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POINTS FROM RECENT SPEECHES

THE dinner season is now upon us, and as is customary at these functions the toasts are usually accompanied by speeches. Let us take a brief review of some of the points made at recent gatherings. At the College Youths' dinner it was said that 'The Ringing World' is reputed a dull journal. Using a famous phrase, it all depends on what you mean by dull. Nobody, for instance, could call the recent articles by Ernest Morris in any way dull, and their human story is amusing and interesting.

What do readers expect from their journal?—Peals and quarter peals, the activities of the 56 affiliated Guilds and Associations, compositions, personal items, instruction for the beginner, arguments and theories for the advanced ringer, and a first-class front page article written by the pen of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope or by the founder editor, Mr. John S. Goldsmith. The fact is that so wide are the attainments and interests of our readers that there are bound to be pages that do not appeal to them. Theory or composition is not understandable to more than 10 per cent of our readers, but such is the unusual position of 'The Ringing World' as the only weekly medium devoted to our art that space has to be given to this and other sections. At times attempts are made to brighten the pages with a little humour—but here again there are invariably protests. Nevertheless, this article is brightened at the end by one of those stories which delight ringers of the old time school.

The second point, also from the A.S.C.Y. dinner: That the Exercise has never realised its responsibilities towards 'The R.W.' The odds against this ever happening are very great. For a modest sum anyone can have a choice of newspapers delivered to the door every day of the week, and there is no responsibility at all. These daily papers are backed by a huge staff of reporters and agencies linked up throughout the world. There is no such organisation behind 'The Ringing World,' which is dependent on the goodwill of a comparatively few ringers, a number of whom act as local correspondents. The Editor also attends a number of gatherings and reports the proceedings. So unconsciously a person compares what he gets for his money in one place and in another—it is just human nature.

At the Yorkshire Association Snowdon dinner the point which stood out was the stirring message from Miss M. Snowdon. It was a restatement of the ringers' ideal, and it came from the living representation of the two famous brothers. Jasper Snowdon had the knowledge and his brother saw to it that this knowledge was presented to the Exercise in concise terms.

Lastly, there was the Leicester Guild dinner, and the theme was success. There is no doubt that Leicester is on the top of the ringing world. I do not know if all the bells in Leicester are rung Sunday by Sunday, but one church can manage Surprise Maximus for service. The other week, at Liverpool Cathedral's open day, there were present about 50 ringers from Leicester; there's real enthusiasm for you, travelling 100 miles to ring at a new tower. Well, we hope they keep up this success story and be an inspiration to us all.

Old stagers will enjoy the story concerning the late Harry Withers, of Birmingham, told to me by Arthur Knights. Harry Withers was a clever man; he could tap any method which he knew on the piano or the dulcimer. He would sometimes invite someone to call a touch of Stedman Triples and he would tap it out. Even more remarkable, he could sit and listen to a peal and present the conductor with the figures of the composition when the band came outside. Like most clever men, he had a weakness and he occasionally went on the spree.

It so happened that Arthur Knights was in Birmingham one Saturday for a peal or meeting, and who should he meet in the street but Harry Withers, obviously inebriated. Recognition was mutual, and they stopped for a chat despite Harry's condition. It should be here explained that Grandsire Caters was at the time a popular method for peals, most of which were brought home from the course end 42563978. However, A. K. was secretly worried about Harry, thinking that if he got any more drink he would fall foul of the police. So as he prepared to leave he said: 'And where are you going, Harry?' 'Well, Arthur,' he said, 'I have just got as far as 42563.' 'I am glad to hear it,' said A. K., 'and see that you go straight home.'

M. R. P.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
FRANK E. DARBY	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	9
ALAN F. THIRST	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	5	PETER BORDER	11
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	6	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
The conductor has now rung a 12-bell peal in 50 different towers.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rector of Liverpool as Suffragan Bishop of Middleton.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Treble*	†ALAN J. FROST	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	BRIAN S. COPE	9
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

MRS. F. G. BLOOMFIELD	*Treble*	*GILES E. GALLEY	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	9
DONAVON R. WHITE	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Surprise Royal and 50th peal. 300th peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*MAURICE E. DOWNS	*Treble*	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	6
†DAVID HEIGHTON	2	‡MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	7
‡PATRICK J. BIRD	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
CLIFFORD BIRD	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	*Tenor*

Arranged by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First of Royal. First on ten bells as conductor.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5094 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM S. OAKLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	6
MURIEL REAY	2	WILLIAM H. MALE	7
FRED C. LYNE	3	*JAMES PRICE	8
WILLIAM COLLETT	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	9
HARRY WINDSOR	5	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
* First peal of Caters. † 300th peal. First of Caters as conductor.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 26, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT	*Treble*	A. WILLIAM BIRD	5
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON	2	STANLEY W. COPLING	6
PETER KINDRED	3	JOHN W. G. KINDRED	7
MICHAEL H. SOLLY	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. J. Westwood, M.A., following his induction as vicar of the parish, and as a compliment to him and his wife on the birth of a son.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*PETER SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	DAVID JAMES	5
BERNARD GROVES	2	BARRIE HENDRY	6
TREVOR TAYLOR	3	DEREK TAYLOR	7
ROBERT SMITH	4	DEREK OGDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method for all.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 14, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	JOHN ALDIS	5
BRIDGET MUTIMER	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Arranged for Mr. J. Aldis, who has been a ringer at Saxlingham for 57 years.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	5
WILFRED J. NEWMAN	2	HAROLD F. RAXTER	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	ERIC T. LEE	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	LEONARD MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC T. LEE.
First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band.
A farewell to the Rev. W. B. Chapman.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Watford Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

RAYMOND G. SMITH	*Treble*	WALTER G. PAUL	5
*DENNIS LAUD	2	STEPHEN H. HOARE	6
†MARY G. CARNOCHAN	3	RICHARD G. BELL	7
‡STEPHEN F. DOLLEY	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal. First peal by a local band for 19 years.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. G. Downward, M.A., whose institution and induction as Vicar of Watford took place prior to the peal.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

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

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.
In honour of the tenth anniversary of the Queen's wedding.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 21, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*GEORGE NORTH	*Treble*	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	5
ALBERT W. BOND	2	HENRY STALHAM (85)	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
*MAURICE W. STEPHENSON	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to the respected memory of Frank Bennett, ringer for 30 years at this church.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
GEO. WILLIAM CREASEY	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
DENIS A. FRITH	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN J. IVIN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 1,400th peal.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Treble*	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
ALBERT J. PITMAN	2	D. WALFORD DAVIES	6
THOMAS YEOMANS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
*ALFRED HANNINGTON	4	TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* 25th peal together.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	5
*FRANCES M. WELCH	2	C. MICHAEL ORME	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	EDWIN G. BUCK	7
COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	4	JACK S. DEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*PAMELA M. GEARY	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
ROYSTON WILMORE	2	H. LESLIE WYKES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	†A. NORMAN GEARY	7
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	4	GORDON E. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' The first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*ROLAND HAIGH	*Treble*	WILFRED NICHOLSON	5
CHRISTOPHER J. HERBERT	2	SAMUEL C. WALKER	6
*GEOFFREY S. R. SIMMS	3	CYRIL MORDUE	7
J. WILLIAM ROBSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal.
Rung for the birth of Penelope Elizabeth Nicholson.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN	*Treble*	†HAROLD E. RAXTER	5
FRANCIS J. POTTER	2	FRED CRUMP	6
*TERENCE A. SPARKES	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
ROBERT W. COLE	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 86 lb. in D.

SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled immediately following the memorial service to Major John Wormald, a Deputy Lieutenant for Norfolk, magistrate, former county cricketer, and vicar's warden for 12 years. His name is on the new tenor bell, and the recent rehanging of the bells was keenly supported by him.
Composition contains all the 7468's, 7568's, 65, 56, 64 and 4678's with 6th 18 course-ends home.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL OF UNITY.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

PERCY GREEN	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	5
*MARY DOWSETT	2	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	6
†PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	3	††DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
‡ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	PETER J. EVES	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together.

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HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

ROGER KEELEY	*Treble*	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5
*ANGELA CARPENTER	2	JOHN P. MCDERMOTT	6
EVE PEARSON	3	FRANK C. PRICE	7
ANTHONY V. QUEEN	4	RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Sidebotham, for many years a ringer at this church.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*LEONARD G. THOMPSON	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	5
RONALD RUSSELL	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	6
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	WILLIAM R. PARKER	7
WALTER WESTON	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal of Major and first attempt.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Louis Willders.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAGNALL	*Treble*	LAWRENCE C. CLEMENT	5
JAMES E. BURLES	2	MRS. R. F. ECCLES	6
ALAN CAPSTICK	3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	7
WILFRED BOLTON	4	ROLAND F. ECCLES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ROLAND F. ECCLES.
First peal as conductor.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
PHYLLIS POOLE	3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells and for the Guild.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
*JUNE E. GLADMAN	2	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	*E. KEITH JORDAN	7
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Major in the method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

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

SIX BELL PEALS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.
On Sun., Oct. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G sharp.

