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By The Rev. C. ELLIOT WIGG

'NOW it came to pass, in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be taxed . . . .' With these words St. Luke opens his account of the Christmas story. The greatest event that the world has ever witnessed, the event which changed the whole destiny of the human race, the Birth of Christ: this stupendous event is introduced by the writer of the Third Gospel in connection with an exceedingly unpopular act of the civil government.

Politics come a good deal into the Gospel story, one way or another. It was finally on a political issue that His enemies obtained the warrant for our Lord's crucifixion. 'We found this man perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ, a King.' But Jesus never took sides on political questions or made any definite pronouncements on politics as such. When questioned on any political issue He always lifted the whole matter up to a higher, to a more fundamental and spiritual plane. 'Should we pay these taxes to the Romans?' was the crafty question of His enemies. 'Give every man his due, but remember that your first duty is to God.' 'Art thou then a king?' is the half mocking, half serious question of the Roman governor. 'My kingdom is not of this world.' Art thou a king, then? . . . The answer comes crashing back from millions of Christian hearts, 'Yes, indeed. King of kings, and Lord of lords.' In the mighty voices of the Christmas bells that triumphant joyous cry crashes out from a thousand steeples.

'Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning.'

This Christmas in the year of grace 1957 will be spent by Christians in a world torn asunder by political issues—a world in which the voices of suspicion, fear, anger and hatred are very clamorous and very ugly. Politics loom very large for us today, and it is difficult for us to keep calm and resolute in the face of the many impending dangers that threaten us. Yet the true Christian has always known that the last word does not lie with the 'Prince of this world'—with the material forces of men of evil will, or with so-called 'power politics.' No! the real, the ultimate power on earth will be that same Power which rules triumphantly in Heaven—the Almighty and Everlasting Power of God's infinite Love, expressed, for all who have eyes to see, in the picture of a tiny, helpless Child in the arms of His gentle mother in a stable.

When He first came to earth, men vainly pinned their hopes on 'power politics.' As the poem of George MacDonald puts it so aptly:—

'They all were looking for a king
To slay their foes, and lift them high:
Thou cam'st a little baby thing
That made a woman cry.'

Millions today are doing the same thing, and therefore the world is still a place of spiritual darkness. But we Christians know the truth of those immortal words which form the Gospel for Christmas Day, in the Book of Common Prayer: 'The Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it.' That truth we Christian ringers must proclaim with might and main this Christmas season, through the strong, lovely voices of our church bells.

Ringers everywhere will gather together, coming through the darkness perhaps, or the half-light, very early on Christmas morning, passing through the wind-swept streets of some great city, or through the quiet lanes of the little villages, coming silently and unnoticed to the ancient cathedrals and parish churches of England. Then through the silence of the early morning, with startling, challenging suddenness, the voices of the bells will ring out their glorious message. 'Christ is born! The Light is come to the world of darkness! Peace on earth to all men of good will.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	8
STELLA HUGHES	3	*F. HECTOR BENNETT	9
HARRY GRIFFITHS	4	HARRY BOSWELL	10
BARNABAS G. KEY	5	EDMUND MALIN	11
GEORGE W. HUGHES	6	P. GEORGE GOLDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight and in appreciation of his 63 years' service in St. Peter's tower and for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE	*Treble*	LOUIS HEAD	6
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	7
LEONARD MANNERING	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	8
FREDERICK A. LEESON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
JOHN R. COOPER	5	BERTRAM J. LUCK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.
Rung in honour of Bertram J. Luck, who has completed 21 years as District Secretary of the Canterbury District, K.C.A.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

ALAN J. FROST	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	JOHN HILL	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	JOHN CHILCOTT	9
ROBIN G. LEALE	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.
This peal was rung immediately after the baptism of Jane Mary, daughter of the Rev. B. Butler, curate at this church, and Mrs. Butler.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
PAUL J. RIGBY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
DIANA J. PERRINS	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

KILBURN, LONDON, N.W.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

AUDREY BARKER	*Treble*	A. HARRY CATLIN	5
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	DOUGLAS C. BIRKINSHAW	6
ELSIE LANKESTER	3	JOHN CLARK-MAXWELL	7
STANLEY PACEY	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. B. MEADOWS.
* 200th peal.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Douglas and Florence Birkinshaw.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 25, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
DIANA J. PERRINS	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
RUTH M. JACKSON	3	PETER BORDER	7
PAUL J. RIGBY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 27, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,528 changes each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and with all the work of the two methods for each bell. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 28, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RALPH HARRIS	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	HARRY PLUM	6
FREDERICK J. NURDEN	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
W. NEWMAN	4	PATRICK HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. B. Chapman as Rector at Hinton-on-the-Green.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	FRANK RUFFLES	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	ERNEST A. J. STEWARD	6
HARRY HALL	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
WALTER RUFFLES	4	ALDERMAN LING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Harry Hall has now 'circled' this, his home tower.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	WALTER H. RAXTER	5
*TERENCE SPARKES	2	ROBERT L. COLE	6
ERIC T. LEE	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	4	HAROLD E. RAXTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
HERBERT F. LASKEY	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	7
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung for the funeral of James Fernley, buried prior to the commencement of the peal: he was a ringer at Norbury since 1922 and leader of the band since 1934.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JILL BALDWIN	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
MARION J. PARKER	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
†ALEXANDER PAGE	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
†A. ROWLAND TYSOE	4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.
Specially rung for the Patronal Festival.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Transposition of a peal from the Clavis.
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	*JOHN B. PICKUP	5
*MARGARET ROSS	2	*PETER SCHOLFIELD	6
*ROGER MAHER	3	NORMAN SMITH	7
†WILLIAM G. WILSON	4	*DAVID JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples. † First peal.
Rung to mark the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*MARGARET A. LADD	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
CHARLES A. BASSETT	4	FRANK H. HICKS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by D. R. CARLISLE. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
First in the method by all except the sixth ringer, and first rung for the Derbyshire Association.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
FREDERICK A. H. CATTELL	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
MOLLY P. BARRON	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
REGINALD H. NEWTON	4	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

CHARLIE BAILEY	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	5
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	PETER M. ADCOCK	6
ALAN G. FEVER	3	TREVOR N. J. BAILEY	7
*MICHAEL STOKES	4	†LESLIE N. MELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by LESLIE N. MELTON.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal for the Guild this year.
Rung to commemorate the birth of a son, Anthony, to Cpl. and Mrs. D. W. Melton, in Hong Kong on October 22nd, 1957.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

AVRIL THACKRAY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
PHYLLIS POOLE	2	WILLIAM A. LACEY	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
Rung as a compliment to Betty Mason (only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Mason) and Nirkn Sarkar, on the occasion of their marriage at St. Margaret's Church, Lee, London.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Treble*	*DENNIS C. BOWEN	5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	J. HOWARD FREEBORN	7
*DAPHNE R. CLOKE	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 21). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	*MICHAEL E. BROWN	5
ERNEST W. RAWSON	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
*PHYLLIS POOLE	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
†ALFRED BALLARD	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method. † 750th peal.

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GORING, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	*Treble*	*FRANK GODDEN	5
*JAMES GODMAN	2	*MICHAEL BISHOP	6
JAMES P. BLOND	3	*JACK O. BERRY	7
*REGINALD TUCKWELL	4	ROBERT B. BLOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal in the method.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London and 736 Bristol, with 104 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

H. WALTER SMITH	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
TERRY EARLE	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
*ALAN R. SYDER	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of 4-Spliced. The conductor's 250th peal of Surprise.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
First peal in the method by all the band.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 25 methods, being 320 each of Bristol, Claybrooke, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Cambridge, Cray, Coddenham, Eastcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Ripon, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	BRIAN HARRIS	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in 25 methods (Major) by the Guild. 250th peal on the bells.
The band wish to associate the name of the late James Fernley with this peal.
A birthday compliment to A. Barnes, W. Gayes and P. Laflin.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ROLAND H. COOK	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD	5
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	2	*RONALD J. HILL	6
RICHARD E. MANTON	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
*THOMAS TEMPLETON	4	†JOHN L. DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

GEORGE A. TRENDELL	*Treble*	JACK H. BRETT	5
CECIL BARKER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*ROBERT J. LINDSELL	4	ARTHUR R. RUFFLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLIFTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	SYDNEY ADAMS	4
MARGARET E. HILL	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
*JAMES BUTLER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since 1898.
Rung in memoriam Rev. Charles James Sturton, Vicar of Orston for 25 years, responsible for much church and bell restoration in this area, and Central Council representative for the Midland Counties Association, 1918–1920.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents (three callings). Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	*W. RUSSELL READ	4
*J. MICHAEL SIMPSON	2	†H. LESLIE SQUIRES	5
*PETER E. PARRY	3	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung for and on St. Andrew's Day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*S. DEREK A. PRICE (14)	*Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY	4
†E. SYBIL M. TONKIN	2	BENJAMIN STEPNEY	5
FRANK H. BEENEY	3	*THOMAS J. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BEENEY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower' twice.
Rung for the seventh anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SATURN TREBLE BOB DOUBLES
Being 21 240's (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS	3
WILLIAM S. DEASON	2	F. ERIC ROBERTS	4
ROBIN G. LEALE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.
Believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob on five bells.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM R. MARSH	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
LEONARD G. THOMPSON	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents each of London, Ipswich, Cambridge, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL EDWARDS	*Treble*	*PERCY GREEN	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
PETER J. EVES	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICK W. SALTMARSH.
* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Treble*	DONALD F. MURFET	4
GEORGE E. CRISP	2	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	5
*ALBERT J. DAVEY	3	†GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. † 50th peal.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford S.B., Kent and Cambridge, and two extents of Plain Bob and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.

