W. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

It can truthfully be said that the Marlborough Branch is truly rural. In a setting of this description the Branch met at Everleigh on August 24th. Noted peal ringers were among the visitors of both sexes and came from places from as far apart as Truro, Watford, Bodenham, Salisbury, Waltham Abbey, Sherborne St. John and Damerham.

The Rector (the Rev. Mr. Macnutt), during the service, welcomed everyone and requested all to sign the visitors' book. Tea was provided at the Crown Hotel, the ringers being the guests of a friend who wished to remain anonymous. The Central Council's president was also present, together with his daughter, Elizabeth, and to wind up a very pleasant time Mr. Sharpe gave an interesting account of the Central Council activities on its literary side.

T. A. P.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. R. Hartley 1, A. M. Coombs (cond.) 2, J. D. Woodman 3, E. J. R. Hartley 4, G. Stickland (first quarter) 5, J. Wallace 6.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan Jolliff (first quarter) 1, A. Jolliff (first 'inside') 2, J. K. Morley (cond.) 3, B. Jolliff (first quarter) 4, J. Harmsworth 5, W. Johnson 6.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent, 600 Oxford): W. Broadhead 1, H. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, G. Crompton 4, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. To commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Moxon.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: G. F. Sperring 1, G. Case 2, J. Hughes 3, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 4, D. Clays 5, P. Swindley 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of H. E. Roberts, a former member of the local company, on the evening of his funeral.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Brenchley (first quarter) 1, W. Wills 2, F. Wills 3, Mrs. N. Mallett 4, C. Williams 5, W. Howe 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, N. Mallett 8. A 70th birthday compliment to E. W. Biffin.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. L. Howe (first quarter) 1, T. Mannering (first as cond.) 2, Miss F. A. Chantler (first 'inside') 3, M. W. Gilbert 4, M. E. Downs (first of Doubles) 5, J. E. Auld (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Weller (first on eight) 1, J. Hart 2, R. Bennett 3, R. Billings 4, P. Ostley 5, C. Catt (first quarter) 6, A. Hart (cond.) 7, T. Brett 8. Rung by the local band in honour of the wedding this day of Miss B. Mitchell (secretary and treasurer) and Mr. W. Best. First of Triples on the bells.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hicks 1, L. C. Duke 2, E. Ford 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Fry (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. W. Attwood Evans).

QUARTER PEALS

NORTHAMPTON.—On Aug. 18th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. S. Roberts 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, A. R. Jones 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. G. Chater 5, J. C. Rainbow 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. Brawn 8. Rung prior to morning service to mark the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Canon W. Denny as Vicar of this church.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Barker (aged 13, first quarter) 1, A. H. Bates 2, G. Coussins 3, W. Welling 4, A. Cross 5, R. Wawman (first quarter 'inside') 6, D. Stone (cond.) 7, I. MacRoberts 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is joining the Forces.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. G. W. Ruming 1, Miss C. Lewis (first 'inside') 2, Miss W. Bird 3, M. Clifford 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, F. Pendry 6. Half-muffled for E. J. Preece, Vicar's warden, who died August 20th.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Baker (first quarter) 1, R. N. Marlow 2, Miss J. Gray 3, C. Pring (first on eight bells) 4, P. G. Morgan 5, R. T. Jones 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, W. E. Cheater 8.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Burrows (first quarter) 1, Miss P. F. Sprackling 2, M. Hawkes 3, N. E. Sprackling (first 'inside') 4, M. T. Sprackling (first as cond.) 5, E. Leach 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wright 1, R. Sams 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, C. Sams (jun.) 4, B. Burton 5, J. Terry 6. Rung before Evensong in memory of Mr. C. Sams (sen.), who was for many years a sidesman at this church.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hodgkins 1, D. Priestley (cond.) 2, A. L. Priestley 3, B. Whitworth 4, T. G. Cox 5, C. Whitworth 6. On the back six. For evening service.

ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Whitfeld 1, S. Bailey 2, Miss K. Stisted 3, G. S. Piper 4, E. F. P. Bryant (first of Doubles 'inside' and as cond.) 5, C. Hankinson 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Mrs. E. Crawley 2, M. Edwards 3, B. Brinkley 4, B. Bover 5, J. Crawley (cond.) 6. Rung for the marriage of L/Sergt. Geoffrey P. Sollars, of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, and Miss Sally S. Siseman.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Lewis 1, E. Hill 2, Margaret Welch 3, Angela Kitto 4, B. J. Coggins 5, B. Costar 6. For the patronal festival.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 1st, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Crowe 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, T. W. Welbourne 3, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 4, J. W. Rea 5, J. W. Euston 6, R. Sanders 7, M. Williamson 8. Rung in memoriam Reginald C. Cressey, steeplekeeper, Immanuel Church.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Rodmell 1, Miss J. Porter 2, T. Goodin 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, J. A. Broughton 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins, and the return from Cyprus and National Service of J. A. Broughton.

UFFCULME, DEVON.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Taylor 1, G. Sparkes 2, S. N. Bristow 3, F. Caseley 4, Rev. H. F. Warren 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8.

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On Aug. 31st, 2,040 Doubles (four extents of Plain Bob and 13 extents of Grandsire): A. J. Poynor (first quarter) 1, B. S. Chapman 2, E. J. Jelley 3, R. S. Morris 4, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 5.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Metcalfe 1, C. Cook 2, R. Hobbs 3, T. Randall 4, D. McNeil (cond.) 5, H. Denman 6. A compliment to Miss Caroline Mudford, a ringer at this church, and Ramsay Frank Kimberley, whose marriage was solemnised earlier in the day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. Barnett, of 10, King's Close, Crayford, writes: Regarding Mr. H. W. Barrett's claim to be unique in making ten visits to Stradbroke tower and ringing ten peals each on a different bell, may I say that more than 50 years ago Mr. John R. Sharman, now of Cogenhoe, Northants, paid 12 visits to the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, Birchington, rang 12 peals and a different bell on each occasion. How true the saying is 'There is nothing new under the sun.'

Miss Daphne R. Castell and Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke were married last Saturday at St. Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt. Our congratulations. A peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Witney.

Mr. David Smith, of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, is making a set of slides to show the correct way of handling. When ready, he is prepared to take them with his projector round the Branch.

Cambridge University Guild scored eight peals during their recent successful tour. Features of the week were Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bishop's Stortford, four methods Spliced Surprise Major at Great Dunmow, Yorkshire Surprise at Rayleigh and Cambridge Surprise at Rayne and Loughton.

The late Mr. George Preston, the revered captain of Christchurch Priory ringers, has bequeathed to the Priory the sum of £500, to be invested and the income used at the discretion of the Vicar and churchwardens for the benefit of the Priory Church, with the wish that it may if possible be used for the upkeep of the ringing chamber. The hope is expressed in the parish Newsletter that it may be possible to provide a permanent memorial to one whom so many remember with affection and gratitude.

