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AN ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK FOR BEGINNERS IN THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING

VERY few elementary text books on ringing have been written in partnership, and the reason for this is not far to seek when one considers the diversity of opinion on many of the problems arising in the instruction of beginners. For a syndicate of four to attempt to write a book of this kind would seem to be a hazardous enterprise, and Miss Cross and her committee may, therefore, be well satisfied with the success they have achieved in 'An Elementary Handbook for Beginners in the Art of Change-Ringing,' the latest Central Council production.

The book is divided into three parts, and is prefaced by an introduction which makes it clear that successful use of the succeeding pages depends upon a thorough co-operation between teacher and pupil; the text must therefore be surveyed critically with this in mind: that the book is for the instructor as well as for the learner.

Part I deals with the bell, its parts, its mechanism, and how to handle it. It is pointed out, and quite rightly, that personal instruction is essential in the learning of bell handling; the explanatory paragraphs, therefore, will be found of great value both by the student for private study and by the instructor for periodic catechising. The 'Do's and Don'ts' of the business of ringing a bell are well covered, and apart from (i) 'Speed of Ringing,' which might have been omitted at this stage, the suggested order of instruction is logical. The notes on 'Where to look when ringing' and 'Watching other ringers in action' form valuable notes at the end of this section.

The illustrations include three views of a bell and a number of posed demonstrations to assist in making clear the correct positions of hands and body in ringing a bell. One may perhaps doubt the value of Nos. 10 and 11. In photographs of a rope in motion the effect is rarely elegant, and in these snapshots the eye of the pupil would seem to be fixed (a trifle undesirably) on the sally.

Part II deals with change-ringing, and this section has been adapted from Mr. W. G. Wilson's very popular 'Notes for Beginners.' As in the mechanical section, the stress is on the association of pupil and teacher, and the text is planned to assist both. The work starts with a consideration of plain hunting and leads on to the study of Plain Bob followed by Grandsire. It will be gratifying to many instructors to find some notes on the elementary study of coursing order, an important feature of change-ringing so often neglected by beginners. One would perhaps have welcomed a somewhat more detailed exposition of the actual process of hunting (which Jasper Snowden provides so successfully), but the authors seem to have taken the view that this, too, is a matter for the instructor, and their opinion is consistent with the aim and policy of the book.

Part II is short but significant. It touches briefly but earnestly on the duties of a ringer and the band to which he belongs. It provides not only a fitting conclusion to a book for beginners but also sets out considerations that should be read, marked and learned afresh by ringers of all ages and experience.

The book has unity and clearness of expression. It is free from pedantry and tautology, and its friendly language has managed to keep dignity nor lose the common touch. The Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to the Handbook Committee for their labours. E. C. S.

NOTE: Copies can be purchased from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby, price 1s. post free.

THE BELLS OF ABERTAWE WILL RING OUT AGAIN ON EASTER SUNDAY

I WOULD first of all take you back to April, 1950, when the Rev. Harry Williams accepted the living of St. Paul's Church, Sketty, and his very first job was to have the eight bells retuned and rehung. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. completed this work by September of the same year, which coincided with the centenary celebrations of the church.

In September, 1958, the Rev. Canon Harry Williams (as he was then) was offered the living of the Parish Church of Swansea, St. Mary's, and he again accepted. Soon afterwards he set about the work of having eight bells put back into the rebuilt tower. The order was given to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have promised to have the bells ready for ringing by Easter Sunday, March 29th. Will ringers please note that the bells will be available for ringing on that day. (See Notices for further particulars.)

Let us appreciate the magnificent achievement by the Vicar of Swansea who, with the help of many townspeople, made it possible for two 8-bell towers to be available for ringing in eight years, especially as in these days of so much synthetic music, and also synthetic bells used in the country. There is still, however, another ring of six bells lying at the base of the tower in St. John's Church, Morriston; and it is hoped that in the not too far distant future these bells will also peal forth their 'call to worship.'

The Church of St. Mary was blitzed in February, 1941—the building, including the tower, was completely gutted by fire, and all the bells were melted down in the intense heat. It was no wonder the late Bishop of Bangor, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward Davies, who was then Vicar of Swansea, cried when he saw the destruction of his church.

Now the new St. Mary's has been rebuilt at a cost of £250,000, and about £12,000 has still to be found to clear the debt. On such a happy occasion it would not be right or proper to forget those associated with the ringing fraternity at St. Mary's who have now passed on. They are Messrs. Fred Curtis, E. Searle, Ned Davies, Phil Kneath, Jack Davies, Chas. Hoare, J. Jones, Jim Hoare, Syd Perry, Albert Edwards, Albert Williams and Alan Rose.

The work and responsibility of directing the rebuilding of the new church, which is of cathedral proportions, must be associated with the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. J. J. Thomas. This great church will be opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, on Thursday, May 28th.

J. A. HOARE.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

WILLIAM H. DOWSE Treble	ARTHUR G. MASON 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 9
BASIL JONES 4	PETER LAFLIN 10
TOM STRANGEWAYS 5	JOHN WORTH 11
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

*CYRIL SAVAGE Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER 6
†MARY H. HALL 2	§JOHN H. GILBERT 7
TUDOR P. EDWARDS 3	‡ERIC J. HITCHINS 8
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN 4	BRIAN BLADON 9
‡D. JOHN HUNT 5	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PHILIP MEHEW.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal 'inside.' ‡ First of Royal.

§ First of Plain Royal.

Rung by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise, this being the first peal by the Society.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
BERNARD F. L. GROVES 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS 5	BRIAN HARRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung with a fourth's place bob. Composition contains 16 567890's, 657890's, 467890's and 457890's.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRED W. RING Treble	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN 6
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	JOHN R. COOPER 7
RALPH BIRD 3	MARK W. MARSHALL 8
*THOMAS E. SONE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 9
GEOFFREY PEARSON 5	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 75th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY E. WATSON Treble	*DAVID W. JAMES 5
ARTHUR GIBBS 2	RONALD C. NOON 6
*DIANA M. LAWLESS 3	ALAN J. FROST 7
SHELAGH R. COLLINS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
PETER BERESFORD 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
PETER BORDER 4	JOHN A. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt.

EMLYN F. HANCOCK Treble	ALAN A. HILLIAR 5
NORMAN H. COOMBS 2	C. DONALD MANN 6
JOHN M. STALLARD 3	VICTOR E. WILLS 7
SIDNEY G. RICHES 4	WILLIAM J. COOK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

First peal of Triples as conductor.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Oliver Tomkins as Bishop of Bristol.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation.	Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.
MURIEL REAY Treble	ANTHONY AGER 5
CLIVE M. SMITH 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	PETER BERESFORD 7
*JOHN H. ALLEN 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE SHELLARD Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	WILLIAM F. EYDEN 6
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
JAMES LINNELL 4	GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Arranged by KENNETH A. ROE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. GREEN.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first of Double Bob Major for the Guild.

Rung for the bicentenary of the rebuilding of the church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	JOHN HILL 6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

ELAINE RICHARDSON Treble	BRIAN ROTHWELL 5
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD 2	DAVID YOUNG 6
NORMAN TOMPKINS 3	PETER CROOK 7
GORDON W. LIMMER 4	JOSEPH THORNLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to the honoured memory of Raymond Johnson, of Manchester.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
*ROBERT HUGHES Treble	†JOHN WOODMAN 5
GEOFFREY MARCHANT 2	THOMAS YEOMANS 6
WILLIAM J. GOODFELLOW .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
*NEVILL JAMES 4	*MICHAEL BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First of Triples.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Way (vice-captain of the local band) and Mr. Michael Carpenter, of Bath.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ANDREW D. GRANT Treble	DAVID A. S. HAWKINS .. 5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT 2	JOHN D. ROCK 6
H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON .. 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7
WILLIAM S. DEASON 4	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

A. JAMES POYNOR Treble	RUSSELL S. MORRIS 5
DIANA J. PERRINS 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

200th tower-bell peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the wedding on February 14th of Mr. Gordon A. Halls and Miss Patricia A. M. Forster, both members of the 'Monday band.'

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITE Treble	*ALISON M. MANN 5
BERNARD C. MANN 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
HARRY R. APPLETON 3	PETER J. EVES 7
EDWARD W. ROAST 4	JOE E. G. ROAST Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

Rung in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mann.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

Johnson's variation.	
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	J. RICHARD CASILEDINE .. 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
*THOMAS J. LOCK 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 550th peal.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,016 Bristol, 1,824 London, 672 Superlative, 576 Cambridge, with 122 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN M. YEO Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
ROBERT COLLINS 2	COLIN A. TESTER 6
STANLEY JENNER 3	JOHN R. COOPER 7
IAN H. ORAM 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, LAWRENCE

AND ANNE,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

ANTHONY A. UPTON Treble	ANTHONY AGER 5
MURIEL REAY 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
RUTH M. BORDER 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

Rung for the 557th anniversary of the consecration of this church, and as a farewell to Mr. H. Fairley, for many years a member of the choir.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

*DOUGLAS W. WOODCOCK Treble	*ANDREW M. MACVE .. 4
*PETER J. MILTON 2	*COLIN F. MCGILL 5
IAN H. ORAM 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal in three methods.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

ROLAND REED Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
JOHN E. FOX 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and a 720.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ANDREW J. STRAIDHEE .. Treble	ANTHONY AGER 4
CLIVE M. SMITH 2	JOHN A. ANDERSON 5
JOHN H. ALLEN 3	BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Society.