MERVYN FROMM	*Treble*	RICHARD WILSON	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.)
On Sat., Nov. 30, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*WENDY E. MOORE	*Treble*	†PETER T. FISHER	4
CLAUDE U. UNDERWOOD	2	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	5
*PHILLIP D. HOWITT	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung for St. Andrew's Day and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HARLESTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

JIM C. RAINBOW	*Treble*	*RICHARD G. CHATER	4
*ROBERT S. ROBERTS	2	ROBIN V. BAKER	5
*ERIC BILLINGS	3	GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBIN V. BAKER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival prior to evening service.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

*HENRY HUDSON	*Treble*	ROBERT ALLCOCK	4
TONY OWEN	2	SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	5
†VERA NELSON	3	JOHN E. COUZENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for Advent Sunday.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
*PETER HIGBY	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES	3	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SAXTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	RAYMOND W. BALLS	5
HERBERT F. LASKEY	3	DERICK W. PARDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 12 methods, being seven 720's: (1) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (3) London Scholars' T.B., (4) College Bob IV T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob and Childwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PETER MAYLE	*Treble*	THOMAS BIRD	4
ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

First peal in 12 methods by all except the conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 6, 1957, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

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

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	G. LEONARD THOMPSON	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	WILLIAM R. PARKER	5
*AMOS INGALL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

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

* 100th peal.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	*JOHN E. CLARK	4
HARRY SPRINGATE	2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal 'inside.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of the third ringer; also for the wedding anniversary of the Rector of Rainham and his wife.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. OWEN	*Treble*	†TERRENCE T. JONES	4
*JOHN G. HOBBS	2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
†ROBIN S. M. STUBBS	3	RONALD E. G. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ROY E. CULLINGTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	DERICK W. PARDON	5
*WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED G. SAUNDERS.

* First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 29, 1957, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods: Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob; 383 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	1—2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5—6
JOHN FREEMAN	3—4	C. AUBREY HARRISON	7—8

Adapted from N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Horsington (76) 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Rev. R. A. Sluman 3, Rev. F. A. Oswell 4, Rev. I. J. Richards 5, Rev. R. Hallet 6. Rung in honour of Canon M. E. Davies on the 40th anniversary of his induction to the parish of St. Mary's. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Diane Avery 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, Miss L. Temlett 3, B. Johns 4, N. Ward 5, R. Jones 6, G. Lewis 7, R. Horsington 8. Rung on the 40th anniversary of Canon M. E. Davies' first service in St. Mary's. First quarter for Sunday service by an entirely local band.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Fairhead 1, F. Southgate 2, H. Bacon 3, F. Erith 4, C. A. Andrews 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Wardle 1, J. Poynor 2, B. Wanick 2, Miss C. Wakefield 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, T. Ropes 6, R. Morris (cond.) 7, B. Smith 8. Rung to welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester for Confirmation service.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Old, April Day and 300 Grandsire): E. Wickham 1, V. Roberts 2, Miss M. Legge 3, C. J. Brown 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, W. Day 6. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Triples.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. J. Prentice 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, J. B. Morley (cond.) 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. E. Lester 6. First of Kent and Oxford for 1 and 2. A farewell to Mr. E. Harwood, churchwarden, who is leaving for Devon.

BELPER, DERBYS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Jill Staton (first quarter) 1, I. White (first quarter) 2, J. G. Dark 3, J. E. Ryde 4, W. A. Morley (cond.) 5, P. Davies (first quarter) 6. First quarter by an all-local band on the bells. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Advent Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Hawkins (first on eight bells) 1, M. Ollivcr 2, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 3, T. Bird 4, F. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, B. Cracknell (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. For Evensong, and also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joseph Gasson 1, John Gasson 2, R. Simpson 3, R. V. Johnson 4, G. Packham 5, J. Jeffrey 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Gasson, father of the ringers of 1, 2 and 8, and in recognition of his ringing for 51 years at this church.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Miss M. Smith 1, F. G. Leaker 2, Miss M. Hall 3, F. C. Mogford 4, Miss E. Grime 5, D. J. Hunt 6, R. G. Hooper (first in method as cond.) 7, A. M. Tyler 8. First in method for 1, 3 and 6.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hart 1, S. Osborne 2, D. Jones 3, T. Lunaghan 4, J. S. Taylor 5, E. Busby 6, H. Osborne (cond.) 7, V. Cherrill 8. For Confirmation.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: K. Wakefield 1, B. Pattison (cond.) 2, Anne E. Amor 3, R. L. Piron 4, S. Foskett 5, R. Easson (first quarter) 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jennings 1, A. Miles 2, F. Hankey 3, L. Penfold 4, S. Arnold 5, R. Elliot 6, W. Slaughter (cond.) 7, H. Padbury (first of Triples) 8.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): K. E. Pinney 1, W. H. Poole (cond.) 2, Dr. L. E. Wear 3, J. S. Hacking 4, M. W. Gilbert 5, R. G. Miller 6, W. S. Wills 7, H. S. G. Pike 8. First quarter in the method by all the band, except the conductor, and all are Sunday ringers.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. R. Worthington (first quarter) 1, C. Bongard (first quarter) 2, A. Kemp 3, T. Barnett 4, R. J. Vardy 5, D. E. Kemp 6, R. H. Duke (cond.) 7, B. J. Dyke 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: Miss A. Foottit (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Morris 4, M. Kemp 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Denman 8.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 720 Woodbine, 600 Oxford: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, C. Henshaw 3, H. B. Schofield 4, J. Burgess 5, A. Farrand 6. Rung as a tribute to Mr. Jonathan Pilling, of Saddleworth, who died on November 18th, aged 93 years.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Souls' Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,280 Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. V. Copping 1, Miss J. Henderson 2, Miss P. Reeve 3, Miss F. Scott 4, V. Bottomley 5, C. Sweeney 6, J. H. Fielden 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. First of Surprise by 2, 3 and 4.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. E. Hirst 1, Mrs. I. Roberts 2, Mrs. G. Levett 3, S. F. Buckland 4, R. G. Roberts 5, C. A. Levett (cond.) 6. Longest length for all except 5 and 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, now Vicar of Heathfield.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Haynes 1, Kathleen Humphrey (first 'inside' in method) 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders (cond.) 4, J. Seckington (first 'inside' in method) 5, G. Shellard 6. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to John Dytam.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, F. W. Parsons 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. For Evensong, and as birthday compliments to Mr. A. L. Ryman and Mr. E. F. Packham.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,320 Spliced Doubles, in 22 methods, 71 changes of method (120 each of Stedman and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., Reverse Canterbury and Ravenningham S.C., New Bob and Itchingfield S.C., Huntspill and Oakley S.C., St. Simon's and Rugby S.C., St. Martin's and Slapton S.C., St. Osmund and Merton S.C., St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., Winchendon and Thornborough S.C., St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C.): G. M. Rouse (first of Doubles) 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss V. Phillips 3, B. B. Dibben 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. S. Spencer 1, E. C. Chant (cond.) 2, R. L. Wareham 3, J. M. Houghton 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. Crabbe 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Percy Spencer, father of the ringer of the treble.

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LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Poynor 1, B. A. Hebborn (first 'inside') 2, V. Pratt 3, E. J. Jelley 4, W. Tanser 5, G. H. Hebborn 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, R. Morris 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Dec. 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's and Winchendon Place): J. Stedman 1, D. R. Cloche 2, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, C. J. B. Taylor 5.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, J. Brain 3, T. Phillips (first of Doubles) 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, M. Horseman 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. G. Osborne 1, W. C. Budd (first quarter) 2, Joan Cheney 3, H. G. Grant 4, A. G. Eveleigh (first 'inside' and as cond.) 5, T. G. Pickering (first quarter) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. G. Williams 1, F. Burgess 2, R. Finch 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, Miss D. M. Miller 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, B. Linnell 8. Rung by the tower band for morning service. Also on Dec. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss N. G. Williams 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss D. M. Miller 3, E. Billings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, R. S. Roberts 6. For evening service.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Crump 1, Miss A. Barr 2, A. Simpson 3, W. W. Rich 4, G. A. Hughes 5, P. W. Webb (cond.) 6. For Evensong by Birmingham University Society.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. R. Corner (first quarter) 1, G. F. Jenkins (cond.) 2, C. Woodward 3, N. Maggs 4, J. Salter 5, R. Hodgson 6.