It is often (wrongly) said that peal ringers have not time for other church work. Mr. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, has the record of being a chorister for 44 years, a bellringer for 34 years and a member of the P.C.C. for 32 years. In addition he is rector's warden and a Sunday school teacher.

Miss Brenda Slark, who conducted her first quarter peal of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples on August 18th at Eltham would like to thank Mr. E. B. Crowder for all the help he has given her in learning to conduct.

Members of the Leicester Cathedral Company rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on August 31st without their Ringing Master, Mr. Herrick Bowley. Despite the fact that he had a 'night off' he could not resist listening to the peal.

An attempt to ring a quarter peal in honour of the wedding of Rex Agg and Anne Muirhead, who were married in Cheshire on August 17th, failed at Hitchin, Herts, where both bride and bridegroom are valuable members of the local team. The attempt at nearby Pirton was, however, more successful.

Mr. K. C. Fleming, of Marston Morteyne, Beds, writes thanking ringers in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire for a most enjoyable time spent ringing in their towers, and also, the young ringers of Staffordshire for inviting him to join them for two days of their fortnight's tour.

Messrs. Ralph G. Edwards and A. Pat Cannon, whilst on holiday at Bournemouth, paid a visit to Queen Camel, Somerset, where they received a warm welcome from the local captain, Mr. Fred J. Reeves, and several of his band. Ralph Edwards would like it recorded that, at long last, he has heard a tenor, by an old founder, which did not need recasting! Purdue's jewel is a masterpiece!

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A MEMORABLE 80th BIRTHDAY AT DURHAM

BIG GATHERING PERFORM ACT OF COMMEMORATION AND REDEDICATION

With a true sense of vocation, ringers of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association honoured the 80th anniversary of the formation of their Association at Durham on August 31st. Proceedings included Evensong at the Cathedral, an act of commemoration and rededication in the Song School of the Cathedral, and finally a dinner in the Great Hall of Durham Castle.

A SERVICE touch of Stedman Triples preceded Evensong. The service was sung by the choir of Stockton parish, owing to the Cathedral choir being on holiday, and included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, sung to settings by Stanford.

The sermon was preached by a friend of long standing of the Association—Canon R. T. Heselton, formerly of Stockton Parish Church. He traced the use of bells in this country throughout the ages, and mentioned how the 18th century was the golden age of bellringing, when England was known as a land of bells and many ringing societies were formed.

They met that day, he said, to honour the 80th anniversary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Such a record of service was deserving of recognition of the Church, and he often wished that the spirit of fellowship that existed among bellringers could be brought into other sections of church work. 'The spread of the comradeship which you show in your team work would help tremendously in making known the message of the Kingdom of God.'

He would remind them that they were ambassadors. He remembered the captain of his first belfry team giving their motto to his ringers: 'Ears open, eyes open, feet steady and tongues tied.'

YOUR RINGING THE CODE OF CHURCHMANSHIP

'When ringing, remember that your audience is the townspeople. They don't know whether you are ringing Doubles, Triples, Minor or Major, but they do know when the bells sound in harmony and are pleasing to the ear, so see that your ringing is telling the code of your churchmanship. A touch well rung is far better than a peal struggled through with bells clashing and firing. You may say that you are ringing so and so, but the private opinion of townspeople is that you are making a terrible row. Your Association aims at promoting good ringing; I feel you should bring that into the Church's work.'

After the Blessing, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the president and three past presidents of the Association—Messrs. K. Arthur, J. Armstrong. W. N. Park and R. A. Gofton.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING AND REDEDICATION

Probably the most significant part of the day's proceedings was the act of thanksgiving and rededication, which took place in the Song School of the Cathedral where the Association was first formed on August 25th, 1877. About 100 ringers were present at this commemoration gathering. The president (Mr. K. Arthur) led the proceedings, and said that the commemoration was firstly to give thanks to Almighty God for those who founded the Association and those who, through the years, had maintained and extended its work; and secondly, to pray for the blessing of God upon its work now and in the years to come.

Thanksgivings were led by the Rev. D. N. Goldie, for the originators of bells and bellringing; for the donors of churches and bells; for those who founded the Association; for those who held office in the Association; for all ringers who have been content quietly to do their duty week by week and year by year.

Among those present was Mr. Bennett, of Winlaton, nephew of a founder member; and as an act of recognition a touch on handbells of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. D. A. Bayles (present secretary), J. A. Brown (previous secretary), Mrs. Ranken and Mr. J. Brewster (peal secretaries past and present).

Prayers were offered by the Rev. H. P. Chappell (North Shields), and after the singing of the hymn 'Ringers of Christian England' the Blessing was pronounced by the Dean (the Very Rev. J. H. S. Wild).

THE DINNER

The Association was very fortunate in having the stately setting of the Great Hall of Durham Castle for the commemoration dinner. A company of 128 was present, and supporting the president and Mrs. Arthur on the top table were the Dean of Durham, the Provost of Newcastle (the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby), Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. D. A. Bayles (hon. secretary of the Association) and Mrs. Bayles, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Park and Miss P. Park, Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brewster, Mr. F. Ainsley (hon. treasurer), Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gofton, Mr. T. M. Cox and Mr. T. W. White.

In a welcome to the company, the president said that the response to the celebration had gone beyond all his most optimistic expectations. To the members of the committee this interest and loyalty was most gratifying, and came as a fitting reward to all their work of organisation.

'Today we are celebrating our 80th birthday as a diocesan association, and it is no mere platitude to say that this is an auspicious occasion. We are proud in the knowledge that we have a record of 80 years' continuous service to the churches in this locality, and are uplifted by the fellowship of rededication and conviviality experienced at this time.

'Some octogenarians attribute their advanced age to good beer, some to good wives, while others claim total abstinence as their recipe. One old gentleman, much married, used to attribute his long years to outside exercise—apparently whenever there was a flare-up between his wife and himself it was his custom to put on his hat and take a walk round the block, and he claimed to have covered thousands of miles in this way! We would, of course, claim an exercise of a different sort.

THE CONTINUAL LINK

'But I would suggest that one of the mainstays of our strength has been the continual link with the past through generations of families of ringers. I mentioned this afternoon that Mr. Bennett, of Winlaton, has a direct link through his uncle with the foundation of the Association, and in addition we are happy to welcome here tonight several other members who have links going back at least 50 years—Mr. Fred Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, who joined in 1893; and he has earlier associations still through an elder brother. Then again, the brothers Park, of Darlington: Mr. Gofton, of Whitley Bay: Mr. J. A. Brown, now of Ripon, and Mr. T. Cox, of Middlesbrough, all come from a long line of faithful members.

