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RINGER AS LORD MAYOR

BIRMINGHAM, now the second city of the country, is to have a ringer as its Lord Mayor next year. Last week at a special meeting of the Birmingham City Council Alderman Alfred Paddon Smith, J.P., was elected as Lord Mayor designate of the City. Birmingham has been famed for the high standing of its chief citizens, and the services of the Chamberlain family in this office—Joseph and Neville—are known far and wide. The congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to Ald. Paddon Smith on the high honour conferred upon him, and with them their good wishes for a happy and successful year of office.

Since his boyhood days, Ald. Paddon Smith has lived at Handsworth. He came of bellringing stock, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather all being ringers. At Handsworth Old Church about 50 years ago he learnt to ring, and as a young man cycled in to St. Martin's, Birmingham, to master 12-bell ringing with this famous company. In those days St. Martin's was the only 12-bell tower in Birmingham, and attracted the enthusiastic young ringers of the neighbourhood, among whom was Mr. T. H. Reeves.

While still a young man, he was appointed hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and the 20 years he held the office coincided with an expansion of the Guild and of its towers. His boyhood friend, Mr. T. H. Reeves, succeeded him and held office for a like period. Birmingham ringers knew his worth, and for many years he has been one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council. Ald. Paddon Smith knows the bells of England well; he has travelled extensively and has a creditable peal record, although of late years this has had to give way to the call of civic and public work. He is also a past Master of the St. Martin's Guild.

In the industrial life of the great city of Birmingham Ald. Paddon Smith has played a prominent part. He is a director of Joseph Lucas (Sales and Service), Ltd., and commercial manager of Joseph Lucas, Ltd., and in the interests of his firm he has travelled overseas extensively. The recognition of his ability has come in many ways. He is a past chairman of the National Union of Manufacturers and is now a vice-president. He is also hon.

treasurer of the Economic League. For more than 30 years he has been associated with the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund (Midland area), and is vice-chairman of that body.

Ald. Paddon Smith's membership of Birmingham City Council dates back to October 3rd, 1935, when he was elected as a Unionist member for the Sandwell Ward. A keen and able debater and never at a loss for a word, he was soon recognised as one of the most effective speakers in the Unionist Group on the City Council. One of his outstanding jobs on the Council was that of chairman of the Transport Committee from 1943-46, and under his guidance Birmingham's transport services were successfully piloted from a war-time organisation, with good foundations laid for expanding necessary services and for replacing worn-out and uneconomic ones.

His list of other public offices is formidable. He is chairman of the Birmingham District Tame and Rea Drainage Board, chairman of the governors of Handsworth Grammar School, governor of Handsworth Parochial Charities, vice-president and one-time secretary of the Birmingham Savings Committee, chairman of the Handsworth Chrysanthemum Society (one of his hobbies is gardening), chairman of No. 491 (Handsworth) Squadron A.T.C. during the war, and until the National Health Service came into operation was president of the Handsworth District Nursing Association. He was added to the Commission of the Peace for Birmingham in 1942, and last May was elected an alderman.

At the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinners he is a popular figure. A master of epigram and a raconteur with a wit appreciated by ringers, his speeches are full of interest. But in the midst of a busy life he still finds time to participate in his Sunday ringing, and follows with the closest interest the happenings of the Exercise. To his ears Stedman Cinques is the sweetest of all music, and he usually rings the seventh or eighth bell with sureness and perfect mastery, the characteristic of the St. Martin's band.

Alderman Paddon Smith is a widower, and his daughter-in-law, Jean, wife of his eldest son, Lieut.-Colonel Donald Paddon Smith, will act as Mayoress. They have two children, a son aged seven and a daughter aged 2½ years. We feel certain that never will the bells of Birmingham ring out more joyously than next May in honour of the new Lord Mayor, and we trust that the event will be duly recorded in our peal columns.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5981 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Treble	*LESLIE T. HANSELL ... 7
H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ... 8
HAROLD V. FROST ... 3	ALFRED J. HATTEN ... 9
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 10
*OLIVE M. MARTIN ... 5	WILLIAM A. ARNOLD ... 11
ARTHUR DAY ... 6	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except 2 and 4. First peal of Cinques as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and for the Association on tower bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 7
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 10
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... 11
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 6	RICHARD D. LANGFORD Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. J. Warriow, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Packer for their 17th wedding anniversary.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 2	*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 8
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 9
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PVE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' † 200th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal on ten bells as conductor. A birthday peal for Mrs. A. W. Durham.

OLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 8
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 4	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 9
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by REG. WOODYATT.