PRESTON, WEYMOUTH, DORSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. C. A. G. Ward 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, G. H. Perry 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. T. Cornick 6. For St. Andrew's Day.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Plane (first quarter) 1, L. T. Peters 2, R. L. Sheppard 3, S. J. Gee 4, G. C. Durham 5, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 6, T. W. Edwards 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Stanley Evans, recently appointed curate of this parish.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bryan 1, Barbara Cooke 2, Gillian Bridgeford 3, D. Young 4, A. Sharples 5, D. W. James (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor for all except the conductor. For Evensong on the Feast of St. Andrew.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. V. Gare 1, F. J. Hazzard 2, Mrs. Daphne Howcutt 3, Iris Down (first quarter) 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, F. Priddle 6. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 1st, at the Church of All Hallows, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Neal Smith 1, Elizabeth Hill Brown 2, Ann Muir 3, A. J. Muir 4, R. T. Goodman 5, J. B. Thorp 6, M. D. Hill Brown (cond.) 7, D. Hill Brown 8. First quarter in the method by all except 1 and 7. Rung to commemorate the Confirmation service held earlier in the day by the Bishop of London.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Gilbey (first quarter) 1, M. J. Mossendew (first 'inside') 2, H. Naylor 3, K. Ingram (first quarter) 4, R. Morant (cond.) 5, B. Harding (first quarter) 6. First quarter in the method rung by a local band.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Bishop 1, J. Tomsett 2, Anne Garnett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, M. P. Moreton 7, M. Sinden (cond.) 8.

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.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 3rd, at Sunny View, 1,264 Bob Major on handbells: J. R. Heath 1–2, A. E. Austin 3–4, A. R. Mann (first as cond. on 'inside' pair) 5–6, T. F. Varney 7–8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District Annual Meeting

The pleasure enjoyed by the 50 members who attended the annual District meeting fully justified the selection of Dartford as its venue. Ringing during the afternoon was under the direction of Miss M. R. Andrews (District Ringing Master), and was continuous until service time.

The Vicar (Canon Elliott-Mitchell) officiated at the service, and the curate (Rev. N. Osborne) led the singing at the organ. Tea was served in the Royal Air Force Hall, organised by Mr. R. A. Jenkins and Mesdames E. Jones and S. Ball.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided; three practising members were elected to the Association and the election of four members was ratified. A report of the year's activities was read by the District secretary and adopted.

Before proceeding to the election of officers, the meeting was informed that Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham) had reluctantly refused renomination as District representative, as his professional duties prevented him attending the necessary meetings. Members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Dafters for his outstanding devotion to duty during the six years he had held this office. Mr. A. G. Hill was reappointed District secretary, and Mr. A. S. Richards (West Wickham) and Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley) were elected District representatives, nem con. This was the first time the Lewisham District had appointed a woman to office on the general committee. Mr. A. S. Richards was appointed District Ringing Master in succession to Miss M. R. Andrews, who had just concluded two years' brilliant service in that capacity, and for which the meeting's thanks were warmly accorded her.

St. Mary's, Woolwich, was chosen as the place of next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 18th. An application from the Vicar of Eynsford, for help in training a band of ringers, received a very gratifying response.

The meeting expressed a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for his many contributions to a very happy meeting, to the organist for his services, and to the caterer and to Mr. R. A. Jenkins and the ladies for their benefactions.

Further ringing followed, supervised by Mr. A. S. Richards.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

December 6th being St. Nicholas' Day, it was most appropriate that the Northern District should meet at St. Nicholas' Church, Stevenage, the following day. Ringing began soon after 3 o'clock and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. Cordingley. The was enjoyed at the Elite Café.

The annual District meeting will be at Hitchin on January 4th; the next ordinary meeting will be at Baldock on February 1st.

Ringing continued later. Unfortunately, the special method, Rutland Surprise, was still unsuccessful, but there was plenty of ringing to suit all tastes. J. S.

Who are the ringers in the advertisement for a certain brand of margarine? We have had a number of enquiries to satisfy 'burning' curiosity.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

A joint meeting of the Midland District was held with the Derbyshire Association on November 23rd at St. Peter's, Derby. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon. After an excellent tea the ladies adjourned to the tower for their meeting.

One new member was elected, and it was decided that the annual meeting should be held at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (the date will be announced later). It is hoped that the April meeting will be held at Ruddington on April 19th.

The Ladies' Guild would like to thank the Derbyshire Association for making them welcome, and Mr. A. Mould for making the arrangements. B. A. B.

West Midland District

Rounds and call-changes to Spliced Surprise was the order of the day at the meeting on December 7th at Yardley. That these beautiful light eight are, indeed, ladies' bells, was proved by a good touch of Stedman, brought round by an all-ladies band.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and followed by tea and the business meeting in the nearby Trust School. More visitors during the evening sampled the bells to a variety of methods, aimed to include something for everyone.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Corke 1, P. N. Bond 2, B. Sutton (first of Major) 3, P. Turley 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, P. A. Corby 7, R. Collins (cond.) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Did any of our readers while listening to the broadcast of the football match at Hunslet hear the bells of Leeds Parish Church on the air on Saturday, December 7th? The church is about a mile from the football ground and the commentator was heard to say: 'The bells are ringing, but that isn't helping Hunslet.' A peal of Plain Bob Royal was accomplished in 3 hours 36 minutes.

Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, apologises for a slip in his letter last week. The articles on change-ringing are appearing in 'The Guide' and not 'The Scout.'

We note from the meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch that Mr. Roger O. Fry is retiring from the office of general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

From a cutting of the 'Hong Kong Tiger Standard' we note that the bellringers meet in the belfry every Monday for practice at St. John's Cathedral. Has any reader experience of these bells?

The 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller memorial carillon at the University of Chicago was marked by two carillon concerts given by Dr. Kamiel Lefevere, carillonneur of the Riverside Church, New York City. This and the Riverside Church carillon are the largest in the world. Both contain six chromatic octaves of bells.

Melton District ringers were thrilled to read Mr. W. Smith's letter (page 792) concerning memories revived by the Long Clawson meeting. 'We ought to thank your "Ringing World" for making this possible for an old ringer to read of activities in his native village 12,000 miles away,' writes our Melton correspondent.

The daughter of Mr. Arthur G. Mason, of Blackheath, S.E., was married on November 30th, and to honour the wedding a peal of London was arranged for December 7th at St. Mary's, Lewisham. The band met as arranged but because of the train disaster the previous Wednesday unanimously decided not to ring. St. Mary's Church is but a few hundred yards from the scene of the accident, and many of the casualties are being cared for in Lewisham Hospital which is within sound of the bells. It is hoped to ring the peal in the New Year.

Crewkerne, Somerset, ringers would like to thank Mr. Walter H. Poole for his untiring energy and patience in bringing the present band through rounds, the pangs of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and now into Stedman. Plain Bob is now well under way.

A recent visitor to Cape Town was David Hulton, from Baldock, Herts, who is serving on the 'Athlone Castle.' It was the first time David (16) had rung with a strange band, and he acquitted himself well, writes Mr. V. Sheppard.

Additional broadcasts announced are: Sunday, December 22nd, in Scottish Home Service only, St. John's Parish Church, Perth, before morning service at 9.45; to be televised on Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m., St. Andrew's Parish Church, Plymouth (the rededication was featured in our last issue).

The Rev. F. C. Lawrence, Vicar of Little Horkesley, Colchester, Essex, writes on behalf of his Parochial Church Council expressing their warmest thanks to those who have given a total sum of £13 7s. towards the installation of bells in their new church. The bells were originally in All Saints' Church, Colchester.

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Dublin Meeting

PEAL ATTEMPTS

As the number of peals which it will be possible to attempt during the period of the Council's visit to Ireland is naturally very limited, will members who wish to be included in any peals which can be arranged please advise Mr. Fred E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath, as soon as possible stating (a) duration of stay in Ireland, (b) where staying before and after the meeting, if other than Dublin.

This information will assist the Irish Committee in their endeavours to avoid disappointments. The next meeting of the Irish Committee will be held early in the New Year.

Accommodation: See 'The Ringing World' of December 6th. E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRICT'S ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner, held on December 7th at the Harborough Hotel, Melton, was preceded by a peal of Stedman Triples, rung on the bells of Oakham Parish Church, to celebrate the occasion.

At 7 o'clock, 72 ringers and friends sat down to a good spread. The guests included Canon C. M. G. Clarke, the Rev. H. B. Holderness, Mr. E. C. Turner (vice-president) and Mrs. Turner, Mr. S. Burton (peal secretary) and Mrs. Burton, Mr. Brian G. Warwick (general hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Williams (Great Glen), Mr. and Mrs. Eastland (Blythe) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Watson (Croft).

Proposing the toast of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild,' the Rev. H. B. Holderness expressed his delight at seeing so many young ringers present. He said he had heard some of the lovely ringing earlier in the day at Oakham, and he had a special word for the youthful Roland H. Cook who had taken part in his 42nd peal. Mr. E. C. Turner replied for the Guild and said it was always a pleasure to visit the Melton District.

The chairman (Mr. J. H. Cook) proposed 'The Visitors,' and the toast was ably acknowledged by Mr. B. G. Warwick.

The social evening which followed was a hilarious occasion. 'The Kirby Twins' saw to it that everybody had a good time, especially 'Mr. Furse.' 'Auld Lang Syne' at 11 o'clock brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's last meeting of the year, held at Ossett on November 30th, was most enjoyable. By 3.15 p.m. the bells had been raised and the first touch of the meeting—Grandsire Caters—started. This was followed by a reasonable amount of 10-bell ringing—Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, as well as Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire on eight.

