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THE PROFESSOR INVESTIGATES AN OLD MANUSCRIPT AND EVEN OLDER BOOK

By HAROLD CHANT

A FEW days ago I had occasion to call upon Professor Dodge, and found him in his cell studying a bundle of sheets of notepaper, which I could see were covered in figures neatly written in ink. He tossed them over to me, and asked: 'What do you make of these?'

On examination I discovered that each sheet contained 120 of Doubles and that the names of these extents were many and varied: Hudibras, Gogmagog, Antigog, Stamford Delight, Jack on Both Sides, The Dream, Readymoney, Fortune, and indeed many others.

Some of the methods were given in doggerel in lieu of figures, as is exemplified by the following example of 'Blunderbuss':—

'If you wish to ring Blunderbuss
I would have you to know
The peal it is Hudebrafs
The hunt is one two
All the difference is
I would have you to mind
The bells dodg before
When the hunts are behind.'

'Where did you get these?,' I asked.

'Oh, they are a collection of old Doubles methods copied out by Mr. Pannell, of Darlington, from a notebook given to his father many years ago by an old ringer near Bourne, in Lincolnshire. Mr. Pannell dates the notebook as about 150 years old.'

I studied the papers again. They meant little to me, but seemed in many cases to be mere variations of Grandsire or Plain Bob Doubles. The names of some of them seemed however to be, in some odd way, familiar.

The Professor produced a battered and mutilated book, which he handed to me with great care and, what appeared to be, a touch of reverence.

'This,' he said solemnly, 'is a first edition of "Campanalogia or The Art of Ringing," by John Doleman and Charles Marsh, published in 1702. You will find many of the methods in here.'

'I have often wondered where this had gone to,' I exclaimed truthfully, if ungrammatically, recognising the book as my own property. (No wonder the names of the methods had looked familiar; I had often browsed through the pages of 'Campanalogia.')

'I borrowed it and forgot all about it,' said the Professor, airily. 'But no doubt that is how you came by it?'

I ignored the last remark as unworthy of reply and asked if the Lincolnshire notebook was of value and worthy of preservation.

'Old notebooks and MSS. should *never* be destroyed,' declaimed Mr. Dodge, 'as quite frequently a meaningless collection of notes and figures can become, in the hands of an expert with a first-class brain (like mine), the key which unlocks the door to the secrets of the past.'

(Modesty, I might add, cannot be reckoned as one of the failings of the Professor.)

'And what particular door has the first-class brain discovered the key to this time?,' I asked, with (what I hoped was) heavy sarcasm.

'This notebook,' continued the Professor, in his turn ignoring a remark by me, 'is probably similar to scores, perhaps hundreds, of others which existed about that time, and so is in no way unique. But I considered it worthy of investigation at least. It soon became obvious on perusing both "Campanalogia" and the MSS. that it was quite common at one time to have alteration of work at the lead-end without a call being made, and indeed, in Mr. E. Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing" I found a footnote on page 45 which stated that: "In the early versions (of Doubles) 'bobs' were rung but not called".'

'So you discovered nothing new after all?'

'Perhaps not, but many things of interest. Look at this extract from "Campanalogia":—

'"'Tis called an *Extream Change*, . . . of which Change 'tis required Notice be given, as the Treble is going to lead, by him who rings the Half-hunt, in faying *Extream*. The Word Extream, we muft confefs, is the moft proper Signification, in Regard to the Change; but there is now, and for fome Time has been, a Word call'd *Bob*, inftead of *Extream*; upon What Account the word was changed, we know not; yet, neverthelefs, for Fafhion's Sake, we advife every one to ufe it."

'This extract is in reference to Old Doubles. On the next page, "New Doubles," we find:—

'"The Extreams, or (as we fhall henceforth call them) the Bobs, are the fame as in the former Peal of *Old Doubles*."

'This abandonment of the "Extream",' went on Mr. Dodge, 'led the authors into deep water, as in "The Dream" a few pages later we find that two different types of work are labelled "Bob." It is interesting to compare "Campanalogia's" "Dream" with the one set down in the MSS. Although the two sets of figures are identical we find that in the latter there are only three calls as opposed to six in the former, a fact which further increases the number of "non-conducted" lead-ends. Moreover, these calls are labelled "Extream," showing either that the ringers of Lincolnshire had not adopted the "Campanalogia" "Bob" or that they had reverted to the old call.'

By this time the Professor had got thoroughly wound up, and there was now no holding him.

'A rather curious thing happens with some of these Extreams, which, so far as I know, has no modern equivalent.'

'And what is that?,' I asked, obligingly supplying the Dr. Watson to his Sherlock Holmes.

'You will have noticed that they cause, in some cases, the method to be changed *after* the treble has led. [I hadn't noticed!] Seeing therefore that, as in "The Dream," an Extream is called to bring the bells round, the 120 *starts off* assuming that a call has just been made. This incongruous-looking start is present also in other methods such as Hudibras and Uffington in the MSS. The last is particularly interesting, for without the Extreams the method is St. Simon's, but the "delayed action" of the Extream starts it off with a 3rds place; practically the only resemblance between it and the Uffington in the present C.C. Collection.'

'Do you think,' I chipped in, 'that there are still some old Doubles ringers left who are familiar with some of these, now rejected, methods?'

'I shouldn't be a bit surprised,' he said. 'It would be interesting to hear their views on the subject.'

The Professor then gave lengthy explanations as to the construction of many of the methods, both in the book and the MSS.: pointed out that one method dispensed with calls altogether; wondered why, having got down to 3-lead courses the Methods Committee hadn't plumped also for two (e.g., St. Clement's), but gave his blessing (rather grudgingly I thought) to the Methods Committee nevertheless; bemoaned the fact that he was unable to obtain the publications preceding John Doleman's 'Campanalogia'; admitted (in reply to a query of mine) that there were probably many Doubles ringers with more information and greater knowledge on the subject than he himself had; hoped that they would

come forward (if that was so) with comments critical or otherwise; and finally, turning again to 'Campanalogia,' he said:—

'This method here, "Crambo," what do you think of it?'

'Yes,' I said, 'I have noticed it before. Stedman Doubles; the only difference being the "Single." I wonder why it was called "Crambo"? It must have been rung before this publication as Stedman Doubles for almost half-a-century.'

'Perhaps someone will write and tell us that we are a couple of ignoramuses for not knowing!,' said the Professor. (I didn't much care for the plural.) 'But I am not an historian, just a mere mathematician. As I said to my students the other day: "I am a good grammarician but a poor arithmeticker!".'

I couldn't see the connection myself, but it seemed to amuse him and I left him chuckling over his own joke.

On my way home I realised that I had left my 'Campanalogia' behind!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

JOAN BERESFORD	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	JEFFREY B. WEBB	9
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4	EDMUND MALIN	10
ARTHUR G. MASON	5	DENNIS BERESFORD	11
MICHAEL ELSON	6	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

TEN BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	DAVID ROBINSON	6
MARION J. SKINNER	2	FRANK C. PRICE	7
*SYDNEY M. BAILEY	3	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	8
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	4	DENNIS KNOX	9
ANTHONY E. COX	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 19, 1959, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Treble*	*HARRY RICHARDSON	6
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	2	*ARTHUR H. IDLE	7
*DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	8
CAROL EUSTACE	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	9
*MURRAY A. COLEMAN	5	ALAN J. FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Canon H. G. L. Roberts, on completing 25 years in the Ministry.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	DAVID FRIEND	7
ERNEST STITCH	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
BARNABAS G. KEY	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
ROGER BARKER	5	GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.
Rung for harvest festival. Also for the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the recast bells (October 14th, 1929), the ringer of the sixth ringing the same bell on both occasions.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

MICHAEL J. BEST	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
REGINALD W. REX	3	*LEWIS F. COBB	8
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	9
JAMES E. DANIELS	5	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 22, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 LOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	5
LEONARD B. SCOOT	2	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	6
PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	JACK S. DEAR	7
GEORGE A. SPENCER	4	C. MICHAEL ORME	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
First peal of Louth Surprise Major in England.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. M. Salisbury and Miss K. P. Hutton, married at Baldock on August 15th, 1959.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 29, 1959, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

FRANCES NEWMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT W. COLE	5
ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	2	COLIN B. LONGMORE	6
WILFRED J. NEWMAN	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	7
ARTHUR JOPP	4	LEONARD MILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. F. P. BRYANT. Conducted by HAROLD E. RAXTER.
First peal of Triples in the method by all the band, and on the bells. 25th peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Killamarsh variation, being 2,592 Kent and 2,496 Oxford.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	PETER J. HAWCOCK	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOHN V. TEMPLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	ROBERT B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. SEVERN. Conducted by JOHN M. JELLEY.
First peal in the variation by all the band, and for the Guild.
A 21st birthday compliment to Brian J. Woodruffe.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

MICHAEL R. BENNETT	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	5
JENNIFER M. DAVIES	2	JAMES R. TAYLOR	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	STEPHEN IVIN	7
BARRIE HENDRY	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
With compliments to James R. Taylor, on his coming-of-age.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 26, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

FRED SCOTT	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
CHRISTOPHER M. BLOOMER	3	MICHAEL J. PALMER	7
WILLIAM S. DEASON	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
Rung to commemorate the millennium of the accession of Eadgar, first King of England.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5008 CLUN IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
JOHN S. DEAN	3	GEOFFREY PARTING	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE (C.C.C. No. 20, Double Oxford).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in the method (C.C.C. No. 228).

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.
CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*GEOFFREY TEMBY	*Treble*	*TERENCE G. JONES	5
*CHRISTOPHER J. HERBERT	2	*STANLEY RICHARDSON	6
GRAHAM MCKAY	3	*JAMES BUTTERFIELD	7
ROGER W. DANIELS	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the re-opening of the church, after restoration, by the Bishop of Carlisle on October 1st.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Heywood's variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ANTHONY W. AGER	*Treble*	RODERICK J. LEES	5
ELIZABETH M. YARDLEY	2	ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
ALAN A. ELSMORE	3	DEREK J. TRANTER	7
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	4	HARRY GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
First peal of Cambridge on the bells.
A tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holden, of Coseley.

ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*MARGARET A. WESTCOTT	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
*CHRISTINE M. HARBOTT	2	FRANK OAKSHOTT	6
*JOHN F. M. MAYBREY	3	†ALAN E. BAGWORTH	7
*CATHERINE M. POWELL	4	DR. D. J. NEAL SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob Major.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK OSBALDISTON	*Treble*	DEREK TAYLOR	5
*CAROL FEARNLEY	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
IVOR JENKINS	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
BERNARD F. L. GROVES	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

KENNETH LAWSON	*Treble*	W. NORMAN PARK	5
ERIC N. HARRISON	2	ROLAND PARK	6
CHARLES N. LEA	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
*GEORGE S. DEAS	4	†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. † 100th of Surprise.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	5
ALAN R. SYDER	2	HARRY J. MILLATT	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN	3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE	7
PETER J. EVES	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Rung silent. Umpire: LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
Ringers of 2 and 4 had not previously called a peal of Cambridge Major.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

MICHAEL BLORE	*Treble*	JAMES H. PAILING	5
MRS. PAT A. M. HALLS	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
IAN M. HOLLAND	3	GORDON A. HALLS	7
ROGER BALDWIN	4	DAVID H. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells, and for the Association.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN S. DEAN	4	GEOFFREY PARTING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

*BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
*JOAN GRAY	2	*DON C. EXELL	6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	7
*D. JOHN HUNT	4	JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS (C.C.C. No. 20).
Conducted by JOHN H. GILBERT.
* First peal of Bristol. First of Bristol as conductor.
In memoriam Sealy S. Woodburn.

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MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.

PERCY G. CROWE	*Treble*	DERICK W. PARDON	5
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	3	WALTER C. MEDLER	7
HANBURY F. CARTER	4	GEOFFREY R. DREW	*Tenor*

Composed by PAUL CASHMORE. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A compliment to the Rector, who 'completes the circle' with this peal, and a farewell tribute to him, with all good wishes for his ministry in his new parishes.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 480 each of Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN A. ANDERSON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
RUTH M. BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
MICHAEL ELSON	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
JOHN MCDONALD	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*FRANK R. MORTON	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	5
GEORGE A. PACKER	2	GEOFFREY DAVIES	6
FREDK. S. SUTTON	3	BERNARD J. ONGLEY	7
CHARLES A. S. WEBB	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Surprise.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
H. Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

CHARLES LOWE	*Treble*	*HUGH MATTHEWMAN	5
*DEREK M. SAWYER	2	†ROYSTON WILMORE	6
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
ROGER A. BREWIN	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Bob Triples. † 75th peal together.
A 12th birthday compliment to Christine Hart and Gillian Waite, ringers at this church.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	6
STANLEY W. GALL	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
In memoriam Cecil V. Ebberson.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 15, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 HUDDERSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	7
JOHN HILL	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method (Corrigan: No. 169).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASHCHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 20, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

*LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	HAROLD E. RAXTER	4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	*PETER WARREN	5
ROBERT W. COLE	3	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY J. BRAZIER.
* First peal of Minor in five methods. First as conductor.

ULCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 3, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
An extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
*ELIZABETH ROGERS	2	RALPH BIRD	5
ANDREW M. MACVE	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in seven methods.

COLN ST. DENYS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 6, 1959, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), 14 of April Day (three callings), 14 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

HARRY EDWARDS	*Treble*	A. C. MERVYN DAY	3
PETER W. BARTLETT	2	PATRICK A. BARTLETT	4

WILLIAM A. GODWIN *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

*AUDREY M. HALES	*Treble*	ALAN J. FROST	4
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	ARTHUR GIBBS	5
DIANA M. LAWLESS	3	BARRIE HENDRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. FROST.
* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung in 1958.
A compliment to Miss Eunice Morley and Mr. Bryan Cope on their wedding on September 26th, 1959.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
JOYCE GOOD	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
KEITH GOOD	3	REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.
First peal as conductor in seven methods.
Rung in thanksgiving for the opening of the new church school building at Nash Mills on this day.

DALWOOD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	PHILIP N. TUBBS	5
ARTHUR H. REED	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Selway.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

ALEX E. NURSE	*Treble*	JOHN V. TEMPLE	4
FREDA P. GREAVES	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
TONY OWEN	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil V. Ebberson, captain of this tower and Ringing Master of the Western Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

DYMOCK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

MICHAEL V. POWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST W. PENN	4
CHARLES PHILLIPS	2	RICHARD G. CHEW	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	FREDERICK T. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

A birthday compliment to Miss Lloyd, who was 101 on September 24th, 1959.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*GARTH MUNTON	*Treble*	*ROSAMUND M. BULL	4
†DEBORAH WILSON	2	‡JOHN F. MURFIN	5
†MOREEN P. WICKHAM	3	‡DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth, and a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for service with H.M. Forces.

GREAT CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

VIOLET I. E. RELF	*Treble*	RAYMOND J. CARLTON	4
ROSEMARY E. GOWER	2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
PETER JARVIS	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by CRAWFORD T. HILLIS.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of the bells, rededicated by the Bishop of Dover on September 24th.

LOCKERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

M. D. GEORGE NORTHWAY	*Treble*	*ALEC W. FRY	4
*AUDREY J. KNIGHT	2	*CHRISTOPHER M. WHITE	5
MRS. R. T. JONES	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 12 six-scores Doubles (four callings) and 30 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. SPIERS	*Treble*	†LEONARD SMITH	4
JOY SMITH	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
*JOHN ARNALL	3	*THOMAS GAZEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.

* First peal. † First in two methods.

A peal of welcome to the Rev. Paul Goodwin-Young, who was instituted to the living on October 9th; also to his wife and family.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Childwall and St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

HAROLD F. GIBSON	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Rung for the harvest festival.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Court and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN F. WRIGHT	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MARSH	4
RONALD G. RUSSELL	2	EDGAR A. COLE	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. S. HOOD	4
GEORGE THODAY	2	*D. WILLIAM NEWMAN	5
ALFRED MYNOTT	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 17, 1959, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*DAVID MAKINGS	*Treble*	KATHERINE BURCHNALL	4
JOHN COATES	2	HARRY BARNES	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal at first attempt.

A farewell peal to the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, Rector of Gamston for 24 years, who has retired to reside at Saffron Walden.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3—4	JOHN VERNON	7—8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major on handbells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 10, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

KENNETH B. SISSONS	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3—4
JOHN POTTS	5—6		

Conducted by JOHN POTTS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Oct. 14, 1959, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
AT 128, LEICESTER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*GRAHAM T. BALL	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	3—4
†MICHAEL VERNON	5—6		

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' † First of Treble Bob Minor 'in hand.'

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown, of Sapcote.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Gwyneth R. Paine 1, Pamela R. Gough 2, V. F. Gough 3, I. Forrest 4, D. H. Paine 5, R. D. Brown (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Paine on their marriage (August 26th). Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. D. Brown 1, C. D. Linington 2, Maureen L. Cherryman (first 'inside') 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Valerie Menham 6. For harvest festival.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Winter 1, R. Larkey 2, J. Lunham 3, A. Abraham 4, B. Tattersall (cond.) 5, A. Mawdsley 6. Rung for the Rector's (the Rev. Jerald Jones), 50 years in the Ministry.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,374 Plain Bob Major: M. Hopkins (first of Major) 1, P. Salisbury 2, D. Salisbury 3, L. Hughes 4, P. Flack 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: June Dear 1, L. Scoot 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, C. Harwood (cond.) 4, E. Buck 5, W. Collins (first in method) 6, J. Dear 7, R. Castledine 8.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Godwin (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne 2, J. B. Lowe (first of Grandsire) 3, R. A. Brewin 4, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6. For harvest festival.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Skinner (first quarter) 1, M. F. Pole 2, O. Castleman 3, R. W. Swann 4, J. P. Kesterton 5, N. O. Abell 6, C. D. Lynch (cond.) 7, R. Barrow 8.

BOOTLE, LANCS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): G. H. Pullin 1, T. Fitzgerald 2, W. E. Court 3, F. Anderton 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, F. H. Hayes 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 6. For the 93rd anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clues (first of Minor) 1, D. J. Marshall 2, H. M. Johnson 3, R. I. Danby 4, M. J. Bailey 5, J. E. Goddard (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on July 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, D. J. Hunt 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, Molly P. Smith 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. C. Baker 6, V. E. Lucas 7, B. A. Shackleton 8. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Gillian M. Hussey (first of Major) 1, C. J. Richards (first of Major) 2, J. F. Pedler 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, P. J. Bird 5, D. J. Purnell 6, F. D. Mack 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Also at the Church of Emmanuel, Clifton, on Oct. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. M. E. Horseman 1, Mrs. E. A. G. Bowden 2, B. A. Shackleton (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, D. J. Hunt 4, D. G. Exell 5, M. J. Horseman 6, R. G. Hooper (first of Surprise as cond.) 7, J. Brain 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Y. Coel 1, Stella M. Knight (cond.) 2, Susan J. Beresford 3, D. S. Anderson 4, K. C. Knight 5, A. Brown 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For harvest festival.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hackney 1, C. H. Newell 2, A. Sansom 3, H. Willis 4, D. Perkins 5, D. James (cond.) 6. A farewell gesture to the conductor, returning to the University next day.

QUARTER PEALS

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, R. E. Beck 2, E. C. Wadman 3, E. J. Chivers 4, D. Targett 5, D. Hoare 6. In memoriam Mr. S. S. Woodburn.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Llewellyn 1, W. G. Turk 2, Beatrice Boyle 3, D. F. Yates 4, L. Walters 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, A. Smallridge 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 4. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd.