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SUNDRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*ERIC D. HATCHER Treble	TENOR 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
ERIC BRUNGER 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 4
†GEORGE FRY 3	KEVIN S. HOHL 5
	COLIN A. TESTER Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 different 240's.

*THOMAS NORBURY Treble	TENOR 8½ cwt.
BARRY CORBISHLEY 2	HARRY CALLWOOD 4
GEORGE FORRESTER 3	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
	DEREK BRISCALL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. Rung for the wedding of Wilfred Denis Norbury to Beryl Pauleen Norbury, daughter of the treble ringer.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.	TENOR 14 cwt.
*KEITH S. IRELAND Treble	GORDON WALFORD 4
†CHARLES H. WEBBER 2	DAVID T. NORTH 5
†IVOR G. HUGHES 3	CHARLES E. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by DAVID T. NORTH.

* First peal. † First in two methods.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire.	TENOR 7 cwt.
*ROBIN ROGERS Treble	GEORGE ATKINS 3
GEORGE WEBB 2	*JAMES LINNELL 4
	WILLIAM A. YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Doubles.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	TENOR 10 cwt.
RONALD LUNN Treble	*ROY CLARKE 4
FRANK LAMB 2	*TERRY HORSFIELD 5
*RUSSELL STEPHENSON .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

TENOR 12 cwt.	
FRANK D. BISHOP Treble	*E. RUSSELL GOTHAM .. 4
MICHAEL J. PALMER 2	ROBERT W. HINDE 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER .. 3	WILLIAM T. COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal in more than one method.

DYRHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.	TENOR 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
*SANDRA LEWIS Treble	TERENCE J. MILSOM 4
*RITA M. WEBB 2	ALAN F. LEE 5
*GLORIA M. NEWTON .. 3	J. JAMES JEFFERIES Tenor

Conducted by ALAN F. LEE.

* First peal in three methods. First in three methods on the bells.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Braintree Delight; (2) Charlwood D.; (3) Neasden D.; (4) St. Albans D.; (5) Wragby D.; (6) Capel Treble Bob; (7) Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' and Kingston Treble Bob.

TENOR 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.	
G. LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS 4
*PETER A. SHARPE 2	RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor 'inside.'

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Rung on the front six, being one 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

TENOR 10½ cwt.	
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. 4
MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK .. 2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5
SUSAN CHADDOCK 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 6 are one family, and 1 and 5 are brother and nephew of the conductor respectively.

Rung on St. Valentine's Day.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Chester, (2) Munden, (3) York, (4) London, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

TENOR 10 cwt.	
MICHAEL EDWARDS Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
*THOMAS R. ROAST 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in eight Surprise methods.

A birthday compliment to Mr. E. W. Roast.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	TENOR 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
*EDWARD GAUTREY Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND 4
DEREK E. GRIFFIN 2	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 5
*EDWARD M. THRESHER .. 3	MICHAEL F. AMOS Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Grimshaw, of Long Buckby, and also to mark the occasion of the engagement to W. John Kinchin, of Yelvertoft, and Mary Wilford, of Clipston.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

TENOR 7½ cwt.	
*ANN COLLIER Treble	*IVAN COOPER 4
*ANN PRYKE 2	†PERCY W. MILLS 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 19, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	TENOR 14½ cwt.
CHARLES CLEGG Treble	GEOFFREY SALMON (15) .. 4
*GLADYS FISHWICK 2	*RAYMOND COCKSHOTT (14) 5
PETER COCKSHOTT (15) .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS .. 6

*BERRY MARTIN (13) Tenor covering

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal In memoriam Herbert Knight, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. Rung by the Sunday service band.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings). Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*C. THOMAS RODGERS .. Treble	J. EDWARD BROWN .. 4
†G. COLIN JACKSON .. 2	FREDERICK DERRY .. 5
PHILIP C. PITCHFORD .. 3	JOHN J. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK DERRY.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' First as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band on the second anniversary of the rehanging of these bells. First local band to ring a peal at this church.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

GEORGE W. HEYHOE .. Treble	PETER J. WOODCOCK .. 4
ROBERT ALLCOCK .. 2	WILLIAM ROSE .. 5
TONY OWEN .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

A farewell peal to the Rev. W. P. Tippen, who is leaving for Cowlings, Cambridgeshire.

EDGMOND, SALOP.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

G. ARNOLD MOORE .. Treble	*GEOFFREY DAVES .. 4
*ERIC YOUNG .. 2	*CHARLES A. S. WEBB .. 5
ALBERT LAWTON .. 3	*WILLIAM WATKIN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ARNOLD MOORE.

* First peal in two methods. First of Doubles on the bells.
A 14th birthday compliment to Helen Moore.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 51 methods: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London Surprise; (2) Bam-borough, Bacup, Thelwall, Lytham, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, London Bob, College, Childwall, Wavertree, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate (14 methods by C. K. Lewis); (3) Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Elston, Clarence, Morning Star, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (5) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; 127 changes of method. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT .. Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST .. 5
PETER J. EVES .. 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

The most methods rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN PARSONAGE .. Treble	JOHN S. DEAN .. 4
†DENISE SHALLCROSS .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 3	GEOFFREY PARTING .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

LUPPITT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR .. Treble	LESLIE V. MORRELL .. 4
IVOR HUGHES .. 2	GORDON WALFORD .. 5
W. RONALD TRICKEY .. 3	DENNIS A. PIKE .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all the band.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob Doubles (four callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 25½ lb.

*E. JOHN DOLMAN .. Treble	BRIAN H. DAWSON .. 3
ERIC EDGINTON .. 2	JOHN K. SMITH .. 4

DAVID W. BRUNNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DAVID W. BRUNNING.

* First peal.

Rung on the back five as a birthday compliment to Brian Dawson, and to enable E. Edginton to 'circle the tower.'

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*RONALD S. ANDERS .. Treble	GEOFFREY LLOYD .. 4
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN .. 5
*DAVID ASPDEN .. 3	*HORACE GROUNDS .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal.

Rung as a last tribute to Mrs. Friar, buried from this church on February 18th.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 21, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT .. Treble	DAVID EMMERSON .. 4
*JILL EASOM (14) .. 2	DUNCAN McNEIL .. 5
VALERIE WATERFIELD .. 3	†RICHARD HOBBS .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HOBBS.

* First peal. † 25th peal, all rung for the Guild.

Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome Charles James, a grandson of the Rector (Rev. J. Linsall), born this day to Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooke.

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HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents differently called.

Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK M. SAWYER . . . 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS . . . 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE . . . 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Susan Anne) to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Payne, of Syston.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tues., Feb. 10, 1959, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. R. RENDER . . . 1—2 | ALAN SHEPPARD . . . 3—4

JOHN POTTS . . . 5—6

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 12, 1959, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

At 17, QUEEN STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 10 in A.

*CHRISTINE PULLIN . . . 1—2 | GEOFFREY DODDS . . . 3—4

JOYCE DODDS . . . 5—6

Conducted by JOYCE DODDS.

* First peal.

BURWELL, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 13, 1959, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At 1, MANDEVILLE.

A PEAL OF 10080 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

MICHAEL J. TESTER . . . 1—2 | RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN . . . 3—4

W. JOHN COUPERTHWAIT 5—6

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

Rung by Soham Grammarians. Longest length by all the band.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1959, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

At 66, MELTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK M. SAWYER . . . 1—2 | HARRY POYNER . . . 3—4

B. STEDMAN PAYNE . . . 5—6

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. B. S. Payne.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 22 in C.

GERALD PENNEY . . . 1—2 | WALTER AYRE . . . 5—6

STANLEY HUCKLE . . . 3—4 | MICHAEL D. FROST . . . 7—8

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 16, 1959, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*STANLEY BIRDSALL . . . 1—2 | HOWARD SCOTT . . . 3—4

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY . . . 5—6

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal. Rung to welcome the birth on Friday, February 13th, of a son, Adrian Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tues., Feb. 17, 1959, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas',

Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's.

MRS. J. RENDER . . . 1—2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY . . . 3—4

KENNETH B. SISSONS . . . 5—6

Conducted by KENNETH B. SISSONS.

First peal as conductor.

John Taylor & Co.**LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

QUARTER PEALS

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Riley 1, Mrs. R. Worrall (first quarter) 2, V. Stonier 3, R. Cartledge 4, R. Worrall (cond.) 5, G. Armit 6.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Martin 1, Christine Wakefield 2, Rev. P. Blackman 3, C. Powdrill 4, A. J. Poyner 5, T. I. Roper 6, G. H. Bray 7, R. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Ash Wednesday Evensong.