Tea was served in the School and the 30 members and friends present sat down to a typical 'Ossett' tea, provided by the local ringers and ladies. At the business meeting three new members were elected. An apology was received from Mr. L. Drake, the Ringing Master, who had a fractured collar-bone as the result of an accident near his home. The best wishes of the meeting were sent for his recovery.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company included a reminiscence of the Rev. J. H. Marshall, sometime vicar of Shelley and a past vicar of Ossett, in whose time the present bells came into being.

Members were asked to note that the next meeting will be held on January 25th at Drighlington. Pudsey will be visited on February 15th and St. Michael's, Headingley, in March. All these meetings will be advertised.

EYE PARISH CHURCH

ONE of the glories of English church architecture is the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk, and the photograph we reproduce above was taken by Supt. Claude Rush, which has formed the theme for Christmas cards and mounted photographs in aid of the restoration fund.

No restoration has taken place within living memory. Some of the bells need quarter turning, some wheels can be repaired, but most will have to be replaced. Clappers, headstocks, bearings, all need attention and in some cases replacing. The frame also needs attention.

The approximate weights and dates of the bells are as follows:—

Treble, 5 cwt; 1721 (J. Stephens).
Second, 6 cwt.; 1779 (Pack and Chapman).
Third, 6½ cwt.; 1721—recast 1905 (J. Stephens —Mears and Stainbank).
Fourth, 8¾ cwt.; 1789 (Thos. Osborn).
Fifth, 10 cwt.; 1789 (Thos. Osborn).
Sixth, 11 cwt.; 1640 (Miles Graye).
Seventh, 15 cwt.; 1500 or perhaps earlier (Brasyer).
Tenor, 21 cwt.; 1640 (Miles Graye).

A peal of Bob Major is recorded on a wall tablet as far back as 1773, so it will be seen that even those three late-18th century bells had predecessors.

Throughout this year Mr. Rush has been vigorously prosecuting his campaign to raise funds. He has succeeded in collecting 41 tons of paper and rags, which he has sold for £230.

Last Christmas he started his Christmas cards sale of the above picture of Eye Church, and of these he has sold 13,000. The proceeds from their sale, plus the salvage and donations, has brought in £678 to date. He has 1,000 cards left which he is selling at 10s. a dozen, post free.

Mr. Rush's objective is to raise £1,000, but apart from the urgent work mentioned above, the chimes are out of order, the clock needs overhauling and lights are wanted on the staircase (52 steps to the ringing chamber).

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Woodward 1, A. J. Poynor 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, J. M. Jelley 4, R. K. Stretton 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, V. Norman 8. For the visit of the Bishop for Confirmation.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch and the Yeo Family

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton on December 7th. Ringing in the afternoon continued until service time, then the Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. H. Cooke). Mr. Cooke, in his short talk, welcomed the members to Long Ashton and also apologised for not being able to attend the tea and meeting. Mr. David Yeo was at the organ.

Following an excellent tea, the business meeting was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. W. Knight. The minutes of the previous annual meeting (which contained notice of the secretary's intention to retire) were read and confirmed, and the election of officers for 1958 took place. Mr. H. W. Knight was re-elected chairman and Ringing Master, and Messrs. C. Bishop and L. Derrick as deputy Ringing Masters.

The chairman spoke of the retirement of Mr. Percy Yeo as Branch secretary after 37 years of service. As far as he could remember, there had never been an unhappy meeting during Mr. Yeo's term of office. He asked Mr. Yeo to accept the gift of a wrist-watch from his friends in the Branch. This watch is inscribed 'P. G. Y., from the ringers of the Chew Deanery, November, 1957.'

Mr. Yeo, in thanking members for the gift, said that 30 years ago the Branch had presented him with a clock—and it was still going! Mr. L. Pullin, former treasurer of the Association, said how dependent the efficient running of the Bath and Wells Association was on the Branch secretaries. During the difficult years of the war, Mr. Yeo had kept the Branch with the highest membership of the Association.

Mr. Knight then proposed from the chair that Mr. David Yeo should be elected as secretary, and this was carried unanimously. This election means that the affairs of the Branch will be in the hands of the same family over three generations, the retiring secretary having taken over from his father, the late Mr. George Yeo. The office of Branch secretary now automatically carries with it the job of representative on the general committee.

Two new members were then elected from Chew Magna. At this point some discussion ensued regarding the qualification for membership as passed by the annual meeting last Easter. It was decided that a resolution be sent to the general committee to the effect that—from experience since the amendment of the rules and in view of the number of heavy bells in the Branch—the qualification for membership rule should have the words 'able to raise and lower a bell' deleted. The Branch has noted that it has been losing new members who otherwise qualify.

Meeting were arranged provisionally for Kingston Seymour (quarterly in April) and practices at Portishead, Tickenham and Chew Stoke for January to March respectively. The Corporate Communion will be held at Wrington on the fourth Sunday in April.

The retirement of the Association's general secretary was noted, and nominations were asked for—one name was put forward.

The usual votes of thanks to all who had contributed to such a pleasant meeting were then accorded and the tower was again visited.

M. J. H.

Mr. Walter E. Wilkinson desires to thank the ringers of North Somerset who made his recent stay with R.A.F., Locking, such a happy one. He is now stationed at Bückeburg, Germany.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

720 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir,—I have been wondering where the 720 Superlative Minor has come from, as we used to ring 720's of London and Cambridge and so-called Superlative, which is simply Reverse Cambridge. We rang it as Superlative until the late Rev. H. Law James said to me: 'You are one who rings Reverse Cambridge and calls it Superlative.' He gave me a lead of real Superlative Minor, and said it was not possible to get a 720 of it.

I have an early 'Standard Methods' of Jasper Snowdon, and that is where we got it from: the method in it is called Superlative (which is only Reverse Cambridge). The Yorkshire Court is also in it, and is stamped *false*. It is over 50 years ago that we rang the Reverse Cambridge.

Would any kind friend either put in the 'R.W.' or send me the correct bobs and singles for Single and Double Court Triples, as this table of Mr. Blagrove is too far-fetched for us to understand.—Yours truly,

The Retreat, ARTHUR J. HOLMES.
Edenham, Lincs.

P.S.—We used to ring the London and Cambridge and what we called Superlative at Morton, Lincs, as we had only five bells at Edenham at that time.—A. J. H.

YORKSHIRE COURT

Dear Sir,—A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on handbells at St. Albans by three brothers on June 3rd, 1891. The conductor was the late Mr. John C. Mitchell, and the peal was booked as the first of Minor on handbells for the Hertford County Association. A 720 of Yorkshire Court was included in the peal, and in view of the statement in Belfry Gossip (page 788) that it is generally thought that no true 720 can be obtained, I would welcome more definite information, preferably in these columns, regarding the authenticity of this statement.

Yorkshire Court, Superlative Surprise and many other Minor methods, now obsolete, were printed in the earlier editions of Snowdon's 'Standard Methods.' Apart from their more obvious defects, perhaps one of the members of the Methods Committee will show us exactly why they will not produce the extent, if such is the case.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST, Gen. Sec.,
Hertford County Association.

St. Albans.

5,056 Ealing Surprise Major

By D. KNOX

23456	M	B	W	H
43526	—	X		—
53624	—			
46325	—			—
63425	—	X	—	2
35426	—			2
52436	—	X		3
42635	—			3
56234	—			—
35264			—	3
63254			—	3
23456	—			3

First rung at Willesden on November 2nd.

NOT 'OFF THE RAILS'

Dear Sir,—I hope, in this letter, to show that despite Mr. Price's letter on page 792 I am not 'off the rails.' In disputing my result that $A+B=B\times A$ he is, in effect, also disputing his own basic property.

In my first letter I said that any transposition A to B is equal to some transposition C to D where C=12345678, the transposition is thus uniquely defined by D, C being understood to be 12345678; e.g., in Mr. Price's notation on page 723, C to D is the same transposition as A to B, A being rounds. A similar argument applies to transfigures.

$A\times B$ is the permutation, such that A to $A\times B$ is the same transposition as 12345678 to B. Thus in Mr. Price's notation $C\times B=D$, and similarly $C+B=E$.

Mr. Price goes on to say: 'If A to B is the same transposition as C to D,' i.e., if $C\times B=D$, 'then A to C and B to D are identical transfigures,' i.e., $B+C=D$.

Thus, $B+C=C\times B$—the basic property.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. MARSHALL.

Cheltenham.

MORE ABOUT TRANSPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if Mr. B. D. Price has considered the usual dictionary definition of transfigure, i.e., 'to change the outward form or appearance so as to glorify it'?.

Surely, the simple facts of the two examples given are that one is a transposition by the scale 56124783 whilst the second is to the scale 47638251.

It would appear that new sciences or new arts would require new names or terms to describe new facts or conclusions, but for generations the lead-ends of odd bell methods and lead-heads of even bell methods have shown the peculiarity that Mr. Price has now discovered.

It would appear that the 'art of bellringing' is now becoming the 'science of campanology,' and as such, new and generally more cumbersome names are required for the same facts which have been adequately described by simple terms.

If new terms are required by the campanologists *new words* will have to be coined, and not old words debased to suit their requirements.

As for the term 'change,' it is, of course, in my opinion the basic term. A transposition is only a change in a set order.—Yours faithfully,

F. E. CORFIELD.

Wimbledon.