CROSS STONE, YORKS.—On Sept 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Hodgson 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss B. G. Schofield 3, Miss R. M. Jowett (first 'inside') 4, J. H. Fielden 5, G. Cheetham 6, H. B. Schofield 7, P. Schofield (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 17th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Kefford (first of Triples) 1, H. S. Hobden 2, F. H. Hicks 3, J. Curryer (first of Triples 'inside') 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, Mrs. Betty Percy (cond.) 6, R. W. R. Percy 7, G. Beeney 8. Rung in connection with the centenary of the church.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Hurrell 1, Miss C. Lawrance 2, Mrs. E. J. Coode (cond.) 3, J. Sims 4, E. J. Coode 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Sydney Lewis, for many year a chorister.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, Margaret Howard 2, Margaret Slack 3, Gladys Anderson 4, J. E. Beams 5, A. S. Besant 6, D. Spittle (cond.) 7, C. W. Munday 8. A farewell to the Rev. J. M. Wilmot Brooke (curate) on his retirement and journey to the Diocese of Jamaica.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Eades 1, F. Pack 2, S. A. Wooding 3, F. Farnsworth 4, B. R. Jemmett 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, N. Tumber 8. For harvest festival.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine R. Dainty 1, Mary Prophet 2, K. Arthur 3, N. H. Hewett 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the 25 years' ministry of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet), ordained September 30th, 1934, in Chelmsford Cathedral.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On July 5th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Doreen Fairhead 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, G. W. Barnes 3, R. Preston 4, D. Whent 5, W. J. Brunt 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, F. G. Oliver 8. First in the method for all except the conductor. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the ringer of 5 on the birth of a son, Robert William (Little Bob).

HOLT, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Samanon (first quarter) 1, P. Gaisford 2, J. Lucas 3, F. Box 4, R. Purnell (cond.) 5, T. Wicks 6. First in three methods for all except 3.

LONDON.—At St. Anne's Church, Highgate, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Hull 1, T. Bevan 2, Angela J. Martin 3, P. G. Foote 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, M. W. Lewis 6, R. Newman 7, J. T. O'Dell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil J. Matthews.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. G. Brown (first quarter) 1, H. N. Evans (first quarter) 2, B. K. Lewis (first 'inside') 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, M. Jefferies 5, E. Cooksley 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. A. Whewall 1, J. R. White (aged 12) 8, Carol Eustace 3, W. C. Budd 4, H. White 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2. Also on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie P. Colegrove 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, J. R. Haycock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, B. L. Cook (first quarter) 6. For harvest thanksgiving Evensong, also the 21st birthday of the conductor and birthdays of Miss Joan Cheney and Miss Wendy Griffith.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. W. Barnes 1, Evelyn Cansdale 2, W. J. Brunt 3, H. Stacey 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6. Arranged for Mr. Harry Stacey, of Stratton, Cornwall.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Cox 1, Miss J. Burford (first 'inside') 2, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 3, F. Tranter 4, C. Wixey 5, C. Leighton 6.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. E. Miles (first quarter) 1, J. Webb (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. N. Bridges 3, P. J. Page 4, S. J. Gee 5, C. C. Durham 6, Rev. S. M. Evans (cond.) 7, T. W. Edwards 8. To celebrate the wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jarman, and a birthday compliment to 6.

STAINES, MIDDLX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. E. Williams 1, E. T. Skipsey 2, J. D. Tomkinson 3, M. G. Lane 4, C. G. V. Burgess 5, R. I. Shepherd (cond.) 6, W. A. Peck 7, C. B. Fynes 8. For the wedding of Miss E. Sainsbury and Mr. J. M. Taylor, at one time local ringers.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, C. Taylor (cond.) 6, W. G. Lavers 7, F. Pearce 8. In honour of a late secretary's daughter's wedding.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Eileen Willson 1, Beryl E. Cawser 2, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 3, N. W. Attaway 4, H. J. Dakin 5, B. J. Hodgetts 6, G. H. Peers 7, G. H. Peers, jun., 8. For harvest festival.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mary Meynell 1, Violet I. E. Relf 1, Kathleen M. Yeo (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Marshall 4, W. Tickner 5, P. Barnes 6, A. Gorham 7, A. Stanger 8. For harvest festival.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Miss J. M. Price 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, H. Price 4, L. Dovey 5, A. F. Davies 6. A compliment to Alan F. Davies and Judith M. Price on their engagement, and also to Judith on her 21st birthday.

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CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Keighley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, P. M. Dawson 4, W. Lee 5, R. J. Lumley 6, J. Rhodes (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. For harvest festival morning service. Also 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. J. Lumley 1, Ruth H. Appleby 2, Joan M. Dawson 3, J. Rhodes 4, W. Lee 5, P. Wheatley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, R. Waddington 8. For harvest festival evening service.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: E. Woolgrove 1, Hazel White 2, R. W. Rex 3, Cherry White 4, B. Mills 5, O. G. Smart 6, R. F. Crook 7, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 8. First quarter on eight for 1, 2 and 4.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Bell (first quarter) 1, G. P. T. Peters 2, A. H. Winch (cond.) 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, Rev. C. B. Marshall 6, A. H. Smith 7, R. E. Burffit 8. For harvest festival.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Darlaston Bob Triples: Mrs. B. Hartley 1, T. H. Bent 2, A. Hartley 3, G. Olliffe 4, J. Adams 5, C. P. Walker 6, E. Morris (cond.) 7, K. Mason 8. First in method by all except conductor. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Smith (first quarter) 1, P. Chilton 2, R. Pratt 3, K. Townsend 4, S. Harrison 5, V. Pratt (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Minor (Childwall and St. Clement's): P. Ellis 1, Miss A. Barr 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, J. B. Webb 4, C. M. Smith 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob): H. J. Shuck 1, Mrs. E. W. Colley 2, J. B. Dinenage 3, E. W. Colley 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. F. M. Slater, warden of this church.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Oct. 11th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Scrutton 1, J. Tomsett 2, C. H. Rogers 3, G. M. Harvey 4, J. Mudd 5, L. W. Bullock 6, F. Ranson 7, H. W. Rogers 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, Miss E. Palmer 10. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Taylor 1, Miss B. J. Stevens 2, Miss P. M. Stevens 3, G. Sparkes 4, C. J. Stevens 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. For the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Mary Cridland, who voted at the election.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. G. Williamson 1, Miss S. Wallace 2, J. R. Glilden 3, Mrs. B. Harris 4, Miss C. Fernley 5, Miss E. M. Fearn 6, B. Jones 7, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Neil 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, Miss D. Cibons 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5. For harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. Deam 1, A. Gammon 2, Miss C. Woodward (cond.) 3, R. Jones 4, D. Woodward 5. For harvest thanksgiving.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Baugh 1, R. D. Herebury 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, M. C. Hughes 4, R. E. Tallis (jun., cond.) 5, V. Nash (first quarter) 6. First in two methods for 1 and 2. Average age of band 16 years. For Evensong.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Oct 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Inns 1, Miss J. I. Frost (first 'inside') 2, W. Hammons 3, B. E. Frost (cond.) 4, S. Ruddlesden 5. For harvest festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 College Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, H. Worboys 2, W. Smith 3, W. Ellis 4, E. Blower 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: Miss E. Hatch 1, G. Sandwell 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, E. Blower 5, M. Hallett 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles: D. M. Hibbert 1, Wendy M. Hatchett 2, Susan J. Glade 3, D. C. Bartholomew 4, M. Hatchett (cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Shaw 1, Beryl Park 2, J. T. Clark (first 'inside') 3, Judy Robinson (cond.) 4, R. E. D. Henebury 5, C. D. Baugh 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Joan Gray 1, Edith Brocklehurst 2, R. Brocklehurst 3, J. Laver 4th, M. Hill 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. A farewell to the curate (the Rev. B. H. V. Brown), and a welcome to his successor (the Rev. Wilfred Parmer) from India.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Scott 1, F. J. Cook 2, I. Knox 3, Mrs. J. Sinfield 4, P. Pratt (first in method) 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6, W. Sear (covering) 7. For harvest festival.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. V. Collison 1, Ann George (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. K. S. Hohl 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, R. D. Divall 6, K. S. Hohl 7, A. E. Richardson 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

TUTBURY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Miss N. Wickham 1, E. H. Willows 2, Miss R. Bull 3, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 4, R. J. Stretton 5, B. Dawson 6.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Kent 1, M. Stone 2, K. Prime 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short (first in method as cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First in method 1 and 3. A Bridgwater branch quarter.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Oct. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. T. Oliffe 1, Marilyn Bird (first of Major) 2, E. J. Hill 3, B. Coggins 4, E. J. Townsend 5, P. Beedie 6, B. J. Coggins 7, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 8. For harvest festival; also a 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to treble ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A unique silent peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Halstead on October 10th, in which the ringers drew for their bells. Next to last to draw was Joe Roast, who took out two tickets. Without looking, he replaced one, leaving the last for Miss Hilda Snowden, the organiser, which happened to be the tenor. The band are indebted to Mr. Lewis Wiffen, who inspired the peal, and called 'Off' and also 'Stand'; otherwise not a word was spoken. Has a not pre-arranged peal been rung previously silently on tower bells? Messrs. Syder and Eves are to be congratulated as they had not previously called Cambridge Surprise Major.

By ringing the third at Darley Dale to a peal of Yorkshire, Mr. Ron Bullen has now 'completed the circle.'

At the ladies' meeting at Oakham on October 17th, the lady ringing the second bell called: 'Look to, treble's going,' to encourage the others. No one seemed amazed except the treble ringer—she was ringing solo!

