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GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

ARISING out of the Christmas Quiz, 'The Ringing World' has received a number of interesting letters. At the same time we have had requests for elementary expositions which would be helpful to young conductors. Question No. 2, 'What method can be called into Rounds with one call?' was perhaps unhappily phrased. It would have been nearer to what 'Kewsett' had in view if it had read: 'Starting from Rounds, what method can be called with Rounds with only one call?'

'Kewsett' was taken to task by Mr. A. J. Corrigan, of Bitton, near Bristol, whose interesting treatise on Grandsire Doubles will, we feel sure, be helpful to inexperienced conductors. He writes:—

Grandsire Doubles may be called round from any position by a single call, though it should be observed that it is sometimes quicker to make two calls. The procedure is as shown below:—

With 2 in the hunt: if 5 is after 4 the bells are in the plain course; if not call 3 in with a single—R at 2*.

With 3 in the hunt: if 4 is after 5 the bells are in the handstroke position and will run round; if not call 2 in with a single—R at 2.

With 4 in the hunt: call 2 in with bob or single as required when she is in front with 3—R at once.

With 5 in the hunt: if 2-4 are in front call 2 in at once with bob or single as required—R at 1. If 2 is with 3 **do not call her in with a bob**; if a single puts her in the hunt call it straight away, otherwise call her in with a single next lead. To recapitulate: when 5 is in the hunt call a bob on 421; single on 231*, 241; **no call** on 321.

Callings marked * come round at hand. The aspiring conductor should make himself familiar with the handstroke position, particularly since in it the observation bells are 2 and 4, a fact that enables him to infuse some welcome variety into service-ringing and also peals. For the ringers of 3 and 5 the monotony of the observation work can become intolerable if not shared by the other working bells. To bring up the handstroke position (13254) from the normal rounds call singles at the first two leads. Remember, however, that you 120 must not have a single at the last lead, or rounds may turn up as early as half-way.

To divide the observation work equally over 2, 3, 4, 5 in a peal the simplest procedure is to incorporate Morris' 240 in the 5040. In this composition there are singles at each of the first two leads, bringing up 3254. From this point call the ten six-scores twice over, and then call the remainder of the 240. Add the rest of the six-scores on 3 and 5 to complete the peal. Be sure you explain to the band what you are going to do—otherwise some other aspiring conductor may upset everything by setting his bell when rounds appears to come up in the wrong place!

TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... 10
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 11
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6	PERCY J. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*P. MICHAEL FREEMAN Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN ... 7
JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 2	†RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 9
MADELINE M. LYON ... 4	JOHN WALDEN ... 10
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 11
CYRIL WARD ... 6	RAYMOND F. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method, first on 12 bells and first on tower bells.

† First peal in the method and first on 12 bells. Tenor 24 cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES HIGGINS ... Treble	*EDWIN G. MOORE ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	H. PETER RAYNOR ... 8
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 9
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 10
*CHARLES COLES ... 5	NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 11
PHILIP WALKER ... 6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35½ cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ... Treble	*FRANK REED ... 6
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2	GORDON BENFIELD ... 7
*PETER WOODWARD ... 3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 8
*MARY LINGARD ... 4	FREDK. SEAGER ... 9
ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 5	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal of Royal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	*JOHN THOMPSON ... 7
*JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 3	*HARRY HARRIS ... 8
*MISS M. BEAMISH (12) ... 4	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 9
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5	*JOHN E. S. MORETON Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

*SYLVIA R. F. PIPE ... Treble	*CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 6
HOBART E. SMITH ... 2	*FRANK FISHER ... 7
WM. J. G. BROWN ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 8
*HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	ERNEST W. PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Tenor 32 cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GORDON HENSHAW ... Treble	ALAN A. POTTS ... 6
ARTHUR CHALLINOR ... 2	*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 8
†JUNE HENSHAW ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... 9
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 5	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ 100th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild. First peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B.

FREDK. G. LEAKER ... Treble	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 7
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 3	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 8
*ALBERT M. TYLER ... 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 9
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 6
ERNEST J. LADD ... 2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 8
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	†FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Major. ‡ 200th peal. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... Treble	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
ISAAC EMERY ... 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

Conductor's 500th peal. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
*E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	REGINALD A. REED ... 6
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
*TOM PAGE ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

DAVID H. ELLIOT ... Treble	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 5
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 2	ARCHIE A. FITCH ... 6
*WALTER SCOTT ... 3	ARTHUR HAYNES ... 7
HARRY J. MILLATT ... 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 5
ERNEST C. STAFF ... 2	THOMAS SIMMONS ... 6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... 7
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Treble	*JOHN POUNDS ... 5
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	RONALD KENRICK ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM ... 3	JAMES MARSH ... 7
*MISS M. E. RIDYARD ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM P. DEANE ... Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	NEVELLE HOLLAND ... 6
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 3	ALAN D. STEEL ... 7
GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WALTER LYCETT ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. R. F. ROUTH ... Treble	ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 2	JOHN V. DAVIS ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7
*ROBERT A. ROUTH ... 4	BRUCE B. ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal. † 150th peal.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 26 cwt.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
*GEORGE BUSH ... 2	HERBERT GOAKES ... 6
WILLIAM ROSE ... 3	GEORGE W. JEFFS ... 7
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4	*ERNEST WARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

DONALD FRASER ... Treble	STANLEY WEBB ... 5
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... 2	*ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... 6
*OLIVE J. OSLER ... 3	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 7
†CHARLES OSLER ... 4	†CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. W. MUNDAY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL.

A PEAL OF SAWSTON IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

CLIFFORD BIRD ... Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 5
JACK KING ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
GEORGE SAYER ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Presumably the first peal in the method. Rung with 4th's place bells.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G flat.

ERNEST THORLEY ... Treble	FRED TERRY ... 5
JAMES THORLEY ... 2	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... 6
THOMAS D. LEASK ... 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 7
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ... 4	CHARLES THORLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ... Treble	*FRANK J. MAUDE ... 5
RICHARD BENSON ... 2	WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 3	RONALD EDWARDS ... 7
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 4	FRANK REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.
* First peal.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CYRIL WILLIAMSON ... Treble	THOMAS E. DENYER ... 5
RAYMOND CLIST ... 2	PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... 6
†MRS. EDNA DENYER ... 3	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 7
†G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON ... 4	CHARLES W. DENYER ... Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CHAS. W. DENYER.
* First peal. † First peal on eight. ‡ First of Major 'inside.'