BISHOPSGATE, E.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: A. Grainger 1, J. Carrott 2, L. S. Woods 3, J. Fowler 4, M. Bland 5, A. Gargrave 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Spliced Plain Bob and Candlesby): A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, J. Vincent 2, B. S. Sheppard 3, Mrs. A. R. Peake (first 'inside') 4, W. H. Trueman 5, J. West 6. Rung as a farewell to J. West, who is joining H.M. Forces.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: S. Wood 1, A. E. Sandiford 2, J. Kay 3, Miss E. A. Richardson 4, G. W. Limmer 5, W. J. Stokes 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, J. W. Hamer 8. A welcome to Miss E. A. Richardson, of Lincolnshire.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Wadsworth (13) 1, S. B. Schofield (11) 2, K. Rushworth (14) 3, Janet Brook (14) 4, B. Gillian Schofield (13) 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. Rung as a 14th birthday compliment to Janet Brook, and as a farewell to Peter Robinson (14), a ringing friend of the band, who is leaving for Lancashire.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Cora Eldridge 1, Janet Adamson 2, Kathleen North 3, J. Norsworthy 4, Doreen Hague (cond.) 5, B. May 6, E. Eldridge 7, D. Livingston 8. A birthday compliment to 4, 5 and 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Edwards 1, R. Cadamy 2, W. A. Yates 3, J. Linnell 4, J. Marks 5, G. E. Green 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, H. C. Beard 8. For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandshire Doubles: H. Parsons 1, P. Boor (first 'inside') 2, L. Penfold 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,296 Minor (Plain, St. Clement's, Little, Kent and Oxford): R. A. Appleby 1, Ruth H. Appleby (first 'inside') 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, R. J. Lumley (first quarter) 4, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Waddington 6. For evening service.

CHURCH, LANCs.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Clegg 1, Miss G. Fishwick 2, P. Cockshott 2, G. Salmon 4, R. Cockshott 5, L. J. Williams (cond.) 6, B. Martin 8 (covering). In memoriam Herbert Knight, Wolverhampton.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss D. Reed 1, N. North 2, Mrs. D. Hall 3, S. Ball 4, T. Easterby 5, F. Walker 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, D. Hall 8. For morning service.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. Gargrave 4, F. V. Gant 5, T. Grainger 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For morning service.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Celia Arminson (first quarter) 1, B. Read 2, Ethel Clear 3, F. Oakshott 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, G. F. Pratt 6, E. G. L. Coward 7, B. Coward 8.

ELM, CAMBS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Knight 1, A. E. Knott 2, P. A. S. Minall 3, J. Knight 4, H. J. Reeve 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 4. Rung by Sunday service band.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,316 Grandshire Triples (Holt's Original): Celia Lawrence 1, J. Sims 2, N. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, K. Small 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, W/O2 B. Beebe 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Evensong.

FOLKINGHAM LINCs.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, R. Musson (first 'inside') 3, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 4, J. H. Musson 5, F. Wright 6. A birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury, Grandshire): R. Smith (14, first quarter) 1, G. A. Bowcutt 2, A. E. Hinman (cond.) 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. H. Cook 5. A compliment to Mr. Harry Jones (churchwarden) and Mrs. Jones on the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandshire): Audrey Evans (first quarter) 1, Janet L. Adamson 2, Pamela M. Jervis 3, R. Scott 4, Wm. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. Allgrove 6. Miss Evans is the second of the Langley call-change band to ring a quarter peal this year.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, C. Hughes 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, M. Bland 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. Gargrave 8. For Matins.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. W. Bond (cond.) 1, A. Rothery 2, F. Linfoot 3, P. Aspinall 4, A. Rogers 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, D. Sharples 7, J. Newton 8. For Gift Day.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, B. P. Mogg 2, J. Fuller (first quarter) 3, W. J. Foote 4, P. W. Mogg 5, A. E. Woods 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,269 Grandshire Caters: L. Mannering 1, Miss O. Couchman 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, J. T. Mannering 4, F. Leason 5, C. Dring 6, C. Tester 7, J. Wallis 8, B. Kaker 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Chivers 1, E. Brown 2, E. Wadman 3, D. E. Lee 4, G. Salmon 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: N. Anne Lepper 1, Joan E. Probert 2, Valerie A. Bundy 3, Shirley B. Aston (first of Doubles) 4, R. I. Vaughan (first as cond.) 5, R. F. Warren 6. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Pamela Warren 1, Valerie A. Bundy 2, Joan E. Probert 3, R. I. Vaughan (first of Surprise 'inside') 4, D. A. R. May 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On February 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grandshire): Miss M. L. Bryant 1, A. Jackson 2, W. C. Chandler 3, M. J. Martin (cond.) 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, R. C. A. Turner 6. First in four methods for all the band.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Feb. 14th, 1,280 Warwickshire Surprise Major: Judith Harding 1, Susan Jackson 2, J. Temple 3, D. E. Sibson 4, R. Trebilcock 5, P. Brown 6, R. Keeley 7, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 8.

PINCHBECK, LINCs.—On Feb. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Taylor 1, Miss F. Oldershaw 2, R. C. Noon (cond.) 3, J. G. Ames 4, R. Withyman 5, T. H. Charlton 6, S. E. Bennett 7, C. R. Burrell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Curry.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,332 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 840 Grandshire): Sheila Avenell 1, S. C. Baker 2, Brenda Davidge 3, J. R. Avenell 4, F. Cherryman (cond.) 5, R. Boylett 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. R. Boylett, vergor for 20 years and chorister for over 70 years.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Rowe (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Jeffreys 2, B. C. Saddler 3, L. Beale 4, P. A. Saddler 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6, D. E. Belcham 7, P. King 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the return of P. King from National Service.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Roberts 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, E. Wadman 3, G. Salmon 4, E. Naylor 5, E. J. Chivers 6.

ROBERTSBRIDGE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Hook 1, A. Allcorn 2, H. Edwards (first in method) 3, E. T. Avery 4, A. H. Hoad 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,120 Plain Bob Major: C. Rodgers 1, R. Woodward (longest length) 2, Miss M. Mills 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, J. Tilling 5, P. Walker 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For morning Eucharist. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Margaret Mills 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, J. Tilling 3, Elizabeth A. Wardill 4, J. N. D. Chaddock 5, Susan Chaddock 6, D. G. French 7, G. S. Lee 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. First of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Horace E. North, ringer and chorister, who died on February 16th.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Webber (first of Minor): 1, I. G. Hughes 2, P. J. Bird 3, P. N. Tubbs 4, G. Walford 5, D. T. North (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since restoration.

STANWELL, MIDDLEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. A. Evans 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, Miss K. S. Hawthorn 4, R. I. Shepard 5, M. G. Lane 6. Also on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandshire, New Grandshire, Uffington, Union, New Bob, Westminster H. Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Pl. Bob, St. Remigius' Bob, St. Osmund, Huntspill, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pl.): D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, A. D. Grant 4, M. G. Lane 5, J. R. Boyd 6. For afternoon service. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Pickett 1, C. B. Fynes (cond.) 2-3, C. G. V. Buresse 4, A. D. Grant 5, M. G. Lane 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year. The 100th quarter peal in this tower.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Taplin (first of Minor) 2, J. Mynott (first quarter) 3, W. Lawrence 4, S. Mynott 5, W. Brown 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8 (cover).

STRATFORD, E.—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. A. Hughes 3, M. Hawkes 4, M. Meyer 5, C. W. Otley 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, L. W. Bullock 8. For Evensong.

TETENHALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Miss J. Cooper 1, Miss C. Slater 2, R. Humphries 3, E. Southwick 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, H. Harris 6.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (with 1, 2 leading): Mrs. J. Sharpe 1, Mrs. W. Hunt 2, Miss R. Halfacre 3, Miss M. Golson 4, G. Moule (first quarter) 5, Mrs. H. Smith 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Hunt 8. A wedding compliment to W. Bolton, of the local band, and Miss I. R. Major.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Back (first quarter) 1, P. D. Chapman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, F. Sykes 6, T. Hawkins 7, M. Hayes 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,277 Grandshire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. J. Chapman 4, F. Sykes 5, T. Hawkins 6, B. Downes 7, W. Dowler (first as cond.) 8, D. Hewitt 9, M. Hayes 10. For Evensong.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Feb. 8th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: C. Williams 1, R. Ellis 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, E. A. Parish 5, W. D. Peart 6, H. F. Baraclough 7, F. Pickering 8. For Evensong, and as an expression of good wishes to Miss Jane E. Cotterill and Mr. M. Lloyd Clamp on the occasion of their marriage on February 7th.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Randall 1, Jill Eason 2, C. Scott 3, Valerie Waterfield 4, D. Emmerson 5, R. Hobbs (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: J. Linnell 1, C. Truman (first quarter) 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, R. Hinton 4, P. Foster 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. W. Coleman 1, W. A. Yates 2, J. Linnell 3, F. C. Case 4, J. Gregory 5, G. W. Holland 6, W. F. Eyden 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 3 and 5.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 15th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, A. Bagworth 3, G. Goodman 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. To mark the christening of Christopher John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer-Smith, friends of the ringers.

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The Society of Friends of the Exercise have rung their first peal—at Wrington on February 7th. This is a keen group of West Country ringers, who meet two or three times a year with headquarters at the King's Arms, Budleigh, to visit towers in Dorset, Wilts, Devon and Cornwall. The peal was the suggestion of 'Founder Friend' Cyril Savage. They desire to associate the peal with the enthronement of the Bishop of Bristol, which took place during its progress.

Next Sunday at 10 a.m. the retuned and rehung bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford, will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Hereford (Ven. T. B. Randolph).

The suggestion that Reading University Society may accompany Southampton University on their Norfolk and Suffolk tour on July 5th to 12th is a mistake. Miss M. Tilbury has written to Mr. Dermot Roaf, secretary of the U.A., and to Southampton, apologising for the error.

At last the Exercise has its beginners' official book in print. 'An Elementary Handbook for Beginners in the Art of Change Ringing' came off the press this week and will be available next week from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Four Winds, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby. Price 1s., post free. Profusely illustrated, we want to see a sale of 2,000 in the first 12 months.