KENNETH J. MINCHINTON	*Treble*	GRAEME L. HEYES	4
BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	2	GERALD WESTON	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	JOHN J. F. ROPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob by all the band except the conductor. The first peal of Kent in Australia by a resident band.
Rung as a welcome to Bishop Frank Woods, Archbishop-elect of Melbourne, and to Graeme Nevin, grandson of Ernest H. Hughes, member of this Society, late of Runcorn, Cheshire.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 5¼ cwt.

IVOR G. JONES	*Treble*	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.
First peal in the method for the Guild.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. I. Jones.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM STRONG	*Treble*	EDWIN JONES	4
VIVIAN T. O. BOASE	2	ALEX J. MARTIN	5
THOMAS ROGERS	3	JOHN A. WEBSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. WEBSTER.
Rung as a welcome to Canon L. R. Healey, M.A., lately inducted rector of the parish.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Nov. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (eight callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

NEIL BISHOP	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
CHARLES LOWE	2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	5
DAVID LOWE	3	MAURICE BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
First peal of Canterbury Doubles on the bells, and by all the band.
Rung by three fathers and their sons.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 41 lb. in G.

ARTHUR E. COOK	*Treble*	HARRY MOSS	4
*FRANK J. BURLINGHAM	2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
*LEONARD J. MINNS	3	†PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PAUL D. T. CATTERMOLE.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three Minor methods.

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBIN L. ARNOLD	*Treble*	†JOHN G. CULL	4
ROBERT A. COCHRANE	2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	5
ERIC EDMONSON	3	‡FREDERICK W. ELLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in more than one method.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. C. J. Hancock (Vicar of Kimpton) on his being appointed rural dean of Welwyn.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*CHARLES GRATTON	*Treble*	ARTHUR CALLOW	4
†STELLA ALLEN	2	FRANCIS J. WHITE	5
FREDERICK G. SPARKS	3	ARNOLD BOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. WHITE.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of combined Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge, College Single Reverse, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	*Treble*	*DERICK W. PARDON	4
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	2	†JOHN R. SMITH	5
RAYMOND W. BALLS	3	*†WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in eight methods. † 25th peal together. The conductor's 350th peal.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

BARRY S. SHEPPARD	*Treble*	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE	2	*RICHARD E. G. LUTON	5
ERIC SUTTON	3	VICTOR GRIFFIN	*Tenor*

Arranged by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, April Day, All Saints, Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK T. LONG	*Treble*	HAROLD T. BONSHOR	4
ROLAND H. COOK	2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT	5
J. HARRY COOK	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

The ringer of the treble has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 WOODBINE TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

LAURIE NORFOLK	*Treble*	GEORGE A. WALKER	4
HENRY C. SHARP	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
DONALD F. MURFET	3	ARTHUR YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells on November 17th, 1896, in which the ringer of the second rang his first peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	A. MAXWELL LINDSEY	4
RODNEY RICHARDSON	2	MICHAEL VERNON	5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Emma Cooper, mother of Mr. Harry Cooper, churchwarden.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JANE BUTCHER	*Treble*	*CHARLES A. CATT	4
*ALLEN WELLER	2	ARTHUR J. HART	5
*BRENDA CATT	3	*THOMAS BRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR J. HART.

* First peal. The tenor ringer is the first Fairwarp ringer to ring a peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven standard callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JEAN ROBERTSON	*Treble*	CHARLES COOK	4
†HAROLD DENMAN	2	†GEORGE CHALLANS	5
RICHARD HOBBS	3	ERNEST PRESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PRESTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal together.

Rung for the tenth wedding anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh.

HEDDINGTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*VALERIE PRESTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. SMITH	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	‡PETER J. SHIPTON	5
†DAVID MANSHIP	3	JAMES C. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Her Majesty the Queen.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., Nov. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR	*Treble*	†W. RONALD TRICKEY	4
*W. DONALD SALTER	2	GORDON WALFORD	5
CHARLES H. WEBBER	3	*LESLIE V. MORRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR C. WELLS	*Treble*	N. JOHN PUMPHREY	4
*MRS. HANBURY CARTER	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
*HANBURY F. CARTER	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 16, 1957, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT EAST VIEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
J. MARTIN THORLEY	5—6		

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 19, 1957, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. J. R. READER	1—2	ALAN SHEPPARD	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

* First peal on handbells.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Haynes (first quarter) 1, C. Harwood 2, L. Scoot 3, P. Flack 4, A. Leggett (first of Major) 5, E. Buck 6, D. Sutcliffe (first of Major as cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary, Bathwick, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Winchendon Place, 240 St. Martin's, 240 St. Simon's, 240 St. Nicholas', 180 Grandsire and 120 Plain Bob): Miss M. Greedy 1, E. Naylor (cond.) 2, T. T. Jones 3, S. A. Read 4, R. S. M. Stubbs 5, R. Stubbs 6. First quarter in six Doubles methods by all the band except the conductor. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Tooze 1, F. Mills (first 'inside') 2, J. G. Davis 3, Miss B. Russell 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, G. J. Hawkins 6.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Clifton 1, H. Hatfield 2, D. Wheeler 3, W. Baggett 4, C. H. Kinch 5, E. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keeyes. Frank is a member of the Bicester tower.

BILLESDON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Geary 1, H. Faulkner 2, J. Wadkin 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, G. Allen 5, C. T. Whitman 6, A. N. Geary 7, G. Lee 8. First quarter in the method by the local band. For Evensong.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Jones 1, Miss P. M. Tyson (first 'inside') 2, P. E. Jones (first quarter) 3, T. M. Haines (cond.) 4, J. C. Rainbow 5, P. G. Box 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Muller (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman (first in method) 2, A. Butler 3, P. J. Westwood 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, E. Codd 6.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Frances 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, J. Benfield 4, P. Coombes 5, E. Townsend 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, W. Lewis 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Charles Henry Hoverd, a native of Churchill, and former foreman of the tower, whose funeral took place at Crayford, Kent.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Foreman 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, W. Tyson 3, N. Errington (first quarter) 4, R. B. Shelton 5, R. Oliver (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. North 1, S. Ball 2, Mrs. D. L. Hall 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Hall 5, D. L. Hall 6, R. G. Rayfield (cond.) 7, J. Merrett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Hoverd, captain of Dartford ringers for 26 years, who died on November 17th.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Arminson (first quarter) 1, Mary Munt 2, Ethel Clear 3, Margaret Brown 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, Rev. C. Munt 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, I. Lloyd 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon K. D. Evans) on his appointment as Rural Dean. All are members of the local band.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Godfrey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. George 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (cond.) 4, Miss A. Banks 5, J. Eagles 6, G. Gray 7, E. J. Walker 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Gray for the christening of their daughter Susan.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Warner 1, S. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, B. E. Jeffrey 4, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 5, W. A. Leigh 6, C. Pannell 7, N. Greenaway 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, Margaret A. Ladd 2, B. E. Jeffrey (first in method) 8, E. J. Jenner 4, E. J. Ladd 5, S. Jenner (first of Major as cond.) 6, E. J. Brunger 7, G. Fry 8. Rung as a welcome to the ringer of the 3rd on his return from National Service, also for Evensong.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, W. Parrott 2, Frank Oakshott (cond.) 3, G. A. Cockman 4, W. Robinson 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, Chérie Payne 7, A. Howells 8. Rung for Remembrance Sunday and as a farewell to the conductor (and local captain), who is going for a long holiday in Australia.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. C. Sharp (first quarter) 1, W. R. Read 2, Miss M. E. A. Bailey (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5, P. E. Parry 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, H. K. White 3, J. P. Blond 4, A. H. Webb 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8. For Evensong.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Maddeson (first of Triples) 1, C. H. Moore 2, S. Barker 3, R. C. Lofty 4, A. F. Ellis (first of Triples) 5, T. Spight 6, H. Tooke (cond.) 7, H. Blake 8. For evening service.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Morris 1, J. Royal 2, P. Merry (cond.) 3, J. Voyce 4, T. Ragg 5, T. Webb 6.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Cairns 1, J. Dafters 2, June E. Mead 3, Mrs. G. G. Meyers 4, C. M. Meyers 5, M. Hawks 6, F. P. Mead (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8.

LLANDILO, CARMS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Alcock 1, A. Reynolds 2, D. Smith 3, R. Scudamore (cond.) 4, J. Turvey 5, J. Thomas 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Wadman 1, M. Rose 2, A. Sanger 3, H. J. Sanger 4, E. Naylor (cond.) 5, V. Roberts 6, G. Salmon 7, D. Hoare 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. Nicholas' Cathedral, on Nov. 10th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. C. McGuiness 1, C. McGuiness (cond.) 2, C. N. Lea 3, W. Robson 4, D. Priestley 5, G. S. Deas 6, C. Hammond 7, J. Hedley 8, E. P. Crowdy 9, R. W. Leighton 10. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Fearn 1, Carol Fernley 2, Shirley Harris 3, Mrs. J. Fernley 4, J. Fernley (cond.) 5, B. Harris 6, B. Jones 7, L. Boumphrey 8. For Remembrance Day, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. James Fernley.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Bowak 1, C. Bingham 2, Doreen Peacock (first 'inside') 3, R. Bridges 4, J. McPhail (first as cond.) 5, J. Lodge 6. Rung before Matins. A 21st birthday compliment to C. Bingham.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Stone 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, R. A. Brewin 3, G. M. Brewin 4, P. Plowright 5, M. Westbury 6. Rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

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SHIPLAKE-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Cobb 1, E. H. Smith 2, W. Paice (cond.) 3, J. A. Cobb 4, A. K. Street 5, F. G. Henbest 6, D. E. Cobb 7, F. Bonsey 8. For evening service.