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	JOHN JACKSON ... 5
THOMAS BARKER ... 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 6
*WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	*JAMES BLACKBURN ... 7
JOHN CHARNOCK ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam William Sharples, branch chairman for many years.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE ... 5
JOHN A. GREEN ... 2	*GEORGE M. COOPER ... 6
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 7
WILLIAM YATES ... 4	GEORGE E. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. ROBERTS.
* First peal. † First of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... 5
*EDWIN G. BUCK ... 2	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3	ALBERT WIFFIN ... 7
†GEORGE TRENDELL ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

FAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE W. BISHOP ... Treble	EDWARD R. ROBEY ... 5
ROBERT B. BLOND ... 2	*HENRY L. BISHOP ... 6
*JAMES GORDON ... 3	*BERTRAM L. J. BROWN ... 7
*HENRY K. WHITE ... 4	ALFRED H. WEBB ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal of Major by local band.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*LESLIE S. BAINES ... Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON ... 5
†OLIVE M. MARTIN ... 2	*TERENCE G. MORTON ... 6
*DEREK E. LATCHFORD ... 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 7
‡PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

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

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM DIXON ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN A. BREAKEY ... 7
ARNOLD HILL ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 17 cwt.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. A farewell peal for the Vicar, Canon L. C. DAVIES. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*MRS. L. E. RIVERS ... Treble	JOHN H. BAYLISS ... 5
†LESLIE E. RIVERS ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 6
*WILLIAM SALT ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
GERALD L. BALL ... 4	*JOSEPH CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
JOHN D. ROCK ... Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 2	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 6
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
JOHN J. WEBB ... 4	LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Fiftieth anniversary of first peal on bells, in which C. L. Sadler participated.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 5
DAVID LAMB ... 2	*ALBERT BRIDGES ... 6
JESSE HARRISON ... 3	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by KATHLEEN FLETCHER.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ERRE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	PHILIP WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	CHARLES COLES ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

VERNON SYKES ... Treble	FRED MELLOR ... 5
LILIAN M. DARE ... 2	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 6
IVAN KAY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 4	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY (No. 4318).

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

In memoriam Mr. Frank Lawton, for 45 years service ringer at this church. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE ... Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
JOHN E. SPICE ... 3	JOHN W. UNWIN ... 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 4	BETTY SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. No. 74) Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev H. Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5
JANET MATTINSON ... 2	T. MARK WHITE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	WM. H. INWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
MISS JOYCE HEARN ... Treble	MISS FRED A. MURKITT ... 5
*MISS GWEN MURKITT ... 2	MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 6
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 3	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 7
MISS MARY PEMBERTON ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal 'inside.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD G. JENNEY ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS JOAN NEWMAN (16) Treble	JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 5
†DAVID BEARD (15) ... 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 6
ALBERT W. BEARD ... 3	HERBERT C. HILLYARD ... 7
HAROLD BURROWS ... 4	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER SHAW ... Treble	JACK BAILEY ... 5
R. GEORGE BASSON ... 2	ALFRED MOULD ... 6
KEITH HUDSTON ... 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 7
JOHN W. GLEW ... 4	†WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. PARSONS.

* First peal away from the tenor. † 50th peal.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

*DAVID DIAMOND Treble	CHARLES W. DENVER ... 5
†MRS. EDNA DENVER ... 2	THOMAS E. DENVER ... 6
†CYRIL WILLIAMSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 7
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON ... 4	*HARRY WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. VIGGERS.

* First peal. † First in the method. First of Grandsire as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 26, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's, ten callings.

*MRS. S. B. MARCHANT Treble	*SYDNEY WHITEWAY ... 4
*ANTHONY V. KEMP (15) 2	REGINALD L. SILLS (16) 5
†EDNA M. SILLS (14) ... 3	*SIDNEY KING ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single and Double Court (combined) and 720 each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

First in eight methods as conductor.

More Peals on page 51.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

DOUGLAS BELLAMY ... Treble	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 4
*REGINALD STONE ... 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 5
RAYMOND WINTER ... 3	HARRY COMMINS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE W. J. TARR.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

*GEO. H. DERRINGTON Treble	F. ALBERT REA ... 4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5
HAROLD WILLETT ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

*DOUGLAS P. WITT ... Treble	HAROLD THORNE ... 4
†JOHN MATTHEWS ... 2	WILLIAM WARREN ... 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	SAMUEL PYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

CHARLES BLAIN ... Treble	*A. LESLIE MARDLIN ... 4
*MIRIAM F. PETTITT ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
*LIONEL J. CLARKE ... 3	BRYAN F. SIMS ... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained
its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Mr. George Care, of
Brafield, Northants, will
regard 1947 as a vintage
year. During the 12 months he conducted his
first peals of Bob Royal, Stedman Caters,
Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Major and
Stedman Triples for the Peterborough Guild.
Also peals on all numbers of bells from five to
ten.

Mr. E. Peter Rock has 'circled' Eardisland
tower, Herefordshire.

Standing side by side, Donald G. Clift and
Albert M. Tyler rang their 25th peal together
at St. Mary Redcliffe on December 31st.

Mr. Burley P. Morris left the treble to last
when he completed the circle of Weekley,
Northants, with a peal of Plain Bob Minor.

Mr. Kilby R. Holton believes that the peal
he called at Badby, Northants, was the first of
Doubles on the bells. Any corrections?

Mr. E. G. Foster, tower captain of St.
Laurence's, Reading, had his 70th birthday
honoured by Stedman Cinques in his own tower.

Mr. John A. Freeman has conducted a peal
from each bell in St. Hugh's tower of Lincoln
Cathedral.

All the band which rang the New Year's Eve
peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford are service
ringers of the Cathedral.

Congratulations to the secretary of the Irish
Association on reaching his objective of ringing
his 25th peal before the end of 1947.