A COMPOSITION BY YORK GREEN

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. C. W. Roberts for pointing out to me the mistake that was made when I claimed the composition as my own. I was ignorant of the fact until the appearance of the letter in 'The Ringing World' of December 6th. But, as is pointed out, I am 50 years behind, so at least there is a little excuse for what has been done.—Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

THANK YOU, COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank all my fellow members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, far and near, for their very delightful and useful present on my retiring after 38 years as treasurer. It is an honour and privilege to serve the Ancient Society, and I do appreciate their great kindnesses all through the years.—Yours sincerely,

A. A. HUGHES.

NOTE.—At a meeting of the Society on December 14th a cut-glass bowl with an inscribed silver top was presented to Mr. Hughes, and also an engraved cigarette case to Mr. A. B. Peck, in recognition of his 20 years as secretary of the Society.—*Ed.*

PEALS OF MINIMUS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In view of the apparently growing interest in four-bell towers and Minimus ringing in general, as evidenced by Mr. P. B. Knights' recent article and correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' I am wondering what the official reaction would be to peals of Minimus. The recently-published Central Council handbook makes no specific mention of Minimus in its list of the Council's Decisions, saying simply: '**On all numbers of bells** a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.' (Page 19.)

If memory serves aright, a 5,040 of Minimus was rung 'in hand' in the late 1920's or early 1930's and published as a 'performance,' not as a peal. However, on this occasion 1 and 2 were rung single-handed (contrary to the then current Central Council ruling on handbell peals) and it may well have been this that prevented its listing as a peal.

If such peals were to be recognised there is no dearth of extents for their ringers. In addition to Mr. Peter B. Knights' methods, which were published on pages 660 and 692, there are over 250 further hunt-dominated extents and 12 extents based on the Stedman Slow Six.—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A WRATTEN.

Cheltenham.

IRISH ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—I am anxious to bring the non-resident life membership list up to date. I append a list of those about whom we have no information as to their present whereabouts. Should any of these members see this letter I would be grateful if they would please confirm their present addresses.

Frank Crawley, Barrow-on-Furness: P. Davis, Lichfield (elected in 1900): R. Judd, Gloucester: W. Simpson, Framlingham: R. Simpson, Framlingham: G. A. Smith, Tunstall: W. G. Thompson, Tunstall: William Wakley, Dawlish (elected in 1918): J. W. Washbrook, Manchester (son of J. W., of Oxford and Arklow).

Perhaps some of your readers may also be able to assist me. I would like to have the information by the end of the present month, if possible.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES,
Hon. Secretary, Irish Association.

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ST. NICHOLAS', WARWICK, HAS NEW RING OF EIGHT

ST. NICHOLAS', Warwick, church bells were heard again on Thursday, December 5th, after a silence of nearly 30 years, when the recast ring was dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry (Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley). The church was packed to capacity, the service being conducted by Canon H. A. Hayden, vicar and rural dean. The service was attended by clergy from the surrounding district and representatives of many Warwick organisations.

After the dedication of a new chapel and the bells, the Bishop in his address gave a warning about the influence of television and newspapers. He said if people were stirred up too frequently without outgoing action, they could lose the capacity to be stirred.

'In newspapers we are fed by a vast number of indigestible facts. We merely look at them and do not read them. They could not possibly move us. We look at our television sets and there pours out a positive Niagara of emotion which makes us feel and yet not feel, see and yet not see. Week after week people are stirred if only mildly, and this can be an inoculation against the real thing. It is a great danger today.'

The Bishop said the dedication of the chapel and the bells reflected the care, hard work and generosity of many people. Ever since he had arrived in the diocese, one of the things he had longed for had been a ring of bells ringing in every church. We should not rest until Sunday by Sunday they all echoed forth a call to worship. While there were not enough bells and not enough ringers, it was sad that in some churches the bells were never used. St. Nicholas' bells were the first he had dedicated since he became Bishop, and he hoped that he would be called to many more similar functions.

For the act of dedication, rounds were rung by an all St. Mary's, Warwick, band, two of the band being learners who will form part of the St. Nicholas' band. The band selected for the ringing immediately after the conclusion of the service was representative of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, and were from the following towers: Allesley, Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Harbury, Leamington and St. Mary's, Warwick.

The bells were available on Friday evening December 6th (St. Nicholas' Day), to all ringers, and good use was made of them.

On Saturday, December 7th, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung in 2 hours 59 minutes by members of the Guild. Ringing for the morning service on Sunday was carried out by the ringers of Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry, who rang touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Major. For Evensong a mixed band, representing several towers rang a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, followed by a course of Bristol Surprise and an excellent fall, which concluded the 'St. Nicholas' week, and really put the new bells on the local map once again. The Vicar and churchwardens must surely be proud to have acquired by their own efforts such a delightful ring of bells. Now it only remains to build up a band of ringers, which should not be too difficult in Warwick.

The bells, a grand eight with a tenor of 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F, are a credit to the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who broke up the old bells and added some metal to make a ring with a total weight of 61 cwt. and rehung them in a new steel frame with all new fittings. The bells have been lowered in the tower, which has in the past given some trouble. The verdict of the band who rang in the peal and all the others who were able to try them out was that they were a grand lot which handled perfectly, despite new ropes.

Canon and Mrs. Hayden entertained the peal band to tea afterwards, when they all had the pleasure of hearing a recording of a part of the peal. Canon Hayden said how delighted he was that the first peal on the new bells had been accomplished, and said it would be recorded on a peal board to be hung in the ringing chamber. He expressed appreciation for the help he had received from officers of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, and said they would always be welcome at St. Nicholas'. J. L. G. H.

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RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Hoare (first in the method) 1, H. H. Abrahams 2, F. L. Harris 3, M. J. Butler 4, J. Hartless 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

5,056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Two Methods (Cambridge and Yorkshire)

Arranged by MARK S. LANCEFIELD

23456	B	M	W	H	
52436			—		C Y C C Y C Y
34625		—	—		C Y C Y C C Y
26543		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
45362		—	—		C Y C Y C C C
63254		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
56234			—		C Y C Y Y C Y
23564			—	—	Y Y Y C C C Y
52364				—	Y Y C Y C C Y
35264				—	Y C C Y C C C
56342	X				C Y C C
36245		—			C Y C Y Y C C
42563		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
64523			—		Y Y Y C C C Y
54326		—			C Y C Y Y C Y
23645		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
64235			—	—	Y Y Y C C C Y
26435				—	Y Y C Y C C C
42635				—	Y Y C Y C C Y
62534		—			C Y C C Y C Y
35426		—	—		C Y Y C Y C Y
42356			—	—	Y Y Y C C Y Y
34256				—	C Y C Y C C C
23456				—	Y Y C Y C C Y

Being 2,528 changes each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and with all the work of both methods for each bell.

First rung at Leeds, Kent, on November 27th, 1957, conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

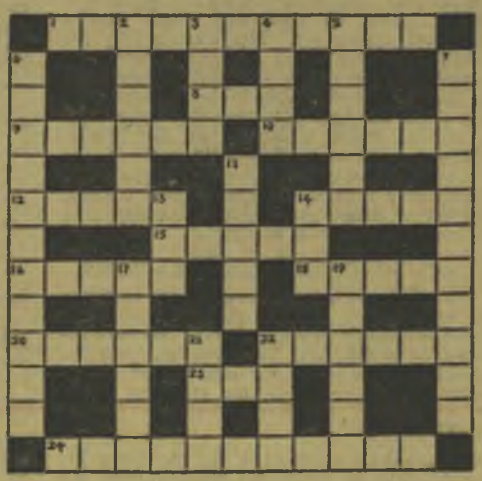
OUR CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

CLUES ACROSS

1. Seat value reveals a border town with a Yorks 6 and a Lancs octave.
8. Sussex octave, tenor almost a ton.
9. Coastal town of Scotland.
10. Near or far, made round the treble.
12. Sudden view of the stay-bender who didn't let go.
14. A measurer.
15. One of Scotland's few octaves here.
16. Magnificently.
18. Christian name of a prominent East Anglian composer conductor.
20. Cantab, 19th century, author of 'Change Ringing.'
22. The full number of changes of which a method admits.
23. A sign of the Zodiac.
24. Devon resort with an octave, tenor 13.

CLUES DOWN

2. Christian name of a prominent handbells conductor.
3. For the this of ringing read Morris's 'History.'
4. It's enough to make you when a rope breaks in the last course.
5. Sussex ring of 6, tenor 8½.
6. Co. Durham ring of 6 where the bells bear inscriptions relating to their powers against storms.
7. Another Yorks 6 found in the opposite Riding to that in 1 Across.
11. And here's the heaviest ring of 10 of all.
13. One of the earliest woollen cloths made in England.
14. Only one ring of any number on this island.



17. Plain or with a stone, for a London octave.
19. Here on the Continent bells are rung up and down as in the British Isles.
21. London monument erected to the memory of Lord Shaftesbury.
22. Mohammedan title.