SOUTHGATE, N.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Miller (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Mary Piper (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, Pam Miller 3, S. G. Peck 4, C. Aldridge (cond.) 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the choirboys' annual Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Joan K. Brown 1, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 2, B. S. Chapman 3, R. K. Stretton 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, B. G. Warwick 8. For Evensong. Arranged for ringers of 1 and 2, both on leave from H.M. Forces.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, José Bassett 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, Pamela Bassett (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STEPNEY, E.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. G. Weedon 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, G. B. Boomsma 3, A. F. Lewry 4, R. W. Sumner 5, S. Smith 6.—First of Stedman Doubles by all. For Remembrance Sunday.

STOKE, COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Simpson (first quarter) 1, R. D. Hayne 2, F. Brassington 3, D. Sibley 4, J. R. Robinson (first quarter) 5, H. Folwell 6, D. Ellender 7, W. A. Stote (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bryan (first quarter) 1, G. Barbara Cooke 2, A. Moss 3, D. W. James 4, A. Sharples (first as cond.) 5, K. W. Cooke 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to David Leah, a local ringer.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): Vera M. Powell 1, W. Chick 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. First in three methods for all except the conductor. For Evensong, and as a farewell tribute to the Rev. W. Gurnos Davies (Vicar), who is retiring after 22 years, and Mrs. Davies.

WALSDEN, LANCS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: P. Scholfield 1, W. Wilson 2, G. S. Mills 3, R. Maher 4, J. B. Pickup 5, D. Butterworth 6, N. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Leigh 8. Rung to mark the 85th anniversary of hte first peal on the bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayes 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, H. Rumens 4, E. E. Holman 5, W. Dowler 6, B. Downes 7, D. Hewitt 8, R. J. Chapman 9, F. C. Taylor 10. For the service of Confirmation by the Bishop of Barking.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 24th: 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Rudkin 1, Mrs. M. Edmonds (first away from treble) 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, L. Earl 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For morning service.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—At the Minster, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Willis 1, L. Bishop (first quarter) 2, R. Groves 3, C. E. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, E. A. Bishop 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, A. Waterman 8. Rung in memoriam Frank Price, who died on Oct. 31st. Frank Price was a ringer in Wimborne Minster for 30 years (1921 to 1951), retiring to Swanage, where he assisted the local band.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull (first of Triples) 1, F. Vickers 2, F. Gibbard 3, H. France 4, C. Gough 5, J. Hall (first of Triples) 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. W. Holland 8.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Nov 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Beazley 1, E. F. Brooks (cond.) 2, W. Hacker 3, Miss R. Maundrell 4, L. A. Wilson 5, P. Spackman 6, R. Wells 7, J. Amor 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of Mr. Wilson's ringing activities at Wootton Bassett.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. E. Evenden 1, J. J. Stanier 2, I. Goulter 3, R. G. Morris 4, J. C. Slater 5, D. R. Morris 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. Rung on the middle eight as a welcome to the new Dean (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, M.A.).

A HALF DAY IN NORTH-WEST STAFFORDSHIRE

The ringers of St. Mary's, Stafford, and friends from nearby towers had an enjoyable half day's ringing recently on bells on the Staffordshire–Shropshire border.

The tuneful, easy-going eight at Holy Trinity, Eccleshall, were very different from the former very rough six. Everyone fell in love with the light eight at St. Swithun's, Cheswardine, where a near-perfect touch of Stedman Triples was rung. Other touches rung were Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Spliced Oxford Bob and Treble Bob.

After a quick tea at Market Drayton we rushed off, full of enthusiasm, to ring on the four bells at St. Margaret's, Adbaston. Most of the band gave a sigh of relief when these bells were eventually lowered! The beautiful church of High Offley was next visited. Although the rope-ends were again knotted, the bells ran well and the ringing was quite good. The treble in this tower was given by the Barron Bell Trust in 1941.

It was dark when All Saints', Forton, was reached. Here the ringers stand on a platform in full view of the congregation. These six were the heaviest ring of the day with a tenor of 14½ cwt. Methods ranged from Cambridge to Plain Bob, and everyone enjoyed the pleasant tone, though they had to work harder than in the previous towers. In every tower we were made welcome and we hope that our efforts in some cases have encouraged the local bands to have another try. R. V. M.

The band who rang in the peal at Chester-le-Street in honour of the birth of Penelope Elizabeth Nicholson consisted of six local and two students from Durham University. A previous attempt was lost after two hours' ringing.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley District Society held their monthly meeting at Kirkthorpe, Wakefield, on November 9th, Mr. David Cubitt, in seconding the vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and to Mr. Robinson and Miss P. Handscombe for making the arrangements, made some interesting observations on the east window of the church. This, he said, had survived the Reformation and Cromwell; then about 200 years later it was broken by a ringer who had a grievance against the Church. The present window was going to be replaced by one featuring the Resurrection.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the meeting, when one new member—Mr. Dyson Seargill, of Thornhill, Dewsbury—was elected. The next meeting at Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, on December 14th, will be of special importance.

Mr. Frank Robinson gave the Society a hearty welcome to Kirkthorpe, and said it had been decided to place a new oak altar with frontal in the lady chapel as a memorial to the late vicar (Rev. H. E. Jarman).

The ringing in the afternoon and evening was most useful.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch

Numerous methods were attempted at the meeting of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild at SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge, on November 16th. Tea in the Parish Room was served by the gentlemen members of the local band.

After votes of thanks had been offered to all concerned, the gentlemen returned to the tower while the ladies held their meeting. At 6.45 p.m. the service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Russell B. White), assisted by the curate and attended by 23 ringers.

A READING VETERAN'S FAREWELL

Farewells were said at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, on Sunday, November 17th, to Mr. 'Ted' Foster, who is leaving Reading to live with his son at Farnborough. 'Ted,' who is the last member of the famous band of this church, will be 80 on Boxing Day, and has an association of 70 years with the church, which he joined as a choirboy at the age of 10.

'Ted' learnt to ring at Tilehurst and rang there before joining the St. Laurence company over 30 years ago. He was always in the tower for Sunday ringing at both services, and until his eyes began to fail a few years ago most regular at the practices.

Of the few peals he rang, he was most proud of being in the first of Grandsire Cinques rung at St. Laurence's by an entirely Sunday service band, conducted by the late R. T. Hibbert, ringing the 11th to Stedman Cinques, conducted by the late Bill Pye, and ringing in a peal of Grandsire Triples with one of the five lady members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At his final appearance he took part in call-changes on the back ten, and rang the treble to a well-struck 168 Grandsire Triples before letting the bells down. Three old friends besides the writer were in the touch—Mrs. Catterall, Mrs. Lewington and Bill Rampton—the younger friends being Ray Burton, Mrs. Morley and 'Topper.' After the service, his good health was toasted in 'The Elephant' (well known to members of the A.S.C.Y.'s), and so 'goodbye' to one of the old brigade. W. H.

The band who have been ringing Spliced Surprise Minor in peals recently for the Ely Association would like to express publicly to Mr. C. W. Cook, of Harston, their thanks for his assistance in splicing and proof of composition.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of Lydney, Gloucestershire, are due to be broadcasted prior to a service on the B.B.C. Overseas Service on Sunday next at 5.30 p.m. The service is to be 'made live' to South Africa and the Middle East and then 'recorded' to Canada, U.S.A. and the Caribbean at 2 o'clock the following morning.

We learn that there is a prospect of Wonersh, Surrey, bells being recast into a ring of eight.

An idea for a Christmas present—a year's subscription to 'The Ringing World,' price 28s. post free. Details on this page.

The bells will be heard prior to the service to be broadcast from St. George's Parish Church, Greenock, on Sunday, December 15th, at 9.45 a.m., in the Scottish Home Service. These bells are for chiming only and are a ten with a tenor of 18 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

A tape-recording was taken of a peal attempt of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday week. We hope the recording of the 'fire out' which occurred after the second course had been completed will be helpful evidence if an inquest is held!

An attempt was made on November 23rd to ring a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the middle eight at Worcester Cathedral to welcome the new dean. The attempt unfortunately broke down after three-quarters-of-an-hour; had it been successful this would have been the first peal on the middle eight.

Mr. Louis A. Wilson, the doyen of ringing at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, took part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Wootton Bassett on November 6th to mark the 60th anniversary of his association with this tower. Now in his 83rd year, he is still able to take an active part in ringing, despite two serious illnesses. And many more years of active ringing, Mr. Wilson!

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, has had its six bells restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The rededication of the bells and dedication of a book table to the memory of Mr. Thomas Westgarth took place on November 9th. A report will appear in our next issue.

Congratulations to Mr. George E. Fearn, who rang his 1,400th peal on November 22nd. It was a peal of London Surprise Major, rung at Caythorne, Lincs.

Will Mr. R. G. Leale kindly send details of 720 Superlative Surprise Minor and 540 Yorkshire Court rung in a quarter peal to Mr. Walter Ayre, The Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead? It is generally thought that no true 720 can be obtained of either method.