* First peal on ten bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
JOHN WORTH ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The first peal of Rutland Royal by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*EILEEN V. ARTHUR ... Treble	*ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL ... 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
*JOYCE COX ... 3	REGINALD BROWN ... 8
MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... 9
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal † First peal 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. G. F. Hales, M.C., M.A.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Treble	*HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 6
*H. PERCY SPARKS ... 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 7
TREVOR E. MARKS ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 8
HARRY J. SANGER ... 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 9
*VICTOR SAVAGE ... 5	*WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SETTER.

* First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor. Commemorates 30 years of service as a ringer at this tower by T. J. Setter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
*BRIAN HARRIS ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	*R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
*JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 5
PETER BAKER ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 6
FREDK. G. NURDEN ... 3	THOMAS BOREHAM ... 7
CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.



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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 24 cwt. in D.
HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5	
LESLIE G. FORSTER ... 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... 6	
*ROBERT E. LESTER ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7	
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Cambridge. A first birthday compliment to William, son of Ernest W. Pye.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

	Tenor 11 cwt.
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
PERCY PAGE ... 2	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
RALPH BIRD ... 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 7
WILFRED W. RING ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEPP.
First peal as conductor.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

	Tenor 12 cwt.
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... Treble	*PETER BERESFORD ... 5
*JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 2	*DENNIS BERESFORD ... 6
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	*WALTER J. COPE ... 7
KENNETH L. BROWN ... 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*JOHN CHURCH ... Treble	*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 6
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 3	*J. MICHAEL STEVENS ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	RONALD C. NOON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. A birthday compliment to A. C. Sinfield.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JEAN MARSHALL (12) ... Treble	*PETER COXALL ... 5
†MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 2	THOMAS MARSHALL ... 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... 7
RONALD KENRICK ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Containing 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 114 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.	
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

	Tenor 9 cwt.
LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	ERIC H. KNAPP ... 5
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 2	GEORGE APPS ... 6
ALBERT E. LAKER ... 3	KENNETH SNELLING ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
FRANK PENN ... Treble	*DONALD LEE ... 5
MRS. F. PENN ... 2	ERNEST PARKER ... 6
LAURIE HITCHENS ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
WILLIAM C. WEST ... 4	PERCIVAL HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells. A tribute to the conductor on attaining his 70th birthday.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

	Tenor 25 cwt.
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Treble	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	BRIAN F. SIMS ... 6
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	LEWIS A. BYWATERS ... 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by D. A. BAYLES. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
100th peal by the Association.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

	Tenor 11 cwt.
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT ... 5
*THOMAS MARSHALL ... 2	PETER COXALL ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	RONALD KENRICK ... 7
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

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

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

	Tenor 15 cwt.
REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
*TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	†LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
†PETER CARTER ... 3	§ERNEST J. LADD ... 7
EDNA M. SILLS ... 4	‡ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 125th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 100th peal together. § 25th peal together. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. S. H. Monypenny, on attaining his 80th birthday.

LANCASTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

	Tenor 32 cwt.
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... Treble	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 5
THOMAS BARKER ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
JOHN JACKSON ... 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburga,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEFF ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... 6
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
†WILLIAM P. GARNER ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5
*HAROLD G. SMITH ... 2	WILFRED KERR 6
*FRANK BARNARD ... 3	FREDK. S. SUTTON... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	JOHN E. BROUGH Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in method. First peal in the method as conductor.
For the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ollier,
parents of a local ringer. Also a birthday compliment to H.
Chesworth.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*PATRICK PAGE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	*JOHN H. HUNT 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
†CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Rutland.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES J. GARDENER Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER... 5
MARGARET E. RICHARD... 2	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL 6
*BRIAN BLADON ... 3	PETER ANGER 7
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Double Norwich away from the treble. First peal
on the augmented eight.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Treble	*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 5
*ALAN D. RIVERS ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON 6
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 3	ARTHUR PEAKE 7
MARGARET RIGBY ... 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the
bells.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALAN D. RIVERS ... Treble	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 2	WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 6
AUDREY A. EWINS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
FREDA G. MURKETT ... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. BUTLER.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. A
valedictory peal for Miss A. A. Ewins, of Slough, who is leaving the
district to join the staff of Queen Mary's Children's Hospital, Car-
shalton.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LINGOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JOAN GRAY ... Treble	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 6
*ANNE DACKINSON ... 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 7
DENIS N. LAYTON ... 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all
the band and for the Association.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GORDON RUSHTON (14) Treble	ROY COLLIER 5
JOE BOYER 2	THOMAS BRATBY 6
†JOE THORNLEY 3	PETER CROOK 7
THOMAS ALLRED 4	HENRY PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung half-muffled
prior to the dedication service of a war memorial chapel to the
memory of the men of this parish killed 1939-45.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Twelve-part No. 3.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Treble	*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED LACEY ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
PHILIP BARNES 2	G. LESLIE LUNN 6
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

ARTHUR TILSTON ... Treble	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
FRED EVANS 3	T. SIDNEY RANGLES ... 7
WILLIAM CATHRALL ... 4	ROBERT JARVIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. RANGLES.