At the sixth attempt in the last 2½ years has been rung the third post-war peal on the fine bells at Gosforth, Northumberland. The support of Canon J. W. Turnbull, the Vicar, in permitting these attempts is much appreciated by the ringers, as the church is situated in a residential area and with a nursing home only 30 yards from the tower.

The peal at Lutterworth, Leics (page 617), was rung to welcome the Rector (Rev. H. D. Anderson) four years after his induction! Mr. T. C. Belton writes: 'This brings to mind the true story of the captain of a village tower who was asked by his band if he intended to ring a welcome peal for the new rector. His reply was: "We'll wait and see if we like him." The peal was never rung.'

The 75th anniversary of the Hertford County Association was a very happy occasion at St. Albans last Saturday, conspicuous by the handbell ringing of the Launton ringers (conducted by Mr. F. Sharpe), both at the service in the Abbey and at the dinner held in the historic Town Hall.

Who is the well-known ringer who is thinking of offering himself as a guinea pig for snoring? Will the 10 minutes' exercise each night reduce his weight?

In aid of their Bell Restoration Fund, the Irish Association are promoting a quiz competition. Details from Mr. F. E. Dukes, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath.

The quarter peal rung at Bourne, Lincs, on May 31st, was conducted by Mr. C. Wade and was rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Stokes.

The in memoriam quarter peal at St. Anne's, Highgate, on October 15th, to Mr. Cecil J. Matthews, was rung by Highgate and Hampstead ringers. It was on these bells that Mr. Matthews rang his first tower bell peal.

The peal of Doubles at Hose, Leicestershire, was arranged specially for Mr. Ernest Morris, who rang a peal in this tower in 1927. It was conducted by the local captain, Mr. William Sharpe. All the bells were recast in 1928, so this is Ernest's 'first' on them.

An inspection by the bell-hangers of the bells of St. Nicholas', Kenilworth, has revealed that the old wooden frame is very loose and unsupported on one side, causing some damage to the tower. Because of the condition ringing was suspended three weeks ago. The Church Council is now awaiting an estimate for the bells to be rehung in a metal frame.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD'S DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

DINNERS of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are not annual affairs. The Diamond Jubilee, like the Golden Jubilee, was an occasion that merited such an assembly. And this was duly celebrated at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Lincoln, on October 17th. There was only one disappointment. The new Bishop of Lincoln (the Right Rev. Kenneth Riches) had unfortunately slipped a disc and was that day being plastered by surgeons and could not be present.

The Dean, the Right Rev. Colin Dunlip, who is president of the Guild, was a witty chairman. With him was the Guild's Ringing Master and Master of the Ringers of Lincoln Cathedral, Mr. J. A. Freeman, a veteran beloved throughout the Exercise. The felicitations of the great family of ringers were brought by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the president of the Central Council, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sharpe. There were also present Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. Prominent on the top table was 'Black Jack,' the leather jug of Lincoln Cathedral Ringers, which was once pawned for 13s. 6d. by the ringers.

In a speech that displayed his love of Lincoln and Lincolnshire, Mr. J. A. Freeman proposed the toast of 'The Diocese of Lincoln.' He recalled the early diocese that stretched from the Thames to the Humber, and how the early Bishops were important figures in the State. To-day the diocese coincided with the boundaries of the county—a county in which agriculture was its main industry, but there was that great steel industry at Scunthorpe and other important industries at Lincoln, Boston and other towns.

A GREAT HERITAGE

Lincolnshire had a great heritage in its churches and its Cathedral, said Mr. Freeman, was the finest in England, and Heckington had the most superb village church in the land. The majority of those present that evening were members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and many of them took an interest in the life of the community and a pride in its achievements, but they would all agree that unless God played His part they could achieve nothing. 'Unless the Lord build the house their labour was in vain.'

The Archdeacon of Lindsay (the Ven. E. L. Manden) said they were proud to administer a diocese in which bellringing was so highly developed and practised. He was initiated into ringing a bell by the late Richard Mackman, of Spalding, and the Rev. H. Law James, a character if ever there was one. Mackman was a typical Lincolnshire man and Law James was typical of Wales—he was told he had a leg of mutton sent to him each week from North Wales. 'The Lincoln Guild,' concluded the Archdeacon, 'is a corps d'élite of bell-ringers and I want you to be proud of them.'

Proposing the toast of 'The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers,' Mr. Frederick Sharpe also spoke of the early connection between Oxfordshire and Lincoln and added that centuries later the last Bishop of Dorchester had become Bishop of Lincoln. He had had correspondence with the Dean concerning the memorial to Bishop Grosteste in Launton Church, and the Dean now told him that he had traced two other memorials to this Bishop.

'To-day we are keeping your 60th anniversary but, of course, Lincolnshire ringing did not begin 60 years ago. Some might say it began with the monks of Croyland. Those bells, however, were not hung like theirs, but they were then considered to be the best ring of bells in England. Then in the Middle Ages you had some of the finest mediæval bells in the country for tone and casting, and certainly for decoration, for there was nothing to equal the old bells of the Cathedral. On October 18th, 1612, was drawn up the ordinances of St. Hugh's Society at the Cathedral and throughout the centuries you have been noted for your bells and ringing.'

PROGRESS IN SERVICE RINGING

He would like to pay a tribute to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for what it had done in regard to Sunday service ringing. In North's 'Bells of Lincolnshire' of about 1888, only three per cent. of the bells were rung for Sunday services. The recent Sunday Service Survey had shown that there was some Sunday service ringing in 70 per cent. of the towers in the diocese and that had been due to the work of the Diocesan Guild.

'A good many people got pessimistic over the statistics for Sunday service ringing. I am not. I think we are progressing and progressing in the right direction. There is plenty of enthusiasm among young people and with the right guidance there is no doubt that we can reach 95 per cent. I do not think we shall ever get 100 per cent for a variety of reasons.'

Throughout the 60 years they had had only three Masters. The Rev. H. Law James was a live wire and did much to further the art of spliced ringing. If they looked at their annual reports they would see that he went to many remote country parishes and many of the peal notes stated that it was the first in the method by all except him.

His successor, Mr. Rupert Richardson, was a great character. It was said of him that he knew every band in the whole diocese and his influence did not remain in Lincolnshire but extended to other parts of the British Isles. He also took part in the tour in Australia. Mr. Sharpe said his own Rector at Launton, the Rev. C. P. Sherwood, was the son of the Precentor of Melbourne Cathedral, who welcomed the English visitors on that memorable tour.

To their present Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, they owed a great deal, not only in the Lincoln Diocese but throughout the county. He was not only Master of the Guild but Master of the Cathedral Company. He had done much in regard to not only advanced ringing but towards advancing ringing throughout the diocese. They were also fortunate in their secretaries, and in particular in the present holder of the office, Mr. Bray.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Concluding, the president referred to 'The Ringing World.' As the result of the printing strike, he said, they were faced with an increase of cost, and he appealed to all present to do their best to increase the circulation, particularly in regard to postal subscribers.

'We cannot do without "The Ringing World"; we would lose touch with one another. This is a little softening-up to prepare you for a blow that the price of the paper might be increased. If everybody made a big effort to increase the sale of the paper the blow might not be so heavy.'

Mr. J. Bray, the Guild's honorary secretary, in reply, said many of them must have thought how much credit could they, of this generation, claim for what the Guild was and what it stood for. He had had the opportunity of looking through old minute books and Guild reports. The earliest minutes they had were of 60 years ago and he thought what a grand thing it would have been if there was a tape recorder at that meeting and they could play it back that evening. Mention had been made of Mr. Law James—he could well remember him expressing himself in the way that only Mr. Law James could.

The Guild started from a number of Associations combining to form the Diocesan Guild. They were all small, thriving Guilds and through Mr. James' leadership, and, he thought, Mr. James' alone, the first meeting was convened to bring all these small Guilds together to form the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

600-700 MEMBERSHIP

The early membership was only a matter of 20 or 30 but over the years the membership was built up to between 600 and 700 and for the past 25 years the membership had fluctuated very little. Two world wars played havoc with their members but after each war the membership had been built up to 600-700 mark. Their last dinner was ten years ago, and he hoped that those responsible for the Guild's affairs in 1969 would arrange a dinner similar to that that evening.

They had had in the Guild many lady ringers—distinguished lady ringers—and he felt they had elevated the tone of the belfries. The first rule the Guild made was 'The Guild shall be for the promotion of change ringing and belfry reform.' He was certain that as far as change ringing was concerned those men of 60 years ago would be satisfied that it had progressed in Lincolnshire, and he would say it was above the average for the country.

As to belfry reform, they agreed ten years ago that it was out of date. They felt that the object had been more or less achieved. They knew that there were still a number of towers in their county where there were no ringers, or very few, and there was a tremendous lot of work to be done, but there was not to-day that need as 60 years ago for belfry reform. If one looked around on their towers they would find clergy who were accomplished ringers, lay-readers, churchwardens and church workers of every type of activity and that was a thing they could be proud of.

In looking forward to 1969 they should certainly not be complacent; they would continue to work and try to improve the standard, particularly of service ringing. They would encourage the young ringers in their art and he hoped they would be able to present a satisfactory report of the Guild.

FOUNDER MEMBERS

Mr. Bray said he had received a letter from Mr. John Cragg, of Caythorpe, who was one of their founder members, regretting his absence, and asking if there were any founder members present. Mr. J. B. Halifax, of Fleet, stood up and received the hearty applause of the company.

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by Mr. John Freeman. He expressed the pleasure of the company in having with them the president of the Central Council and Mrs. Sharpe and also Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis. Mr. Walter Ayre, he felt, could not be regarded as a visitor as his photograph was in Gainsborough tower. Mr. Jim Raithby and Mr. Bill Exton, Mr. and Mrs. George Fearn (St. Martin's Guild), Mr. Peter Bond, Mr. T. W. White and Mr. Dennis Townhill were also welcomed. Mr. Freeman coupled with the toast the name of Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, who, he reminded the gathering, was elected to his office at Lincoln. All who supported him knew he was a good man for the office and that had been fully justified. He also welcomed Mrs. Barnett.