The fiftieth anniversary of the first peal at
Clifford, Herefordshire, was recalled by the
peal on December 27th. Participating was Mr.
C. L. Sadler, who rang in the first peal. This
was his 150th tower-bell peal.

Chilvers Coton, now that they have ten bells,
almost weekly add to their list of firsts. The
Stedman Caters on December 27th was first in
the method on the bells and by the conductor.
It was also Mr. John E. S. Moreton's 50th
peal for the Guild.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Engagement peals are
popular. Affianced at
Rotherham are Miss Edna
F. Bedford and Mr. Ralph G. Edwards, the
peal in their honour being Cambridge Surprise
Royal. From Aldershot comes the engage-
ment of Miss Jean Whelan (Ash) and Mr.
Thomas E. Denyer, which was said with Bob
Major.

Mr. 'Delight' Viggers has now circled the
tower of St. Michael's, Aldershot.

Mr. John Dunkley, of St. John the Baptist's,
Kingsthorpe, Northants, has completed 60
years as a ringing member of the same church.

The Misses Dorothy R. and Kathleen E.
Fletcher have rung 100 peals together. Can
any others give an equal example of sisterly
affection?

Veteran Oxford ringer, Mr. William H. B.
Wilkins, passed his 77th milestone with a peal
of Cambridge Surprise Major. And many
more, sir!

Enderby, Leicestershire, had four local
ringers in the peal recorded in this issue, an
unprecedented event. Justification was that it
was the wedding anniversary of four of the
band—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rivers (16 years),
Mr. J. H. Baylis (7 years) and Mr. A. Ballard
(12 years). Mr. and Mrs. Rivers were the hosts
to the subsequent celebrations.

Having heard that the band was one short,
Mr. G. Basson left the social he was attending
to ring the New Year's Eve peal at Derby.
He had not rung a peal for 36 years! The
peal was also for the golden wedding of Mr.
H. Fletcher and a birthday compliment to Mr.
J. W. Glew, Ringing Master.

The centenary of the installation of the bells
at Coseley, Staffordshire, was marked by the
first peal of Doubles on the bells and by all
the band with the exception of the conductor.
It was also the first peal by a local band for
20 years. We await the next performance.

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LETTERS

Essex Peal Deletions

Dear Sir,—Re the letter 'Peal Deletions by Essex Association,' Mr. Jennings is wrong in his statement. The Essex Association are only withdrawing Grandsire Triples at Halstead, June 28th; Minor in four methods on handbells at Sible Hedingham, July 8th; and Minor in three methods at Rayne on August 26th, conducted by him. The peal of Grandsire at Sible Hedingham, July 12th, conforms with the rules, i.e., that all the band were members. Mr. E. W. Pye did not stand in the latter peal.

As Mr. Pye resigned his membership of the Essex Association on Whit Monday, 1947, I fail to see why Mr. Jennings is surprised and indignant at the decision of the committee not to accept the peals in question.

It will be noticed, by looking in 'The Ringing Worlds' of 1947, that Mr. Pye conducted several handbell peals. Before Whit Monday these were all for the Essex Association, after that date for the Suffolk Guild. This surely is proof that Mr. Pye was fully aware of the situation, and yet Mr. Jennings continued to conduct peals for the Essex Association with Mr. Pye as one of his band.

As for his accusations regarding peals of Superlative and Bristol, I would advise Mr. Jennings to read his 'Ringing World' more thoroughly before making statements in the Press. The 5,376 of Superlative at Bocking was withdrawn; see 'The Ringing World,' March 7th, 1947.

The peal of Bristol at Dunmow was rung in 1939, years before Mr. Jennings came to this part of Essex. It is obvious then that he is quoting from hearsay, and hearsay can be very mischievous. Actually a trip occurred within the last ten changes, and the two bells concerned did not recover sufficiently to come cleanly into rounds. Apart from this trip, the peal was an excellent one. I am sure Mr. Jennings has recorded peals, with trips on equal terms with the one in question, which have occurred in the peal. Therefore, sir, if a trip or trips can be allowed in the peal, why not at the start or the end?

Halstead, Essex. HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

'THE WRINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—May I point out to Mr. Jennings that the title of our paper is not 'The Wringing World,' and hence should not be used for the washing of dirty linen in public?

—Yours faithfully, DENIS A. BAYLES.
9, Approach Road, St. Albans, Herts.

GRUNDISBURGH BELLS

Dear Sir,—My Christmas campaign to raise money for the restoration of our bells was a great success, thanks to the help I received from ringers all over the country and to whom I am more than grateful.

The order of the prizes won is as follows: 1 Miss M. Mitchell, 12, Darford Lane, Solihull; 2 Mrs. Janet Canham, 56, Back Hamlet, Ipswich; 3 Miss R. Prestner, 56, High Street, Wickham Market; 4 Mrs. A. A. McGuiness, 124, Carholme Road, Lincoln; 5 Mr. F. Whitred, 10, Westholme Road, Ipswich; 6 Miss F. Savage, Highbury House, Hitchin; 7 Miss A. Bailey, 59, Charnmouth Road, St. Albans; 8 Mrs. A. Parnell, 68, Devonshire Road, Ipswich; 9 Miss M. Crowe, Worlingworth; 10 Mr. A. Smith, 40, Brookfield Road, Ipswich; 11 Miss P. H. Power, 6, Bury Road, Mildenhall; 12 Mr. J. Lukin, London Airport; 13 Mr. R. Wallis, Castle Hedingham; 14 Miss M. Barton, Tendring, Essex; 15 Mrs. F. Roberts, 43, Woodville Road, Ipswich.

Several hundred pounds are still required to complete the work and I shall be very grateful to receive donations to help this great undertaking in a small village, which has given generously, but cannot raise the amount required without outside help.