'SPUR'

'In conclusion, I am wondering how many members have studied the aims of this Association recently? I was re-reading them. Briefly, the aims are to Secure . . Promote . . Unite . . . Reform. Now, taking the initial letter of each word, we have the word "Spur," which according to a dictionary definition means to goad, to urge onwards. I like to think that this has been the watchword of the Association throughout its history, and I commend it to the members of today as they go forward towards our centenary. Act through the Association and "spur" on the work of service to the church bells of these two dioceses.'

The toast of 'The Church' was submitted by Mr. D. A. Bayles, who reminded the gathering that their Association was only a very small part of the Church and it was axiomatic that the part could not be greater than the whole. The 80 years of the life of the Association was very insignificant in comparison with the life of the Church.

WORK AS CHURCHMEN

In reply, the Dean of Durham said their Association reminded them that laymen were full members of the Church, and the work that ringers do week by week in calling the parishioners to worship was work they did as churchmen. The craft which they practised was an English craft and one in which they took a quiet pride. This craft was not indigenous to any other country.

He noticed from their annual report that in addition to their weekly duty they had been ringing peals on special occasions at a number of churches, and he thought it must be most encouraging to a new incumbent on coming to his parish to be welcomed by a peal on the bells. It was indeed an act of welcoming fellowship.

The Provost of Newcastle also replied and said that they as ministers who were responsible for the life of the Church were grateful to the ringers for all they did. He hoped they would go on from strength to strength.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in proposing the toast of 'The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers,' said it was a great honour to be with them on their 80th birthday celebration and to join with them at Evensong and in the act of commemoration of their founder members.

There were not many Associations that could go back further than theirs. There was the Yorkshire Association, and he believed that the Norwich Association and the Devon Guild were also older. They in Kent were 77, but they were lucky in having a foundation member still with them who was still an active ringer and rang a quarter peal on his 90th birthday.

FAMOUS NAMES

He thought on an occasion like that that one ought to refer to the famous names that had occurred in those years. The first that occurred to him was Joseph W. Parker, whose fame as a composer would never die. He was a practical ringer as well as a composer, and was a pioneer in the field of Spliced Surprise Major, in which he had no equal. Towards the close of last year he was asked to be godfather to the child of a friend of his. The other godfather came from Manchester, and the subject of ringing came up. He said: 'I have not seen any ringing for years.' His grandfather was Joseph W. Parker and his church was St. Ignatius', Sunderland.

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80th Birthday at Durham—Cont.

Another name was William H. Barber, but he did not know whether they could claim him as he was born in Worcestershire and spent a lot of his time in Birmingham. He was an extremely skilled, practical ringer, who performed some extraordinary feats. He called Parker's Odd Bob Peal on handbells blindfolded, and on another occasion called a handbell peal down a coalmine.

He would also like to mention the Gofton brothers. In 1920 they rang a peal of London Surprise on handbells, the only time it had been done by four brothers, and was something not likely to be repeated. Tom Gofton, when he died, had a tribute to his memory written in 'The Ringing World' by William Pye, and he thought that was the only occasion he wrote a tribute to any ringer.

MANPOWER—LOCAL ENTHUSIASM

Their president had said that the strength of an Association did not lie in its peal-ringing activities. The point was that peal-ringing, while very enjoyable, was not the main duty of a ringer. That was to turn up Sunday by Sunday and ring for the services of the Church. A suggestion had been made in 'The Ringing World' that a manpower committee be set up by the Central Council to see what could be done to stimulate interest in towers where there were no ringers. He thought that was a misguided conception of what the Council was for. He was certain that no pronouncement by any body of men, however eminent, would produce one more ringer in any tower. What was wanted was the touch of the local enthusiast. Wherever there was a strong band it was due to the enthusiasm of one or more members of the band. He thought it was up to them to see that their own towers were manned by their own efforts.

'May I offer you my congratulations on reaching this 80th birthday, and may I wish you every success in the future and express the hope that whether I am the secretary of the Council or not that I may be present at your 100th birthday.'

Mr. W. Norman Park, a past president of the Association, who replied, said at the time of the inception of the Association ringing had got into a state of disrepute and was much more secular than religious. The objects of the Association were to clean up a state of affairs that existed at that time and bring ringers more into touch with their churches. The Durham and Newcastle Association was one of the earliest to adopt these rules and to bind themselves to abide by the decisions of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. They could look back on the past with some measure of pride on the heritage that had come down to them and was the result of the gentlemen to whom Mr. Barnett had referred.

THE SPIRIT TODAY

Their Association could pride itself on the spirit of its members when he told them that 20 ringers would visit a remote village in January and say Evensong together, it augured well and showed the solidarity of the Association as churchmen. They had 80 years to look back on, but they were not resting on the past but looking to the future, and they had a number of young men to whom to entrust the Association.

Mr. John Anderson, also a former president, gave the toast of 'The Visitors.' He mentioned Mr. Tom Cox, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, who came from a long line of ringers; Mr. Peter Semmens, the secretary of the Association; Miss Killingley, of Richmond; Mr. Bill Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown, now of Ripon and formerly of Chester-le-Street.

Mr. Thomas M. Cox, who replied, said he felt far from a visitor as he knew many of them, and the few peals he had rung since the war had been rung with many members of their Association present that evening He would like to congratulate the officers and members of the committee who made that function possible. He wished them many more happy years of ringing and prosperity.

The toast of 'The Press, with particular reference to "The Ringing World"' was proposed by Mr. R. A. Gofton and acknowledged by the Editor, Mr. T. W. White.

The president proposed votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, Canon Heselton, the Provost of Newcastle; for permission to use the recording of the Cathedral bells, the Master of University College, and the hon. general secretary (Mr. Bayles) for his hard work in organising the event.

During the evening a tape-recording of the broadcast by Mr. K. Arthur was played, Paxton Lynn entertained with his magic and Mr. H. S. Nelson told stories old and new.

LAUGH WITH P. W. B.



HANDBELL PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the handbell peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Oxford on June 20th ('Ringing World,' p. 444), as I have since found the composition to be false. I must apologise to the remainder of the band for failing to notice this before ringing the peal.—Yours faithfully,

D. H. NIBLETT.

Chipping Campden, Glos.

RADIO BROADCAST

The following radio broadcast in 'Week Ahead' was given by Mr. Kenneth Arthur in the Northern Region on August 29th.

In the history of ringing, 80 years is not a long time. Some of the older ringing societies, such as the Ancient Society of College Youths, of London, who ring the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, were established before 1650, but this Association of ringers was one of the first of many kindred societies formed on a diocesan basis, and our pride is in the continuous loyal service to the belfries of the churches in this area. The inaugural meeting was held on August 25th, 1877, in the Song School of Durham Cathedral, and the Durham Association of Ringers was organised. At the time, belfry reform was greatly needed and the Association formulated as its aims—improving the conduct of ringers and the condition of bells and belfries, promoting the study of scientific change-ringing, and uniting the various companies of ringers for fellowship and stimulation of the art.