Thanking the Guild for their hospitality and congratulating them on their 60th an-

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LINCOLN GUILD DINNER—Cont.

niversary dinner, Mr. Barnett said he was elected secretary of the Council there 7½ years ago and he had good cause for the very pleasant memories of Lincoln and Lincolnshire. It was a fact they had always received grand hospitality in Lincolnshire.

FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS

His father-in-law was a member of the opening-up party at Cranwell and got to know Mr. Rupert Richardson at Surfleet. He and his mother-in-law were frequent visitors to that Mecca of pre-war ringers and he and his wife had also enjoyed their hospitality.

The Archdeacon, in his speech, mentioned Mr. Mackman: it might interest the company to know that Mr. James R. Mackman taught his father-in-law to ring. He was sorry that Mr. John Cragg was unable to be present. When the Central Council met at Dublin his wife and himself had the pleasure of being entertained by Mr. 'Billy' Pratt, the president of the Irish Association, who was a Lincolnshire man and a great friend of Mr. Cragg

The entertainment was of a high standard and the songs of Mr. Sidney Smith, who was accompanied by Mr. Dennis Townhill, were much appreciated. The handbell ringing was in accord with the best Lincoln Guild tradition. A touch of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, Mr. John Freeman and Mr. G. E. Feirn, and later came a touch of Surprise Royal in three methods by the Rev. Michael Freeman 1-2, Mr. G. E. Feirn 3-4, Mr. R. Heppenstall 5-6, Mr. F. Lord 7-8, and Mr. Aubrey Harrison 9-10.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

The meeting at Longparish of the Andover District proved very popular, judging from the number of cars parked outside the church. The Winchester District were also meeting at Barton Stacey, three miles away, and many of the ringers took the chance of visiting this tower before the service. This was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Mr. Agg-Page): the Andover quartet sang an anthem to the enjoyment of the congregation of nearly 400. Tea was followed by a short business meeting. For a practice meeting on November 7th, Tangley and Andover were selected, and Highclere for the quarterly meeting on December 19th.

Longparish bells were then available until 7 p.m., when the company adjourned to Hurstbourne Priors. The highlight of the day was a course of London Minor on these bells, which are considered by some to be unringable.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association was held in Dundee on October 17th, the closing day of this year's Mod of An Comunn Gaidhealach, which had been held in the city during the week.

Ringing under the direction of the Master, Mr. Harry Sargent, began at St. Paul's Cathedral at 2 p.m. and finished after 7 p.m. at the Old Steeple. Members were present from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee. Ringing varied from rounds to Cambridge Major.

Members were sorry to learn that the president, Mr. E. Stafford, was indisposed and all wished him a speedy and complete recovery.

A LEICESTER CATHEDRAL WEDDING

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On September 11th the wedding of Miss Peta Cole and Mr. S. Anthony Jesson took place at Leicester Cathedral. The bride, who wore a white two-piece suit of figured brocade, is at present learning to ring at the Cathedral, where her husband has been a ringer for nine years. 'Tony,' who is also a Roving Ringer, is well known 'down under' (the cider counties !).

This was the first wedding ceremony that the new Provost, the Very Rev. R. J. F. Mayston, had solemnised since his induction at the Cathedral in November, 1958.

Owing to the illness of the bride's father the wedding was a very quiet occasion, the parents of the couple being the only guests.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A joint meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall Districts was held at Mildenhall on October 3rd, when some 20 ringers were present from 12 different towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. S. Atkins), who at the commencement dedicated a memorial board recording a quarter peal rung half-muffled for the late Percy Fordham. Miss Anthea Greaves accompanied the singing at the piano.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided and extended a welcome to everybody, and particularly to Miss Anthea Greaves, who had come to Rougham, where her father was recently inducted rector. It was proposed that the next practice should be at Bury St. Edmunds on November 14th.

The officers for the newly-formed District, to be known as North West Suffolk, were elected as follows: Mr. R. Rose, Ringing Master; Mr. A. Ballam, hon. secretary and treasurer; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Y. Parker; chairman, the Rev. Paul Greaves. It was agreed that the new District should meet the second Saturday in each month.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on Oct. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mary H. Hall 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, R. J. Bowden 3, D. Heighton 4, F. D. Mack 5, P. J. Bird 6, R. G. Hooper 7, T. P. Edwards 8. Members took turns in conducting.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PLAIN BOB CATERS NO MUSICAL VIRTUE

Dear Sir,—It is possibly not without significance that the peal of Plain Bob Caters rung at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, on Saturday, September 26th, was the first of Plain Bob Caters rung for the Guild.

I listened to this peal for over an hour. It was very well rung indeed but was quite lacking in any musical virtue at all. Indeed, now that I know what Bob Caters sounds like, I would never wish to be in a band that rang even a short touch. To inflict a whole town to three hours of such sounds can only be calculated to do church bell ringing more harm than good.

The modern urge to ring something just because it has not been rung before needs very careful consideration before the undertaking thereof. Possibly the reason that it has not before been rung is because it has not been considered worth ringing.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

CLERICAL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The Rev. W. M. K. Warren has overlooked the fact that the Clerical Guild was not formed until 1938 at St. Albans, and the peal at Chittlehampton on September 7th last stands therefore as the first of Grandsire Triples **for the Guild.**

The peal at East Hagbourne on May 15th, 1935, was the first **Clerical** peal of Grandsire Triples and was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Eleven Clerical peals in various methods had been rung for other Guilds before the Clerical Guild came into being.—Yours faithfully,

C. CAREW-COX.

Bridport, Dorset.

YOUNG RINGERS' PROTEST

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of the young ringers who visited the West Country this summer for our annual ringing tour, say how little 'The Ringing World' does to encourage the younger generation. A great deal of work by those responsible for writing the reports on the 14-day tour was represented by less than half a column resembling little more than a day outing. I am sure the editor would not think of reducing Mr. Williams' tour or Mr. Cotton's annual tour.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. DOWSE.

Marple, Cheshire.

Note.—The Editor, as previously stated, regrets curtailment. Some tours have not even been published and both Mr. Williams' and Mr. Cotton's tour reports were cut. The list of peals on their tour made very impressive reading, but we hope that the letter of Canon C. C. Cox, the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, relating to the ringing of one of the peals, will not go unanswered.—Ed.

ARE PEALS OF MINIMUS RECOGNISED?

Dear Sir,—I have been informed by Mr. Alan Pink that the methods rung in the peal of Minimus at Newtown and named by us as Newtown Place and Canterbury Place are, in fact, Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas.

He points out that they extend naturally to the five-bell methods of the same name; in working them out I had overlooked this point, and as they are natural extensions we forfeit our right to name them.

Incidentally, in forwarding this peal for publication, I did so as a peal and not a performance, and until the Peals Analysis Committee have reached a decision regarding it, it retains the right of being called a peal.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

PEAL TOURS & 'TOWER SNATCHING'

Dear Sir,—One eagerly anticipates his 'Ringing World' on Fridays, only to be disappointed occasionally with its contents, such as those in the issue of October 23rd. On the front cover the Editor is lamenting lack of space to print *well-written* accounts of tours. Opening the journal one is confronted by almost two whole pages of peals rung on peal tours by bands of expert ringers in Devon, and in Lancashire and Cheshire.

A perusal of these performances makes one wonder what useful purpose, if any, they serve. In the footnotes to the Devon tour one finds only one peal with a 'first' in it—and that in eight Surprise methods! Apart from the last peal, all 12 were 'presented' to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, which will, no doubt, have to bear the cost of publishing them in its report. Looking over the names of the participants, and the advanced methods rung in a part of the country where change-ringing is in its infancy, it would seem that Guild members resident locally got precious little from this tour, either in help or prestige.

The other tour tells much the same story. Three people who can ring anything rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples! One ringer did score his first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major—but he only stood in two attempts!

For achieving next to nothing two pages of the 'R.W.' have been lost, many peals will have to be paid for in Guild reports, the 'R.W.' probably received little financial assistance and the clock has been put back 200 years to the bad old days when change-ringing was purely a sport. No doubt those who rang in these peals got some personal pleasure and satisfaction from them or they would not have participated, but one wonders whether this is the best, or proper, use of church bells. Is it not time that the Central Council, or one of the Associations for whom such a spate of peals has been rung by ringers from some distant part of the country, publicly deplored this custom which seems, unhappily, to be on the increase?

A similar deplorable practice is the 'tower-snatch' pure and simple. Far too many such outings rush from tower to tower, leaving no time for anyone to look over the church where one is ringing. Again one wonders what interest these people have in either their Church or their churches, and whether whoever recruited them chose the best type of recruit.

Slough, Bucks. W. BIRMINGHAM.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. W. EVERETT

The completion of 60 years as tower captain by Mr. C. W. Everett at Ashford, Kent, was the occasion for the annual District meeting being held at that tower on October 3rd.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon N. M. G. Sharp. Mr. H. J. Field was the organist, and the lesson was read by the Rev. J. Pownall. In his address of welcome Canon Sharp paid special tribute to Mr. Everett's long and devoted record of service to the beautiful Parish Church and its noble ring of bells.

The Vicar and church officials joined about 50 visitors at the tea, which was generously given by the Ashford ringers and friends and served by members of the Mothers' Union.

In his report the secretary said that 21 towers have so far subscribed, totalling 120 practising members, about the same as last year. Over half these members come from four towers, whereas seven towers have only one member each. Saltwood, Stone-in-Oxney and Great Chart have rejoined the Association. Willesborough still leads in quality and quantity of service ringing, but only ten peals were rung during the year, four of them being at Little Chart. The bells at Sellindge and Great Chart have been restored and re-dedicated, but Pluckley's are now out of action.