In memory of Mr. J. A. Randles.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM R. DUNBAR ... Treble	WILLIAM PROCTOR 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 3	CHARLES CLEGG 7
ALFRED V. WILLIAMS ... 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE F. BAILEY ...	5
*MRS. S. H. JONES ... 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ...	6
H. GEORGE HART ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ...	7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the conductor.

EXETER.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

WILLIAM H. HOWE ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SKINNER ...	5
*EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... 2	HORACE W. J. BUTT ...	6
TOM G. BARTLETT ... 3	FREDERICK WREFORD ...	7
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ... 4	EDGAR GLASS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

* 50th peal. A compliment to Mr. T. G. Bartlett, who celebrated his 70th birthday.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE N. ORMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ...	5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	EDWARD B. SMITH ...	6
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 3	RONALD G. BUGG ...	7
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by W. ROYLE (C.C.C. 63). Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. 50th peal as conductor.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Treble</i>	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	†GEOFFREY M. MAYER ...	6
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3	H. LESLIE PASK ...	7
†MARGARET A. SWANN ... 4	†JOHN E. COOK ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. ‡ 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AMBLER ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BARTON ...	5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ...	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	7
*GIBSON JACKSON ... 4	J. FREDK. MILNER ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOVENY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	HARRY PARKES ...	7
WILFRED W. RING ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

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PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.
ERIC NOBLES Treble	HARRY WOODING 4
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 2	*WALTER MAWBY 5
GEORGE CARE 3	PHILIP JONES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss M. Valentine and W. Mawby.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents, on the 'light six.'	Tenor 14 cwt.
*C. HOLLOBON Treble	*N. SLOAN 4
†RUTH DONNELLY 2	*F. REEVES 5
*C. WARD 3	A. J. LANCEFIELD Tenor

Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor for the society and in the Dominion of New Zealand. Rung as a farewell to Miss R. Donnelly, who returns to Australia on February 1st.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.
*WALTER C. FINNEY ... Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN ... 4
†RONALD PRESTON ... 2	WILFRED RILEY ... 5
ROGER C. PRESTON ... 3	WILLIAM E. COURT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A compliment to the curate, Rev. E. S. Woods, on the birth of a daughter.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.	
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS ... 4
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 5
ROBERT W. PARKER ... 3	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

BELFAST, NORTH IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN SAVAGE Treble	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 4
*WILLIAM PRATT 2	*JAMES EDGAR 5
*NAT SAVAGE 3	*HARRY BROWN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods on tower bells. Fastest peal ever rung in Ireland on tower bells, and first peal in five methods on tower bells in Ireland. First time Cambridge Surprise Minor and Spliced Treble Bob Minor have been included in a peal here. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Rush, Ringing Master of the St. Donard's band.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRFCN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.	
HARRY BOYCE Treble	EDMUND MORRIS ... 4
*WYNDHAM LEWIS 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal in method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

PEASMORE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

MARK ROSIER Treble	FRANK S. TUFFLEY ... 4
GILBERT F. TOWNSEND ... 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD ... 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 3	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 1,440 each of Single Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWARD COX Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER 3	JAMES BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

To celebrate the 70th birthday of George Slaughter, who has been a bellringer at St. Martin's Church for 55 years.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN G. CHAPMAN ... Treble	RONALD E. BURT ... 4
†BASIL H. HYATT 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE ... 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILIPPO Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILIPPO.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor by a local band for 44 years.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. (approx.).

JACK W. DREW Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 4
*JOHN T. LOCKE 2	REGINALD BEALE ... 5
FREDERICK WELCH 3	†ARTHUR H. ROWSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

PETER ROMNEY Treble	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS ... 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	ERNEST J. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

First peal in the method by all.

COWLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	CHARLES COLES 4
MRS. B. S. NICHOLS 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,**IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,***A PEAL OF STEFMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;***Tenor size 17 in A.*

JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

ERNEST MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 1 Hour and 56½ Minutes,**IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Tenor size 17 in A.*

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by E. MORRIS.