To correspondents who have written desirous of joining the Rabbits' Guild—we have forwarded your letters to the secretary. For special reasons, explained in the report of the annual meeting, secrecy is observed regarding gatherings. We understand the Guild members assemble together at selected other meetings, and those desirous of joining will unexpectedly receive fraternal greetings from a representative or an official present.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. T. Fowler, of Cookham, has been in the Astor Ward, St. Luke's Hospital, Maidenhead, since February 21st. The last report we received was that he is going on satisfactorily. He will be pleased to hear from ringing friends.

'A real tonic for a 'flu victim,' writes a correspondent in appreciation of our speeding-up process of dispatch.

This evening Mr. J. Frank Smallwood is addressing the new Leeds University Campanological Society on 'The importance of having a ringing paper.'

Visiting ringers to Bournemouth are cordially invited to practice nights. They are: St. John's, Surrey Road, Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Miss W. Nichols, of Randwick, N.S.W., writes that this is the centenary year of the Municipality of Randwick, but it is unlikely their ring of eight will be pealable before the end of the year. She is anxious to know whether their mother church, St. Jude's, Randwick, Glos, has a ring of bells. [No mention in Dove's.]

Unfortunately, the photograph we received of 'the most beautiful eight in the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild' would not reproduce satisfactorily. The names were Vivienne Richardson, Shirley Guymer, Wendy Spacie, Jean Blackburn, Joy Till, Dorothy Golland, Delia Smith and Mary Stapleton.

While the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mann, of Goldhanger, Essex, took place on January 30th, the peal in honour of the occasion was not rung until February 20th. The thick fog on January 29th necessitated the arranged attempt being cancelled. Of Mr. Mann's 60 years as a ringer, 58 have been at Goldhanger. A son, grand-daughter and grandson (now learning) carry on the good work.

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LET LOOSE IN AFRICA

By VICTOR SHEPPARD

WHILST South Africa is not rich in ringing towers—indeed in Dove's Guide it has the least of all ringing countries—the Exercise is kept alive and the future is not without hope. From Cape Town in the extreme south it is 425 miles to the university city of Grahamstown. Another 350 miles further on lies the port of Durban, and from here it is 850 miles to the capital of Southern Rhodesia, Salisbury.

GRAHAMSTOWN

Under such conditions the curious ringer must give his attention to the many single bells in church, farmyard, or ancient monument. The first ring of bells in Africa came to Grahamstown Cathedral from Warner's foundry in 1878, and was erected two years later in a frame made of timbers salvaged from the bridge at Fort Brown. The floods of '74 had swept this bridge down river to the coast; the beams, the gift of the Government, were hauled back 50 miles by oxen. I can find no record of any ringing taking place here, and the Bishop only ten years later wrote: 'We might have done without the tower and bells.' Silence descended there until Canon Ridout rang handbells in the belfry, which duly appeared in 'The Ringing World' of 1914, and later he wrote, in 1939: 'They are not in order, the frame loose and only chimed.'

The present Dean, the Very Rev. Hodson, from Helmesley, Yorks, told me in 1954 that they were very dirty, a clapper had fallen out, and a beam prevented the tenor from rising; it then looked rather hopeless for this eight (tenor 25 cwt.). Heartening news came early this year from Pat Cahill, whom Salisbury (Wilts) friends will remember. He writes that Mr. Eardley, from Stoke-on-Trent, and his son have fitted new ropes and unstuck the grease and rust of years; the gudgeons can at last turn. The architect is satisfied the tower is safe, and some beginners are receiving instruction. Ropes which fall in two parallel lines, and worm-eaten sliders which crumble at the touch of the stay, add to the excitement. They have done a fine job to get four bells rung on Easter morning and they deserve success.

CAPE TOWN

The Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin stands in a busy industrial suburb of Cape Town, but things were very different when Woodstock was a fishing beach and the tower was being built in 1897. The ship's bell, inscribed 'Batavia, Hamburg, 1788,' served the church until the Barwell eight arrived in 1902; these are almost identical with the same founders' ring at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton (tenor 10 cwt.). They got off to a good start with a few competent men, and 18 months later were of peal-ringing standard. With the settled conditions which returned at the close of the South African war, and the gold rush on the Witwatersrand, the band broke up and only desultory ringing took place for official occasions during the next 20 years.

A quarter peal of Doubles in 1925 was the outstanding event, though the handbells were active at concerts about this time. During the 1930's the tenor was put on ball-bearings by the ringers. After the last war a few immigrants came, and the band began to make progress; in the last three years some wheels have been renewed, and the writer quarter-turned the treble and second. They go tolerably well, but there's no denying that the bell-hanger would be very welcome.

The band meet regularly under Mr. W. Smith, formerly of Guildford, for practice and service ringing. Woodstock is now stronger than at any time since its opening years.

Although Cape Town can claim to have had the first ring of bells in South Africa, they were never hung for ringing: Thos. Mears cast eight

(tenor 16 cwt. in F) in 1834, and they hung in St. George's Cathedral until the tower was demolished in 1952. Ringing, which had ceased 20 years previously (tower unsafe!), was done by means of a lanyard round each clapper, the bells were hung 'dead' and the ringers stood on the floor below, their changes painted on the wall. At present the treble hangs in a cote on the unfinished nave, and the rest stand in the churchyard. No wonder the fourth is cracked!

Fourteen years ago the Cathedral received a considerable bequest which was directed to be invested, and solely used, for the restoration of the bells; and to-day it would handsomely cover any expense. However, the authorities are not at all interested and shelter behind the technical-political impasse which at the moment prevents the completion of the nave and tower; an appeal to the new Archbishop met with polite interest.

How many churches would like this bequest?—it has now accumulated to about £8,000. I couldn't see the Rev. G. Thurlow sitting quietly by if he were here.

The only other installation of note at Cape Town is the 37-bell carillon from Loughborough in the City Hall. It is a 1914-18 War memorial. Opened in 1925, it has never been a great success because of the prevailing high winds in summer, when it is inaudible at street level. The tenor is 47 cwt. It has not been played for several years, though I have a programme from 1936 which says '... the recital to begin and end with the usual change-ringing.' The carillonneur of those days is now the town clerk, and he was able to show me his transposition of methods (Oxford and Kent) into musical notation.

It is here convenient to mention the city of Port Elizabeth, 420 miles from Cape Town on the way to Durban. A notable feature of the skyline is a high, square, red brick campanile, containing a Gillett and Johnston carillon of 23 bells with auto player mechanism; it has been out of action for several years.

DURBAN

Durban was the next place to have a ring of bells, when the city Church of St. Paul received a Taylor eight (tenor 14 cwt.). Cast in 1916, the bells were not dedicated until 1921. The small belfry was remarkable for its white sallies; now they are the usual stripes. The bells are in three tiers, with the second on the top. In 1930 Mr. Alex Young found some good call-changes there, and the band considered themselves the only real ringers in the country. Methods have never taken hold there and a call-change band still rings for service.

About two miles from the city is the suburb of Greyville, and in 1919 Taylors cast a ring of ten (tenor 18 cwt.) for St. Mary's Church there. They were dedicated before the earlier ring at St. Paul's. This is undoubtedly the best ring in Africa, the belfry is roomy and the ropes fall in a good circle. An unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters on New Year's Eve, 1924, is the only evidence I can find of any ringing until Mr. Osborne, of Rugby, called a quarter peal of Doubles in August, 1955. There is no regular band here, although like St. Paul's the bells are in good order. Latest news is that adjoining road excavations have disturbed the foundations, and ringing is forbidden. Mr. Cyril Chambers, of Kidderminster, is the authority in Durban. The five clock bells in the Post Office complete the picture for this most English city of the Union. An interesting link at Durban is a Mrs. Stainbank, whose husband's great-grandfather, Christopher, became the partner of George Mears in 1865.

SALISBURY

Now to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where the Cathedral is still being built. A bequest to provide for bells was in this case honoured, and

a new ring of ten is at present in the White-chapel Foundry soon to be shipped out. The Dean has had several offers of help when they are ready, and the recent arrival of Mr. J. Crump, for Hornsey, London, should enable that lovely city to get off to a fine start. Cape Town, for reasons already stated, regret these bells are not going to be hung by the Foundry.

PEALS VERY FEW

Peals on tower bells have all been rung at Cape Town—Grandsire Triples in 1904, and Doubles in 1951 and 1953. Upwards of 20 quarter peals from this tower, all but one (1925) coming since 1950; a single quarter from Durban, and that is all.

In Grahamstown's belfry at the end of 1913, Canon Ridout, the Dean (the Very Rev. Vincent) and the Rev. Earle Bulwer rang several six-scores of Grandsire 'in hand.' By 1930, Canon Ridout had brought his band of mission sisters to peal standard, and in that year scored two 5,040's of Bob Minor 'in hand' at St. Margaret's Mission House, Johannesburg; and in the following four years they rang several six-scores and two quarter peals, all of Bob Minor.