The motion submitted by the Rochester District—'that a levy of 6d. per person (juniors excluded) be imposed on all peals rung for the Association, all moneys so raised to be entirely devoted to the Belfry Repair Fund'—was then raised, but found no supporters. Three members spoke against it and it was decided that the District representatives report the feeling of the gathering at the next committee meeting.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year and two new members joined the Association.

The meeting closed on a note of thanks to all those concerned in making it such a happy one.

Following a peal of Stedman Triples in the tower on Tuesday, rung in honour of Mr. Everett, a plaque commemorating his services was dedicated in the ringing chamber on October 4th, on which occasion he was presented with an inscribed gold pocket watch from the Church Council, congregation and ringers of Ashford. C. T. H.

PANGBOURNE RINGERS' OUTING

Pangbourne, Berks, and Whitchurch, Oxon, ringers combined for their first outing on Saturday, September 5th, and were ably augmented by ringers from Reading and Reigate.

The towers visited, all in or near the Berkshire downland, were Chieveley, Peasemore (best of the day), Brightwalton (Kent and Oxford spliced—round the font!) and Childrey (a tight squeeze past the organ!). An excellent tea was partaken of at Wantage; then Farnborough (highest village in Berkshire), East Hendred (6, tenor 22 cwt.) and finally the odd-toned light six at Milton.

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RECORD ATTENDANCE AT WORCESTER DINNER

SINCE 1947, when by kind permission of successive Mayors of Worcester, the Association has been able to hold its annual dinners in the noble setting of the Guildhall, the function has been advertised as 'still having room for more.' But the 22nd annual dinner, held on October 10th, almost taxed the hall to its capacity—short of arranging the seating in a less attractive form—for a large gathering of 210 was present—easily a record.

The president (the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester) was in the chair, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Milburn and supported by the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-chairman), Bishop C. E. and Mrs. Stuart, the Rev. D. J. and Mrs. Walters, the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Revs. A. Webb, R. M. W. Powell, H. L. Davies and Mrs. Davies, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson. Unfortunately the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was prevented from attending by another engagement, and an apology was also received from Mr. G. L. Lewis. Invariably making the journey year after year, there were the usual faithful visitors from Bristol, Wrington, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick, Claverley and Birmingham. The problem of getting the company seated was admirably handled by the three stewards, Messrs. F. Hyde, T. W. Lewis and J. J. Stanier.

Following the lines of recent years—the toast list was reduced to a minimum. After the Loyal Toast and the National Anthem the Rev. D. J. Walters (Rector of All Saints', Worcester) proposed a comprehensive toast, 'The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations.' He himself could not lay claim to any knowledge of ringing and did not understand their language. Of his own three futile attempts to ring, the last one at All Saints' produced complete silence, so he had every admiration for anyone who could get something to happen when he pulled the rope.

NEAREST TO HEAVEN

As he listened to the Cathedral bells from his house in College Yard, they might be ringing a hundred, a thousand or a million changes for all he knew, but it was Charles Lamb who described bells as 'the music bordering nearest to heaven.' The bells did speak with their own tongues and he, personally, appreciated the efforts and work done by the ringers and the Associations.

The Rev. A. Webb, of Kidderminster (clerical vice-president), replied. There were, he said, still a few of the clergy with no interest in their ringers but this did not apply to Mr. Walters and All Saints', where they had every facility and the church and the belfry had been at their disposal at the Easter Monday meetings for many years. The bells proclaimed the Glory of God and were the best publicity agents for the Church.

Referring to the attendance that evening, with every part of the Diocese represented, he said it was evidence of ringing activity. But there were some silent areas, or—such as the one to which he had just moved, and not his church—with recording installations. This he described as a misrepresentation, crude and a deception and devoid of all element of personal service. The remedy lay largely in their own hands—they should infuse enthusiasm and influence public opinion. Publicity was important, and the future lay in the hands of the young people.

Mr. J. S. Johnson, proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' said they were fully conscious of and appreciated how the presence of the Dean gave added dignity and prestige to their gatherings. He referred to the number of clergy present and gave a special welcome to Mrs. Milburn.

SUPPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The Dean, in reply, said it was with pride that he presided over 'the largest gathering of men, women and young persons in the history of the Association,' and he was particularly pleased to see so many young people there—a good augury for the future. Of mechanised bells, we were apt to-day to rely too much on machines to do our work for us, a thing no ringer dare to do. Ringing was a craft giving gratification. They were a band of brothers and sisters with a devotion to something well worth while, and 'to me,' he concluded, 'it gives particular pride, satisfaction and joy.'

A first-class musical entertainment was provided by Henry Hall and his party; two courses of Stedman Triples were rung 'in hand' by Miss V. Barnes Mrs. J. Thomas, Messrs. D. J. Marshall and J. D. Johnson; and a course of Grandsire Caters with the addition of Mrs. P. Harris; the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought another enjoyable evening to a close.

The Guildhall has been provisionally booked for Saturday, October 8th, 1960, and to quote from the finale on the menu cards:—

'Better lo'ed ye canna be
Will ye no' come back again?'

J. D. J.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Despite the rain, the autumn meeting of the South West Branch held at Newton Ferrers on October 17th was very successful, between 30 and 40 members being present, and visitors included Mr. Cochrane, of Hatfield, who was on holiday at Plymouth.

Mr. T. G. Myers, hon. secretary, mentioned that it was not realised when the original date of the meeting had to be altered, the date would clash with two other meetings. He expressed his regret and hoped it would not occur again.

The chairman, Mr. H. W. Thomas, welcomed two new members—Master Gordon Gilley, of Plympton St. Maurice and Mr. Horace Hicks, of Launceston (unattached). He also thanked the Rector (the Rev. Mr. Grimes) for conducting the service, the organist, Mr. West (captain of local ringers) and the ladies of the church for the excellent tea. Ringing was at Newton Ferrers and Revelstoke.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Cawthorne on October 10th coincided with the centenary of the bells and the Vicar, who presided at the business meeting attended by representatives from 19 towers, gave in his welcome to the Society a short history of the bells.

The Misses E. and S. Peace, of Shelley, were elected members, and Royston was selected for the next meeting on November 14th. The local company and their friends, who provided the free tea, were warmly thanked by Mr. James Thorley, and upon the suggestion of Mr. Edwin Atkinson a collection was made for the Roof Repair Fund of the church, for which £2.000 is needed. This amounted to £3 8s.

The local company was thanked by Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Harold Chant for their excellent arrangements for the meeting, and Mr. Noel F. Moxon gave a timely reminder of the Society's annual dinner. Further ringing followed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

Over 120 members of the Canterbury District attended the District annual meeting at Canterbury on October 10th and at the conclusion of the business meeting sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' followed by three rousing cheers, for Mr. Bert Luck, who was retiring from the office of hon. secretary. In a tribute, Mr. John Willis, vice-president, said Mr. Luck had set an example to all honorary secretaries and had made the District the happiest he had known. Mr. Willis then moved 'That this meeting records its profound and sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Bertram J. Luck as hon. District secretary to the Canterbury District, K.C.A., 1936–1959.' This and the report were carried unanimously.

Mr. Luck, in his last annual report, regretted that membership was down 21 to 325. At meetings during the year collections amounting to over £11 were given to church funds.

The following officers were re-elected:—Chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell; Ringing Master, Mr. D. A. Chapman; District representatives, Mr. D. C. Chatfield and Mr. E. T. Eades. Mr. T. C. Phillimore, who had been Mr. Luck's assistant during the past year, was elected hon. secretary. Six new members were also elected.

The meeting, on the proposition of Mr. W. S. Palin, seconded by Mr. D. A. Chapman, rejected the motion of the Rochester District that a levy of 6d. per person (excluding juniors) be imposed on all peals rung for the Association, the money so raised to be devoted to the Belfry Repair Fund. This motion was to replace the peal booking fee. St. Peter's-in-Thanet was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

The service was held at St. Dunstan's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, and the address given by the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. A. Sargent). Ringers supplemented the choir and the collection amounted to £3 2s. 10d. The ladies provided a 'very ample tea' in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall and they and the clergy of Canterbury were thanked at the meeting by Mr. J. A. Russell, who presided.

Tonbridge District

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tunbridge Wells on October 3rd, when the usual ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Hurst, who has been newly appointed to St. Peter's. Mrs. W. Dobbie accompanied the singing.

Tea was held in the Parish Hall and provided by ringers and friends of St. Peter's. At the annual meeting which followed, Mr. B. V. Collison was elected chairman. Miss D. Colgate was re-elected secretary but pointed out that she will not stand for election next year. Mr. B. V. Collison and Mr. W. Dobbie were re-elected District representatives and Mr. S. Jenner Ringing Master.

Mr. B. Jeffrey gave a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service and to Mr. B. V. Collison and friends for the tea.

A good variety of methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Moore 1, F. Attewell 2, B. Johnson 3, F. Crow 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Baker 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Moore.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

PERHAPS the most notable feature of this year's tour was one which, in this age when the English language is enlarging the meaning of its words to accommodate the expressions of our American friends, might be described as 'commutation.' The reason for this was a strictly geographical one: The Ripon Diocesan Retreat House, where we stayed, was fully one and a half miles from the nearest hostelry, the Shoulder of Mutton.

The week should have begun with a peal at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, August 22nd. The band met one short for Yorkshire Maximus, however. One member, in order to make up 12, was therefore detailed to detach our worthy organiser from his lately-acquired fiancée, both of whom had luckily not left the churchyard, and another, to learn a peal of Stedman. Both tasks were accomplished in rather less than five minutes and the attempt for Cinques was begun. After an hour's mediocre ringing in an increasingly stuffy atmosphere, a shift, which the conductor fortunately noticed soon afterwards, enabled the band to stand and spend a pleasant hour drinking tea before finding their way to the Retreat House at Barrowby.