A birthday peal for Patrick William, son of the ringer of 5-6.

LEICESTER.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,**IN THE VICAR'S VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***M. J. Morris' Variation of Parker's. Tenor 17 in A.*

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3-4 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

NOTTINGHAM.**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., Jan. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,**IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Holt's Original.*

FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | *FRANK BRADLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal in the method.

BELFAST.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Jan. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,**IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First peal in five methods for all the band, for the Association and in Ireland. In memoriam for those who lost their lives in H.M.S. Submarine 'Truculent.'

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., Jan. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**The 'Barrabool' peal. *Tenor size 17 in A.*

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**Parker's Twelve-part. *Tenor size 17 in A.*

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | *JOHN H. HUNT ... 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours,**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;***Tenor size 14 in D.*

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JOHN H. HUNT ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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Owing to the regretted illness of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Central Council publications are now being dealt with by Mr. C. W. Woolley, 39, Titan Avenue, Bushey, Herts. Will readers ordering books kindly note the change of address?

The joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Sept. 16th.

The bells of St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Wilts, have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry for turning and retuning. They will be rehung on ball bearings.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wolverhampton, has started his next 200 peals with a new Surprise method rung for the first time — Somerset Surprise Major.

The Oxford University Society rang courses of Double Oxford Royal at New College and Steadfast Minor on the heavy six at St. Mary-the-Virgin's on February 5th. This was the first in the method for all and probably the first in Oxford.

To hand is the January number of the Maidstone District's quarterly magazine. Tower snatchers will be particularly interested in the map of the district. A feature article deals with West Malling Church. Instructional articles and bright chatter complete an interesting number.

Twelve-year-old Jean Marshall stepped in at the last minute to complete the band for London Surprise at Southport. This was her first attempt for a peal and she handled a bell never easy to ring in an expert way. This was the first peal of London for the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association.

Mr. Albert Relfe has now rung 12 peals of Minor on each bell in Lamberhurst tower.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The ten bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Whitby, Yorks, have recently been removed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, bell founders, to be recast and, later in the year, to be rehung on ball-bearings in a new metal frame.

The many friends of Mr. F. Warrington will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Warrington is now out of hospital and progressing favourably.

Bunwell, Norfolk, where a peal of Minor was rung on January 29th, had its last of Minor 44 years ago to the day. Three of the original band are still living.

By ringing the treble, Mr. Jack L. Millhouse on February 4th completed 'the circle' of Metheringham tower. Mr. Geoffrey M. Mayer at the same time completed the Cambridge 'family' from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. A. H. Pulling writes that the time taken in the peal of Triples in 1913 at the Loughborough Bell Foundry was 2 hours and 41 minutes, and not as published in his letter on page 75 of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. William G. Young has left Bournemouth upon his appointment as chief clerk at the Hants and Dorset Bus Depot, Winchester. 'As the treble man in our spliced efforts,' writes Mr. D. T. Matkin, 'we shall miss him. The treble was always "there," no easy job in Soliced Plain Major. We all wish him the best of luck in his new position.'

The George Williams Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Pavilion, Bournemouth, on May 6th, at 7 p.m. Full details will be advertised in March, but Mr. Arthur V. Davis, the hon. organising secretary, asks ringing friends to book the date and to remind them that Bournemouth is very beautiful in early May. A coach tour and a full programme of ringing is being arranged.

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Oxford University Society

The annual lunch was held on January 28th in Oxford. The Society was pleased to welcome as guests Mr. Ernest Morris (Leicester), Mr. D. N. Layton (Master, London University Guild) and Mr. B. D. Threlfall (Master, Cambridge University Guild), Messrs. W. F. Judge, V. J. F. Bennett, E. Moore and P. Walker from the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, and of the Oxford clergy the Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Lee, the Rev. J. Lucas and the Rev. J. C. Stephenson.

Ringling in the morning at St. Thomas-the-Martyr's and St. Mary Magdalen's was followed by a service at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, conducted by the Rev. R. S. Lee, at which the Rev. C. E. Wigg, president of the Society, gave an address.

After lunch at the Forum Restaurant, at the suggestion of the president the company stood for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of the late Canon G. F. Coleridge, vice-president, a fine ringer, whose encouragement and example have been an unfailing inspiration for as long as any present could remember.

Miss Margaret Tutt then proposed the toast of 'The Guests.' She warmly welcomed Mr. Morris, whose reputation had, of course, preceded him. There could be few there who had not heard something of this great man and his works. She also expressed the pleasure which members felt at the presence of the clergy, without whose forbearance the Society could not function, and the city ringers, without whose co-operation its standards of performance would sharply deteriorate.