RINGERS OF NOTE

The first method-ringing in South Africa was a 720 of Bob Minor in December, 1903, to welcome the birth of a daughter to Lewis Green. From his peal book which this lady still has, I find Lewis Green had rung six peals in the Stratford-Bethnal Green area, before going to Cape Town in 1899. He took part in the Cape Town peal of 1904, and returned to England in 1907 where in the next four years he rang 49 peals, mostly in the areas Reading, Caversham, Exeter and Chelmsford. Of these, Grandsire Caters at Walthamstow (April 22nd, 1911) included Mr. A. A. Hughes, and Triples at Bradninch, Devon (June 4th, 1910) was conducted by the Rev. Carew Cox; which serves to show the continuity and connections which delight us in far away places. As early at 1887 I find Lewis Green ringing with James Priest in Essex, and it is not surprising to find the latter arriving in Cape Town some ten months after him. He had been with Mr. Barnett, sen., a member of the Wanstead band, and was active from Bow to Chelmsford. At Woodstock he only took part in the 1903 and '04 performances but, like Lewis Green, was still able to appear when Alf Pye visited South Africa in 1934. His death in 1954 cut the last tie with the first change-ringing in Africa.

James Murray was born in Edinburgh, and began ringing at St. Mary's Cathedral there, and later at St. Mary's, Great Western Road, Glasgow, and Doncaster. He took part in the 1904 peal and became tower captain in 1906. After 1930 he ceased ringing, and died about five years later.

Ernest F. Behan, for whom the 1904 peal was arranged, had travelled widely. A pupil of A. E. Barnes at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, he was working in Johannesburg at the time, and later took lodgings with Canon Ridout. Eventually he returned to Queensland, went to New Guinea in the war, and thereafter took to a nomadic life around Australia; he died in Melbourne about 1949.

CANON RIDOUT

When I was in Johannesburg making enquiries about Canon Ridout, someone said to me: 'Oh, you mean the King of the Kaffirs.' This was a new aspect of the man who had learned to ring whilst at Cambridge, and later at Croydon. He arrived in South Africa, with a set of handbells in his luggage, in 1906, and spent his life in mission work for the native people in Johannesburg, where he is still remembered with love, and where in 1941 he was buried at the mission station. As well as teaching the mission sisters to whom I have referred, his

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HIS VALENTINE!

A well-known ringer at Edgware, Middlesex, received the following verses inside a Valentine card:—

32 CHANGES OF VALENTINE CATERS

Before

Richard, I always think of you
When I hear a peal of bells,
The notes ring out so clear and true,
Each one a story tells.

Lead End

A 'Bob' will never 'touch' my heart,
He'll never 'lead' me 'wrong,'
But 'single' as I am just now
Seems to affect my song.

Out Slow

'Grandsire' can never worry me,
With him I'm quite at 'home';
I'd love to 'attempt' 'Beverley' *
'Four blows behind,' then roam.

In Quick

It would be a 'Major Surprise'
To hear that 'she has gone';
If she 'runs out' then I'll 'run in,'
'Before' she 'changes' her tone.

Hunt

Where'er you 'go' you may be sure
I'll 'follow close behind';
So why not stop your 'double dodge'
And 'end' this 'frame' of mind?

Wrong

My life is 'on the balance' now
This 'method' is not 'right,'
I have no future to 'look to,'
Except each Wednesday† night.

Down to Lead

I've 'hunted up' and 'hunted down,'
'That's all' that I can do,
And from this 'plain course' I'm quite sure
There's no one quite like you.

Home?

Oh Richard, do not 'let me down,'
My mind is 'set' on you.
Regardless how you 'start' or 'stand,'
To you I'll still be true.

* Beverley—his young lady.

† Wednesday is practice.

LET LOOSE IN AFRICA—Cont.

four daughters were in the handbell band. At every vacation he would go to Cape Town or Durban, and one can imagine this good man torn between his life's work up country, and the attractions of those coastal towns with bells and ringers. Strangely, he never got a quarter peal at these places. His composition of 'Grandsire' is occasionally rung, having been introduced by Ernest Morris.

[To be continued.]

THE INTEREST FACTOR

Dear Sir,—Several lines of thought occur to one after reading your leading article of January 30th last, particularly with regard to the co-efficient of frustration for which, apparently, Professor Dodge makes no allowance, yet which must have a profound if not always immediately obvious effect upon the value of his conclusions.

This 'Frustration Factor' crops up continually, whether we want it to or not, and it has to be taken into consideration when such investigations as these are made into any subject involving human activities.

Few, if any, have been as appreciative of the incidence of frustration as the renowned Herr Taubenhau, a famous chess player, who strode like a Colossus through international tournaments between 1870 and the outbreak of World War I, and died at a very great age in Paris, circa 1924.

Like all chess players, he knew what frustration was but, unlike so many of them, he harnessed it to his own service and took the utmost care to see that his opponents were on the receiving end, as witness, for example, his superb game against Herr Berger in the Hamburg tournament of 1886, which secured for him the Brilliancy Prize. He applied his theories to all aspects of chess and in his later years made his conclusions available to the world. His work upon the 'Interest Factor' (in chess) was directly coupled to the 'Frustration Factor,' and it is the purpose of this letter to show how his conclusions may be made to benefit change-ringers, particularly peal ringers and, more particularly still, peal ringers who wish to ring more than one peal in a day.

Adapting his work to our purposes we will define his units of frustration as B.F.U.s (Belfry Frustration Units), and for the measure of the exasperation and heat they engender we cannot do better than fall back upon our old friends the B.T.U.s (British Thermal Units), which increase as the square of the increase (from zero) of the B.F.U.s.

At this point it is as well to note the manner in which Herr Taubenhau's work can help us in regard to Professor Dodge's second and third sub-divisions (its application to his first sub-division is of course obvious).

In the second sub-division, 'Ropesight (difficulty) Interest,' we have only to instance the belfry at Little Taterfield, where the ropes fall in the order 15243, with the treble in one corner, the tenor in another and an enormous clock case in between, so that the ringers of these two bells cannot see each other at all, and can only see 2 and 3 respectively by bending forward and looking diagonally across, while the execrable tone of this wretched minor five, with flat treble and sharp second, can lead to such a rapid build-up of B.F.U.s, and in turn of B.T.U.s, as to cause a run off the scale if viewed in the light of Professor Dodge's third sub-section. Very fortunately, Herr Taubenhau's progression does not choke off.

Now, in order to make allowances for the varying circumstances in different towers we will introduce an abstract function ϕ , and proceed thus:—

$$I_1 = 12N - N^2 + F \times U \frac{T_1}{T_1 - T_2} \pm \alpha(\phi \text{Log}_e r) + P_h$$

Where I_1 is the Method Interest

N the number of bells

F the B.F.U.s

U the B.T.U.s

T_1 the higher absolute temperature

T_2 the lower absolute temperature

ϕ the transgression scale (as distinct from the progression)

ϕ the abstract function (obviously not constant)

P_h a constant, considered necessary by Herr Taubenhau, since its value (not constant) is important.

Note.— I_2 , I_3 , and I_4 will tie up equally well with Herr Taubenhau's thesis, and a little study will serve to show how beautifully concise was the old grandmaster's work.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD

N.B.—Should any chess-playing ringer like to play through and study the Berger v. Taubenhau game referred to above, the score is to be found in G. H. D. Gossip's 'Collection of Modern Chess Brilliances' (1891). It ran to 74 moves, and history records that Herr Berger was never the same man again after Herr Taubenhau had done with him—surely a wonderful tribute to the old grandmaster's superb technique.—B. C. A.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on February 7th. Although the attendance was small it was representative of the District.

The chairman welcomed the members and friends, and asked the meeting to remember three friends who had been called to higher service during the year, namely Mrs. Sanders, Mr. E. Long and Mr. A. Bulpitt.

The secretary and treasurer gave their reports on the year's work, and these were adopted by the meeting. The officers were re-elected en bloc and eight new ringing members were also elected.

It was proposed to hold quarterly meetings as follows: April 11th, Preston Candover; July 11th, Cheriton; and October 3rd at New Alresford. Practice meetings would be arranged at the quarterly meetings. It was also agreed to hold the outing and dinner as in previous years.

Tea was served in St. Maurice's Hall, and afterwards the members attended Evensong at the Cathedral. After the service the 12 bells of the Cathedral were available for one hour.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGERS' REVIEW

Dear Sir,—The findings of the Central Council's review of Sunday service ringing will no doubt be published in 'The Ringing World' after the Southport meeting this year.

A few years ago, in the village where I live, no change-ringing band existed, and the likelihood of one starting must have seemed very remote to any change-ringers in the district. Now we have a flourishing band of some 16 ringers at our 6-bell tower, some of their names appearing regularly in our national journal. Why the sudden change?

Let me try to explain. Some time ago, a certain gentleman came to live in our village, and although he has never considered himself to be an outstanding change-ringer, his ability and willingness to teach young ringers is something which has to be seen to be believed. . . . I am sure at times he must have despaired, especially at my own feeble efforts, as later on when change-ringing had been mastered, he always told learners that I was the one he had given up hope for.

Once the early stages of change-ringing had been mastered he was able to reap his reward in watching us take our place (sometimes everybody else's place too) at meetings. How important these Branch meetings are to learners, especially if they are well-attended by some more notable ringers in the Exercise. Nearby practices were invaded by 'the mob,' and every encouragement was given to us so that we made progress.

Due to business commitments, our leader had to leave our District, but I am sure he will forgive me for using him as an example. We can never thank him enough for ourselves, but we can obey the words of our Saviour: 'Go and do thou likewise.' The future of the Exercise depends upon YOU and me: we may not be brilliant ringers or teachers, but we will never know unless we try and keep on trying.

I think that the great majority of people living in Britain today, given a fair chance to learn, could reach a standard of change-ringing higher than the one prevailing generally on Sundays at this present time. Although we do not claim to be outstanding, we have found some of the following ideas to be helpful.