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

St. Martin's Guild

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

In the club room of the Tamworth Arms, now historic as a meeting place for ringers, the annual meeting took place on January 3rd. Amongst those present, in addition to the chairman and secretary, were Albert Walker, George Swann, Harry Withers, Morris J. Morris, W. C. Dowding, E. T. Allaway, F. W. Rishworth, W. T. Froggatt, Edgar Shepherd, F. W. Pervin; and to these it was easy to conjure up shades of such old worthies as John Day, Harry Bastable, John Carter, W. H. Godden, Sam Reeves, Rock Small, Jim Groves, J. S. Pritchett, etc., who used to be present in this room at annual meetings 30, 40 and 50 years ago. It was particularly noticeable the large proportion of young members present, and amongst them some very clever ringers. There were several notable absentees, including Messrs. James George, who sent hearty greetings from Parkstone, J. H. Shepherd (Swindon, absent through illness), F. W. Perrins, Roland Bragg (Solihull), D. T. Matkin and Fred Price, who are now resident in Bournemouth, and G. H. Williams (Harborne).

The quarterly business was quickly disposed of. The following new members were duly elected: G. A. Tudge (Erdington), A. W. Cleaver (Solihull), I. D. Halls (Great Baddow). The first meeting was fixed for Aston, and bi-quarterly meeting at the Cathedral Church, Birmingham.

Mr. Harry Withers reported that he visited Heydour on October 4th to listen to the record peal of London Surprise Major, and that it was a really good performance.

The treasurer, in presenting the annual accounts, pointed out that they had only just managed to finish on the right side, and then only with the assistance of income from investments. There had been several items of expenditure which would not recur, but he would remind members that there would be a big bill to pay for peal booking later on; this work was far in arrears, but the writer was now engaged on the work. The accounts could be considered satisfactory.

Although there was some competition for several offices, all the officers were duly re-elected as follows: Master, Councillor Paddon Smith; Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Fearn; trustees, Councillor Paddon Smith and E. T. Allaway; auditors, H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

In connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, to be held on March 6th, it was agreed to invite the Rector of St. Martin's to take the chair and to leave the other arrangements in the hands of the secretary.

YOUTHFUL MASTERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your comments in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' on 'Youthful Ringing Masters,' in this connection may I say that I was elected Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association when I was 19 years of age. At the same meeting I was chosen as one of the association's Central Council representatives for a period of three years. I have often wondered if this constitutes a record as being the youngest ringer to be accorded these dual honours simultaneously.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

21, The Chine, Stapleton, Bristol.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Sir,—I attended the Rochester District meeting of the Kent County Association at Rainham when the minutes came to the election of new members, who, to my knowledge, could not ring 120 changes. Our general secretary showed me Rule 5, which allows anybody, even if they only can chime a bell, to become a member. To my way of thinking no one should become a member of an association until he can ring 120 changes on tower or handbells.—

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A membership of 14 honorary and 100 ringing members was reported at the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District at Alverstoke on January 17th. Four valued members had died.

The retiring officers were re-elected, and Mrs. Bayley, an honorary member, was elected a life member. One honorary and two ringing members were elected.

After a lengthy discussion a resolution in favour of raising the annual subscription from 2s. to 2s. 6d. was passed for submission to the Guild Executive Committee.

A letter was read from the captain of the Havant band proposing to resign from the Guild. The secretary (Mr. John H. Hunt) was requested to write to the Rector of Havant stating that the Guild deplored the decision of Havant members to leave the Guild and asking him to meet his ringers and discuss the matter with them.

The suggestion of a combined meeting with the Southampton District on August Bank Holiday at Bishop's Waltham, Shedfield and Curdridge was carried.

There was an attendance of 42 and the ringing included Bristol and London Surprise.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A membership of 113 was reported at the annual meeting of the Southampton District at St. Michael's, Southampton, on January 10th. Canon Spencer-Leeson was elected district chairman and other officers re-elected.

It was announced that the work of installing two more bells at St. Michael's, Southampton, to make a ring of ten, would be commenced immediately by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and that the two new bells would be dedicated by the Bishop of Winchester on February 12th at 7.30 p.m. Work on the tower of St. Mary's, Southampton, was reported to be in an advanced stage, and it was hoped that this ring of ten would be installed and opened during 1948. The contract has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The proposal to increase the Guild subscription was discussed, and it was decided to recommend to the general meeting that districts should pay a greater percentage to the Central Fund.

District meetings provisionally arranged are: North Stoneham, Feb. 28th; Fawley, May 20th; Bishop's Waltham, etc., August Bank Holiday (with Portsmouth District); and Lockerley, Aug. 28th.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH.

That all towers in the district are now affiliated to the Guild and have sufficient members at each of them to ring the bells regularly for Sunday service was the satisfactory report presented at the annual meeting of the branch on January 10th, attended by 60 members. There are now 131 ringing members.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. M. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. V. Davis; Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Cheater; representatives to Guild Committee, Mrs. Marshall and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh. The Rev. Routh was also appointed Deputy Ringing Master. Mr. A. N. Woolf consented to continue as auditor. Ringing and the service took place at the Priory Church, Christchurch. The Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Paice) presided at the meeting.

It is hoped that the good position in the district will be consolidated and that the standard of change ringing will improve still more. The handbell section should progress with the help of Messrs. D. Matkin and Fred Price.

Although the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 6th comes under the Ministry of Food Restriction Order, a licence for an increased number will be granted. It is, however, particularly important that an early application should be made for tickets.

Selby and District Society

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

Progress was reported at the second annual meeting of the Society at Selby on January 10th, when most towers in the area were represented.

Ringings on the ten bells of the Abbey was followed by Evenson, conducted by the Vicar of Selby, who is president of the Society. Canon Pascoe, of Snaith-with-Carlton, gave the address.

The president was in the chair at the meeting at Hawdon Institute, when a membership of 104 (102 ringing members), a net increase of 26, was reported. Three new towers were added—Thorne with a ring of eight and two new rings of six at Carlton and Kippax. On Whit Monday the first annual ringing tour in North Lincolnshire was held.

The first peal was scored for the Society on the new bells at Carlton, followed by one each at Eastrington and Barnby Den and two at Thorne.

Thanking the officials and members for their loyal support, the hon. secretary made special mention of the services of Mr. F. Terry, the enthusiastic Ringing Master.

An offer by the president to meet the cost of a peal record book was accepted with gratitude, Mr. N. Lofthouse expressing thanks.

The Archbishop of York and the Bishops of Ripon, Sheffield and Selby are to be asked to become patrons of the Society, which embraces towers in both Ripon and Sheffield Dioceses.