Mr. Ernest Morris, in replying, gratified his audience with a speech rich in lore and anecdote. He reminded members of the interesting field for study that Oxford bells and ringers provided, and commended it to those with an inclination towards research. The importance of the universities in training as ringers those who were to be clergymen was worth emphasising again and again. Ringing parsons were all too rare at present. He wished the Society every success. Once ringing was ingrained in them, members should, on leaving Oxford, join the local tower wherever they might be and help in spreading the art.

Mr. Denis Layton proposed the toast of 'The O.U.S.C.R.' He congratulated the Society on leading other university societies, at any rate chronologically. He had attended the last six annual lunches. Great names in the Society had come and gone. Some had said that without them it would not last. But, in fact, it had and he would like to pay tribute to the work of those masters who had carried on John Spice's work and brought things to their present flourishing state. An outstanding conductor was a great advantage, but not an essential.

The Master, Mr. M. E. H. Barrow, in thanking Mr. Layton, briefly reviewed the year's activities. He singled out particularly a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles rung one evening in Michaelmas Term by a resident band from St. Edmund Hall, in which there were five 'firsts.' The ringing week at Cheltenham in 1949 had been an unqualified success. The 1950 week was to be held in Shropshire from April 13th-20th, based at Shrewsbury. Old members interested were invited to communicate with the secretary.

In the afternoon the bells of Christ Church were rung to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. At Magdalen this programme was varied with well-struck courses of Plain Bob Royal and Yorkshire Royal. In the evening at St. Martin's and All Saints' standard eight-bell methods were rung, culminating in Spliced Surprise. At these three towers Mr. Judge's conducting was the mainstay in the ringing of the more difficult methods.

The success of the day's ringing was due not least to our distinguished guests and to those whom we were pleased to welcome as visitors, Messrs. P. M. J. Gray, E. P. Rock, S. E. Darmon and R. F. B. Speed. The loyal support of old members was most heartening and we were particularly glad to see again the Rev. F. L. Edwards, who had journeyed up from Dorset, and Mr. H. Miles (vice-president), spending a week in Oxford renewing his many friendships with ringers both inside and outside the University.

Bristol University Society

The annual ringing day and dinner of the University of Bristol Society was held in Bristol on January 28th. During the morning a peal attempt of Grandsire Triples at Henbury was lost owing to an omission in the calling. An excellent practice of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain and Little Bob Major ensued. After lunch ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe ranged from rounds and Stedman Cinques, and at SS. Philip and Jacob's a well-struck course of Cambridge Major was rung. The service, conducted by the Rev. D. A. R. Allen, was held at St. Michael's.

Some 37 members and visitors sat down to dinner at the Full Moon Hotel. The honorary president, Dr. S. H. Piper, having proposed 'The King' and 'The Church,' raised the toast of 'The Exercise.' He spoke of the keenness of the members and the leadership of the officers, in spite of the difficulties occasioned by the loss of All Saints', and later St. Michael's owing to the tower becoming unsafe. He expressed the Society's appreciation of the fine hospitality of the ringers in the towers used during the year.

The secretary, Miss Mary Bliss, proposed 'The Visitors,' and conveyed greetings from Cambridge, Oxford and London. The several visitors from the Bristol City Branch were welcomed, also Mr. Kynaston, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. Geoff Carter and Mr. Ronald Clouston from London.

Mr. Carter, in reply, mentioned the fact that Bristol was the first provincial university to form a ringing society, and expressed pleasure at the close relationship existing between the U.B.S.C.R. and other societies.

Mr. Leaker, chairman of the Bristol City Branch, in proposing 'The U.B.S.C.R.,' brought greetings to the Society and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner (née Dorothy Richardson) on their recent marriage. He was sorry about the loss of the Society's two towers, and suggested that the Lord Mayor's Chapel might prove to be a suitable 'home tower.' It was, he said, a pleasure to ring with the Society and the standard of ringing was remarkably good.

The Master, Mr. Jack Worrall, replied, and reaffirmed the Society's indebtedness to the City ringers. He reviewed the year's activities, which included several first peals for members in both Minor and Major methods, a first peal as conductor for Mr. Ivor Truman, and various new methods for the Society. Membership was up to sixty, comparing favourably with Oxford. He stated that the objects of the Society are to further the art of change ringing by helping other towers as the occasion offers, and by training leaders as well as ringers.

The meeting ended with the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner of a morning tea set as a wedding gift from the U.B.S.C.R. Mr. Eric Taylor, in a brief speech, expressed the hope that the gift would be useful, and also that Mr. Gardiner would be persuaded to learn to ring. Mrs. Gardiner suitably replied.