Four young ringers from West Buckland, North Petherton and Ashcott had a half day's outing on November 9th, ringing in Somerset and Dorset. With local ringers they had Stedman, Kent and Cambridge on the six at Evershot. Most of the towers visited had four bells.

Spliced Doubles on handbells is being practised at Radstock, under the conductorship of Mr. David Hoare. We are hoping to have the pleasure of recording a peal in 47 methods shortly. One in 47 methods was rung, but alas, on a recheck of the composition it was found to be false.

The December issue of 'Surrey W.I. News' contains an interesting article headed 'Bell-ringer Extraordinary,' by N. B. M. P., on ringing at Westminster Abbey and of the services of an Institute husband, Mr. Harold Pitstow. Apart from being secretary of Westminster Abbey ringers Mr. Pitstow has been in charge of the Banstead tower since 1926. He is also musical director of Banstead Amateur Operatic Society.

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SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING 1956

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Maximus 3, Cinques 3, Royal 3, Caters 3, Major 4, Triples 2, Minor 2; total 20.

Bath and Wells Association.—Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 9, Triples 11 (1), Minor 24, Doubles 26 (1); totals 76 (2).

Bedfordshire Association.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 18, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 2 (1); totals 38 (2).

Cambridge University Guild.—Caters 1, Major 11 (1), Triples 1, Minor 4 (2); totals 17 (3).

Chester Guild.—Royal 8, Caters 2, Major 39 (4), Triples 6, Minor 25, Doubles 5; totals 85 (4).

Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Association.—Nil.

Coventry Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 2 (2), Major 6 (1), Triples 2 (1), Doubles 3; totals 14 (4).

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Royal 2, Major 6, Triples 1; total 9.

Derbyshire Association.—Royal 8, Caters 1, Major 29, Triples 3, Minor 23, Doubles 5; total 69.

Devonshire Guild.—Maximus 1, Major 5, Triples 3, Minor 6, Doubles 11; total 26.

Dudley and District Guild.—Major 1; total 1.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 21, Triples 6, Minor 9; total 39.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association.—Minor 3, Doubles 5; total 8.

East Grinstead Guild.—Triples 1, Minor 1; total 2.

Ely Association.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 14 (2), Triples 3, Minor 36, Doubles 10; totals 66 (2).

Essex Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Caters 2, Major 32, Triples 1, Minor 33, Doubles 1; total 72.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Royal 1, Caters 5, Major 10, Triples 6, Minor 13 (1), Doubles 16; totals 51 (1).

Guildford Guild.—Royal 1, Major 12, Minor 7, Doubles 5; total 25.

Hereford Guild.—Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 1, Minor 16, Doubles 14; total 38.

Hertford County Association.—Maximus 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 17 (6), Triples 5, Minor 22 (10), Doubles 2; totals 49 (16).

Irish Association.—Major 2, Doubles 3 (3), totals 5 (3).

Kent County Association.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 48 (2), Triples 19, Minor 35 (2), Doubles 9; totals 113 (4).

Ladies' Guild.—Major 2; total 2.

Lancashire Association.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2, Royal 6, Caters 6 (1), Major 44 (4), Triples 21, Minor 13 (10), Doubles 3; totals 97 (15).

Leicester Guild.—Maximus 4, Cinques 3, Royal 7 (7), Caters 3 (1), Major 62 (19), Triples 18 (3), Minor 26 (5), Doubles 13 (1); totals 136 (36).

Lincoln Guild.—Cinques 6, Royal 6, Caters 2, Major 29 (5), Triples 8, Minor 50, Doubles 4; totals 105 (5).

Llandaff and Monmouth Guild.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 6, Triples 8, Minor 3, Doubles 5; total 25.

London County Association.—Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 5, Triples 2, Minor 1; total 14.

London University Society.—Major 4, Minor 1; total 5.

Midland Counties Guild.—Major 14, Triples 4, Minor 8, Doubles (1); totals 26 (1).

Middlesex County Association.—Caters 2, Major 33 (1), Minor 2; totals 37 (1).

Norwich Association.—Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 42 (1), Triples 6, Minor 52 (3), Doubles 6; totals 113 (4).

North Staffordshire Association.—Royal 1, Major 8, Minor 4; total 13.

North Wales Association.—Major 2, Triples 2, Minor 3, Doubles 1; total 8.

Oxford Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 5, Major 39 (4), Triples 23, Minor 32, Doubles 15; totals 117 (4).

Oxford Society.—Cinques 2, Major 1, Doubles 6; total 9.

Oxford University Society.—Royal 1, Major 3 (1), Minor 3, Doubles 2; totals 9 (1).

Peterborough Guild.—Royal 1, Major 10, Triples 1, Minor 10 (2), Doubles 15; totals 37 (2).

National Police Guild.—Nil.

St. David's Association.—Major 1, Doubles 3; total 4.

St. Martin's Guild.—Cinques 7 (1), Royal 7, Major 41, Triples 3, Minor 1 (1), Doubles (1); totals 59 (3).

Salisbury Guild.—Major 7, Triples 1, Minor 9, Doubles 8; total 25.

Scottish Association.—Nil.

Sheffield and District Association.—Nil.

Shropshire Association.—Royal 1, Major 7, Triples 2, Minor 2, Doubles 1; total 13.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Cinques 2, Caters 2, Major 2, Minor 2, Doubles 2; total 10.

Southwell Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 2, Triples 7, Minor 18, Doubles 3; total 32.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.—Maximus 2, Cinques 3, Royal 10, Caters 5 (1), Major 13 (1), Triples (1), Minor 3, Doubles 5; totals 41 (3).

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 7, Major 31, Triples 2, Minor 35, Doubles 8; total 83.

Surrey Association.—Maximus 1, Cinques 3, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 9, Triples 2, Minor 2; total 20.

Sussex Association.—Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 35, Triples 8, Minor 21 (2), Doubles 6 (2); totals 77 (4).

New South Wales Association.—Doubles 1, total 1.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.—Nil.

Truro Guild.—Major 5, Triples 3, Minor 2, Doubles 3; total 13.

Universities' Association.—Caters 1, Minor 1 (1); totals 2 (1).

Worcester and Districts Association.—Cinques (2), Royal 3 (1), Caters 2 (2), Major 15 (3), Triples 8 (1), Minor 10, Doubles 2; totals 40 (9).

Winchester Guild.—Royal 5, Caters 3 (2), Major 45 (4), Triples 9 (2), Minor 14 (25), Doubles 4; totals 80 (33).

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 2, Royal 9, Caters 3, Major 48, Triples 6, Minor 34 (3), Doubles 1 (8); totals 103 (11).

Other Societies and unattached.—Caters 1, Major 2, Triples 3, Minor 5 (1), Doubles 1; totals 12 (1).

Totals.—2,191 (175). Grand total, 2,366.

Figures in brackets denote handbell peals.

A FURTHER ANALYSIS

Particulars of methods having had more than ten peals rung in them during 1956:—

Maximus: None.

Cinques: Stedman 30.

Royal: Cambridge 33, Plain Bob 22, Yorkshire 18, Kent 10.

Caters: Stedman 38, Grandsire 31.

Major: Plain Bob 181, Yorkshire 104, Cambridge 95, Double Norwich 65, Bristol 52, Kent 45, London 44, Spliced Surprise (2 to 12 methods) 43, Superlative 29, Lincolnshire 25, Rutland 19, Little Bob 16.

Triples: Grandsire 123, Stedman 72, Plain Bob 13.

Minor: 14 methods and over 29.

Doubles: 7 methods and over 29.

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(Peals Analysis Committee).

Christmas Bells On The Air

From 9.20 to 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, immediately before the broadcast service from Nunton Parish Church, Wiltshire, a round-up of bells from seven churches will be heard in the Home Service.

The bells will be introduced and the various towers linked by Stuart Hibberd, and the churches will be St. Peter's, Colchester; St. Mary's, Brecon; Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham; the West Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen; St. Andrew's, Plymouth; St. George's, Doncaster, and St. Mark's, Dundela, Belfast.

PORTSMOUTH HAS NEW GUILD

On the principle that good bells are of little use without good and sufficient ringers, the recent efforts to get Portsmouth Cathedral bells rehung and augmented to ten have been followed by efforts to reconstitute and augment the original band of ringers.

Under the presidency of the Provost of Portsmouth (Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff), there has now come into being the Guild of Ringers of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, with a carefully-framed constitution and duly elected officers. These are: Tower captain and steeple keeper, F. W. Burnett; chairman of the Guild and deputy tower captain, Albert York-Bramble; secretary-treasurer, Miss S. K. M. Knight (35, Brighton Avenue, Gosport); committee — Surgeon-Captain A. Lawrey (R.N., retd.); Russell Parker and F. J. Edwards. Remaining members, including learners, complete a present total of 24 ringers. There is also 'associate' membership.

The bells, now being rehung and augmented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are to be dedicated on Sunday, December 22nd, by the Bishop of Portsmouth during the 11 a.m. matins.