The Vicar of Selby was re-elected president. Other officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. H. S. Morley; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Terry; secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Foster; committee, chairman, ringing master, secretary and Mr. J. Taylor (Goole) and Mr. E. Bradley (Sherburn). A second ringing tour is to be held on Whit Monday.

Three months' notice of motion to increase the subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. was given by Mr. C. Hill (Goole).

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Following the meeting, the whole company adjourned to the Londesborough Arms Hotel for the annual dinner, the first to be arranged by the Society, when 55 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast. After the toast 'The King,' the president welcomed the company expressed his interest in ringing.

The toast, 'The Church and Clergy,' was proposed by the guest of the evening, Mr. W. Hartley, organist and master of the choristers at Selby Abbey. Canon Pascoe replied and referred to the days of his previous ministry at Carlton, when they only had three bells, which could be rung by one man. Now, thanks to the ringers of Goole, Thorne and Selby, there were enough ringers for two bands of six for the new bells, a truly great achievement.

Canon Rawlins, of Goole, proposed the toast of 'The Society,' saying that certain 'bells' were a source of trouble to him, but he did not include tower bells in this category. He thought the Society was doing a good job and it gave him great pleasure to propose the health and success of the Society. The Society's chairman replied thanking Canon Rawlins for his remarks and recalling how the Society was founded two years ago.

During the evening the president, on behalf of the members, presented an envelope containing £4 17s. to Canon Pascoe. This amount represented the total collections taken at meetings throughout 1947.

An enjoyable day was concluded with a selection of Christmas carols on handbells by the Selby Abbey ringers, followed by courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Dec. 28th, 1,947 Doubles (27 Stedman, 240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 1,200 Grandsire): Miss V. Wallis (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Jordan 2, P. C. Wright (cond.) 3, F. P. Wright 4, C. F. Mills 5, R. Cripps (first quarter) 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICS. —

On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. D. Lynch (first of Triples) 1, C. Castleman 2, Mrs. Willson 3, J. Udale 4, P. Smith 5, R. Barrow 6. A. Skinner (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bedford 1, P. Tomkins 2, T. Thomas (cond.) 3, J. Clements 4, W. Watkins 5, G. Corbett 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Russell 1, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 2, J. Attwood 3, T. Miles 4, E. Cook 5, F. Trenfield 6. First quarter 5 and 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Chapman 1, Vela Tysoe (first quarter) 2, F. Tysoe 3, R. Sharp 4, C. E. Jeffries (conductor) 5, A. C. Sinfield 6, C. H. Harding 7, B. Sims 8.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bush 1, Jean Burton 2, W. Gosling (cond.) 3, F. Boorman 4, H. Gosling 5, H. Town 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bowden 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, A. J. Bartlett 3, A. E. Brown 4, W. Trussler 5, H. Mullah 6, E. T. Lee (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cooper 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Tyers 1, D. Martin 2, J. Rea 3, R. Clark 4, W. Brainch (cond.) 5, L. Piper 6. First for 1, 4 and 6. First quarter by local band for 23 years.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Bob Major: S. Kelly 1, D. G. Blows 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, C. Wright (first quarter) 4, G. Playle 5, R. J. Funnell 6, J. Armstrong 7, A. C. Chaplin (cond.) 8.

EXETER.—At St. David's on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Kingdom 1, H. Spicer 2, T. G. Bartlett 3, A. W. Searle 4, W. S. Lethbridge (cond.) 5, E. Rowe 6, W. Howe 7, G. Burrows 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. Eastwell 1, Miss R. Tabraham 2, A. R. Gale 3, W. Eastwell 4, A. Birch 5, D. Pearce 6, W. Henley (cond.) 7, J. Alley 8. First quarter in method by all except the conductor.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Caters: W. J. Paice (cond.) 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Stephenson 3, G. Allsop 4, W. Langdon 5, J. Sanson 6, J. F. Smallwood 7, J. Chilcott 8, H. M. Page 9, R. Woodward (first quarter) 10.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: W. M. Stepany (12) (first in method) 1, E. G. D. Tonkin (14) (first inside) 2, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 3, G. Beenev 4, B. Stepany 5, A. Ellis 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne A. Bird (first quarter, aged 14) 1, T. G. Bannister 2, P. E. Jones 3, F. Blondell 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, W. N. Genna 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, W. H. Coles 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Dec. 28th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. J. Freer (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle (first inside) 3, E. W. Furbanks 4, J. G. Nash 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. Bullock 8.

KINGSTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, quarter-peal Plain Bob Major: Miss Barbara Harris (first of Major) 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, G. C. Goodman 3, H. W. Barrett 4, H. J. Eldred 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6, A. L. Simmonds 7, H. G. Andrews 8.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker 1, Peggy Wilshire 2, L. Smith 3, A. Franklin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, H. Holloway 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Conquest 1, Miss V. Willard 2, R. Butcher 3, H. B. Witney 4, W. Jeffs 5, V. W. Conquest (cond.) 6, F. J. Plummer 7, W. Insley 8.