On Saturday we shall be meeting at our birthplace, Durham Cathedral, where a special form of Evensong will be sung, concluding with the ringing of handbells by the president and three past presidents. The bells of the Cathedral will be rung prior to the service by a representative company of ringers, and afterwards general ringing will take place, when various methods such as Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise will be rung. At 6 p.m. a special ceremony is to take place in the Song School to render thanks to Almighty God for those who founded the Association and to rededicate ourselves to the continuation of its work.

Following this, a dinner is being held in the Great Hall of Durham Castle, where nearly 130 ringers and friends will sit down.

Most lay people think of bell ringing as a violent exercise requiring lots of beef and muscle, but this is not necessarily so, and many of our most expert ringers are members of the weaker sex. The skill in ringing is more knack than strength, and power of concentration with a sense of rhythm are the additional adjuncts for a good ringer.

Thus our work as an organisation of the Church goes forward towards our centenary on the sound foundation of the faith of those ringers of yesteryear and strengthened by the pride of tradition and zeal of those who follow on today.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS' ROLLS OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—Several times I have been asked how one can get to see the Ringers' Rolls of Honour.

The two Rolls are housed in a glass-topped oak case in the long gallery immediately outside the library of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and can be inspected without formality by anyone who goes into the long gallery.

To reach the long gallery it is necessary to go up the spiral stairway which leads to the whispering gallery and dome of the Cathedral.

Before climbing as high as the whispering gallery the visitor will find a doorway on his left. This is the entrance to the long gallery.

The case containing the Rolls is to be found at the end on the left-hand side of the gallery as you enter.

The Dean's verger informs me that the normal hours of the opening of the gallery to the public are from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on every day of the week except Sunday.

I sincerely hope that this information will make it easier for visitors to see the Rolls.

H. MILES,
Trustee of the Rolls.

Carbis Bay.

STEEL BELLS

Dear Sir,—A correspondent, writing about rings of four in Kent, expresses the hope that any that were steel bells had by now been lost. I would have thought that steel bells were better that none at all. Those I have heard have not been good, but not so bad as some bell-metal atrocities I have rung under. The chief objection is the excessive corrosion of the Naylor-Vickers product of the last century, which is bound to impair the tone.

However, I heard a broadcast of a new continental carillon, which sounded very fine, and was surprised to hear afterwards that they were steel bells. Could not the leading British founders apply their knowledge of metallurgy and tuning to producing steel bells that really were stainless and tuneful? Poor parishes would prefer this 'second quality' line to cracked and derelict bells.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

SPLICED DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Spliced Doubles ringers may be interested in the following 120. It contains 12 different methods, the greatest number of doubles to a 120.

All the bobs are not in fourths place—Ellingham and Bedingham have no place bobs (according to the rules in the Central Council's 'Collection of Doubles Methods'). The single is in 123. Twelve extents available starting at different points.—Yours sincerely,

C. B. FYNES.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

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Sixty is available making up quarter peal by missing bob at Huntspill and going on from St. Martin's.

63 YEARS' SERVICE AT WOODFORD

Dear Sir,—Recently a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Woodford, Essex, Parish Church as an act of thanksgiving for the completion of 63 years' service as a ringer by the local Ringing Master and steeplekeeper, Mr. Charles R. Morss. In addition Mr. Morss was the recipient of a substantial gift from the Rector, churchwardens and parishioners as a whole.

Even amongst ringers 63 years' service at one church is a remarkable occurrence. In this case it has covered something like a quarter of the life of the parish bells themselves, and they were put up by Richard Phelps way back in the reign of George I. It has included ringing for no less than five coronations and for great State occasions like the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria and the Relief of Ladysmith, which now seem but an echo of quite long ago.

Mr. Morss' chief interest in ringing has always been the maintenance of service ringing at his own church and the instruction and encouragement of beginners. In 1935, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of King George V. and Queen Mary, he had the gratification of standing in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Woodford in which the other members of the band had all been taught to ring by him. It was also the first peal ever rung by an entirely local band at Woodford.

Mr. Morss has been well known for many years in the South West District of the Essex Association. His many friends there, and elsewhere, congratulate him most heartily on his achievement and hope to see him still 'at the helm' for many years.—Yours sincerely,

J. A. WAUGH.

Woodford.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL AUGMENTATION

Dear Sir,—Visitors to the resort of Southsea (and others) who have enjoyed ringing at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury in Old Portsmouth, may be interested in the following news.

At the close of last year, when college courses in ringing training at the Cathedral had focused attention on the need for major attention (the first for 45 years) to the ring of eight with its fine tenor, opportunity was taken to advise consideration of adding two new trebles; also of providing a 'security' access to the ringing chamber.

The Provost of Portsmouth (the Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff) was very sympathetic towards these proposals, and the Cathedral Council has accepted them: with the proviso that the augmentation should not be a first charge upon the Cathedral funds.

So a 'Bell Augmentation Fund' has been opened, and contributions will be gratefully accepted from all those who are interested in this historic place of worship, and who view with pleasure past and/or future ringing while in Portsmouth. Donations should be sent to 'Bell "A" Fund,' Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Portsmouth.

The work is in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and includes the rehanging of the present ring of eight in new bearings and with new fittings, and the addition of two trebles. Ringing, of course, is being interrupted, but completion is promised by Christmas next.

The customary welcome will then again be extended to visitors to belfry and church. Date of dedication and re-opening will be announced in due course.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE DORSET TRAGEDY

Dear Sir,—As I read the different views concerning the Okeford Fitzpaine tragedy, I would not say it was due to laziness—far from it. I have wondered if the Rector did something to save the boy. We all know about children in the belfry and their delight, but I have not seen them in the bell loft. Perhaps the excitement of seeing the bells upside down, and those wheels, terrifying to some people, might have caused them to push forward. One man would be helpless to cope with many children in such a small space.

I remember my father telling me that when he learned to ring at Morpeth Watch Tower the bells were always left up. Then, however, the Ringing Master had the only key. Later it was decided to lower the bells. When ringing the market bell I have often thought how more effective it would be if it were set.

This sad affair in Dorset has come to the notice of many people. But one man in a belfry with children has no easy task, especially a church belfry with its winding stairs. I feel very sad about the accident.

JENNIE ARMSTRONG.

Morpeth.

LEAVING BELLS UP

Dear Sir,—I should like to add yet one more contribution to the controversy on whether bells should be left up or not.

I can remember our tower since 1911, and it has been the practice since then to leave the bells up on Sunday mornings when they will be wanted again to be rung for Evensong.

We realise the danger of bells in the upward position and all our ringers, when they first start learning to ring, have this instilled into them.

The second point is that we securely lock the belfry and the last ringer down keeps the key until Evensong.