The Retreat House proved to be delightfully situated and, when everyone had met their charming hostess and investigated the accommodation, the first commutation began—in a short while the house was deserted.

SPLICED SURPRISE PATTERN

On Sunday morning the party joined the local band at Wetherby to ring for service and here Henry Fielden set the pattern of Spliced Surprise calling for the week, when he brought five-spliced round in 381 changes. Everyone afterwards attended Matins.

A lazy afternoon was followed by the journey to Sharow, where Spliced was once more brought round in an odd number of changes. Pots of Indian tea at a Chinese cafe in Ripon provided welcome refreshment before we rang for Evensong on the fine ten at the Cathedral.

Next morning the main party rang at Thorner and Sherburn-in-Elmet, while the day's peal, of London, was being diligently rung at Escrick. The peal band arrived late at York Minster to hear those lovely bells going well to Stedman Caters. A course of London on the back eight went fairly smoothly but a half-course of Cambridge Maximus had to be stood up and the final touch of Stedman Cinques suffered a similar fate because time was running short.

YORKSHIRE TAIL-ENDS

Many of us made our first acquaintance with Yorkshire tail-ends on Tuesday at Otley and, later in the morning, at Ilkley. These tail-ends are most comfortable for large-handed folk but trying for those not so plentifully endowed in this respect.

Nor could we get away from them after lunch at both Addingham and Kildwick. Here the morning peal band joined us, having rung Plain Bob Major at Guiseley, and soon those who should still have been ringing a peal of Bristol at Skipton followed their example. The tenors had apparently crossed after an hour's ringing, much to the discomfiture of the conductor, who had not noticed this as soon as he might have done.

At the evening tower, Collingham (8), Peter Hodson's handsome tape-recorder was in evidence for the first time. After much ado, it was eventually plugged into a churchyard lamp, the bulb of which had been removed, and was soon busily recording not only the bells but also the facetious repartee with which Frank Haynes and Chris Woolley punctuated the ringing. This recording was played back later at Peter's home, where we had been kindly invited by his parents, and a lively post mortem ensued.

Wednesday began with Corporate Communion, celebrated by the president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth. After a long drive the party arrived at Ossett, an excellent ring of ten, where the good ringing was spoiled by an abysmal tower, during which all ten bells fired perfectly round after round. There followed the pleasant eight at Drighlington, after which the peal band went to Bradford, where they rang a good peal of Stedman Caters.

LUNCHEON DIFFICULTIES

The remainder made their way to Pudsey, where they expected, not unreasonably, to find lunching facilities. In this quest only four were successful. The lovely eight at St. Lawrence provided temporary compensation for the hungry ones, who were perhaps deluded into thinking that, in any event, there must be a cafe somewhere in Headingley, the next stopping place. Having rung at St. Michael's, Headingley, a general interrogation of the local populace was therefore begun but this revealed only that the cafes were open every afternoon except Wednesday. Loth to admit defeat, one member disappeared and was next seen flagrantly displaying a bottle of 'Tizer.' He was avidly seized upon and, soon after, several members could have been seen basking in the sun outside St. Chad's, Headingley, despatching biscuits and 'pop' with obvious relish. An hour's ringing on the fine eight was then completed and the party, eager for supper, returned to Barrowby.

A most interesting hour was spent at Tadcaster, first tower on Thursday morning. Here drainpipe-like structures descend into the ringing chamber, enclosing the ropes and terminating so as to leave just enough rope free for manipulation.

We were greeted at Selby Abbey by a bevy of young ladies as well as the tower captain. This confirmed our impression that the Yorkshire Association is, happily, an emancipated one. The ringing was good and a course of Grandsire Caters, in which these young ladies took part, deserves mention.

Lunch was taken at Selby before moving on to Beverley, where most people spent half an hour observing the architectural splendour of the Minster. The band who had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples at Howden joined the rest of the party here. The ringing was, unfortunately, poor, a sad fact to record in view of the magnificence of the bells. A better performance followed on another fine ring of ten at St. Mary's, Beverley.

The business meeting was held in the evening. Owing to the efficient manner in which it was conducted, there remained time for another enjoyable visit to the Shoulder.

IN THE WEST RIDING

A selection of towers in the West Riding remained for the final day of the tour. At All Souls', Halifax, two courses of Surprise were rung before the treble rope broke. An hour at Sowerby completed the morning's ringing, after which a band set off for Heptonstall to attempt a peal of four-spliced. A misunderstanding resulted in the start being delayed for nearly an hour. Then, after 40 minutes' excellent ringing, the tenor man negligently allowed his rope to slip wheel, and that was that.

This band joined the main party at Northowram, thus missing Elland, their first afternoon tower. Here the last touch of five-spliced was brought round, suitably, in the same number of changes as the first had been, this time by Frances Secker.

After ringing on the pleasant 12 at the Parish Church, some, having said their goodbyes, departed, but the majority returned to Barrowby. Here, after a farewell visit to the Shoulder, Brian Price discovered that the sections of his collapsible tent pole formed a not unmusical five when dropped in descending order of size on to the marble floor of the hall, whereupon an entertaining performance of Stedman Doubles ensued.

Most people then engaged upon a prolonged poker session, which lasted well into the small hours, while a splinter group investigated the whole gamut of remarkable effects into which the Hodson tape-recorder obligingly converted their voices.

Next morning members bade each other farewell and embarked on their separate journeys, save for a band of eight, who employed some little time in losing a peal of Cambridge at Birstwith.

The Guild thanks Peter Windley and Henry Fielden for arranging such a balanced programme and, in addition, the incumbents and local ringers who made the tour possible.

F. B. B.

R.A.F., Halton, Apprentices' Tour

At 12.30 hours on October 10th, a motley crew, including friends from places as far apart as Swindon, Stanmore and Lincoln, assembled at R.A.F., Halton and Wendover, and departed to terrorise the inhabitants of selected places in Bucks, Beds and Herts.

Wing, having a heavy Warner six, was treated with respect, but no good striking was to be had. After a pleasant ring at Linslade (8), the party passed on to Totternhoe (8), where the two light trebles caused some consternation among the learners. The six at Hamstead proved very enjoyable, but the band was not experienced enough at 8-bell ringing to do justice to the beautiful octave at Northchurch. Much to their amazement, two members of the party were mistaken for a married couple! Their honeymoon, unfortunately, was curtailed to a very short spell on the back seat of the coach!

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, St. Clement's, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and rounds for the less experienced.

Thanks are extended to incumbents and local ringers, and to the organisers for another very enjoyable half-day tour.

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Gloucester Branch Outing

Saturday, September 12th, was promising to be another fine day as the Gloucester Branch set off promptly on their outing through Wiltshire. Devizes was reached in time for the party to have coffee before meeting at St. John's at 10.30 a.m., where the day started off well with Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and rounds and call-changes.

From there we proceeded to Salisbury for lunch, followed by ringing at St. Paul's. Amesbury was reached in the middle of the afternoon, and a very pleasant hour was spent on the lovely eight at SS. Mary and Melorus'.

The best ringing of the day, however, was at Marlborough on the beautiful heavy six of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, where a very enjoyable day's ringing was ended with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks are due to the organisers for a well-planned trip, and the party are to be congratulated on their punctuality and fine ringing.

J. N. B.

OBITUARY

MR. G. F. HOAD

It is impossible to assess how much change-ringing owes to Mr. George Francis Hoad. A ringer of outstanding merit and ability, he had infinite patience, particularly with those learning the art of campanology. His unassuming, steadfast and dependable character endeared him to all those with whom he came in contact.

Born in 1877, the third son of Francis T. Hoad, he, his father and five brothers have rung at Reigate Parish Church for over 95 years. During the period of over 70 years 'George,' as he was known to all ringers, had rung in over 200 peals, many of which he conducted. His exceptional knowledge was amply demonstrated by his compositions.

He was elected captain of the Reigate Society of Change Ringers in 1909, was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a member of the Surrey Association, of which he was elected Master on several occasions.

During the 1914–18 war he served with the Royal Engineers both in France and Germany. In 1908 he married Miss Flora Missenden, and their only child, Frederick, died in 1930 at the age of nine years. For 53 years he was in business on his own account as builder and decorator. For many years he was a sidesman at Reigate Parish Church, a member of the P.C.C. and also the Ruri-Decanal Conference.

He died in hospital on October 19th, following injuries received in a road accident on the previous evening while on his way to church to ring for the Sunday evening service. His passing will be mourned by a much larger circle of friends than those with whom he was associated in change-ringing.

MR. A. W. OSBORNE

Another stalwart of the Reading ringers at the turn of the century has passed on, viz., Mr. Ambrose W. Osborne, who died in Battle Hospital at the ripe old age of 86. A genial, kindly personality, a patient and efficient teacher, he could not tolerate bad striking, bad handlers of ropes or lazy ringers.

Originally a member of St. Mary's band, he transferred his energies to St. Giles' in 1903, where he built up a band whose Sunday service ringing was second to none. Stedman was his favourite method. A strong and active supporter of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he was secretary of the Reading Branch for a number of years.

He was a great believer in routine and regularity, and after cycling (push bike) 40 or 50 miles on his day's journey (he was a country commercial traveller) would often forgo his evening meal so as to be at the tower on time. Practice night was a real gathering of the clans, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, R. T. Hibbert, W. R. Newall, C. C. Mayne and many other well-known ringers of that time.

It was a terrible blow to him when he was no longer able to climb the tower steps, owing to infirmity in his legs, but he never lost interest in ringers or ringing, and read the 'R.W.' from end to end. G. R. G.