(1) All our ringers were between the ages of 11 and 16 years when they started to ring. This is before the problems of G.C.E. and H.M.F. trouble them.

(2) All were members of the Sunday School and still are, six of them now teaching there.

(3) The majority are members of our Youth Group.

These may seem to be unnecessary qualities for a band of young ringers, but from August to November of last year, when we were unable to ring our tower bells due to loose fabric on the tower, we kept together, having other social activities.

Lastly, we must make our hobby and service something which others envy and long to do. I was approached last month by eight young boys in one day who all wanted to become ringers. We have taken on two to start with, but 'Anybody want some ringers?'—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

SPICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—I feel I must reply to the letters which have been appearing in 'The Ringing World' about the Spiced Cambridge and Superlative 'false peals'.

Firstly, for Mr. Border's information, I was evidently dishonest for seven years before the falseness was discovered, so another year or two until the peal is withdrawn shouldn't matter. Don't get upset, Peter, this sort of letter is certainly no credit to you.

Secondly, for Mr. W. Eric Critchley's information, the peal concerned was crossed out of my own personal records as soon as it was brought to light; but as far as the Sussex County Association is concerned, I had a talk with the peals secretary and was asked *not* to withdraw it yet. So you see, Mr. Critchley, you were wrong on that point. As regards being disturbed at the attitude of mind shown, you should not lose any sleep on my account, and I can assure you that my letter was no excuse for lowering standards of peal ringing as you suggest.

While on this subject, Mr. Critchley, perhaps you would be good enough to let me know *how* many changes are actually false in this arrangement, which makes me wonder whether every peal that you have been in has been rung from beginning to end without a misblow. If so, you are a very lucky young man. I don't expect to find a ringer who can honestly say *every* peal he has rung is true. We all know of peal attempts where the bells shift course and the conductor puts them back within a lead. How many of these changes have been repeated? Nobody knows or cares, and as Pat Cannon would say, they all look alike in print. So why get all 'het up' over a few false changes in the arrangement; otherwise we might get conductors and others withdrawing peals in their thousands.

Thirdly, in reply to Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter, it's a great pity he spoils this by the sarcasm which had to creep in about being afraid of not qualifying for the 'Leading Peal Ringers' list. So, Mr. Barnett, for your information I get a lot of enjoyment out of good ringing, whether it be proved false or otherwise; and the number of peals rung does not worry me, but the quality does. It has taken me 35 years to ring a modest 200-odd peals, so your remarks in that direction do not fit.

Well, Mr. Editor, having got this lot off my chest, I sincerely trust the whole matter will be dropped and forgotten and the peal in question will be withdrawn and the usual apologies given in due course.—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.

Rotherfield, Sussex.

BELLS ON THE CONTINENT

Dear Sir,—The story by Miss A. M. Reay, 'Bells on the Continent,' was very interesting. When I went to Bruges and Holland I couldn't console myself with the tunes of the bells; they sounded tinny, and I was glad I lived in England.

On my visit to Jersey last year, we were on a countryside tour. Imagine my excitement when we drew up outside an attractive tower looking like a ground floor tower. I eagerly awaited the courier's comments, saying to my-

self, 'At least six bells.' When finally he spoke—'The church on the left is very old; built in 1800 I believe'—and continued the drive, I nearly fell out of the bus window. I couldn't believe it: what! no mention of bells—and so English-looking too?

Yes, if you want to ring, the Continent isn't very gratifying.—Yours, A. HENSON.
West Bridgford, Notts.

A REPLY TO CRITICS

Dear Sir,—With regard to peals of Spiced Cambridge and Superlative, I wish to withdraw the peal rung at Hugglescote on April 23rd, 1958. This peal has, incidentally, already been withdrawn from the records of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Peter Border states that my original inquiry on the subject was a rigmarole. My dictionary gives the following three meanings of the word: (1) a succession of incoherent statements, (2) a rambling discourse, (3) a long-winded harangue of little meaning or consequence. With regard to (1) I think my statements were quite clear; with regard to (2) I did not ramble, and with regard to (3) I am of the opinion that it is of much meaning and is important.

Mr. E. Barnett implies that just because the Central Council publish something it does not mean to say that they will accept it, yet in the rules of the Central Council there is implied the following: 'You can only ring what we say.' The Central Council publish a book saying what you *can* ring, and then when it has been rung they say it should not have been rung. Anything published under the authority of the Council should be accepted by the Council. Incidentally, for Mr. Barnett's information, I do not ring peals for the sake of 'numbers,' and only four of my total for 1958 were Plain Bob and handbells.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Glen Hills, Leicester.

ANOTHER PEAL WITHDRAWAL

Dear Sir,—In connection with the subject matter of my letter to the 'R.W.', February 20th, I have checked back through the reports of the Yorkshire Association intent on discovering any peals of Spiced Surprise Major rung to arrangements of the type now widely known to be false. I have found one—conducted by myself! I must therefore formally withdraw the peal of Spiced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire rung at Conisbrough, Yorks, on November 10th, 1956, and tender my apologies to those concerned. If any of the band should like to be recompensed, I would be happy to arrange an attempt at the same tower for a true peal of those methods.

I should like to point out an error in my letter of February 20th. In the list of arrangements of Cambridge and Superlative, (c) should read SSCXSSC.—Yours sincerely,

Doncaster. W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: 11. Hodson 1. Sheila Hodson 2. W. Buckley 3. Glenda Rowley 4. L. Bowden 5. C. Templeton 6. E. Young (cond.) 7. A. E. Purslow 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Shrewsbury.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Feb. 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, 1,104 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Llewellyn 1. N. Bennett 2. D. G. Astridge 3. T. T. Lewis 4. B. R. Kingston 5. D. K. Walklate (cond.) 6. Rung by a University of Wales band.

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SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

The Society's 11th reunion, held at St. Albans on February 7th, was well supported, over 40 members being present. Travelling conditions were better than usual for the time of year, and most members were at St. Stephen's, the first tower, by 2 o'clock. Here it was colder inside the church than out, and coats were discarded rather reluctantly to ring on the recently recast six.

At St. Michael's we were warmly received by a cat. These bells proved rather difficult to strike; so did St. Peter's, where the afternoon's ringing ended. It was interesting to meet here a member of an earlier touring Society, the 'Nuts' of pre-war days.

Dinner was held at the Queen's Hotel, and after the meal a short, very amusing film was shown of last summer's tour. At the beginning of the meeting the president (Mr. T. Mark White) was presented with a new badge of office, which will supplement the existing 'improvisation.' The president thanked those members who had made the badge, which is a shield, bearing the 'coat of arms' of the Society, carried on a blue embroidered ribbon.

The secretaries, treasurer and recorder all tendered their resignations, and the following officers were elected: Master, Michael Horseman; joint secretaries, Michael Austin and Audrey Bailey; treasurer, Bernard Ongley; recorder, Cyril Lewington.

After considerable discussion, the Lake District was chosen as the area for the summer tour.

Sunday morning ringing was at the Abbey, where various false trails were followed before the belfry was reached. The Abbey ringers kindly gave a free hand here, giving all an opportunity to ring on the 12. In the afternoon a small party visited Tewin to end the weekend's ringing.

All incumbents as well as ringers of St. Albans, for the welcome in their towers and help to make the week-end an enjoyable one, are thanked.

TO ANYONE WHOM THE CAP FITS

A ringer of quite high renown
On one young lady oft would frown,
Because she found it quite a riddle
To bridge the gap around her middle.
'If she should come apart again
I'll set my bell!' he would complain.
Indeed, the problem used to stump her
Until she bought a long wool jumper.
She knows now, when you have to pull,
There is *no* substitute for wool.

JACKIE.

Gramophone Records

Dear Sir,—On the subject of gramophone recordings, I should be grateful if any of your readers could please let me have details of any records known to them that have been made of ringing. Details required are: Methods being rung, where recorded, record number and make, and if still available, where copies may be obtained together with the price. This also includes recordings of tune ringing, 'chiming,' carillon playing, handbells, etc. Information on any of the old withdrawn records that any readers may wish to part with would also be welcomed.

Over the last few years an increasing interest in tape-recording has been shown by several ringers, and anyone who may wish to take part in the loan and exchange of ringing tapes are invited to send letters or recorded messages to the address printed below. My machine is capable of accepting 7in. reels and playing at speeds of 1½, 3½ or 7½ i.p.s.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Fosseway, Talbot Avenue, Streetley,
Sutton Coldfield, Warwick.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

North Notts District

The monthly meeting of the North Notts District was held at Everton on February 14th. About 25 ringers attended, representing eight towers. Tea was taken in the Vicarage, the Vicar and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. Usher) providing cups of tea.

At the business meeting seven new members were elected—two from West Retford and five from North Wheatley. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Doncaster and District Society to hold a joint meeting at Bawtry on March 21st. East Drayton was decided as the venue for the April meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hobbs) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Usher for kindly providing cups of tea. He also proposed the Vicar as a vice-president, and this was carried unanimously.

Methods rung included London, Cambridge, Annable's London, Hull and Bawtry Surprise. The first course and touch of a new principle—as yet unnamed—by Mr. G. Challens, was also rung. R. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Nine towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch held at Bradpole on February 21st. The bells were made full use of before and after the service. The service touch was Stedman Triples.

The Vicar of Bradpole (Rev. J. T. Davis) conducted the Guild service and gave the address. Canon C. Carew Cox read the lesson. Tea was served in the Foresters' Institute by Mrs. Davis and helpers.