QUARTER PEALS

LEYTONSTONE. — On

Dec. 31st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: G. Dawson 1, A. W. Furbank 3, G. Willington 4, A. W. Brighton 5, J. F. Grove 6, F. W. Housden 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8. First quarter in method on bells.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 4th, 1,254 Grandsire Cinques: J. B. Sansome 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, Kathleen Higgins 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, W. Langdon 5, R. W. Green 6, W. H. Hewett 7, H. Langdon 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, J. Rumley 12. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 10.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 4th, 1,344 Bob Major: W. Baldry 1, E. Newson 2, K. L. Brown 3, L. Webb 4, E. T. Chapman 5, Jack King (first as cond.) 6, R. Coates 7, A. Coleman 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 28th, quarter-peal Grandsire Caters: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Bottomley 3, S. Hough, jun. 4, J. Worth 5, V. Norbury 6, W. Gages 7, E. Seed 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, C. Morledge 10.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stratton (first quarter) 1, Olive Martin 2, Pamela Martin 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Abraham 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, E. Lathal 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Giles', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Rita Parker 1, C. Stanton 2, N. F. Bull 3, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 4, P. D. Bishop 5, T. R. Horner 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Pooley 1, J. Dear 2, H. Werrett 3, R. Webb 4, E. Buck (first as cond.) 5, I. Werrett 6, C. Kinch 7, T. Werrett 8. First quarter on the bells. First quarter for 3, 4, 6, 8.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Marks 1, D. Beat 2, A. Drayton 3, T. Locke (cond.) 4, K. Welch 5, A. Hooper 6.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity on Jan. 4th, 1,280 Spiced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: R. Kendall 1, C. Ellison 2, E. Whiteley 3, B. Price 4, H. Wild 5, A. Pickles 6, W. Ambler (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Belsey 1, E. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, B. Edwards 4, T. Cross 5, F. G. Southgate 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, W. J. Walker 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. C. Belsey, former captain.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Ewins 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, Miss Lawrence (first quarter) 3, W. E. Judd 4, E. Gosling 5, W. Welling (cond.) 6, W. Birmingham 7, A. Rivers 8. In memoriam Capt. D. J. Symons.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Arnold (first quarter) 1, F. Page 2, Bob Challen 3, J. Toms 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, H. Stalham 7, G. Church 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, G. C. Goodnan 2, H. W. Barrett 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 5, T. Abbot 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. V. Rayfield (first quarter) 1, H. E. Simpson 2, Miss D. G. Dobbie 3, W. A. Wood 4, G. Eastman 5, G. Kenward 6, S. B. Dobbie (cond.) 7, G. Wood 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Simpson, captain of the Sittingbourne band, and 60 years a ringer.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Meynell 1, R. Edwards 2, Miss V. Relf 3, J. Smith 4, P. Relf 5, C. Ballard 6, T. Want 7, B. Stranger 8. For induction of the Rev. C. S. W. Marcon and 90th birthday of Mr. C. Tribe.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH HUGHES.

Following a fall from a ladder, Mr. Joseph Hughes, of Lymm, Cheshire, died in Warrington Infirmary, aged 71. He was well known in Chester Guild and Lancashire Association circles.

He was one of the original band at Oxton in 1895 and had rung peals in most standard methods. He called the first peal (Grandsire Triples) rung by a local band at Oxton early in 1901. It was through Mr. Hughes' interest that Mr. George R. Newton started ringing.

The funeral was at Hill Cliffe Cemetery on January 10th, and was preceded by a service at Christ Church, Latchford. The tower at Lymm was represented by Messrs. Kirkpatrick. A son and daughter are bereaved and to them is extended the sympathy of many ringing friends.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

New officers were appointed at the annual meeting of the Hunts District, held at Huntington on January 17th.

Mr. S. Gilbert, of Huntingdon, succeeds Mr. H. Parker as secretary, as the latter has left the district; Mr. F. Warrington is ringing master and the committee consists of Messrs. H. Fields, W. Chamberlain, F. Baker, C. Young, H. Pratt and F. W. Lack.

Ringing took place at All Saints' and St. Mary's, the service being held in St. Mary's Church. Tea was served at the George Inn.

A FINE TRIBUTE

The following letter, headed 'Bellringers,' appeared in a recent issue of 'The Church Times':—

Sir,—'Honour to whom honour.' In an experience of over thirty years' work in all parts of the diocese of Salisbury, comprising Wiltshire and Dorset, I have found invariably the strongest bond of fellowship discoverable in parishes is among the local band of ringers, whose duties are seldom appraised or acknowledged in the proper quarter. Moreover, the inter-parochial ties and friendships thus formed are amazing. At the end of a long day's work they set off to ring in a distant tower. I have known farmhands, at their own choosing and suggestion, ring a peal for the Blessed Sacrament at 5 a.m. to bring the reality and joy of Easter at Alfred's Ethandune to the hearts and minds of the faithful. In all this period, prize-ringing has been unknown.—A. S. Bryant, Upwey Rectory, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch commenced with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples by a representative band at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham. The service which followed was conducted by Archdeacon Shaw (chairman of the branch).

After tea, attended by 65 members, the Archdeacon presided at the business meeting, supported by the president, Canon Coleridge, and the Master and Deputy Master of the Guild.

The branch secretary reported a successful and active year's work, and all the branch officers were re-elected. Before the close of the meeting the chairman called upon Canon Coleridge to say a few words, and he was greeted with loud applause as he stood up. Both the Master and Deputy Master addressed the meeting, after which the members went to All Saints' tower for further ringing until 9 p.m.

BANBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

The eight at Deddington proved an attraction on January 10th, when the quarterly meeting of Banbury and District Branch was held. Fifty members attended. Methods rung included Lincolshire, Bristol, Kent, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Seven new members were elected.

Kent County Association

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. H. SONE.

The affair at Linton on January 10th might have been an ordinary meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association. Certainly Mr. C. H. Sone, host to us at this tower so many times, had no obvious reason for thinking otherwise, though there were unusual signs. It was, for instance, a very large company which crowded through the trapdoor into the ringing chamber of St. Nicholas' Church, and included ringing friends from various parts of the county, among them F. M. Mitchell, until 1948 general secretary, and A. G. Hill and B. W. May, secretaries of the Lewisham and Rochester Districts, respectively.

At the service, too, Mr. Sone had been invited by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Yeo, to select the hymns, and also heard personal references to himself in the address, masked as they were in the Vicar's welcome to the Association. The most suspicious thing of all was the secretary's (Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher) insistence on having Mr. and Mrs. Sone as guests at the tea served in the Bull, instead of allowing them to look after everyone else in traditional Linton style.

Probably Mr. Sone did sense the unusual, but not till a Philips all main radio appeared from its packing case did he realise the full significance of the occasion. Mr. Mitchell made the presentation from ringing members of the Maidstone District and from fellow officers of the General Committee. For though 80 years of age and well past his golden wedding, Charlie Sone had resigned from active office only in October, being made a vice-president soon afterwards. Some 55 years as a member, nearly 20 of them as district secretary, were the cold statistics of a long ringing life in Kent, which his friends now honoured.

Characteristically Charlie Sone tucked his thumbs into his waistcoat and spoke a brief 'Thank you.' The real surprise was evident to all of us, and quite fittingly we listened for a minute to a B.B.C. programme on the set just presented in our name.