The bells will be open to local and visiting ringers that day from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and all interested in this new ring of ten will be welcome during those times. Contributions to the 'Augmentation Fund' will be gratefully received and should be addressed to The Cathedral Office, St. Thomas' Street, Old Portsmouth.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Bristol University Society had an enjoyable outing to Gloucester on November 9th. Ringing on the six at St. Mary-de-Lode preceded the visit to the Cathedral, where Mr. Les Barry met the party. The enormous ringing room with louvres for windows surprised those who were making their first visit. Most of the space in the centre was taken up by Great Peter, the 58 cwt. Bourdon clock bell, and this struck while the back eight of the ten (tenor 25 cwt.) were being raised in peal. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung before the back eight were lowered in peal. We had been warned that no bad ringing was allowed on the bells: we hope we did not disgrace ourselves.

After attending Evensong, the party took a bus to Barnwood, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich C.B. and Bristol Surprise Major were rung (tenor 10¼ cwt.). Mr. Barry met us again afterwards at St. Mary-de-Crypt. Here an over-enthusiastic member overturned her bell at the command 'Stand.' which delayed ringing about ten minutes. Cambridge Surprise Major was among the touches rung here. Thank you, all.

M. E. D.

DEDICATIONS OF BELLS THAT WILL RING FOR CHRISTMAS

Bradley, Near Bilston, Staffs

It is almost exactly 50 years since the bells of St. Martin's Church, Bradley, were last heard, but this long silence has now been broken. For some time efforts have been made to raise the necessary funds for the restoration of the bells, and this was finally accomplished when the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. A. S. Reeve) dedicated the new ring of eight on November 23rd.

The church was crowded for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Dentith), with the Rev. C. H. Barker, the clerical secretary of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, acting as bishop's chaplain. The Society's lay secretary (Mr. F. Bennett) was also present, together with other officers, and the bell-founders were represented by Mr. Paul Taylor. A public address system had been installed in the ringing room in order that the actual dedication prayers spoken by the Bishop could be heard by the congregation in the nave below and also by other parishioners in the school nearby. This was followed by a few minutes' rounds by a band drawn from towers in the surrounding district.

In his address, the Bishop outlined the contribution made by the bells to both national life and Church work, and praised the efforts of ringers who were trying to maintain regular Sunday ringing. He also paid tribute to the amount of work done by the Vicar and his helpers in achieving their objective, as the whole cost of the restoration had been paid. Immediately following the service a touch of Grandsire Triples by the same band was successfully brought round, in spite of the sudden reappearance in the belfry of the Bishop and the church officials, headed by the indefatigable Press. His Lordship spoke a few words of appreciation and encouragement to the ringers before leaving.

The tower was then open until 8 p.m., and a large company, which included many ringing notabilities of the Midlands, enjoyed themselves on the new bells in a variety of methods from rounds to six-spliced Surprise Major. In spite of catering for a dance later in the evening, the ladies of the parish had arranged a bountiful tea in the school, which was greatly appreciated by all the visitors.

One person for whom this was a red-letter day was Mr. William Bayliss, now aged 78, who is the sole survivor of the original band. Although he does not enjoy good health and his sight has begun to fail, he took part in some rounds during a silent practice on the previous evening, when an excellent photograph of him was taken. He could not, however, be persuaded to take a rope for the dedication ringing.

The restoration consisted of lowering the bell-frame about 18 ft. in the tower and recasting the bells, their total weight being reduced by some 25 cwt. They are now a tuneful eight with a tenor of 11¼ cwt. in G, and are a typical product of the Loughborough foundry, the interior acoustics being first-class. A local team is at present undergoing training, directed by Mr. D. Holden, of Coseley, and it is a source of satisfaction that one of them was able to take part unaided in rounds during the evening. Practices have been fixed for Friday evenings, at which any helpers will be gratefully welcomed.

Dereham, Norfolk

A large congregation of parishioners and ringers filled the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Dereham, on November 16th, for the dedication of the recast tenor by the Bishop of Norwich. The occasion was saddened by the sudden death of Major John Wormald, who was churchwarden when the Bell Fund was launched, and whose name is inscribed on the bell.

In his address, the Bishop said: 'Our natural joy at the successful conclusion of the work must be overshadowed by the death of Major Wormald, who by his uprightness and integrity was an example to all. It is fitting that Major Wormald's name is inscribed on the tenor bell, for it does mean some small but lasting memorial of his care for this church and the project which brings us here today.'

Continuing, the Bishop said that, without bells, the bell tower was nothing more than a relic of the past, dead and useless. Now they had given life back to the tower, and although it might be fanciful, he thought the tower itself was glad to be able to be true to the purpose for which it was built.

The Bishop referred to a discussion at the Church Assembly on the necessity for bringing the Church into touch with present-day life, and the idea which had been suggested of a national mission to call the people back to God. 'Whether that vision is practicable I am not going to discuss,' he said, 'but it does draw attention to the necessity for the voice of the Church being heard by the world outside.

'I always think of the bells of the church as to some extent fulfilling that purpose. Just as the church bells are a kind of voice, bringing a message of something higher and purer than this life, so they help us to realise that in some kind of way we have to shine forth among men, to be witnesses and, if you like, advertisements, of what our religion means.'

After his address the Bishop left the church and crossed to the bell tower, accompanied by other clergy and the churchwardens. In the tower he dedicated the new work, and his words were relayed by loudspeakers to the congregation.

The opening touch, a course of Grandsire Triples, was rung by officers of the Association. The Rev. H. G. Lillingston (president) 1, C. Bird (Branch secretary) 2, W. Love (general secretary and treasurer) 3, F. C. Goodman (Branch committee) 4, A. G. Bason (Branch chairman) 5, G. Sayer (Branch Ringing Master) 6, N. Golden (vice-president) 7, H. W. Barrett (Association Ringing Master) 8.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Noel Boston), prayers being led by Rev. A. A. Eden and Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Vicar of Great Yarmouth). One of the lessons was read by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council. Also present were the Rev. G. G. E. Dodson (rector of Gressenhall), the Rev. A. R. Walter (rector of Scarning) and Mr. John P. Fidler, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, who carried out the restoration.

A new steel frame has been installed and the other bells retuned. Weight of the tenor is 23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. The cost of the work is estimated at £2,400 and the parish has already raised over £2,000 for it.

The bells were available to the many ringers —approximately 80 to 100—after the service till 9 p.m. The Suffolk Association was represented by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. Chas. Sedgley (former Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild) and Mr. Ronald W. Clouston. Mr. Norman Harding represented the Ely Association.

Our thanks and appreciation are recorded for the hospitality extended to us by the Vicar and parishioners after the service, and for the use of the bells. W. L.

Trumpington, Cambridge

The Church of SS. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, Cambridge, now has eight musical bells, installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The dedication by the Lord Bishop of Ely was on November 16th in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers and friends.

During the singing of the hymn 'Lifted now within the steeple, All our bells are set on high,' the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the west end. After the dedication and prayers, rounds were rung by the local band, assisted by Mrs. F. E. Haynes (a member, until her marriage) and Mr. Peter Border (who learnt the rudiments of ringing in this tower). The signals for starting and standing were given by Mr. F. E. Haynes (who also first handled a bell rope at Trumpington) with Miss Ruth Jackson at the foot of the stairs flashing lights.

In his sermon, Dr. Noel Hudson said he brought the love and prayers and congratulations of all the churches in the diocesan family. He knew, he said, what enterprise, offerings, prayers and vision were behind the accession of the peal.

As the congregation left the church a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, followed by Stedman, with Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. T. R. Dennis taking part.

After tea, ringing ranged from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise, and continued until 9 p.m. Amongst the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Heazel, Mr. F. Sharpe (president of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mr. and Mrs. Coles, Mr. Sedgley, Mr. Clouston and Mr. Fordham.

That it would be hard to find a better ring for its weight was the general verdict, and the 'go' was perfect. Five of the old bells have been recast, more metal added to replace the mediæval bell, now on view in the church. The new trebles have been given as a memorial by one of the local band—the treble for her parents and the second for her four grandparents.

In 1928, a splendid oak frame was put in by Messrs. R. White, of Appleton: this has been used with the necessary additions. The eight bells just fit perfectly into the tower on one level.

Now an intensive drive is being made to find recruits and train them, in order to have all the bells ringing for morning and evening prayer on Sundays.

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TWIN HUNT AND SINGLE HUNT TRIPLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—At the Central Council meeting this year it was agreed that the new collection of Triples methods should include all symmetric twin-hunt five-lead and single-hunt three-lead pure Triples methods.

The complete list below of such methods will no doubt prove of interest to the Exercise, especially the purists and those who remember the outcry against irregular methods from certain learned gentlemen.

The single-hunt regular methods can be found in 'The Ringing World,' August 17th, 1956, and their classifications April 12th, 1957.—Yours sincerely,

Windsor. F. T. BLAGROVE.