The prize of a book token will be awarded to the first correct solution opened on Saturday, January 4th, 1958. Address envelope: Crossword Competition, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

HINTS FOR INSTRUCTORS

THE RABBITS' HUMBLE PLEA

IT is now several months since 'The Ringing World' published an account of the foundation of the Rabbits' Guild, in the course of which was advanced, with reasoned argument, the claim that Rabbits are the backbone of the Exercise. Not a sentence, not a word, has appeared to challenge that claim. Coinciding so nearly with the meeting of the Central Council, perhaps the squeaking of the harmless, necessary animals has been drowned in the trumpeting of larger and the roaring of kinglier beasts, absorbed in a matter more contentious. Nevertheless, let silence imply assent, the Guild and the vital function of those it represents be acknowledged, and their opinions on subjects which nearly concern them be received with interest and respect.

As problems of recruitment and training are at present being somewhat urgently debated, it should therefore occasion no surprise that the agenda for its first annual general meeting included a proposal that the Guild should make known its own views on these and kindred subjects. A resolution to this effect, proposed and seconded in short but eloquent speeches, was put to the meeting, whereupon ensued a scene of the wildest enthusiasm, every member leaping on to his chair and waving his agenda in spontaneous token of universal assent, amid roars of 'We want teachers!'. The Master therefore proposed that when the business of the meeting was concluded, and after an interval for refreshments, members should reassemble, give evidence on teaching methods they have endured and make suggestions which might mitigate the fate of the learner. The proposal was approved with sustained applause.

When the meeting reassembled the Master opened the discussion by reminding members of their unique relation to the teaching of ringing. He said that all are the unsuccessful products of prevailing notions; all have, as it were, failed their 11-plus; all boast a long history of endeavour. Year by year, they watch recruits come—and mostly go. The stickers they see become—the more gifted of them—ringers, the remainder Rabbits like themselves. Especially they grieve to see Rabbits-in-the-making stumbling down the very path that they have trod. To prevent which strangling of fair hopes, Rabbits representing towers throughout the land, some yet of tender years and early blasted, others grown venerable in their dreary labours, shall garner their united wisdom and offer it in petition to their awful Masters.

GOOD RINGERS—GOOD TEACHERS

'We salute the Great Masters of the Exercise, past and present, but we ask, too, are good ringers necessarily good teachers? My own introduction to the Art,' he continued, 'was the instruction from one of the band to pull off the 9 cwt. seventh bell in a ring of eight, and I had never seen a bell-rope before! Was I scared!'

He then drew attention to the way many instructors have of impressing on their pupil the importance of knowing his place in each change and then undoing all the good work by standing behind him, and telling him every bell to strike over, thus ensuring that he becomes bell-instead of method-conscious. 'What they will not realise,' he said, 'is that *they* know their place unconsciously, while *we* have to be only too consciously aware of it.'

As soon as his voice could carry above the roars of approval he added that when an anxious Rabbit seeks information or clarification of some point he is too often blinded by an abstruse answer which leaves him groping and confused. 'Oh! why will they show off?', he asked.

He concluded in somewhat lighter vein by suggesting that in his tower the Master might have lost fewer than 90 per cent. of his recruits if he had displayed the slogan: Don't hang on the sally—the bell's much heavier than you!

He sat down, and immediately the meeting set to work to demolish their mentors and tormentors, leaving these latter but the bare shreds of reputation to cover their shame withal.

TIGERS NOT RABBITS

With few exceptions, and these mostly expert bands arrogantly careless of the future, there was no evidence that learners are unwanted; rather the contrary, if vague amiability counts for a welcome. Yet many a careworn witness deplored his mean estate as the result of his first reception into the Exercise. Young Jack Rabbit is certainly welcome to the tower if he cares to turn up. If not, no matter; he is no great loss, and never will be, it seems. The impudent creatures suggest that if Ringing Masters had the common sense to realise their need for Recruits, and showed it, they could breed not Rabbits but Tigers. Are they really too stupid to see the connection between young Jack and that vacant rope on Sundays? Must he get a few minutes of casual instruction if he happens to look in and then be dismissed from mind with an air only too obviously implying 'That's enough for him'? The born ringer goes elsewhere; the Recruit compounded of the sterner stuff that makes Rabbits, defying defeat, eventually stumbles through his Doubles; and the rest, where are they? If Jack were made to feel 'on the strength,' even as the humblest of probationers, and his absence rather than his presence remarked, the Guild ventures to suggest that he would come to more good in the belfry.

At the other extreme is the learner who is pushed along too fast, often because there is a vacancy in the band before it occurs to anyone that Recruits are needed. This unfortunate is put on to hunting his bell before he can even manage it properly. Many witnesses attributed their failure primarily to having suffered this treatment. One venerable Rabbit in steel-rimmed spectacles was emphatic that no learner should be allowed to attempt changes at all until he can ring good rounds with his eyes shut.

Many members who gave evidence deplored, even tearfully, the slovenly habits of bell-handling they were allowed to acquire; habits, which, they said, it caused them endless trouble to discard later, if, indeed, it were ever possible to do so. Some attributed their Rabbit status entirely to this and were sure they could have become Ringers had they been made to handle properly. Others, up-to-date, if ancient, shaking their bald heads, mumbled querulously that the young of today have those vital first steps made so easy for them, carefree College Youths, while they learned, what they did learn, the hard way. 'Damme,' said one, 'if my dad could have sent me to college, I'd not be just a common Rabbit today!' This was received with much applause and paw-clapping. Others again said that, though their instructors handled well themselves, they dared not demand a like standard in their pupils, lest they leave in a huff, complaining that everything they do is wrong. There was entire agreement that this is an utterly mistaken view, that learners are lost through indifference, not reasonable discipline.

THE PERFECT ASSES' BRIDGE

Grandsire Doubles, as the first method to be taught, has at least one virtue—it baffles out of the Exercise, once and for ever, all who are neither born Ringers nor born and resigned to rabbitdom. In consideration of which dumb brutishness, the Guild determined on its motto, Dum in mundo tundo (While on earth I bash). Once out of the sheltered waters of the plain course, the mental gymnastics demanded by the method, in contrast to the comparative simplicity of Plain Bob, offer the perfect Asses' Bridge, and for this reason the Guild recommends it. On the other hand, it advises such as like to proceed the easy way, without testing the point of heartbreak, to teach Plain Bob first.

Evidence was gathered about study outside the tower, most witnesses believing in the value of expecting pupils to give some thought to the subject between practices. The absence of this they considered a general fault in training. Many of them said how they regretted that they had not been required to obtain and study some elementary work on ringing; some said a Handbook, others swore by a Manual; except latinity, what's in a name? The Council was shocked to learn that too many Rabbits had been actively discouraged from attempting any bookwork. One in particular, the father of a large family of Rabbits, had been told: 'Don't fill your head with that old rubbish.' Obediently, he had passed on the injunction to his sons, every one of whom is a member of the Guild; but he said in evidence how much he wishes that he had rebelled and nibbled the forbidden fruit.

Witnesses were practically unanimous that far more use should be made of diagrams to give pupils a clear understanding of methods they are to attempt; too often, verbal directions are rattled off beforehand and the wretched Jack, all confused, is pushed through his work, and none the wiser afterwards. There was strong support for the suggestion that to require Jack to study, say, his first touch in a method before he attempts to ring it would be vastly more profitable than the usual custom of unexpectedly tossing in a few bobs, as it were, seeming to hope that some magical intuition will enable Jack to perform the obviously impossible.

A SPECIAL DISPENSATION

Severe criticism was directed towards the practical teaching of method ringing. There was much caustic comment on the habit of many Masters of standing behind young Rabbit-to-be, telling him exactly which bell to follow, unknowing, unseeing, unthinking. Several witnesses complained that they had even been credited with quarter peals rung in this way! Indeed, as the ringing of a peal disqualifies from membership of the Guild, a special dispensation was required for one excellent Rabbit, who confessed that he had rung a peal of Stedman Triples, but vowed that he is still quite unsure of the method!

Many complained of the forcible feeding of pupils who are making some progress, in spite of their protestations, thereby effectively preventing their advancing any further. Remorselessly, instructors tell them exactly what to do, forcing on the victims the additional burden of closing their ears, as if to find their way were not struggle enough! One youngish Rabbit, his spirit not yet entirely crushed by adversity, squeaked: 'There'll be murder in our tower if that man tells me to go in slow again before I've even got near enough to try to go in quick.' In short, the Guild asks that the instructor at this stage should act as a very present help in trouble—*in trouble*.

Space is insufficient to allow publication of all the criticism given in evidence. There was constant emphasis on the idea that to permit a low standard of style and performance defeats the object; that learners will respond far better to an exacting discipline which makes considerable demands on them.

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Knocks For The Dead

In the ringing chamber of Marsham, Norfolk, Parish Church, there is an elaborate board with two columns of lettering boldly proclaiming the custom of that church. It reads:—

KNOCKS FOR THE DEAD

3 *for Girl*
4 *for Boy*
6 *for Maid*
7 *for Married Woman*
8 *for Bachelor*
9 *for Married Man.*

The board is signed: Edw Delf, clerk of this Parish in the Year 1773. *Tho Delf Jun in the Year* 1822.

These number of 'knocks' were not uniform in Norfolk, points out W. B. H. C. in 'The Eastern Daily Press.' The sexton's book of another parish gives the following instructions: 11 *for a man,* 9 *for a woman,* 7 *for a boy,* 5 *for a girl.*

In another Norfolk church the sexton pulled off 3 *times* 3 *for a man,* 3, 1, 3 *for a woman. Each was followed by one stroke for every year of the deceased person's life.*

Hints For Instructors—Cont.