On Sunday morning ringing took place at Christ Church, where some well-struck Grandsire Caters were rung, and at St. John's-on-the-Wall. In the evening members joined the resident ringers at St. James' in ringing Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

6,496 Spliced Surprise Major

Commenting on this peal, which was rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on December 31st, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson writes:—

In its own small way, this 6,496 is a record length. Mr. A. J. Pitman has composed a 9,600, but from the ringing point of view the latter does not compare with the 6,496 in six methods.

The band which rang this peal were much impressed by the composition, which will always stand as a tribute to the composer's ingenuity. It employs the 60 course ends, and it thus seems unlikely that a longer length will be obtainable on what is essentially the three-lead course plan. The beauty of the composition lies in the extremely regular manner in which the 60 course ends are introduced.

After the peal, the band were entertained, first by Mr. and Mrs. Claybrook and later by Mr. and Mrs. Bibby. All this hospitality was greatly appreciated and was a very pleasant sequel to what was felt to be a memorable rounding off of a successful year's peal ringing activity.

6,496 SPLICED BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, LONDON, PUDSEY, SUPERLATIVE AND WATFORD SURPRISE.

23456	M	W	H	
35264	2	2		LBXBL
62453	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
54326	—	—		WZCSP
42563	2	2		LBXBL
64523	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
25346	—	—		WZCSP
43526				'A'
24536				'B'
35426				'A'
42356				'B' + 1H in 3rd course
25463	2	2		LBXBL
64352	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
45362	—	2		WZBL
63254	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
52436	—	—		WZCSP
23564	2	2		LBXBL
65432	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
45236	—	—		WZCSP
32546				'A'
53246				'C'
34562	2	2		LBXBL
65243	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
34256	—	—		WZCSP
23456	—	—		LZCSP

X = Cambridge or Superlative; Y and Z = Cambridge or Pudsey. As rung at Frodsham X was Superlative, Y was Pudsey, and Z was Cambridge.

MR. LEONARD H. BOWLER'S 100

Mr. Leonard H. Bowler, of St. Mary's, Willeaden, has the following interesting first 100 peals:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, four methods 1, seven methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 5.

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 1, Duffield 1, Cambridge 7, Superlative 7, London 4, Bristol 12, Yorkshire 8, Rutland 6, Pudsey 2, Hitchin 2, Faling 1, Eastcote 1, Willeaden 1, Belgrave 1, Ashted 1, Lincolnshire 1, Rochester 1, Bayswater 1, Peterborough 1, Benington 1, Glasgow 1, Dublin 1, Spliced Surprise in two methods 1, four methods 8, five methods 1, six methods 2, eight methods 1, ten methods 1.

Caters.—Stedman 4.

Royal.—Oxford Treble Bob 1, Yorkshire 1, Prittlewell 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Ringling in South Australia

In forwarding a copy of the first quarter to be rung in South Australia, Mr. Philip L. Cooper, of 26, North Street, Collinswood, Adelaide, writes that it was rung by a combined team from the two towers in the city, viz., St. Peter's Cathedral, where a Taylor eight (tenor 41 cwt.) was hung in 1947, and St. Andrew's, which has a Mears and Stainbank six, hung in 1886, and for most of the ensuing time was the only ringing tower in the State.

Mr. Cooper continues: We also have a glorious ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt., by Warners, in our Town Hall. Unfortunately, these have not been rung for nearly 50 years, but we hope to get them going again soon.

Change ringing has only been practised thoroughly here since a year ago, and we feel pleased with our progress, as we have had to struggle on by ourselves. The nearest ringing bells are about 600 miles away. The progress was made possible mainly by my having the opportunity of a trip to Sydney last February, where I gained considerable experience.

It is worthy of note that except for the treble (37) and tenor (35), the other ringers are comparatively young. The second is 22, third 23, fourth 18, and myself 19.

With this success we hope for many more quarters in the future and eventually we hope to get to peal standard, after venturing through Doubles and Minor, to Triples.

I receive your paper weekly, and I can assure you that it is full of interest. Later this year I hope to publish a book giving the history of all the Australian ringing towers, of which there are about 30. I hope that it will be popular in England. In preparation, I recently re-read the late Mr. Goldsmith's 'A Great Adventure,' and was greatly stirred by it. Would another such tour be possible some day? Since 1945 change ringing in Australia has made great advances—as in the recent peal of Minor you recorded from Sydney—and another such tour would be of inestimable value to the Exercise out here.