TWIN HUNT (FIVE LEAD) TRIPLES

1.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Single Oxford Bob
2.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Hereward Bob
3.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Stanstead College Bob
4.	3; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Double Oxford Bob
5.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Grandsire
6.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 3; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	City Bob
7.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Double Grandsire
8.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Laughton's Pleasure
9.	3; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	St. Clement's College Bob
10.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Darlaston Bob
11.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 3; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Ledbury Delight
12.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Dunstable Bob
13.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Double College
14.	5; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	St. Albans Delight
15.	5; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	London Delight
16.	5; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Reverse Ledbury Delight
17.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Single Court
18.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Grandsire Court
19.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	Double Court
20.	7; 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1;	London College Bob
21.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 5; 7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Reverse Grandsire
22.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 1; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	St. Bride's Pleasure
23.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 3; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	College
24.	7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 3, 7; 5; 7, 3, 7, 1, 7, 1;	Lancashire Delight

At a bob, all the above end 1, 3, 1;

SINGLE HUNT PURE TRIPLES

1.	3, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 1, 5, 1, 3; 1;	—
2.	3, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 5, 1, 3; 1;	St. Dunstan's III
3.	3, 1, 7, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 1, 7, 1, 3; 1;	—
4.	3, 1, 7, 1, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 1, 7, 1, 3; 1;	Grandsire Double III
5.	5, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 1, 5, 1, 5; 1;	College Single III
6.	5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 5, 1, 5; 1;	
7.	5, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 3, 5, 1, 5; 1;	College Double III
8.	5, 1, 7, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 7, 1, 5; 1;	Twickenham III
9.	5, 1, 7, 3, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 3, 7, 1, 5; 1;	
10.	7, 1, 5, 1, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 1, 5, 1, 7; 1;	Fulham III
11.	7, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 1, 5, 1, 7; 1;	
12.	7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 5, 1, 7; 1;	London Double III
13.	7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 3, 5, 1, 7; 1;	
14.	7, 1, 5, 3, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 3, 5, 1, 7; 1;	
15.	7, 1, 7, 1, 7, 5; 7; 5, 7, 1, 7, 1, 7; 1;	Cundell's III
16.	7, 1, 7, 3, 7, 1; 7; 1, 7, 3, 7, 1, 7; 1;	London Reverse III
17.	7, 1, 7, 3, 7, 3; 7; 3, 7, 3, 7, 1, 7; 1;	Reading III

At a bob, methods 5 to 9 end 1, 7; 1; and the other methods end 1, 5; 1;

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Dublin on Whitsun Tuesday, May 27th, 1958.

Headquarters will be the Central Hotel, Exchequer Street. Terms are 23s. bed and breakfast to members and friends. Those booking should mention the Council meeting.

Further details will be given later.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

DUTCH SCOUTS' CAMPANILE

SCOUTS' 'CAMPANILE.'—This novelty at the Scout Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield was erected by one of the Dutch contingents. The bells were 'rung' by means of ropes attached to the clappers and leading to a small frame similar to those used for Ellacombe chimers. Mr. C. T. Blundell, who submitted the picture, regretted that he was unable to grab the tower.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD HOLD A BEGINNERS' MEETING

A most successful by-meeting, primarily for learners, was held at Lamerton on Nov. 23rd. Members came from Lifton, Kelly, Plympton St. Maurice, St. Andrew's and Emmanuel, Plymouth. The president (Preb. Cox) made the journey from Exeter and Miss Boyle brought two of her young ringers from Combe Martin.

The bells were going continuously from 2.45 to 8.30, except for a break for the service, tea and short meeting, and two spells to 'splice' broken ropes; but the Vicar was pleased to tell us new ropes were on order.

The Vicar conducted the Guild service, and the president read the lesson. An excellent tea with home-made pastries was provided by the ladies of the church.

After the Vicar had extended a very cordial welcome to the Branch, the president said that on seeing the advertisement in 'The Ringing World' of the meeting, with emphasis on 'learners,' he felt he must come, and he had been most impressed by what he had seen that afternoon and congratulated the Branch on such a forward movement.

The chairman (Mr. H. N. Thomas) expressed thanks to the Vicar, the organist, local ringers and ladies: carried with acclamation. The chairman added that he felt that sincere thanks and congratulations were due to Mr. W. Harvey for his work in the Lifton area in training beginners in change-ringing.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. G. Myers), who is also the Branch secretary, and consisted of Grandsire Doubles with a beginner on the treble each time and two or three others who were able to ring 'inside' at each touch. The Ringing Master proclaimed that six of the 'learners' had passed the test and he would recommend them for Guild certificates. Mr. R. Lyndon, of Emmanuel, was presented with his certificate by the president, and two new members—Messrs. Wells and Fice, of Stowford—were admitted.

A touch of Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob by the experienced ringers present brought to a close a most successful meeting. H. H. T.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRANSPOSITION AND TRANS——?

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to the readers who answered my appeal. Mr. York-Bramble's comments agree with my ideas, but I do not see the necessity of inventing new terms more than is necessary. My definition of 'transposition' concurs with a generally accepted one; it is only the other term which is new. One cannot express either idea without comparison with an arbitrary row, be it 12345678 or abcdefgh, and the generally accepted first method need not be confused with just a row.

Mr. Marshall seems to have gone off the rails, as his stated values for A×B, B×A, A+B, B+A all seem incorrect. B×A is not equal to A+B, and I adhere to my point, stated more correctly as Mr. Carlisle points out, that transpositions and transfigures are 'co-fundamental,' and that they are exactly complementary. A. Y.-B.'s term 'transfix' seems to me to waive this relationship, although it has the merit of not approaching the devotional term 'Transfiguration.'

The 'something deeper' that I have in mind is the theory of part-composition, which admittedly is mainly academic, but does sometimes produce new peal plans. It may be proved that a group of rows used as part-ends is sufficient to generate the extent of a method; but the converse, that a group is necessary, has not been proved to my knowledge. The first proof involves the fundamental property I stated, and I venture to suggest that 'transfiguring' is a process which is often done by composers and conductors, e.g., in working out (I will not say transposing!) rows in a peal by the coursing order.

I do hope that a decision will somehow be reached, as a definite term will remove ambiguity from the term 'transposition.'—Yours faithfully, BRIAN D. PRICE.

Brighouse, Yorks.

A LONG CLAWSON MEMORY

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to read in 'The Ringing World' of October 4th of the meeting of Melton Mowbray District at Long Clawson in the lovely Vale of Belvoir. When the secretary prepared his report he little thought that his paragraph would give a thrill to a former member living 12,000 miles away.

As a youngster, I learned to ring on these bells. They are very difficult for a learner owing to the long draught of rope. I fully agree with Mr. Pat Cannon in the report of his visit here about a year ago that the bells can be well struck in changes, including Stedman, but the ringers must be expert in handling and bell-control and ring at a steady pace.

The bells have a lovely deep tone with a tenor of 19¼ cwt. The fourth bell is pre-Reformation, being cast about A.D. 1400. Mr. Harry Bartram, of Melton, used to warn visiting ringers that 'you can't ring these bells with your wrists.'

The bells have a very interesting history, and it was good of your correspondent to recall the only peal to be rung on them, conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris, and in which I took part during my last visit to England in 1927.

Like Mark Twain, I have to smile when he mentions me by name and adds 'who *was* a native of Long Clawson.' I think that it would have been correct to have written who *is* a native of Long Clawson.

May I congratulate the captain of Long Clawson (Mr. Edward Tinsley) upon having completed 50 years of continuous service with this tower. This is the type of steadfastness and loyalty of which the Exercise is so justly proud.

With all good wishes.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH (Capt., retd.).

Turramurra, Australia.

PEAL FEES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—Many Associations which do not already charge a peal fee seem to be trying to introduce this extra source of income, and some have succeeded, so I think that an appeal for a certain amount of sanity over the question is not out of place, after so much sense and nonsense has been said on the subject.

The usual reason put forward for a peal fee is the high cost of annual reports. Many Associations publish peals in 'The Ringing World' style, which requires a lot of space. As far as the peal ringer is concerned, this is quite unnecessary, as the peals have already appeared once in 'The Ringing World.' Peals are published in 'The Ringing World' as news; by the time a report is printed they have become past history. Consequently the only obvious reason for printing them again is as a record for the Association. If the Association wants to keep a record of peals, surely it, i.e., every member, should pay for it. After all, an annual report should ideally be an account of all the activities of the Association, not just the peals, and would thus be of interest to all its members.

Much has been said about peal ringers and Sunday service ringers. Let me say now that I know many service ringers who are not peal ringers, but only two peal ringers who are not service ringers. It would seem from this that the deciding majority of ringers are biased against peal ringing, or are indifferent. It is easy to vote that somebody else pays. The essential financial difference btween the peal ringer and the Sunday service ringer is that while the former spends a considerable amount travelling and usually gives (or should give) a donation to the church he visits, the latter invariably just attends his own church, which the peal ringer does anyway.

In most cases it is up to the conductor to forward the fee to the Association. After a conductor has spent quite a lot of money and trouble arranging a peal, often for someone else's benefit, he is now asked to do even more. This is hardly an encouragement to the young conductor to arrange peals. I feel that the levying of a peal fee will discourage ringers to arrange peals, and that the resulting drop in peal ringing will in time cause a porportional drop in the standard of Sunday service ringing.

This letter is not intended as a criticism of any particular Association or body of ringers, so I feel justified in signing myself

'A SUNDAY SERVICE & PEAL RINGER.'

'THOSE I REMEMBER'

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the article 'Those I Remember,' by Ernest Morris, especially the Birmingham memories, when I saw my own father's name, Bernard Witchell, mentioned (the name is Witchell and not Mitchell as printed in 'The Ringing World' dated November 15th); I felt very pleased.

I remember hearing my father speak of many of the names mentioned in the article, and how proud he would be if he were still with us to know that his only grandchild, my daughter, is a member of the Abbey band of ringers, Erdington.—Yours faithfully,

WINIFRED HAMPTON, née Witchell.