In case of the unlikely event of the lock being forced open (it has not happened yet) a notice is conspicuously displayed in the ringing chamber to warn intruders of the danger. —Yours sincerely,

C. V. CADE.

Scothern, Lincoln.

2,000, NOT 200 TOWERS

Dear Sir,—The paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of August 30th, stating that I have rung in over 200 churches in England and Wales, should read 2,000 churches, including all Cathedrals, 10's and 12's. The informer to 'The Times' inadvertently dropped one of the '0's' — Yours sincerely,

ALAN E. HARTLEY.

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PEAL RINGING AT WAKEFIELD

By David Cubitt

(Continued from page 510)

September 2nd, 1808: On Monday morning last was rung at the parish church, in this town, a complete peal of 5088 changes, being the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung in that steeple, which was performed in three hours and nineteen minutes by the following persons, viz., 1, John Woodhead; 3, Robert Daff; 6, Benjamin Gill; 7, William Woodhead, of St. John's, Wakefield; 2, John Hudson; 4, Joseph Tebbs, who conducted the peal; 5, Wm. Preston, of Leeds, and 8, Mr. Grainger, one of the Society of College Youths, London.

January 6th, 1809: On Monday last was rung by the joint societies of Wakefield and Leeds ringers, at Sowerby, 5152 changes, in 21 courses, of that intricate method of new treble bob, in 3 hours and 3 minutes, conducted by Mr. Tebbs. It was rung over in a masterly stile by the following persons, viz. Messrs. Scott, Daff, Hudson, J. Woodhead, Preston, Gill, Wm. Woodhead, and Tebbs. The society of ringers from Halifax next attempted to ring a 5000 of the same method, who rung 2 hours and 15 minutes, and lost the peal. A set of ringers from Elland next, who lost their peal in about 30 minutes; and the last that entered the steeple were Birstal ringers, who rung a peal upon six bells. On Wednesday, was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by the joint societies of Wakefield and Oldham, 5120 changes of Oxford treble bob, in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by Mr. J. Newton. It was rung in a complete manner by Messrs. Newton, Scott, Daff, John Woodhead, Rigby, Clay, Wm. Woodhead, and Whitehead. Weight of the tenor bell 24 cwt. And on Thursday, at the Parish Church, in this town, was rung by the above persons, 5040 changes of Mr. Holt's trebles, in 2 hours and 45 minutes, conducted by Mr. J. Newton. Weight of the tenor bell 24 cwt.

('The Leeds Mercury,' of January 7th and 14th, 1809, reports the above: apparently the Oldham ringers were at Sowerby, but, not being a full band, did not ring: the peal of 5152 treble bob, conducted by Tebbs, was composed by him: Birstal ringers rang 720 Ringer's Delight. The weight of St. John's tenor, 24 cwt., is incorrect.)

August 18th, 1809: On Sunday morning last was rung at St. John's Church, in this town, by the Youths of that Steeple, a complete peal called Maidstone Bob Major, consisting of five thousand seven hundred and sixty changes, in three hours and thirty-two minutes, being the utmost extent in that method, having one hundred and twenty courses, one seven eight at home. The peal was composed by J. Tebbs, of Leeds, and called by Wm. Woodhead, of this town.

('The Leeds Mercury,' of November 4th, 1809, reports a prize-ringing at Bradford in treble bob methods. Only two teams entered: Halifax-and-Keighley joint and Wakefield-and-Leeds joint; each rang a half peal and the latter team took first prize.)

On February 1st, 1810, William Woodhead rang the second at Leeds in a peal of 5040 Bob Royal, conducted by Joseph Tebbs. The peal is noted in 'The Leeds Mercury,' of February 3rd that year.

The same paper, May 5th, 1810: On Tuesday se'nnight the Six Bell Prize Ringings being concluded at Barnsley, the Leeds and Wakefield Unions ascended the steeple, and gave a specimen of the art of eight-bell-ringing, and completely performed and correctly brought round a peal of new treble bob, consisting of 5280 changes, which was performed by the following persons, in 3 hours and 4 minutes; viz. S. Shirt, treble, J. Hudson, 2d; J. Scott, 3d; J. Woodhead, 4th; J. Tebbs, 5th; B. Gill, 6th; W. Woodhead, 7th; conducted the peal; and R. Daff, tenor.

('The Leeds Mercury' of the previous week gives the result of the prize-ringing referred to, when ten bands competed; Wath St. Ann's College Youths, who were first, and Holmfirth, who were second, each received a silver cup given by the Barnsley ringers.)

The issue of the same paper for June 29th, 1811: Ringing.—On Monday last, an excellent musical and well-toned peal of eight bells was opened at Staveley in Derbyshire; the tenor 20 cwt. The bells were opened by the independent company of ringers from Sheffield with Oxford treble bob to 400 changes, and then jumbled out; the Mansfield, Chesterfield, and St. Peter's company from Sheffield, each displayed their skill and brought round touches of grandsire tripples and bob major. But the inhabitants of the town and lovers of the art, were most agreeably and satisfactorily entertained by the Leeds and Wakefield union company, performing a peal of new treble bob method, consisting of 5184 changes, which was rung in a good style in 3 hours and fifteen minutes by John Scott, Treble; John Hudson 2d, John Woodhead 3d, Benjamin Gill 4th, William Preston 5th, Joseph Tebbs 6th, who composed and conducted the peal, William Woodhead 7th, and Robert Daff, tenor.

(According to Parnell, quoted by Ernest Morris in 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' Sheffield ringers declared the peal false.)

'The Wakefield and Halifax Journal,' January 10th, 1812: On Friday last, was rung a complete and true Peal of Holt's Tripples, in three hours and twenty-two minutes, at St. John's Church, Wakefield, by seven of the society of ringers at that Church, and Mr. Peirce from Bristol, who rung the tenor. . . . Conducted by William Woodhead.

The same paper, December 31st, 1813: On Monday last, was rung in honour of the late Glorious Victories, at St. John's Church, Wakefield, a true and complete peal of J. Holt's tripples, in 10 courses, consisting of 5040 changes. It was executed with great precision and regularity, in three hours and three minutes. The whole was conducted by Mr. Wm. Woodhead.

(The 'late Glorious Victories' were, of course, those won against the French.)

'The Leeds Mercury,' September 3rd, 1814: On Monday last, a select party of ringers from Leeds and Keighley, met to pay a friendly visit at Otley, and struck off their musical peal of 8 bells into new Treble Bob, and rang a composition of Mr. Shipway's, of London, consisting of 12,320 changes, being the utmost extent of true changes hitherto composed, and the first peal of that length and in that method ever rung in the kingdom, and was correctly brought round in seven hours and 15 minutes by the following ringers, viz. John Hudson, Leeds, Treble; Thomas Fox, and Thomas Midgley, Keighley, 2nd; George Hattersley, Keighley, 3d; James Baldwin, and Joseph Whitaker, Leeds, 4th; John Blakey, jun., Keighley, 5th; John Blakey, sen., 6th; Wm. Woodhead, Wakefield, 7th; James Inman, Keighley, and Joseph Tebbs, Leeds, tenor. David Smith conducted the peal.