Once more it was the ordinary procedure of a quarterly meeting. The Vicar presided over business, of which this account can mention only one item, the vote of congratulation to the secretary for the programme card of meetings for 1948. The idea, though not entirely new in ringing circles generally, was an innovation in Kent, and it will be of great interest to watch its development. E.S.J.H.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting at Bocking on Jan. 10th, Miss H. G. Snowden (District Master) presided and five new members were elected. Witham was chosen for the next meeting on March 6th.

Miss Snowden was re-elected Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt secretary, and Messrs. H. W. Smith and R. Suckling to the committee.

Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Superalive Surprise Major, and the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. E. Rogers) preached at the fully choral service.

WRINGTON'S ANNUAL

The yearly supper arranged by the tower captain and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight) was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington, Somerset, on January 15th. Among those present was the Rector (the Rev. Arthur Talbot), Mr. E. E. Hardwick (churchwarden) and visiting ringers from Congresbury and Yatton, together with the local band, including several old members, no longer able to mount the stairs to the lofty bell chamber.

After an excellent meal of pre-war standards, the Rector thanked the ringers for inviting him and he also welcomed the visitors. Mr. L. Pullin (Yatton) replied.

Handbell ringing followed and there was a musical interlude, with community singing.

NOTICES

The charge for one insertion of a notice of a meeting is one penny per word, minimum 2s. For additional insertions with no change one-half above charge for each insertion. Other notices one penny per word, minimum 2s. 6d.

All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

IN MEMORIAM

COLES. — In loving memory of Charles T. Coles, who passed away February 2nd, 1946, and of his son, Captain Frederick G. Coles, M.C., killed in action in Tunisia, April, 1943. 2998

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

PUBLICATIONS

A masterpiece in research into the art of change ringing, 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d., post free. — 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH.' — No copies left, owing to phenomenal sales. Please await new and improved edition.—A. G. G. Thurlow, 52, The Close, Norwich. 2954

WANTED

Recording of St. Paul's Cathedral bells, half-muffled, and Decca No. F.2331 of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Records must be in good conditions.—Patricia Holmes, 35, Duckshill, Northwood, Middlesex. 3012

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. St. Peter's bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 17th. Subscriptions due 1948.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 2883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual general meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (2s.) and business meeting at Newnham Guest House, near church, at 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2920

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 3. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Business 5. Service 6.—T. J. Lock, District Secretary. 2923

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 31st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 2928

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Doncaster 2.30 p.m. on Jan. 31st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. E. Critchley. 2957

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Penge, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 3 p.m. Please note, tea at 4.30 p.m., service after.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2960

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Annual meeting, Norbury, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec. 2965

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting Tiverton, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea early to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silvertown. 2966

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Jan. 31st, 3. Tea 5. Meeting after. 2968

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Special committee meeting, St. Peter's Parochial Hall, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 31st, 4 p.m. Important business.—Wm. Lancaster, Hon. General Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Monthly meeting, Jan. 31st, at Willington (6). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafe nearby.—F. H. Hicks, Assistant Hon. Div. Sec. 3010

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, Feb. 2nd, a practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 7.15 p.m. Everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Sec. 2979

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual Meeting, Spalding, Feb. 7th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Spalding, by Jan. 31st. 2949

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4. Tea at Duke's Head, 4.30. Numbers for tea to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 4th.—A. H. Smith. 2978

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 2955

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Annual, Martock, Feb. 7th. Service, 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2972

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's (10), 3 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30 p.m. Tea, Ward's Cafe, 5.15 p.m. Business meeting in St. Chad's ringing chamber 6 p.m., followed by ringing (12) 7 to 8.30 p.m.—E. D. Poole. 2971

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Sellindge (6), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 3rd to T. Cullingworth, District Sec., 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 2962

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, without fail, to Mr. R. H. Begrie, 27, Halsbury House, Loraine Estate, Holloway, N.7, by Feb. 4th.—E. E. Davis, District Sec. 2961

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Handsworth (8), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9, by Feb. 4th.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec. 2967

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Newcastle (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. D. Sheratt, 7, Roberts Avenue, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2982

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Alteration!! Annual divisional meeting, Crawley (8), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names by Feb. 4th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 2994

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Lubenham, Feb. 7th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 3rd to G. Hollick, Lubenham, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen. 2996

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Brecon St. Mary's (8), Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 3rd to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 2999

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Ryde, Feb. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Notifications for tea to Mrs. Guy. Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport. 3000

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Kingsteignton (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (Phone 3121). 2991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Oswaldtwistle, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Bakey, Branch Sec. 3008

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing St. John's, Newcastle, 2.30 to 5; St. George's, Jesmond, 6 to 8.30. Tea, Roma Cafe, 2s. 6d. Names by Jan. 31st to W. E. Robinson, 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne 6. 3002

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—District annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea at St. Mary's Hall 5.30 p.m. please advise S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 2985

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—Annual meeting, Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. P. Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs, by Feb. 3rd.—Mary Elkins, 44, Beeston Avenue, Altrincham, Cheshire. 2968

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow District.—Annual meeting at Ludlow, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. 2988

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby District, St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Members please make own tea arrangements. Business meeting 6 p.m. Church House, Bull Ring.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Welling-ton Street, Grimsby. 2990

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Hereford, Feb. 7th. Service, Cathedral, 4.30. Tea, Garrick Hotel, 5.30. Number by Feb. 5th.—J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, Hereford. 2992

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—W.B.—Annual meeting, Cleator Moor, St. John's (8), Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd to Mr. Tembey, King Street, Wath Brow, Cleator. 3003

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Alton, Feb. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. followed by business meeting at Church Room. Names by Feb. 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 3013

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 7th, St. Stephen's, City (10). Ringing 3. Tea, St. Michael's Church House, 5.15. Notify for tea Wednesday, Feb. 4th, Branch Sec. 3011

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 7th, Southwark. Ringing, Cathedral (12), 4.15 to 5 p.m. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell contest, 5.45, in Chapter House. Ringing at Cathedral in evening. Names for tea early, please.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 2980

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Shrivensham, Feb. 7th. Bells (6), 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 4th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 3005