Canon Cox, the Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, and announced that the Guild festival would be held at Devizes. It was agreed that the Branch should hire a coach and attend. Canon Cox also mentioned the peal board which would shortly be dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. F. L. Edwards in Kingston Magna tower. April 11th was the date decided for the next meeting at Symonds-bury, and the monthly practice will be at Broadwindsor on March 13th.

Method ringing did not extend beyond Bob Major, but it was good to see the progress made by those learning change-ringing.

A DAY IN SOUTH BUCKS

A mini-bus full of Reading ringers spent an enjoyable day in South Bucks in January. Ringing took place at Hambleton, Lane End and West Wycombe before lunch in High Wycombe.

In the afternoon the pretty light eight at Hughenden and the heavy six at Great Missenden were visited. After hot buttered crumpets for tea in Amersham, Beaconsfield was visited, and there the Rev. Mr. Reeves joined the party in a touch of Stedman Triples.

At the last tower, Stoke Poges, Mr. A. D. Barker kindly allowed the party to overrun time, which was appreciated.

Stunts And Interest

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. Hodgson, in your issue of February 20th, again raises the subject of the two handbell peals rung by the Cambridge University Guild, and condemns the performance as a 'stunt.' However, he and all those who are so ready to pass judgment against stunts, record peal lengths and the regular ringing of peals as a hobby fail to realise the great value that these pastimes bestow upon the Exercise. The general interest and enthusiasm which they arouse in ringing circles is a considerable factor in keeping alive the art of change-ringing; and Sunday service ringing must be the eventual beneficiary.—Yours faithfully,

Pembroke College, R. N. PITTMAN,
Oxford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting

THIS event was again held at Southwark Cathedral and was preceded by ringing on the 12 bells of the Cathedral and on the eight bells of the Festival Church—St. John's, Waterloo Road. At the conclusion of the meeting ringing took place at St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark.

The service was held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Precentor, singing being led by the choir from Sanderstead, Surrey.

At the business meeting seven ratifications of elections at District meetings were confirmed and six new members elected. The accounts, which showed a balance of some £93, were presented by Messrs. A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, who had carried out the audit.

Officers elected for 1959 were: Master, T. H. Taffender; secretaries, H. W. Rogers and Mrs. O. S. Rogers; treasurer and librarian, W. G. Wilson; stewards, C. M. Meyer and J. Mudd; trustees, J. A. Hales and C. W. Otley.

It was the secretary's pleasant duty to announce that a suggestion for a joint meeting with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths had been accepted, and that the agreed date was April 11th. An invitation to London ringers to join in the activities of the Railwaymen's Guild at their annual meeting in London on April 25th was also conveyed to the meeting. Good wishes to the L.C.A. from absent friends were extended by Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Chatham, and Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay.

ISLEWORTH WIN CUP

The 'Dawe' handbell cup was secured by a team from All Saints', Isleworth. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung, which in the opinion of the umpires and endorsed by the assembled meeting was the best which had been rung in the competition for several years. The team which gained the trophy consisted of Miss Patricia Rogers, Mrs. Olive Rogers, Mr. Christopher Rogers and Mr. Harold Rogers. This is the first time, since the cup was first rung for in 1933, that four members from one family have entered.

An extremely well preserved and tastefully framed photograph of members at the 1926 annual meeting, taken outside St. Clement Danes', was presented to the Association by Mr. R. Newman. The thanks of members present were expressed to Mr. Newman.

ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

The annual meeting of St. Peter's ringers was held in the belfry on February 12th after ringing practice, the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Fox-Robinson) presiding.

The Vicar thanked Mr. Eric Booth, the tower captain, for carrying out his duties so capably since he took over at a very difficult time last year, and expressed his regret that Eric had decided to resign owing to pressure of work.

Mr. Colin Conway was unanimously voted as captain for the ensuing year. Other officers re-elected were: Vice-captain, Mr. Michael Bozeley; treasurer, Miss Margaret Parker.

The meeting decided that Guild subscriptions should not be paid out of the belfry fund as had sometimes been done in the past but by individual members themselves. By doing this it was felt that members would become more interested in Guild activities, and would not merely be 'dead' members of something they hardly knew existed!

Nailsea Ringers Wed

The wedding of Mr. Clifford Kortright and Miss Ruth Gaunt took place at Chelvey Parish Church on February 24th.

The bridegroom is deputy Ringing Master at Holy Trinity, Nailsea, and organist at Chelvey.

All their ringing friends wish them every happiness.

OBITUARY

PHILIP GILLING

Philip Gilling, of Wrington, died in tragic circumstances at Frenchay Hospital on February 14th, soon after his tenth birthday, after being badly burned when an oil drum exploded the previous day.

He had been learning to ring at Wrington under the tower captain (Mr. Herbert W. Knight), his grandfather, and was also learning to be a server at his own church at Redhill, Wrington, where his funeral was held on February 19th. There were many mourners, including several ringers from the Chew and Axbridge Deaneries of the Bath and Wells Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' over the open grave by Mrs. W. H. Kingcott 1-2, Herbert W. Knight 3-4, W. H. Kingcott 5-6, David G. Yeo 7-8.

A half-muffled quarter peal of 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung at All Saints', Wrington, during the evening by Miss Ruth Yeates 1, H. H. Yeates 2, T. Ferris 3, M. M. Collins 4, R. E. Smith 5, H. A. Price 6, J. Brain 7, C. H. Vowles 8, W. H. Kingcott (conductor) 9, M. Board 10.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Gilling wish to thank all those ringers who have written to them, extending their sympathy at their great loss. W. H. K.

MRS. B. E. RICHARDS

Mrs. Beatrice Emily Richards, wife of Gruffyd Owain, but better known to a very wide circle of ringers by her maiden name of Betty Nation, died at her home in Portishead on February 12th, aged 54. A long illness, with very much suffering, was patiently borne.

Betty was for over 25 years a member of the Wickwar, Glos. band, and had been a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association since 1928. On going to Portishead to be married in 1954 she became a member of the local band, and was always very pleased to entertain ringing friends. A good and faithful Sunday service ringer, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and especially by her husband and her sister. Mrs. Richards had rung at least two peals of Plain Bob Minor for the G. and B. Association. C. R.

MR. HARRY NUTT AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Harry Nutt was a ringer at Christ Church, Frieze, for 39 years, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Halifax and District Association, the Lancashire Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Barnsley Society, and the Guild of the Arch-deaconry of Halifax.

He was tower keeper at Frieze until 1955, when his physical powers failed, and he always took immense pride in both his bells and his striking. A perfectionist, nothing but the best would satisfy him, either in striking or mechanics.

During the Second World War he invented and patented an apparatus that enabled the bells to be rung with the clappers fixed, and the motion, through impulses, activated electric bell mechanisms that were attached to two sets of handbells, six in each set, one set in the ringing chamber and the other set fixed inside the west end of the church.

Through the medium of these, and the assistance of those of our band not serving in the Forces, he trained a band of ladies to ring changes; and so, literally speaking, the bells of Frieze were never silent all through the war.

All his life he suffered the handicap of asthma, and since about 1930 rheumatism claimed him as a victim; but nevertheless, he was very seldom either late or absent from either service ringing, practice or contest. His patience, cour-

age and fortitude have been an inspiration to us all.

During the immediate post-war years he rang in a number of peals with Mr. Fred Dunkerley, Ivan Kay and many others too numerous to mention; but his chief delight was perfect striking in a contest, whether it was we who were ringing, or another team that was beating our effort.

He made many friends, and kept them; his only enemy was himself, because he could not bear to think that he was a burden to anyone, either at home, at work, or in a tower.

He was always of a cheerful disposition, and we have spent many happy hours in his company. The funeral service was at Frieze, prior to cremation at Dukinfield, on February 24th.

The bells were rung fully-muffled before and after the service by Harold Jackson (Mossley) 1, George Perrin 2, Mrs. Mary Greenwood (Meltham) 3, Joseph Burgess 4, John Edward Fielding 5 and Arthur Farrand 6.

Representing the ringers at the service was Mr. Jack Smith, and amongst the congregation was Mr. Cyril Parkin, one of our retired ringers, and Mr. John Clayton. Present also were Mrs. Annie Earnshaw, wife of the president of the Halifax Association, and Miss Eileen Dawson, of Meltham.

We have all lost a friend.

A. F.

MR. ED. J. THOMAS AN APPRECIATION

A ringer of St. Peter's, Carmarthen, and also a sidesman for many years, the passing of Mr. Ed. J. Thomas is regretted by many friends. He was also a founder member of the St. David's Guild and had held the office of both Master and treasurer.

Mr. Thomas was not much of a change-ringer, but nevertheless he was very enthusiastic about campanology. He possessed quite a lot of information about bells, and also a lovely set of handbells on a frame which he used for demonstration when giving lectures.

In Carmarthen town he was a popular figure, and his outspoken views and sense of humour delighted friends at the Guild's meetings. Not only his local band, but the many visiting ringers who come to the diocese will miss him.

As the cortège left the church, his own band (with the help of a few outsiders) paid tribute to him by ringing the bells half-muffled.

C. H.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A large number of towers, including York Minster, were represented at the Sheffield and District Society's meeting at Killamarsh on February 7th. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Stedman, Killamarsh Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor.

A lovely tea by local ladies was acknowledged by their request with a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. At the business meeting it was decided to convey the Society's good wishes to 82-year-old Mr. F. Parr, the sole survivor of the famous Killamarsh band under Mr. Charles Severn. The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on March 7th.