(The peal is given in Shipway's 'Campanalogia,' Pt. III, with a footnote that it was rung at Otley in 1814. Snowdon mentions the performance in his 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' Pt. I, but he did not know the names of all the ringers. Woodhead's participation in the peal is recorded on a peal board at Wakefield; but the date given there is August 27th, 1814, which was a Saturday. Wakefield ringers may have attended when three rings of eight were opened in the summer of 1815, at Liversedge, Huddersfield and Preston.)

The final quotation comes from 'The Wakefield and Halifax Journal,' of January 21st, 1814—the only reason for including it in this article, as it refers to an event in the previous century: A Ringing Anecdote.—On the 14th of May 1788, there were rung at Wakefield, by the society of ringers at that church, two different peals of trebles, consisting of 10,080 changes, in seven hours and one minute. This peal was rung with the greatest exactness and distinction; a performance never equalled in this kingdom, on bells of the same weight, the tenor being upwards of 24 cwt. What adds to the singularity of this performance, the ringers were two fathers, five sons, five brothers, four cousins, one uncle, and one nephew, yet no more than eight persons, and with only two sirnames.

Practice Nights at Portsmouth

Practice nights in Old Portsmouth seem to disturb some people. 'Campanologist' has written to the Portsmouth 'Evening News,' suggesting apparatus similar to that at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral being installed. His letter concludes:—

'We expect to hear the bells on Sundays, and the occasional well-struck, long peal on Saturday afternoons does not worry us unduly. But on practice nights it is a different story.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

It was decided that for summer meetings, when many young members are away on holiday, it would be better to restrict meetings to evening ringing only. Accordingly, a meeting was held on July 20th at Stanwell, where during the evening the six bells, which are rather noisy inside the tower, were put to good use. The writer is given to understand that there is another 'ring of bells' in this village, where members found adequate refreshment after their labours.

On August 17th another evening meeting was held at Harlington, which attracted quite a respectable gathering—respectable in numbers as well as in general deportment! This handy light ring of eight was employed in a number of methods, although none seemed to go as well as Stedman. Two learners had some useful practice in a 'Flying Dutchman' type touch of Grandsire—the sort that never comes round, however hard the conductor tries!

W. T. C.

MR. COX AND BOYNE HILL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Tomsett quite rightly draws attention to my error in overlooking that Mr. Cox was a member of Boyne Hill service Surprise band. My sincere apologies to Mr. Cox for my oversight.

Our peal book records that Mr. Cox rang in eight peals at Boyne Hill, one of which was in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells, in 1909, conducted by George Martin, and rung by a local band. Mr. Cox rang the fourth and Charles Smith the fifth.

We at Boyne Hill are delighted that Mr. Cox is hale and hearty and still enjoys his ringing. We sincerely hope that he will do so for many more years.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST E. GOSLING.

Maidenhead, Berks.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY SUMMER TOUR

IN accordance with a unanimous decision at the A.G.M., the weather at the beginning of the U.B.S.C.R. summer tour was glorious. The majority of the 15 members on the tour cycled to the rendezvous in Bruton, Somerset, on the Friday in June, but a few, having noticed on a map a large brown patch between Bristol and Bruton, travelled luxuriously by rail. The bells here (6, 25 cwt.) were much admired, and a variety of Doubles and Minor methods were rung. The next tower was Wincanton (8, 15¼ cwt.), where the first peal for the Society was rung ten years ago. It was recollected with some discomfort that two tenth anniversary peal attempts made earlier in the term had failed. As a tribute to the first peal a touch of Grandsire Triples was conducted jointly by the two resident grandfathers of the Society.

After it had been discovered that the bells of Buckhorn Weston (6, 10¼ cwt.) were rather hard work, a great deal of interest was shown in the organ, the village shop and the test match commentary, filtering through the window of a nearby house. Despite this, Cambridge was fairly well rung. Some difficulty was experienced at Kington Magna (5, 16½ cwt.), since the bells were set at backstroke. After some rather original rounds, various Doubles methods were rung and some harsh words were used, referring to bands who did not vary speed of ringing with weight and 'go' of bells. After an excellent supper at Marnhull (Dorset) youth hostel, we joined two small boys in a lazy game of cricket. At close of play, a visit to the village saw the beginnings of two keen competitions which were to continue over the weekend, namely East v. West at darts, and males v. females at table skittles. Back at the hostel, darkness fell to the sound of Bob Minor (lapped) from the men's dormitory.

Ringing on Saturday began with the two ringable rings in Shaftesbury, and we were joined for the day by two old members and an Austin 7 of the same age. At Holy Trinity (6, 11¼ cwt.) the way into the tower was elusive and the party first filed, sheep-like, into two galleries, the organ loft and one or two empty rooms before unearthing the staircase. At St. Peter's, Shaftesbury (6, 18¼ cwt.), the bells were found to go extremely well, and London was well struck.

FISH AND CHIPS 17 TIMES

Lunch, of fish and chips 17 times, was followed by ringing on the light six at Motcombe. At Mere (8, 22¼ cwt.) a big wedding was in progress when we arrived, and the fashionably-dressed guests looked askance at the disreputable group seated on the grass verge opposite the west door. Having got up the tower, the bells were much admired, and some promising Bristol unfortunately came to grief in the last lead. The next tower fulfilled a long-standing ambition for those of the party who are interested in alphabets, but on the whole we found Zeals (6, 11¼ cwt.) rather disappointing. We continued to Bourton, but were unable to ring due to a death in the parish. At Slitton (5, 12 cwt.) St. Nicholas' Doubles were rung for obvious reasons.

After a highly-dangerous and law-breaking ride, with cyclists versus car, we came to Gillingham, where tea was eaten in the company of a 'dreaded box.' We were glad that Gillingham bells (8, 23 cwt.) were oiled immediately before we began ringing, but nevertheless, the back-enders found the ringing of the most standard methods somewhat exhausting.

'BLOOD AND THUNDER'

The night was again spent at Marnhull and Sunday started with ringing for Communion at the village church (6, 19 cwt.), and with two members who should have known better allowing the fourth to slip wheel. At Sturminster (6, 17¼ cwt.) we found a most pleasant ring which went well to all methods up to London. At lunchtime we were introduced to a legendary Somerset drink, which rejoices in the name of 'blood and thunder'—composition rough cider and vimto. This immediately became most popular, to the disgust of the confirmed beer-drinkers. No towers were available during the afternoon, and a hayfield provided the site for lunch, singing, hilarious country dancing and some unusual photographs. After a quick look round Sherborne Abbey, we went on to Yeovil (10, 40¾ cwt.) to join with the resident band in ringing for Evensong. The bells here were much admired and our visit was all too short. The night was spent at Martock youth hostel.