I fully realise the great expenses involved, but, like the previous tour, could it not coincide with the proposed Royal Tour? All Australian ringers would warmly welcome such an event, and we would benefit from it greatly, much more so than in 1934.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BICESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

St. Mary's, Launton, with its small ringing chamber that will only hold nine ringers and is reached by an outside iron ladder, was selected for the quarterly meeting on Feb. 4th.

Bishop H. Buxton, Rector of Launton, preached, and the local choir was augmented by members of the branch. A company of 60 sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Mothers' Union.

Mr. F. Sharpe, branch vice-president, was in the chair at the business meeting. The branch annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 1st, at Kirtlington. Bishop H. J. Buxton was elected an honorary member; one non-resident and seven ringing members (five ladies) were also elected, believed to be a record for a similar meeting.

Mr. Alan Pink pointed out that he was writing an article in 'The Oxford Diocesan Magazine' each month under the heading 'Campanology Corner,' and would be glad of any articles of interest for publication to be sent through the branch secretary.

Miss Cross (the Guild librarian) congratulated Mr. Sharpe on his very fine exhibition, consisting of photographs of bells, frames, etc., and a small bell complete in a frame, two old treble bells and a very fine set of handbells. These were displayed in the Village Hall for the benefit of the members and visitors present.

The Launton bells were available again in the evening and also the eight at Bicester.

A Yorkshire Ringer



MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK,
of Whiston, near Rotherham, who has completed his first 100 peals. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1933.

MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK'S 100 PEALS

Plain Bob.—Minor 2 (conducted 2); Major 17 (10); Royal 5 (1).

Little Bob.—Major 7 (2); Royal 4; Maximus 1. Grandsire.—Triples 6 (2); Caters 2 (2).

Stedman.—Doubles 1 (1); Triples 2; Caters 1; Cinques 1.

Kent Treble Bob.—Major 11 (4); Royal 2. Oxford Treble Bob 1; Spliced Kent and Oxford 1.

Cambridge.—Minor 1; Major 1; Royal 1. Minor.—Three methods 2 (1); four methods 5 (1).

St. Clement's College Bob Major 1 (1). Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7 (1). Surprise Major.—Superlative 2; Yorkshire 8 (1); New Cambridge 1 (1); Pudsey 2; Ashstead 1; Lincolnshire 1; Aldenham 1; Bristol 1; London 1.

Total 100 (conducted 30).

DEVON RINGER'S WEDDING GIFT

Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers is a particularly strong and vigorous unit. Much credit for this circumstance is due to Mr. Brian Pidgeon, of East Budleigh, hon. secretary and treasurer, so the branch seized the opportunity afforded by his wedding to present him with a handsome canteen of cutlery.

The Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman) made the presentation at the annual meeting and expressed appreciation of Mr. Pidgeon's services for many years and his readiness at all times to promote the interests of the branch and Guild.

Mr. Pidgeon, loudly applauded, remarked that the gift would be among the most treasured of the two hundred odd presents he had received. He would always do what he could for campanology, but continuance of the support of the members generally for developing activities was indispensable.

The meeting, held at Withycombe Raleigh (8 bells), heard that membership and finances had increased. All officers, including Mr. J. L. Glanville (Ringing Master), were re-elected, and Woodbury (8) was chosen for the next meeting on a date to be arranged.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

Twenty-nine new members, including 23 from Piddlehinton, where the six bells have been recently restored, were elected at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Dorchester on January 21st. Over 100 ringers and friends were present, the Guild service being conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, assisted by the vice-chairman, the Ven. J. C. Chute.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Hayne) reported on the progress made during 1949. Five meetings had been held and two peals of Bob Major and one of Minor rung for the branch.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £36 and a reserve fund of £20.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Canon Markby; vice-chairman, Ven. J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. F. Stedman; assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke. Mr. E. T. P. Field was elected Deputy Ringing Master in addition to Mr. Stedman.

Meetings were provisionally arranged for 1950 as follows: Upwey, Piddlehinton, Maiden Newton, Sydling, and an invitation was extended by the Rev. Edwards for the branch to visit Wool when the repairs to the tower were completed.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

Youth is now at the helm as regards the officers of the Guildford District. At the annual meeting on January 28th, Mr. Eric T. Lee was appointed hon. secretary and Mr. Harold A. May Ringing Master. The Rev. Ken Davis, who presided at the business meeting, said 'Thank you' to Mr. A. C. Hazelden for his nine years in office—'a labour of love,' Mr. Hazelden described it in returning thanks. His report was brief owing to his illness during the past year, but it recorded an increase in membership and a satisfactory financial position. Mr. F. A. Munday was appointed to the Guild Committee and Mr. Leslie Hunter hon. auditor.