Erdington.

A COMPOSITION OF YORK GREEN'S

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the composition of Yorkshire Surprise Major published on page 764 of 'The Ringing World,' under the name of E. W. Tipler, was composed by York Green, a prominent London composer, over 50 years ago, as a peal of Superlative Surprise Major. It was rung at St. Mary's Church, Islington, on April 15th, 1902, conducted by W. Pye, and the figures appear in the Middlesex Association report for 1902, on page 82, peal No. 251.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

DEATH OF MR. J. PILLING

At the advanced age of 93 years the death occurred on November 18th at Saddleworth Fold of Mr. Jonathan Pilling. A ringer at St. Chad's Church, Saddleworth, he was the second oldest resident of the district.

Though not a peal ringer, his chief delight was to hear bells rung well, and he was himself a good striker, though of recent years he had become slightly deaf. He often accompanied the ringers from Friezland to contests, and Jonathan and his contemporaries won many contests round about the latter years of the 19th century, both in Minor and Major towers. A much travelled man, he returned to Britain from America to volunteer for the Forces at the outbreak of the Boer War.

The funeral took place on November 22nd, and Mr. Joseph Burgess and Mr. George Perrin attended on behalf of the Friezland tower.

On November 24th a team consisting of Messrs. J. Smith, J. Hulme, G. Perrin, J. Burgess, A. J. Bennett and A. Farrand rang 720 Oxford T.B., fully-muffled, at the conclusion of morning service, and afterwards adjourned to the Church Inn, to obey one of Mr. Pilling's last instructions—to 'have one on me.' We've lost a grand old gentleman. A. T.

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THOSE I REMEMBER

By ERNEST MORRIS

(Continued from page 744)

AFTER my father had started me off on my ringing career when I was a schoolboy of about 12 years of age, I remember my grandfather—George Morris—telling me that in his young days he 'did a bit of bellringing.' He was a native of Cattistock, in Dorset, whose church at that time had a small west tower with three bells. This tower formed a porch entrance to the church through which the congregation passed. The ringers performed from the ground floor, their ropes coming down in a straight line near the side wall. The three ringers used to stand and face the wall, throwing their ropes down it, thus making an admirable guide, and it was well nigh impossible to miss the 'sally.' The congregation meanwhile passing into church behind the ringers' backs did not disturb them.

CATTISTOCK'S CARILLON

In later years a rector of Cattistock—the Rev. H. Keith Barnes—who came of a wealthy family, pulled the old tower down and had a new and very fine one erected (a miniature of the central bell Harry tower of Canterbury Cathedral). In this tower (1882) he had installed a carillon of 33 bells by Van Aeschodt, of Belgium, with eight hung for ringing in full swing. Every year he arranged for a carillon recital to be given by the late Mons. J. Denyn, of Malines Cathedral, and before he left, that Master of this art used to rearrange the chime barrel to play different tunes at the appointed hours by the clock.

During the second world war (1941) a fire occurred in this tower and the carillon was destroyed—not a war casualty—and although covered by insurance the authorities would not allow a carillon to be erected, deeming this to be a luxury! They did, however, allow the erection of the present light ring of eight bells.

AN UNBURIED CORPSE—NO RINGING

Recently (June,1953) when on a visit to my brother, George Stedman Morris, of Lyme Regis, he arranged for a peal at Cattistock so that we both might ring at our ancestral home. After some difficulty he got a team together, some coming from long distances, and we met at the appointed time. Imagine our great disappointment, when all assembled, to be told: 'You cannot ring—there is an unburied corpse in the village!' It is an age-old custom here (and in other villages) that no bells shall ring while an unburied corpse lies around, and although we appealed to the rector to allow us to ring muffled he—very sorrowfully—informed us he dare not allow it; it would be looked upon as a scandal and an unforgivable sin! So, although I have visited the home of my paternal ancestors and been in the belfry, I have not rung there!

As a youth, and as soon as I had 'got going' as a change ringer, I remarked to my father: 'Anybody can ring bells—but how many of these fine gentlemen know all about the bells themselves—their founders, their inscriptions, their history, romance, legends, etc.?' There was no one in Leicester, certainly; so I set about finding out all I could from reference books and all other sources possible, eventually compiling—as the years progressed—a sort of library of campanology. I never regretted spending all the time and energy in this effort, fully realising that 'the more one puts into a thing, the more one gets out of it.'

Then shortly after I had begun to do all this came the great thrill of going to the bell-foundry and seeing the actual processes. This came at a time of a meeting of the old M.C.A., when—as today—the foundry was opened for visiting ringers to wander around and see bells in every state of manufacture, and old bells in for restoration from all parts of the globe. That inspiration I got well over 50 years ago still keeps my attention and fascination even though I have visited the foundry hundreds of times.

JOHN W. TAYLOR

An even more—to me—wonderful and inspiring event was when I first saw the bell-founder himself—John W. Taylor, sen. I had read so much of and been told such a lot about him, I could not help but gaze with awe at this great little man with the shaggy small beard and twinkling eyes. He it was who had engineered the casting of so many noble bells and famous rings, and the great masterpiece 'Great Paul'—the largest bell in the British Empire. This famous bell, cast in 1881 (before I was born!), had a most momentous journey from Loughborough to the Metropolis by road, it being too large and heavy to be transported by rail. There at St. Paul's Cathedral it was hung in the south-west tower, where—in the north-west tower—the fine ring of 12 bells was hung four years earlier.

Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., died on November 20th, 1906, in his 80th year, and at his 'passing' many tributes to his great achievements were received. The Leicester ringers rang handbells over his grave and followed with a half-muffled peal of Caters at Loughborough Parish Church. My father took part in this. In his younger days Mr. Taylor was an enthusiastic ringer and was very proud of one unique performance when he and two of his sons and seven employees rang a peal of Caters in 1888.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN.

Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., followed his father as head of the firm, being born on May 23rd, 1853, and in his prime became one of the leading Midlands ringers, taking part in some 220 peals, of which he conducted about half. He travelled considerably on the Continent and his knowledge of the carillons of Holland, Belgium and France was unsurpassed by that of anyone on this side of the Channel.

After serving the M.C.A. as vice-president for many years, upon the death of Sir Arthur P. Heywood he became president, and for over 25 years served on the Central Council. Four of his sons served in the great war, three of them making the supreme sacrifice while the fourth (Pryce) was wounded. Mr. Taylor (jun.) was a great figure in more ways than one: big in body and in mind and ability, his passing on June 14th, 1919, at the age of 66, was a great blow to the Exercise at large.

E. DENISON TAYLOR

He and his brother, E. Denison Taylor, had shared the management of the foundry, and now Mr. Denison carried on with the assistance of his nephew, Mr. Pryce Taylor. The latter unfortunately died while on a business trip to Canada in 1927, and I well remember the sad home-coming as I took part in the handbell tribute to his memory at the graveside. Mr. Pryce Taylor was a good ringer and took part in the first peal of Maximus ever to be rung in Leicester, which I conducted at St. Margaret's in 1922. At this time I met Mr. Denison Taylor on many occasions, he invariably taking me in his car to various meetings of the M.C.A. whenever I could not get otherwise. On one occasion he sent for me and explained that for some

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District held their nomination meeting at Chobham on November 16th. About 40 ringers attended, with ringing ranging from rounds to an attempt for Cambridge Major, which came to grief as some of the ringers could not see their Ringer's Diary! However, some were able to ring their first course of Stedman, others Double Norwich Court Bob, and yet others Plain Bob Major, so all was not in vain.

The Vicar (Rev. O. R. Acworth) conducted the Guild office and gave an interesting address, taking his text from the first prayer of that service, 'So that by our service to Thee, in the art of bellringing, and in the manner of our lives, we may continually play our part.' Tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared and served by the ladies of the local band.

The Vicar took the chair for the business meeting. The following were nominated to serve for 1958: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. King; hon. District secretary, Miss H. Hancock; executive committee, Mr. J. King and Mr. T. Luxford, the latter to serve for the remaining year of Mr. Goldstone's term, he wishing to retire.

The District Ringing Master gave a report on the meeting of the executive committee held the previous Saturday in Guildford. The question of restarting the Guild summer festival was also raised, and it was agreed to bring this before the Guild A.G.M. Mr. W. Horne proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the girls for such a grand tea, also to the Vicar, and Mr. P. Readings, the organist.

On view was the new tower peal record book, beautifully written by Mrs. B. Thompson. This would seem to be the answer to the high cost of peal boads, as the Delight books seem good for a hundred years.

Ringing continued till 8.45, a complaint to the Bishop being threatened the next day by a local resident! (The Vicar ignored one made to him.) R. C.

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years he had been trying to write up a 'Chronology of British Bell-founders,' but time would not allow him to finish the work, and he requested me to do this. As a bell-founder Mr. Denison Taylor had a complete knowledge of the art in all its phases. His opinions on bells were sought by campanologists the world over, and during the time he directed the business many thousands of bells—large and small—were cast and sent out to all parts of the world.

He, in his younger days, rang quite a number of peals, but a hunting accident injured his left arm and so ended that side of his many musical attainments. He was a bachelor. At his funeral in September, 1947, a large and representative gathering mourned his 'passing,' and at the graveside on a large set of handbells a slow and solemn course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. P. Fidler 1-2, Harry Withers (Birmingham) 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Horace Stubbs 7-8.