On Monday morning the men of the party were asked, for their hostel duty, to pull down a tree. After great limbering-up exercises in preparation for the great pine tree, they found that their subject was a dwarf apple tree. The pleasant ring (5, 12 cwt.) at Tintinhull was our first call, and here we found that the ringing room floor was an interesting inverted V-shape. Then we came to the melodious five at Ilchester (5, 11¼ cwt.), where we rang from cards the Ilchester Ringers' Changes, which were found to have a striking resemblance to Bob Minimus. After a long lunch break we continued to Marston Magna (6, 13¼ cwt.), and then to West Camel (5, 13¼ cwt.). Here a clapper, found propped up in a corner gave rise to momentary consternation, but it was later found to be a spare part.

All day we had been conserving our energy for the last tower of the tour, namely Queen Camel (6, 36¼ cwt.), and we made our way up to the tower with some trepidation. After raising in peal, we rang Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor, all of which were struck fairly well. We were most impressed by the tone and 'go' of the bells, and they formed a perfect ending to an excellent tour. The last ringing which took place was some rather sad Minor 'in hand' after the departure of the energetic ones, but before the Bristol-bound train arrived.

We must give our thanks to the secretary (Mr. David Heighton) for his most efficient arrangements, to the incumbents and tower captains for being so co-operative, and to the wardens of the Marnhull and Martock youth hostels for their patience and good cooking.

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WEDDINGS

MR. D. R. BODEN—MISS M. PATRICK

Two well-known ringers and Sunday School teachers, Mr. David Robert Boden and Miss Maureen Patrick, were married at St. Mary and All Souls' Church, Bulwell, by the Rector, Canon G. R. Sprittles, on August 31st.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white brocade dress, waist-length veil and carried a bouquet of gold and white roses. Attending her were Miss J. Patrick, her sister (also a ringer) and Miss P. A. Watson, a friend.

The best man was Mr. J. A. Boden, and the groomsmen Mr. G. Wilkes, Mr. R. Wilkes and Mr. J. Patrick. The bells were rung both before and after the service by local ringers and friends from the district. The reception was held at Grange Farm, Toton, and the honeymoon is being spent in South Devon.

A complimentary peal was rung at St. Mary and All Souls' Church later in the day.

P. P.

QUARTER PEALS

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): W. Martin 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, W. Cutmore 3, O. Ballard 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, W. J. Ransom (cond.) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): C. E. Turner 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. F. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, H. Preece 6, I. W. Davies 7, D. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to G. Howard Underhill, a member of this tower, who met with a fatal road accident.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Treble Bob (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): Miss R. J. Seabrook 1, O. Ballard 2, P. Mayle 3, S. G. Honeyball 4, S. J. Twitchett (cond.) 5, F. Kemp 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Perkins, a former member of the Cavendish band.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Walton 1, V. A. Hemming 2, D. K. Lane 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor on the bells.

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. K. Lane 1, D. Miller 2, J. Walton (first in method as cond.) 3, V. A. Hemming (first of Stedman Doubles) 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke 6.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, S. H. Ashton 2, A. Harris 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Croft 1, B. W. Lake 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, S. H. Ashton 6.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Pipe 1, A. Clarke 2, J. Bennett 3, C. R. Lovett 4, D. Buxton 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, R. W. Pipe 7, E. Pearce 8. For Evensong.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss H. G. Snowden 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, J. Warner 3, G. Snowden 4, C. Barker (first in method 'inside') 5, A. R. Syder 6, T. Earle (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. First quarter on the bells since being recast and rehung. For Evensong.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,256 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Stevens 1, G. Marchant (first of Major) 2, Miss P. Stevens 3, C. Clarke 4, F. B. Comer (first of Major) 5, D. Miller 6, R. Short 7, J. Walton (first of Major as cond.) 8.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (840 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): Miss R. Bryan 3, L. E. Bryan 4, T. H. Norman 5, N. Hughes 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7, B. O. Carruthers 8. First quarter for all except the conductor.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. C. Harris 1, L. Runnacles 2, B. W. Lake 3, S. H. Ashton 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Roy Head and Pat Wootton on their engagement, and to Rex Ary and Anne Muirhead on their marriage.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 cover): M. Winter (first quarter) 1, Noreen Winter 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, A. J. Hicks 4, J. Small (cond.) 5, T. W. Longley 6, M. J. McRobbie 7, S. Skinner 8. For Evensong.

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MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—We should be pleased to hear from ringers coming up to the University, or associated colleges, as freshmen this October. Please communicate with the secretary, Patrick J. Bird, 2, Court Drive, Wellington, Somerset. 793

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Meeting at Goostrey on Saturday, Sept. 14th, *cancelled*. Next meeting, Nantwich, Saturday, October 19th.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford (6), Saturday, Sept 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Refreshments provided.—B. Corbishley, Branch Sec. 817

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton, Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 816

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Northwold *cancelled*. Meeting instead at Walsoken on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 949

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Dullingham, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Balsham bells available after tea. 762

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—The Ladies' Guild (Southern Section), Guildford Guild (Farnham Branch), Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District).—Meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Service in St. Michael's Church, 4.30 p.m. Tea (usual arrangements) 5 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Towers: Basingstoke—St. Michael's, 2.30 to 4.15 p.m., 6.15 to 9; All Saints', 2.30 to 4.15; Bramley, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 9; Overton, 2.30 to 4; Upton Grey, 2.30 to 4, 6.30 to 8.30; Odiham, 2.30 to 4; Deane, 2.30 to 4, 6.15 to 8.30; Sherborne St. John, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Sec. 802

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Allensmore, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 799

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 14th, Benington (note change in place), 3 p.m. T. J. Southam. 804

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Bearsted on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Evensong 7.30 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 759

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Diana Perrins, 153, Plank Lane, Water Orton, near Birmingham. 809

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Enfield, St. Andrew's, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 785

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Joint meeting with Oxford City Branch at Kidlington (8), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. 780

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Sec. 792

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at Soberton, Saturday, Sept. 14th.—A. H. Sturgess, Hon. Sec. 811

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cruttenden, Henfield. Local ringers well be welcomed.—A. B. Peck. 796

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—271st anniversary, Sat., Sept. 21st. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (2s. per head). Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 22nd: ringing 2 p.m. and 5.15. 932

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Coker, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Please notify for tea.—T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 926

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 971

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Street, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 7 to 9 p.m.—W. Marsh. 960

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District).—A joint meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Linslade bells also after tea. Names or numbers, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. Whitney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.—J. Good, K. Spavins, Dis. Secs. 794

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Exhall on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Astley bells available after tea. Tea 5 p.m. in Exhall Parish Room. Names to me, please.—D. A. Carpenter, Dis. Sec., 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. 970