A ROLL OF HONOUR

By no means all the criticisms received were adverse. Witnesses spoke with deep gratitude of instructors who took endless trouble with them, and attributed their lowly status entirely to their own stupidity. Others drew sympathetic attention to Masters of struggling bands who do their best to impart to their learners what they scarcely know themselves. The Guild wishes humbly to acknowledge the debt of the Rabbits to those instructors who have taught them intelligently, and faithfully sought to make real Ringers of them. In recognition of their gratitude it decided to institute a Roll of Honour. Admission to the Roll will normally be by nomination. The Guild, however, is prepared to receive applications from Ringing Masters and other instructors who may think their teaching sufficiently meritorious. Applications should be accompanied by a short statement of grounds for seeking admission to the Roll. If these are considered promising, the pretensions of the applicant will then be assessed by a panel of elder Rabbits, who will attend his tower for instruction. No appeal against their decision will be considered.

Roll of Honour Diplomas will be valuable documents, not only as evidence of the Guild's approval, but also as conveying permanent exemption from all 'strike' action. They will, of course, be issued free to those elected by nomination; those admitted by examination will be required to pay a small fee, the sum of half-a-crown (post free). The Rabbits' Guild, unlike older foundations, has no endowments: it requires no subscription of its members; clearly, the Roll of Honour must pay its own way. To disarm criticism, be it said that the Council hardly expects to grow rich on the proceeds.

In such wise, the Rabbits' Guild offers its contribution to the discussion on teaching, and presents its humble petition to those who teach. If it has allowed itself a little licence in detailing the antics of petitioners, that is balanced by strict regard to fact in describing the exploits of instructors.

Now let the storm break. 'Teaching their grandmothers to suck eggs, indeed!' Maybe. Maybe not.

T. B., Master.
B. M. W. D., Secretary.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES FERNLEY
AN APPRECIATION

James Fernley, of Norbury (Hazel Grove), was laid to rest on November 30th in the shade of the tower in which he had spent so many hours, when a crowded church testified to the esteem in which he was held by the people of the village and parish and his fellow ringers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. Taylor), who spoke movingly of the good which the deceased had done. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by four members of the band with whom he had been associated over a long period. Many ringers were present from neighbouring towers and further afield, and the Chester Guild was officially represented by its deputy Master and the chairman of the local Branch. There were representatives from the various parish organisations with which he had been associated, for not only did he take an interest in the tower but was deputy organist, church councillor, member of the operatic society (in which he took a leading part) and also leader of the Norbury Handbell Ringers.

He had a distinguished ringing career and rang his first peal in 1923 (the treble to a peal in 29 methods), and later in the same year he rang the treble to the first 35-method peal ever to be rung. He took part in the last peal on the old six at Norbury in 1925 and was in the first on the new bells in the same year. With the new ring of eight, under the leadership of his father, James Fernley, sen., the band set out to lay the foundations of Major ringing, and peals in various methods followed in which he took part. The first peal of Bristol in 1929 was the first by all the band except the conductor (Mr. T. Wilde), and this method soon became a favourite one at the 'Grove.' London followed in early 1931, and in the same year began an association with Mr. John Worth, which continued up to the time of his death. In January, 1934, he took part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild, in two methods, and in April of the same year he married Miss Eva Hulme.

In October, 1934, his father died, and it seemed as time went on that his mantle had descended upon his son, who kept up the tradition of hospitality and training at Norbury and added lustre to the already famous name of Fernley. Early in 1935 he took part in the first peal of Four Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild, conducted by John Worth. About this time certain members of the band were becoming very interested in Spliced Minor and had, in fact, in 1933 put the record up to 38, and again at the end of 1935 to 39. Early in 1935 they carried it to 42, and in all of these Jim took a leading role. In the next few years they carried it even further by stages until in 1937 73 Treble Bob methods was reached, and in the following year 84 methods. These performances did not, however, prevent them from pushing on with Surprise Major ringing, and many good performances were recorded in which the name of James Fernley prominently appeared.

During the war he served in the Army Catering Corps, and was stationed for some time in Shropshire where he did much to encourage ringing in the dark days of silent bells. When peace came he returned and set about re-establishing a band at Norbury and was very successful, although to do so he had, like so many more, to make use of girls. Soon the practices resumed their normal pattern, and the question was 'What do we do next?' It was obvious that splicing was becoming increasingly popular and there was no more ardent advocate of it than Jim Fernley. He was always ready to press on to the next stage, and it was regretted that his work and his many other interests compelled him to miss some of the attempts. Perhaps this was one of the qualities which made him the leader he undoubtedly was, always ready to look up anything, and yet when the time came to step down in favour of someone *he* felt was more capable than he was. At the time of his death the band were practising for 25 methods, and this was rung on December 7th with another member of the group in the place he would have had, and the band wish to associate this peal with his memory.

He formed some years before the war a handbell tune-ringing band which became known as the Norbury Handbell Ringers and enjoyed considerable fame in the districts around, being in great demand for concerts. A few weeks before his death they had been successful in an audition with the B.B.C. and were looking forward to an engagement in the future. The annual carol service at Norbury is an event to which come practically all the parishioners and others from far and near, and the music is mainly provided by the Handbell Ringers. At the time of his death they were preparing for this service and it is understood that it will go on as in other years, for with his characteristic thoroughness he had ensured that the band was not solely dependent upon him.

He leaves a widow and daughter; both ringers, to mourn his loss, and to them all ringers who knew him will extend their sincerest sympathy.

C. K. L.

MR. JOHN BOOTH

The death occurred on December 5th of Mr. John Booth, of Standish, Lancashire. For over 50 years he had been a ringer at Standish Parish Church. He had rung 187 peals for the Lancashire Association, of which he had been a member since 1913. He was also a member of the A.S.C.Y. In addition to being a ringer, he was for about 30 years a sidesman and a member of the P.C.C.

Being very fond of tune ringing on handbells, he and his daughter (Mrs. Chamberlain) entertained at the local hospitals and concerts held all over Lancashire, from all of which he sought no reward. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral by members of the local band, assisted by Messrs. A. Tomlinson, W. Farrimond, W. Horner and C. Sharples, representing the Lancashire Association. So passes on one who was respected by all who knew him. May he rest in peace. J. W. G.

MR. ALBERT CHARLES HARDY

The older generation of visitors to Barking, Essex, East London and Southern Essex ringers during the late '90s and the early part of this century will remember Mr. Albert Charles Hardy, who died earlier in the month, aged 81. Taking no active part in ringing for the past 28 years, he was interested until the last as a regular subscriber to the 'R.W.' He was a member of the College Youths for over 60 years and had rung upwards of 50 peals. Strongly made, a splendid handler, a precision striker, rarely making a mistake, from treble to tenor he would excel, but we remember him as a very capable heavy-end man.

A competent handbell ringer of London Surprise standard, he was one of a limited number to ring Harrison's 8,896 Kent T. Bob, the extent of tenors together, on both hand- and tower-bells. He rang Barking tenor to this faultlessly. With more than a casual knowledge of composition and method construction, he could conduct if necessary, but preferred leaving this to others. Indifferent health limited his enthusiasm. A wreath from the present Barking company was a tribute to a former colleague, and Caleb Fenn, George Cottis and G. W. Faulkner were present at the funeral. G. W. F.

Christmas Greetings to all Readers

The Editor and Staff of 'The Ringing World' at Guildford and Mr. J. E. Jeater send their good wishes to all readers and thank the many correspondents for their cards and greetings.

The ringers of HOBART, Tasmania, send their fraternal greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers in the Homeland and the world over.

The ringers of BRITISH COLUMBIA, Canada, send their best wishes for happy ringing this Christmastide to ringers the world over. —E. W. Izard.

To the 'Ringers of England' with the best wishes of the ringers at the CATHEDRAL, CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.

From CAPE TOWN's solitary tower, sincere greetings to the Exercise the world over. Hoping to see old friends return, we extend a warm welcome to visitors, and wish you all good health in 1958. 1412

APSLEY ST. MARY's ringers send Christmas greetings to their many ringing friends, especially those who have so kindly received them on the occasions of their annual outings. Good ringing and good luck in 1958. 1487

To 'ringers at home' and in faraway places I wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—JENNIE ARMSTRONG, Morpeth.

A merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year to all our friends both near and far is the earnest wish from all members of the ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING, Essex. 1490

Mr. JOHN BASS wishes to thank all his friends for their kind enquiries and sends them warm and sincere greetings for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. 1503

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends in Kent and Sussex, and members of the Railwaymen's Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT, Wadhurst, Sussex. 1505

Mr. PETER N. BOND sends cordial Christmas greetings and all good wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially to members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 1489

Mr. and Mrs. HERRICK B. BOWLEY, of 108, Anstey Lane, Leicester, wish all ringing friends a happy Christmas and all good wishes for the coming year. 1483

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends near and far, with a special wish to Suffolk ringers. May we have happy meetings and good ringing in 1958.—LESLIE G. BRETT, Framsden. 1491

Once again at this festive season Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, of Station Road, Darley Dale, send greetings to all friends for Christmas, 1957, and the New Year. 1482

Many thanks to all who, in 1957, have entertained us at their towers, welcomed us at meetings and invited us to join outings. Best wishes and greetings to all friends.—PAUL & FLO FIELD, Knole, Langport. 1522

To my many friends, hearty greetings, kind thoughts and all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham, Berks. 1498

A very happy Christmas, good fortune and good ringing in the New Year is our wish for all our ringing friends.—GEORGE (Air Headquarters, Malta), DAVID, FRANCES and HILDA MASSEY, Parbury Bungalow, Frome, Somerset. 1479

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Titchfield, Hants. 1492

To all my ringing friends, all good wishes for success, health and prosperity. No ringing myself; confined to house.—H. GOODWIN, 35, Farnworth Road, E. Herringthorpe, Rotherham, Yorks. 1507

Best wishes and hearty greetings to all ringing friends for Christmas and the New Year from Mr. and Mrs. H. W. KNIGHT, Masonic Hall, Yatton. 1480

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts. 1500

Mrs. LATHBURY and Miss SHORTER wish all their ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1510

Wishing all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and bright New Year. Still some about you have not rung in. —N. S. T. G., NAILSEA. 1495

To all my ringing friends everywhere, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. —F. PRECEY, 7, Cologne Road, Bovington Camp, Dorset. 1512

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Christmas greetings and a happy New Year to all our friends of the Southampton District, and a big 'Thank you' for the help so kindly given us during 1957. — From ROMSEY ABBEY ringers. 1520

Hearty greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends everywhere, with special greetings to Tom Cullingworth and his happy band of tourists. Good luck to you all. —RONALD J. SHARP, Sandbanks, 1, Flitwick Road, Maulden, Bedford. 1502

Heartiest Christmas greetings and all good wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year, with lots of good ringing and concord, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK SKIDMORE to all ringers and friends. 1499

SILSOE RINGERS wish all their friends a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, and hope to see some of them at their dinner on January 17th. 1488

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. SMALLWOOD send greetings and best wishes for the festive season to all ringing friends, old and new.—16, Comeragh Road, London, W.14. 1485

To all my ringing friends both far and near, a very happy Christmas and sincere good wishes for the coming year.—HILDA G. SNOWDEN, Halstead, Essex. 1509

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE, of Warrington House, Paddock Wood, Kent, send hearty Christmas greetings and wishes for a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends. 1506

Sincere Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year to all our ringing friends, from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Craigentinny, Firleigh Road, Kingsteignton, Devon. 1472

To our many old and new ringing friends *everywhere*—now too numerous to mention individually—my many Guilds and Associations —especially our Railwaymen's and Women's Guild—'The Ringing World,' a good and cheap sixpennyworth, Mr. White, Editor, a very happy Christmas and prosperous new and succeeding years; also grateful thanks for many, many happy times and years.—W. FRANK and Mrs. STENSON, Crewe. 1477

Best wishes to all ringers and friends for Christmas and the New Year from Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 1511

Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and good health and prosperity during the coming year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—EVELYN STEEL, Biddenham, Beds. 1494

Christmas greetings to all members of THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, resident and non-resident, remembering especially at this time those members and friends who are sick and in hospital: from Reginald V. Johnson (Master). 1469

A very merry Christmas and best wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends, from Martin, Paddy, Katharine and Penny THORLEY, Padmar, 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, Yorkshire. 1508

Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends, especially in the Darlington and Newcastle areas.—JOE THORNLEY, Farnworth, Lancashire. 1504

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

In spite of inclement weather about 30 members attended the annual meeting of the Southern District at Sketty, Swansea, on December 7th. Ringing at St. Paul's commenced at 2.40 p.m. and continued under the direction of the Ringing Master until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. C. Williams). In his address, he took as his text 'Many members but one body.'

Tea was provided by the ringers and friends, who were thanked by the Master (Mr. J. T. Williams) for their services rendered.

In the absence of the Vicar the chair was taken by the Master of the Guild. The District secretary reported great strides in the completion of St. Mary's, but could not give any date as to when the bells would be installed. There was still no sign of Morriston bells being rehung.

All officers were re-elected. (Someone was then heard to say that if they stayed on long enough they would get a pension.)

It was proposed that the next meeting be a joint one with the Llandaff Branch. It was also proposed that the secretaries of the St. David's Guild of the S. and B. Guild arrange an occasional joint practice suitable to both Guilds. The District secretary was asked to order a coach for the annual festival at Brecon on June 28th.

After the customary votes of thanks, proposed by the Master, ringing continued until 8 p.m. J. A. H.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Advent Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Worboys 1, J. Belcham 2, W. J. Ellis 3, R. D. Tomlin 4, P. J. Coward 5, D. Belcham 6, F. C. May 7, P. S. Sadler 8, A. J. House (cond.) 9, G. S. Sandwell 10. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Dec. 8th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Clayton (first quarter) 1, B. Coatsworth (first quarter) 2, E. Curson (first as cond.) 3, L. Allen 4, J. Bell 5, D. Vivian (first quarter) 6.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. G. Bailey 1, S. Bailey 2, Miss C. Whitfeld 3, J. Ridd 4, Miss K. Stisted 5, G. S. Piper 6, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 7, C. Hankinson 8. First quarter in method on bells and by all except 6th.

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SCOTT.—At 44, St. Leonard's Road, Newton Abbot, on Tuesday, November 12th, 1957, to Claire (nee Isles) and the Rev. John G. M. Scott, a son.

DEATH

EDDEN.—On December 3rd, at Deppers Bridge, Leamington Spa, Clarice Busby, beloved wife of R. J. Edden. 1478

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PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.—Ringing at Packwood has now recommenced. Practice night, Friday, 7.30 to 9. Beginners and ringers welcomed. Bells available for visiting change-ringing bands by appointment with the Vicar through Mr. Tallis; KNOwle 2425, evenings. N.B.—Sunday Evensong is at 3 p.m. 1460

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Monthly combined 12-bell practices at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, first Saturdays, commencing Jan. 4th, 1958, 4 to 8 p.m. Ambition, Yorkshire and Superlative Maximus. Ringers, mark your diaries!—G. Symonds, Hon. Sec. 1481

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MEETINGS

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Sussex, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Bells (8). Tea names to Miss Stisted, Fordlands, Catsfield, Sussex. 1457

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Hatfield (10), Saturday, Dec. 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after until 7.20 only. Names for tea to S. Huckle, 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 1466

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening practice at Stoke Poges (8) 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21st (note date).—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 1467

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Saturday, Dec. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall for those who notify by Monday, Dec. 23rd. Please note change of date.—Geo. North, 11, Richmond Terrace, Brighton. 1463

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western and Northern Divisions.—Advanced ringing practice, Arundel, Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells 3.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Special method, Ashtead. Tea available—get your own.—G. Francis. 1513

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Combined practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, January 1st. Bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. All very welcome.—Peter N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 1513

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chester-le-Street meeting brought forward to January 4th as joint Northern and Western Districts meeting. Bells 2.30 p.m. Social evening with tea. Numbers, please, by Jan. 1st to Mr. S. Walker, 21, Avondale Terrace, Chester-le Street. 1515

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Bocking, Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 1486

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting at Brenchley, Saturday, Jan. 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s. 6d.), by Jan. 1st to Mr. C. Tester, The Cottage, Tawsden, Brenchley. 1452

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General meeting, nomination of officers, etc., All Saints', Isleworth, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea and business in Church Hall 4.15. Service 6. Further ringing 6.30 to 8. Evening social in Church Hall. Practice, Jan. 6th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.30. A.G.M., Feb. 8th. Dinner, April 19th. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, ISL3921. 1518

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tadmarton (6), Saturday, Jan. 4th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Swalcliffe (6) after 7 p.m. For tea please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 1474

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, St. Martin's Hotel, at 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4th. St. Martin's bells available 4.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 1496

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 4th, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting in belfry at 6 p.m.—C. W. Towers. 1516

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, London, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 6.45 p.m., price 18s., Will any members who have not had a circular and wish to attend please send their payments quickly to me.—B. D. Threlfall, 26, Valley Road, Bromley, Kent. 1501

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1958, Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from J. L. Morris, 25, Lancing Road, Orpington, Kent. 1465

Peals At Bradley

Dear Sir,—Referring to the dedication of the bells of St. Martin's Church, Bradley, Staffs (page 790), there were two peals rung on the old bells, one each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Mr. William Bayliss took part in both these peals, also my brother, Alfred J. Wallater, who now resides at Oakland, California, U.S.A.

The Stedman Triples was rung on Wednesday, March 6th, 1907, in 2 hours and 56 minutes; a variation of Thurstans' Four-part, conducted by the late George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who was a native of Hanbury, Worcestershire. The band was George Hughes treble, Albert Blundell 2, Christopher Wallater 3, Alfred J. Wallater 4, Horace Belcher 5, William Fisher 6, Alfred Rowley 7, William Bayliss tenor — Yours sincerely,

C. WALLATER.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN H. BROTHWELL

We regret to record the sudden death on November 30th of Mr. John H. Brothwell, of Treeton, near Rotherham, aged 83 years.

Mr. Brothwell joined the Yorkshire Association in 1893 and had rung 229 peals for the Association. He was very well known in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Notts and Derby areas, and attended a meeting on most Saturdays.

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