CORRECTION

5,040 Stedman Triples (fourth observation), by John O. Lancashire (see page 142).

The last two courses before the final rounds 6157324 and 1654327 should have singles at 8 and not at 9.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

At the Leatherhead District's annual meeting on February 17th, 1954, the secretary and his bride of one week were the recipients of two wedding presents—from the District and his fellow ringers at Leatherhead. This year, to mark their silver wedding, the members at the A.D.M. on February 14th were their guests at tea.

The Rev. C. Marshall took the Guild's form of service and gave his usual straight-to-the-point address. Miss K. Collins was organist.

Tea was prepared by the ladies in the renovated St. Nicholas' Hall, its additions being appreciated by them. Nearly 40, most of them District members, were present.

The Guild Master, Mr. C. Denyer, took the chair for the annual business meeting. The statements of accounts showed a satisfactory balance. The report gave membership at about the same figure as last year, despite no subscriptions being received from St. Martin's, Epsom, Newdigate or Ockley. Of the five peals rung, all had contained 'firsts' in one form or another, including three first peals.

The District officers were re-elected, with the Rev. E. Wood as representative on the general committee, and the general officers were all renominated.

Discussing the points raised by the Master, the meeting disagreed with the proposed abolition of the junior subscription and moved that it be retained and the voting right restored to them. The chairman came 'under fire' for the date chosen for the A.G.M., and for the future the second Saturday in March was recommended. The rest of the points were agreed on.

The usual votes of thanks included a special one to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their hospitality, with best wishes for the next 25 years. Hopes were expressed for the speedy recovery of Canon Page, who was still suffering from an encounter with a thief in his vestry.

Ringling included a course of Superlative for Mary White, of Stoke D'Abernon, who was leaving for West Meon on the Monday.

A. H. S.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

The February meeting of the East Grinstead Guild was held at Tunbridge Wells, when a good company assembled. The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Peter's (Rev. H. R. Ward), with Mr. Lamb at the organ. Forty-four people sat down to a bountiful tea, given by the local ringers and their wives, and served in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, it was announced that the annual meeting would be at Coleman's Hatch on March 14th, and that the Vicar of that tower (Rev. J. R. Missen) was to be proposed as president of the Guild. Danehill was chosen for the April meeting.

Mr. Collison reminded the company that the main object of meeting at Tunbridge Wells that day was to say farewell to the Rev. H. R. Ward, who was retiring. He spoke of the work of Mr. Ward and of his interest in the local ringers and visitors to the tower. He always went into the tower and read the Belfry Office each Sunday morning.

In reply, Mr. Ward said that whatever work he had done, it had been a pleasure, and he hoped that he would find something to do in his retirement. He would still be living in Tunbridge Wells, and hoped to hear the bells continue to ring out. The tower collection amounted to 19s. 5d.

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BIRTH

THIRST.—On February 20th, 1959, at Kingsbury Hospital, to Meriel (née Hawksley) and Alan Thirst, a daughter (Alison Janet). 3969

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Will anyone interested in a ringing tour of SOUTH WALES, July 25th to August 3rd, please contact me as soon as possible. Accommodation under canvas: own vehicle may help. Last year's cost £8.—H. Oglesby, 25, Taplow Road, Taplow, Bucks. 3984

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CORRECTION

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Correction: Meeting, Great Cheverell (6), Saturday March 7th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—E. J. Hitchens. 3960

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, 3.30 p.m. at St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 3901

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 3931

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights. 3921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Yeldham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3936

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, March 7th, Holy Nativity (8). Evening practice, 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 3985

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Chertsey (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3903

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names as soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 3945

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method, Erin Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3898

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Shorne, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 3865

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Silks, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Ospringe May 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3877

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, Saturday, March 7th: Edgbaston (8), 11 a.m.; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 12 noon; Erdington Abbey (8), 2 p.m.; Erdington Parish Church (8), 2.45 p.m.; Aston (12), 3.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at Ranmoor. Committee meeting 2.15 p.m. Bells from 3. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 3942

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6) on Saturday, March 7th, 3 o'clock. 3929

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3920

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Staines, 2.15 p.m.; St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 p.m.; Egham, 6 to 7 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Hall, 4.30 p.m. 3905

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wortley, near Sheffield, Saturday, March 14th. Cups of tea provided. Please bring your own food.—J. W. Buxton. 3958

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Rockwell Green (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3912

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Meeting at Drayton (8), Saturday, March 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 10th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 3968

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Blunham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Good ringing for everyone.—A. Smith, Dis. Sec., Turnpike Farm, Potton Road, Biggleswade. 3961

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Market Weighton, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (3s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th to Mr. J. Hobson, 4, Holme Road, Market Weighton. 3947

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. D. Griffiths, School House, Tarvin, Chester.—Henry O. Baker, Hon. Sec. 3950

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual general meeting, Davenham (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 12th to Mr. D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 29, West Avenue, Northwich. 3941

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Chesterfield, Saturday, March 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper. 3986

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker commemoration, Saturday, March 14th, at St. Ignatius', Sunderland. Bells 2.30 p.m. Committee 3 in vestry. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 3979

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting at Colemans Hatch, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please make an effort to attend, to elect a new president. Names by 12th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3916

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman. 3971

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little Bromley (4) may be available after tea. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to me, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3927

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 3954

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Ruardean, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. M. Coombe, Oaklands Farm, Newnham, Glos. 3957

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 10th, to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 3883

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands Branch.—Annual meeting, Hampton, Evesham, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (cafe) 3s. 3d. Names by Tuesday, 10th, to Miss E. M. Fletcher, 39, Wentworth Park Avenue, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. 3977

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, March 14th, St. Philip's, Bristol. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., St. Peter's Civic Restaurant, Castle Street. Meeting to follow at the Church. Names for tea essential by March 12th.—B. Johnson, 10, Lancashire Road, Bristol, 7. 3964

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at the Parish Church, St. Helens, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—T. E. Radcliffe. 3963

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea, please (small charge), by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. J. Taberner, 35, Cann Bridge, Higher Walton. Bus route 158, Blackpool—Rochdale; also from Preston, P 26, 28, 29.—L. Walmsley. 3981

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Blaby, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in British Legion Hall, Sycamore Street. Names by Tuesday, March 10th, please, to Mr. J. Wale, 15, Northfield Road, Blaby, Leicester. 3956

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington (6), Saturday, March 14th, 3 p.m. Service. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. Names by 10th to Mr. S. Knighton, 62, Park Lane, Castle Donington, Derby.—C. W. Hall, Secretary. 3949

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Birstall, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Reading Room for those notifying by the previous Thursday. Mr. T. Canning, 69, Greengate Lane, Birstall. 3948

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 9th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3974

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 14th, St. Mary's, Ealing, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea—own arrangements. Business and further ringing, Christ Church, Ealing, 6.30 p.m.—M. Powell. 3972

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, Saturday, March 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—D. T. C. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3962

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Kingsley on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 11th, to W. Carnwell, 33, Hazles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 3980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 3979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by March 11th, please.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 3975

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Carmarthen, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 3953

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury (5) Saturday, March 14th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—J. Goddard, 19, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 3978

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem (8), Saturday, March 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing 6.15 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mr. F. Cattell, Hon. Sec., 51, Richmond Drive, Shrewsbury. 3982

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Bawtry (6), Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman and G. Watson, Dis. Secs. 3968

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Little Houghton, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Saturday previous to E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 3952

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 21st. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 18th to Mr. B. G. Key, 54, Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent. 3970

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to me.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark, Notts. 3966

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A District meeting will be held at Great Barton (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but bring own food, please; cups of tea will be available. All are welcome.—L. Wright, Act. Sec. 3988

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District) and **LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting at Armley, Saturday, March 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 18th, to Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds. 12.—Marsh and Thorley, Secs. 3983

ST. MARY'S, SWANSEA (8 bells).—Sunday, March 29th: Ringing from 10.30 to 11 a.m., and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. A. Hoare. 3911

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The A.G.M. will be held at Bath on Easter Monday. Ringing arrangements to be announced later. Tickets for luncheon will be *essential* and are obtainable on receipt of S.A.E. from D. Hoare, Coombend, Radstock. 3899

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee, 11 a.m., choir vestry, Parish Church. Service 12 noon. Luncheon 1.15 p.m. in the Sun Lounge of the Winter Gardens. Applications for tickets by Saturday, March 21st, to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne: members 5s., others 7s. 6d. Printed leaflet with full details of ringing, agenda of business, etc., sent with tickets. Towers include St. Laurence's, Thanet (10); St. Peter-in-Thamet (8); All Saints', Birchington (8); Quex Park, Birchington (12); and Margate Parish Church (8).—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham. 3976

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting, Cheltenham, Saturday, April 4th. Full details later.—W. F. Scudamore, Gen. Sec. 3955

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—Meeting, Grundisburgh (10), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for *only* those who notify by Thursday, March 12th.—C. R. Lovett, Daisy Cottage, Lower Road, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 3928

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity and Stoke, 2.30 p.m. and in evening: St. Mary's, 2.30 and 4.15; St. Nicolas' and Shalford, in evening. Service at Holy Trinity, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.), 5.30 p.m., Harvey's Restaurant, High Street. The business of the annual meeting will follow. Notifications for tea by first post Wednesday, 18th, to C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham.—S. T. A. Russell, Hon. Sec. 3989

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