MRS. A. W. ROLFE

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends has been extended to Mr. A. W. Rolfe, of Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Millie Rolfe, on October 4th, aged 75. The funeral service at the Wheostead Baptist Church was attended by many ringers, and at the graveside in Whepstead Cemetery a course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' by A. E. Moore, W. Stannard, A. E. Austin and R. Heath.

MR. ALBERT H. SMITH

A victim of arthritis, which brought his ringing days to a close, Mr. Albert H. Smith, of Cropthorne, Worcs, died in hospital on October 7th, aged 57.

'His life,' writes Harold E. Raxter, 'could be summarised in one short phrase: "He was a regular ringer." I cannot remember any occasion when he failed to attend for a practice night, or on Sunday, when he had promised to attend. To do this he often cycled several miles in all weathers.

'For many years Albert rang at Cropthorne, where 120 Grandsire Doubles was the limit of change-ringing. When the eight bells were installed at Hampton he came to that church, and his progress at change-ringing became rapid. If he had had the benefit of a Hampton instructor and band at an earlier age Albert would have been among the great technical exponents of the art.'

The large congregation at the funeral service at Cropthorne on October 10th was a sign of the respect and affection with which he was held. To his widow and family all local ringers extend their sympathy.

MR. THOMAS TOWNSEND

Mr. Thomas Townsend passed away in St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton St. Margaret, after a long illness, on September 28th, at the age of 60. He was a native of St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, where he learnt to ring. He moved to Swindon in 1923, when he became a member of the band at Christ Church, Swindon. He was not a great peal ringer, but will be well remembered for his conducting of Stedman, particularly Caters.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. W. Thomas), took place at Christ Church on October 2nd. Handbells were rung in church as the cortège moved out into the churchyard. The ringers were Mrs. Sutton 1-2, E. Sutton 3-4, W. B. Kynaston 5-6, W. W. T. Daniell 7-8. Due to Christ Church bells being temporarily silent, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at St. Mark's Church.

JOINT MEETING AT BEDDINGTON

The first heavy rain for weeks marked the holding of the Northern District of the Surrey Association's annual joint meeting with the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association. Nevertheless, those who braved the rain, which included a Kent party, under the leadership of their Master, Mr. I Oram, were rewarded with a pleasant afternoon and evening.

Ringing, under the direction of Mr. Gordon Peters, preceded Evensong at St. Mary's, Beddington, taken by the Rector, and was followed by an excellent tea in the Village Hall. This had been prepared by the ladies of the St. Mary's Society, all with practical experience of ringers' appetites. After tea and the usual thanks, apologies for absence from Mr. Collins and Mr. E. A. Barnett were announced, both of whom were engaged on ringing business elsewhere. Ringing at St. Mary's concluded a very pleasant occasion.

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. E. Roger Martin, of Preston, died early on Saturday morning.

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DEATH

RANZETTA.—The death occurred on October 17th, 1959, of Henry Joseph Ranzetta, after a short illness, at Whipps Cross Hospital, London, aged 67. For many years a member of the College Youths, he was well known throughout the country. 5114

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The home address of John G. Pusey is now St. Peter's Vicarage, Cowleigh, Malvern, Worcs; also, in term time, New College, Oxford. 5140

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Change of secretary. The style and address of the new District secretary is Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, Kent. Phone: Crayford 23071. 5134

STAMFORD HILL.—Sunday ringing at St. Ann's 10.15 a.m. only. ALL other ringing by arrangement. Enquiries to the Rev. F. J. Finch, The Vicarage, South Grove, N.15. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* 5152

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MEETINGS

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—Dedication of completed tower with two trebles to make ring of ten, Saturday, Oct. 31st, 3 p.m. Quarter peal, 4 to 5. General ringing till 9 p.m. Tea provided.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Vicarage. 5090

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Farnborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5103

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Mary-at-Bow, Stratford, E. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in Vestry at 6.30 p.m., then ringing till 8 p.m. Trolleybuses pass door. Nearest station, Bow. Gentlemen cordially invited. 5067

LADIES' GUILD.—Beds and Northants Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 31st, Benefield, Northants. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. E. Amor. 5139

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 5091

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Cotgrave (6), Saturday, Oct. 31st. Please make own tea arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. All welcome. Let's make it a good meeting. 5048

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 2nd, 7 p.m. 5116

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, Nov. 4th, 6.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. 5151

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 322nd anniversary dinner will be held at The Bridge House, London Bridge, S.E.1, on Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 a.m. to 12 noon; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, 3 to 4 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.—John Chilcott. 5129

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Cople, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to R. L. Piron, 8, Bowhill, Bedford (Tel. 61835). 5154

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 5117

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—South District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 7th, Napton-on-the-Hill. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 (collection). Tea, 5 p.m., provided without charge by members of Napton Church. Southam bells available evening. Your support, please. All welcome. Names to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Leamington Spa. 5138

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Hartland (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Usual arrangements. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Pearce, Sec. 5093

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, Nov. 7th, with Association committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. in the Vestry. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to Miss Carol Hall, 13, Grange Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3. 5136

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. F. Murfet, Dis. Sec. 5155

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 5053

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting, Farnham (6), Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5143

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Nov. 7th, Stoke Bishop (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church House, 5 p.m.—A. Bennett. 5121

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting, Cranleigh (8), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 3rd, to O. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green.—D. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 5128

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Mathon, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 5126

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Cornwall Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, Saturday, Nov. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd *essential* to Mrs. Hatchet, Vicarage Flat, Church Street, Rickmansworth.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 5131

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Combined meeting with the Ladies' Guild, East Farleigh, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 5096

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. Please attend—important business.—John Pilkington, Acting Branch Sec. 5119

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bentham, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names to R. Downham, 3, Bank Houses, Bentham.—P. Handley, Sec. 5123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Rainford, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by Nov. 4th Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford, St. Helens.—M. E. Ridyard. 5147

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social at Co-op Café, High Street, Leicester, Saturday, Nov. 7th, at 7 for 7.15 p.m. Principal guest and speaker, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tickets (price 11s.) now available from undersigned. Last day for tickets, Wednesday, Nov. 4th. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Divine's (10), 2 to 3.30; All Saints' (8), 3 to 5; St. Margaret's (12), 3 to 5 p.m. Visitors who desire peals in the morning please notify me.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec., 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester (Tel. Wigston 3244). 5098

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent. Annual committee meeting 3.30 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 5124

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holt, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 5127

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Treeton, Saturday, Nov. 7th, starting 3 p.m. Tea available, names not necessary.—J. Seager, Sec. 5146

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Nuthall, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify not later than Thursday, Nov. 5th, Mr. T. Harrison, 18, St. Patrick's Road, Nuthall, Nottingham.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 5109

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lower Beeding (8), on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turner's Hill. 5132

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec., 4, St. Swithen's Crescent, Yarmouth, I.W. 5133

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Tangley (5), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service, and tea for those who notify by Nov. 3rd the Rev. J. P. Walton, Hatherden Vicarage, Andover. Andover (8) from 6.30 p.m. onwards. 5118

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Breamore (four tower bells and 12 handbells), Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Fordingbridge bells available in the evening. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 4th, to Mr. Jack Mussell, The Shallows, Breamore, near Fordingbridge, Hants. 5125

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Hartlebury, Worcestershire: rededication of the bells at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7th. All welcome 5153

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting, Matlock (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea arranged for 5 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5120

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 5142

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Great Berkhamstead, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 10th, to Mr. H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 5112

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Social, St. Dunstan's Hall, Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury; latest date, Nov. 11th. 5137

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Joint meeting with Essex Association at St. Dunstan and All Saints', Stepney, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing at St. John-of-Jerusalem's, South Hackney, 6.30 to 8 p.m. 5135

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Kislingbury, Saturday, Nov. 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. M. Bennett, 25, South View, Kislingbury, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 5141

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. C. Smith, 19, Gitten Street, Oswestry, Salop. No names no tea.—F. Cattell, Hon. Sec. 5145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Special meeting for election of new District officers at Debenham (8), Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to W. J. Button, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 5099

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting joint with Tonbridge District of KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION at Limpsfield Chart (6) on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 11th, to Mr. E. Jarrett, 3, Titsey Road, Limpsfield. 5148

CITY OF BRISTOL FESTIVAL OF RINGING, May 14th, 1960. Cathedral service, social evening, etc. Details from A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5. 5122

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen L. Cherryman 1, Katharine T. Gorvin 2, Ann E. Sharpe (first 'inside') 3, C. D. Linington 4, R. D. Brown (cond.) 5, V. F. Gough 6. A farewell to Miss Pamela R. Gough, who has left the band to continue her studies at Goldsmith's College, London.

CROPTHORNE, WORCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Newman 1, R. W. Cole 2, G. Brown 3, L. Mills 4, W. J. Newman 5, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 6. A tribute to and in grateful memory of the life and work of Albert H. Smith, rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. K. Walklate (cond.) 1, Miss D. Wilson 2, Miss N. Wickham 3, Miss R. Bull 4, B. Dawson 5, D. W. Brunning 6.

HAMPTON, WORCS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Newman 1, Miss J. Roberts (first on eight) 2, H. E. Raxter (cond.) 3, J. Smith 4, G. Brown 5, L. Mills 6, W. J. Newman 7, B. Hunt 8. For harvest festival.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Foster (first quarter) 1, Janet L. Adamson 2, H. Oglesby 3, B. T. Lister 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, D. Livingston 6. Mr. Foster is the first member of this 'call change' tower to ring a quarter.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Oct. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. R. Ward 1, J. Scott 2, D. Ellisdon 3, J. Thorley 4, T. O. Piercy 5, N. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 5, and for the King's College Guild of Change Ringers.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Cooke 1, M. Foster 2, R. Lucas 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Woodley (first quarter) 1, A. E. Leggett (cond.) 2, Meriel B. Bloyce 3, B. E. Gibons 4, D. E. Culham 5, D. W. Webber 6.

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