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Speen (6), Feb. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Shaw tower (6) after tea. Hungerford bus, Newbury Wharf, 3; Speen turning 3.8. Notify by Feb. 4th.—S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. 3006

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cardington (8), Saturday, Feb. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. R. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Secretary. 3007

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—North Forest Branch.—Meeting, Westbury-on-Severn (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Feb. 10th.—A. J. Gibson, Byeways, Westbury-on-Severn, Glos. 2956

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Ewhurst, Feb. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, Bull's Head. Numbers by Feb. 10th to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3009

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Staverton (6), Saturday, Feb. 14th. Names for tea to Miss P. Jackson, Red House, Staverton, by Feb. 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 3001

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual general district meeting, Ixworth, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Good tea for those who notify Mrs. Meek, The Rectory, Ixworth, by Feb. 11th.—A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 2987

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General meeting Loughborough, Feb. 14th. Ringing 2.30. Parish Church and Bell Foundry. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Fearon Hall, 5. Names by Feb. 19th to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough. 2995

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting, Feb. 14th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.15. Names for tea must reach me by Feb. 9th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 3004

RINGERS' 'AT HOME' and service at St. Anne's, Stamford Hill, on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Ringing 5 to 6.30 p.m. followed by special ringers' Evensong. Ringing after service. We need your support. Will tower secretaries please note and send representatives?—Ernest J. Rowe, Hon. Sec. 2989

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The district secretary now has available cards giving the place and date of meetings for the district to be held in 1948. Send 3d. and stamped addressed envelope to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge. 2983

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—New Secretary, H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. All outstanding subscriptions for 1947 should be sent to Mr. G. Radley at once. 2984

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
*ERIC T. WALLTreble | FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4
JOHN D. ROCK 2 | LESLIE EVANS 5
ALBERT E. DAVIES ... 3 | *JOHN M. G. DAVIES... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. A farewell to John M. G. Davies on his departure to Africa with H.M. Forces.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE ...Treble | ARTHUR H. OAKLEY ... 4
LESLIE D. YOUNG 2 | FREDK. W. OAKLEY ... 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG 3 | *ARTHUR W. PREECE ... Tenor

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.

* First peal. In memoriam the Rev. H. L. Ingham.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty six-scores, one 240 (Morris'). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
J. D. HOLDENTreble | *D. WHATMORE 4
*MRS. G. WHATMORE ... 2 | A. COPE 5
*MISS E. CAUSER 3 | F. HOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by J. D. HOLDEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. To mark the centenary of the installation of the bells.

BRAFELD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 29, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten extents each of April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
PHILIP JONESTreble | LESLIE BATTISON ... 3
GEORGE CARE 2 | WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... 4
CYRIL LONGLAND Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Double Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*MAURICE LOCKEY ...Treble | ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 5
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3 | CYRIL PRINDVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in seven plain methods.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.
BURLY P. MORRIS ...Treble | BERTRAM F. LUMBERS ... 4
JOHN SHATFORD 2 | ALLAN F. KIRKMAN ... 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 3 | LEONARD G. TOSELAND... Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN F. KIRKMAN.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of St. Simon's and April Day and 17 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt.
*ERIC CATLINTreble | PERCY AMOS 4
†STAN M. RUDDLESSEN 2 | SIDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 5
†KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 3 | *REGINALD W. FENNELL Tenor

Conducted by KILBY R. HOLTOM.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*JAMES EDETreble | LESLIE W. PENFOLD ... 4
*ROGER BEALE 2 | WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... 5
JAMES KNIGHT 3 | ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

* First peal.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt.
ERIC T. WALLTreble | JOHN D. ROCK 4
ALBERT E. DAVIES 2 | LESLIE EVANS 5
THOMAS E. STEAD 3 | E. PETER ROCK Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.
*KENNETH HARTLEY ...Treble | DEREK SANDERSON, R.A.F. 4
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 3 | CHARLES W. BLAKEY... 5
ROGER LEIGH 2 | *DEREK WOLSTENHOLME Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT 74, DORNOCH AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. COTTERELL ... 1-2 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7-8
Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpire: T. Groombridge, sen.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 28, 1947, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT GLYN CARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
MRS. E. M. WAYMAN ... 1-2 | JOHN FREEMAN 5-6
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 3-4 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7-8
Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MISS M. ROWLANDS ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | PATRICK HARRIS 7-8
Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal away from the tenors.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 30, 1947, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2 | CHARLES MARSHALL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
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A birthday peal for Thomas C. Belton, of Barwell.

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 31, 1947, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 14 extents each Original and Plain Bob and seven extents each Grandsire and St. Simon's. Tenor size 14 in D.
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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The secretary reported a very successful ringing year at the annual meeting of the Bath Branch at Bath Abbey on January 10th, which was attended by over 140 members. Ringing opened with Graudsire and Stedman Caters.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Beaumont Russell (chairman) and by the Rev. W. L. Brooksbank (vice-chairman), and the lesson read by Mr. S. Woodburn (secretary). The Archdeacon of Bath gave the address.

At the business meeting after tea the following officers were re-elected: Rev. W. Beaumont Russell (chairman), Rev. W. L. Brooksbank, Rev. P. B. Mercier (vice-chairmen) and Rev. E. W. Rowe, Vicar of Weston, also (vice-chairman) was elected in place of Rev. Preb. H. Barnett, who has now left Bath, Mr. S. Woodburn as secretary, Ringing Master and representative on General Committee, and Mr. R. D. Bond treasurer. Those present included the general secretary of Bristol and Gloucester Association, secretary of Bristol Rural Branch and the Ringing Master of Axbridge Deanery.

Two life members, T. Mark White, of Guildford, and C. Rawlings, of Clifton, and 18 new members were elected for the branch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DEVIZES BRANCH.

Some 69 ringers attended the annual meeting of the branch on January 3rd at St. James', Southbroom, Devizes. The Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Whitcombe) conducted the Guild service.

Mr. E. F. White presided at the annual meeting, but expressed a wish to retire from the post of branch chairman. Mr. W. C. West was unanimously elected to succeed him and Mr. A. T. Weeks vice-chairman and Mr. Harold Smith secretary.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, organist and ladies. A special welcome was accorded Canon F. H. Sangster, who is living in the parish in his retirement.

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