Mr. John Taylor, jun., had a fifth son, Paul Lea Taylor, who now so assiduously carries on the tradition of this long line of bell-founders; and he—like his predecessors—is a ringer of no mean ability. I have had the great honour and privilege of taking part in a number of peals with him and (D.V.) hope to attain many more.

(To be continued)

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—At St. James' Church, Berwell, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ross 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, A. Wallace 3, S. Dixon 4, R. S. Mallaburn 5, R. Borrow 6. Rung for Evensong at the re-dedication of the steeple after war damage. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Ross 1, A. Wallace 2, G. Corse 3, S. Dixon 4, R. S. Mallaburn 5, R. Borrow 6. For Confirmation service.

OBITUARY

THE REV. C. J. STURTON

The death occurred at his home, Orston House, Farndon, Newark, on November 19th, of the Rev. Charles James Sturton, who was Vicar of Orston-with-Thoroton from 1911 to 1935. He was 91.

Mr. Sturton, who obtained his B.A. at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, was ordained a deacon in 1904, and held curacies in Wiltshire and Lincolnshire, before going to Orston in 1911.

In his younger days Mr. Sturton was a noted ringer, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of ringing friends. He had rung many peals in his day, and although these may not have included 'Surprise' peals or peals on the highest numbers, they were rung at a time when peals were harder to get and all the sweeter when earned. He represented the Midland Counties Association on the Central Council from 1918 to 1920.

The Rev. C. J. Sturton was one of nature's gentlemen and his kindly nature and genial disposition endeared people to him. He is survived by a widow and two married daughters, Mrs. R. W. K. Parlby and Mrs. Norman Smith, to whom much sympathy is extended.

J. W. R.

MR. DAVID McINROY

The tragic death of Mr. David McInroy at Glasgow last week is regretted by many friends. Aged 24 years, and of a quiet and unassuming nature, David had studied at Glasgow University and held the degrees of M.A. and B.Sc. He was finishing his training and had decided to be a maths teacher. He had graduated from choirboy to bellringer at Dunblane Cathedral and was making steady progress in the art of change-ringing.

During his National Service with the R.A.F. he was stationed at Farnborough, where he attended the local tower and spoke of the happy times he sent there. Since he came to Glasgow some months ago he regularly attended service ringing and practices at St. Mary's Cathedral, and was a welcome addition to the band.

The funeral service was held on November 23rd at Dunblane Cathedral, at which the various Church organisations were represented, and included Messrs. E. Boumphrey (captain), E. A. Stafford (secretary) and D. Stephenson, from St. Mary's, Glasgow. The many mourners present testified to David's popularity. Afterwards the cortège proceeded to the local cemetery, and in accordance with an old Scottish custom was attended only by males. A suggestion that handbells be rung at the graveside was abandoned on the grounds that they might not be appreciated locally.

With the approval of the Provost, St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled for service ringing.

May he rest in peace. E. A. S.

MR. RICHARD W. LOGIE

One of the last links with the Burton ringers of the last century was severed with the recent death in Leicester Infirmary, following an operation, of Mr. Richard William Logie.

Mr. Logie was in his 94th year and was for many years a ringer at Burton Parish Church, although he gave up active ringing some 40 years ago.

He had taken part in a number of peals for the Midland Counties Association and his name appears on early peal boards in Winshill belfry.

LATE NOTICE

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, Fareham, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Wallington Hill Guest House. Please notify by previous Wednesday A. Sturgess, 4, Potters Avenue, Fareham. 1453

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

PHILLIMORE—POWELL.—The engagement is announced between Thomas Charles Phillmore and Sylvia Powell, both of Canterbury. 1437

DEATH

LEE.—On Tuesday, November 26th, 1957, at 25, Joseph Street, Rotherham, Margaret Lee, beloved wife of George S. Lee and dear mother of Margaret and Janet. 1429

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from readers to friends will be published in our issue of December 20th. Price 4s. for 36 words.

GUILD OF RAILWAYMEN CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—The Guild has had close upon 100 applications for information and membership, and whilst 'built to last,' its members must be live, interested, enthusiastic and progressive. Meetings have been arranged for York, May 3rd (A.G.M.), and Norwich, September 27th, and will be held regionally in rotation, whatever the outcome of negotiations with the Staff Association. Please forward subscription for 1957 (if not already done) together with 6d. for membership card. Subscription: 2s. 6d., Juniors 1s. Give name, grade, station and private address to W. Frank Stenson, hon. secretary and treasurer, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 1418

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 1383

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 1407

EWELME, OXFORDSHIRE.—Meeting, Dec. 7th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Baker, 18, Hampden Way, Ewelme. Ringing till 8 p.m. All are welcome. 1381

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 1413

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Oxhey (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —K. R. Dunstan, 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 1396

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. —Meeting at Yardley (Birmingham) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 4 p.m. 1391

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Lyme Regis, Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Pannell, Beaminster. 1382

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 7th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in canteen. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road underground three minutes) bells (8) available after tea. All very welcome!—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs. 1360

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Chantry's. Names for tea to Mr. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. Ringing after meeting at All Saints'. 1374

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. 1400

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Dinner at White Hart, Somerton, on Friday, Dec. 13th. Bells 6.30 p.m. Short service 7.15. Dinner 7.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tickets (8s. 6d.) before Dec. 7th, from W. Turk, Glebe Cottage, Martock. 1392

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 6 p.m., Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C. Ringing beforehand.—J. Chilcott, Sec. 1435

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monkbretton, Barnsley, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring your own food—cups of tea provided. Special meeting. —J. W. Buxton. 1416

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Kindly notify for tea T. J. Setter, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 1419

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—L. H. Bywater, Dis. Sec. 1446

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Tarporley, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Dec. 11th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 1449

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting at Neston, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea *free* for those notifying by previous Wednesday. Please note annual dinner, entertainment and dance at Moreton, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958. Tickets 17s. 6d. each.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1450

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton-in-Cleveland at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 14th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1451

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting (annual for Chesterfield District), Staveley, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickenson, High Street, Staveley, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper, J. Segar. 1426

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 11th to Rev. R. E. Meredith, Bishopwearmouth Clergy House, Sunderland. 1424

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—On Saturday, Dec. 14th, Leigh (6). Names to Mr. B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 1447

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Huntingdon Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 1440

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tydd St. Giles, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. —J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 1431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, conducted by Rev. G. Smith. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Dec. 10th.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 1395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Malmesbury Abbey Church, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 1433

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Redmarley D'Abitôt, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Dudley Wilson, Little Close, Redmarley, Gloucester. 1422

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Christ Church, Swindon, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Names for tea to Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon. —W. B. Kynaston. 1420

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss M. Finch, 3, Union Street, Farnborough, Hants.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1432

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to Mr. B. Barker, 6a, Meadow Way, King's Langley. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 1368

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 10th, please, to T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne. 1401

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea *essential by Wednesday, 11th*, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 1423

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Everton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. T. E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Liverpool, 6.—T. E. Radcliffe, Sec. 1425

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service and dedication of peal board 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation.—L. Walmsley. 1427

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea arranged in café 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. For tea notify by Wednesday, 11th, F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 1443

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting at Whitwick, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Beniston, 171, Hall Lane, Whitwick. 1436

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Llantrisant. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 1376

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, 3 p.m. Business 4 p.m., tea to follow. Service and further ringing afterwards on the recently augmented ring of eight. Alight at St. Ann's Road from buses Nos. 623, 627, 659 or 679.—T. J. Lock. 1438

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Childrey (6) available evening. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 1403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Granborough on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (5) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting, Wolvercote, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 11th to Mr. W. Godwin, 18, Meadow Prospect, Wolvercote, Oxford. 1410

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice at St. Laurence's, Reading, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 6.30 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 1441

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Llandovery, Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 1417

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Mere. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 1414

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Gamston (6) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 1445

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Theberton, near Leiston.—Dedication of new treble and rededication of retuned five on Saturday, Dec. 14th, by Canon J. R. Chapman, at 3 p.m. Bells available after service. An invitation is extended to *all* ringers.—A. R. Bridges, Theberton. 1380

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting at Blechingley (8), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. W. F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 1371

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Felpham (6), Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to G. Francis, Hook Cottage, Itchingfield, Horsham.—W. L. Weller. 1442

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District. — A practice meeting will be held at Twyford (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.15. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 1439

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Albert Edward Street. Business meeting in school near church at 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Ellison, 9, Hazeldene Avenue, Queensbury, Bradford.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1385

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 21st, at St. Luke's, Derby (Parliament Street, off Uttoxeter Road). Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All very welcome.—Vivienne M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1428

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stroud (10) on Saturday, Dec. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after service. Notify for tea by Dec. 17th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 1444

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Beverley and Selby Societies at Goole on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Christmas tea in Church Rooms at 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 19th to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 1445

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—Annual ringing day and dinner, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Details later. Tickets (10s.) from Patrick Bird, 20, St. Michael's Park, Bristol, 2, or (during vacation) 2, Court Drive, Wellington, Somerset. 1421

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A Western District dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1958, at the Crown Hotel, Berkhamsted, 7.30 for 7.45 p.m. Tickets (15s. 6d.) obtainable from Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 1369

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