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting to follow. Numbers for tea, by Sept. 18th, please, to J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 824

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stockland, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 800

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Teversal. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 940

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Spaldwick (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 948

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Colerne (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 958

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Berkeley (10), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify by Sept. 18th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 943

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 936

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Wadhurst and Burwash *unavailable*. Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Tea names by Thursday, Sept. 19th, to Miss D. Kent, Chittlebirch, Staplecross, Sussex.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. District committee meeting 4. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 950

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Earl Shilton, Leics (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leics. Everyone welcome. 963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Kendal Parish Church, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names to N. Nightingale, 6, Kirkbarrow, Kendal.—N. M. Newby. 968

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) rehung. Ringing from 1.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the local ringers. Business meeting after tea.—John F. Turner. 967

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton Mowbray District.—Meeting at Long Clawson, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th, to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson, near Melton Mowbray. 929

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Gainsborough and Lincoln Districts will be held at Saxilby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells, afternoon and evening, Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Tuesday previous Mr. W. Cox, Trinity Cottage, Saxilby, Lincoln.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and C. Brown, Dis. Secs. 795

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, Clapham Common (R.C.), 2.45–4.30. Business 6, in vestry at All Saints', Wandsworth. Ringing 7.—Hutchings, (TUL 0800). 974

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Boxley on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Please send names to Mr. W. C. Gosling, The Street, Boxley.—Pamela J. Butcher, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Hampton, 3 to 5 p.m.; Sunbury, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—Fredk. A. Finch. 956

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ringing: All Saints' (8), Wigston Magna, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Mary De Castro (8), Castle Street, 12 noon to 2 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5.45 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), Church Gate, 1 to 2.45 p.m.; All Saints' (8), High Cross Street, 2 to 4 p.m.; St. John-the-Divine (10), Albion Street, 2 to 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 3 p.m., at Police Headquarters, Charles Street. Dinner and social evening at Lord Mayor's Rooms, Waterloo Street, 6 p.m. Tickets (limited) 12s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets with remittance by Sept. 14th to C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 772

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to be received not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th, by E. Roberts, 26, The Crescent, Derby Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 954

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Meeting at Aston Tirrold on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 782

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—W.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 939

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at South Perrott (6), Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 16th to Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 952

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21st, South Collingham, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. North Collingham 6 to 8.30 p.m. South Scarle if required. Service 4.30 p.m., South Collingham. Tea (3s. 6d.) for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Sec., 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 790

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at Stonham-Aspal. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 19th.—W. J. Button, Dis. Sec. 789

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting, Great Thurlow, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. E. S. B. Barnes, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, Suffolk.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting, Southwold, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th to Mr. R. S. Payne, Hotson Road, Southwold. 805

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ockley and Capel on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Ockley bells 3 p.m. and Capel 6 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to Mr. A. Streeter, 4, Maple Road, Earlswood. 791

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, Sept. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., for those who advise by Sept. 18th Mr. E Eade, 2, Beacon View, Buxted, Uckfield, Sussex. 959

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Fawley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Arrangements as usual. Important business to discuss. Names for tea by Sept. 17th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 951

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10) on Saturday, Sept. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting. The Association's 75th birthday (founded at Bromsgrove 1882). Numbers for tea by 18th, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge, Worcs. 814

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting will be held at Norton, near Malton, on Sept. 21st. Bells available: Norton (8), 1.30-4 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Malton (8), 2.30-3.45 p.m. Both towers again available after meeting till 9 p.m. General Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Church House, Norton. Service in St. Peter's at 4 p.m., followed by tea and general meeting in Church House. Names for tea, by 19th, to Mr. H. Rowsby, Holmgarth, Park Road, Norton, Malton. The local company extends a hearty welcome to all. —L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 791

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, West Hartlepool, Saturday, Sept. 28th. All Saints', Stranton (8), 11.30 to 12.30 and 2.30 to 4.30; St. Aidan's (8), 2.30 to 4.15; St. Oswald's (10), 7 to 9. Committee, All Saints' Vestry, 3.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, St. Matthew's Hall, Elwick Road, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 25th to Mrs. K. Lawson, 169, Stockton Road, West Hartlepool 937

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dinner to be held at the Brunswick School Hall, Cambridge, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 7 o'clock. Ringing arrangements: Great St. Mary's (12), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Bene't's (6), 3 to 5; Old Chesterton (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Great St. Andrew's (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m.; Roman Catholic (8), 5 to 6.30 p.m. Tickets (12s. 6d.) from H. S. Peacock, 8, Rosecrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 969

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Elmdon (6) on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 961

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rainham, Kent, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Miss E. Walker, Cozenton Farm, Berengrave Lane, Rainham. No name, no tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. —S. M. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 942

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 18th to Mr. H. Lawson, Station Road, Whaplode. 947

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Half-day outing to Loughborough District, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Coach leaves Burbage 12.30 p.m., Hinckley, Regent Street, 12.40, Sapcote Cross 12.55, Stoney Stanton Church 1.5, Earl Shilton Hollow 1.15. Ringing and tea arrangements are as given at the August meeting. Names must be given for certain by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Frank Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. Phone Burbage 516.—M Vernon, Dis. Sec. 953

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Louth (8), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Sept. 25th to Mr. T. Avery, 18, Broad Bank, Louth. 964

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, Bedwellty, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. R. Price, 26, Greenwood Road, Blackwood, Mon. 945

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Meeting, Sept. 28th, Carlton Colville. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Pakefield bells (8) available after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 25th certain, please, to Mr. J. B. Gorrod, 47, Gorleston Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 933

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Empingham on Saturday, Sept. 28th, 3 to 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss J. Hoy, 11, Ashwell Road, Oakham, Rutland 938

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Cogenhoe, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. R. Moore, Lyndhurst, Station Road, Cogenhoe, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 925

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Provisional arrangements.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Swindon (Western Region). Ringing, St. Mark's, afternoon. Tea in Christ Church Hall for those who by Thursday let Mr. W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts, know; and at Christ Church after tea—one of the finest 'Taylor' tens.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 760

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting at Llangattock, Crickhowell, Brecs, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 2.30 p.m. 931

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. Buses Nos. 32 and 34 from Hull (Paragon) Bus Station every 15 minutes.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 941

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting at Rothwell on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 24th, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21 Haigh Avenue, Rothwell near Leeds.—A. E. Marsh, J. F. Hodson, Hon. Secs. 957

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The 20th annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Tuesday, Oct. 1st, from dinner committee, Branch secretaries or general secretary. Bells available: Cathedral (12), provisionally, 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints', (10), 3 to 5.30 p.m. —J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. Tel. Ashton-under-Hill 309. 946

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Bollands, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 6.30 p.m. (14s., juniors 12s.). Names by Sept. 30th, please.—J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 930

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