A company of 95 enjoyed a ringers' tea, provided by Miss W. A. Oliver, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden. While the company enjoyed a social evening arranged by the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, the Guild secretary (Mr. G. A. Grover) and the Editor of 'The Ringing World' washed up the tea things.

There was plenty of fun and competitions at the social evening, including 'spotting the towers.' Miss Y. Elvie, of Salisbury, gave a very amusing rendering of 'The Lay of the Ancient Ringer,' by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, and another entertainment was given by a non-ringer, a lady of 83, who recited with verve, which won her much applause and a special prize, a monologue entitled 'The Hole in the Road.'

The service was held in the afternoon at St. Nicolas' Church, the Rev. Ken Davis officiating. For the 'not so young' a motor-coach was provided to convey them to the meeting place, St. Nicolas' Hall.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

We briefly announced last week the destruction of Tettenthall Church, near Wolverhampton, by fire and its great loss to Staffordshire ringing.

The bells (8) were recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1923 with the tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. They were originally a six by Thomas Mears (tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.) and were installed in 1841. Two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank in 1911.

An appeal has been launched for £50,000 for the restoration of the church to augment the £34,000 for which the church was insured.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

ANNUAL MEETING AT TORQUAY.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at All Saints', Babbacombe, on Feb. 4th. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon and was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Bate).

After a bountiful tea at the Tudor Cafe, St. Marychurch, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair.

A letter was read from Ipplepen parish concerning the raising of funds for the restoration. After a short discussion it was resolved that it be left to individual members to subscribe.

Two new members—Miss Olive Briggs (Torquay) and Master Anthony Parnell (Dartington)—were elected, the latter being the youngest member of the branch.

The secretary's report was adopted, and the treasurer's report, showing an increased balance in hand, approved.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. B. H. Cooper; and three members to serve on the General Committee, Messrs. C. F. Austin, F. Turner and W. C. Wakley.

The next meeting will take place (subject to permission) at Lustleigh on April 22nd. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. B. H. Cooper sympathising with him in the illness in his household.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, the caterers and to the branch secretary for his work during the past year. There was further ringing in the evening.

ESSFX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

St. Peter's, Colchester, proved a popular venue for the annual meeting, when 50 ringers were present from 18 towers, their ages ranging from 12-year-old lads to that active veteran of 80, Mr. 'Dick' Stannard, of Barking.

Good use was made of the fine ring of eight during the afternoon, and the Vicar (the Rev. T. Hollingdale) conducted the service, the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realising £1 7s. 6d.

After an excellent tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting was held, with the Vicar taking the chair.

The secretary's report for 1949 showed that both membership and number of peals rung had increased.

The District Master (Mr. G. Waterman) and district secretary (Mr. H. J. Millatt) were both unanimously re-elected, as were also the committee members (Messrs. A. Andrews and G. W. Moss). Eight new ringing and one honorary member were elected, and Great Bentley was chosen for the spring meeting.

The Vicar, who spoke of the cordial relations existing between the local ringers and himself, was thanked for allowing the meeting and giving a fine address.

Further ringing took place after the meeting, ranging from rounds to London Surprise, and the six at St. Leonard's were also in use during the evening. H.J.M.

YARDLEY BELLS

Owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle, ringing at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham, was stopped. A church restoration appeal for £10,000 was launched.

The local ringers undertook to dismantle the bells and frame. This has been successfully accomplished. The bells have been lowered to the ground and now await despatch to Loughborough. They will be rehung in a new steel frame and two new trebles added to make a ring of eight.

It is necessary that the tower and spire should be repaired, repointed and treated owing to the advanced state of erosion, and the ringers hope that this will be completed by the time the bells are ready.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (4)

(A SERIES OF OPEN LETTERS)

Dear Beginners,—We had to break off last time (remember?) just as our instructor, Tom Truetouch, announced the introduction of the 'Pole and Pig-tail.' Evidently there has been adapted, for ringing-training, the modern idea of a 'synthetic training apparatus,' as they call this artificial device which simulates the real thing, for safe and inexpensive training.

First, Tom brings forward an ordinary, plain, Windsor type of chair, with a hole drilled through its wooden seat; and then a sort of scout-pole, about 7ft. long and 1½in. thick. The pole is slightly tapered near the lower end and cut off 'square' at the upper end. Tom inserts the tapered end of the pole through the closely fitting hole in the chair-seat, which hole is in the middle, though slightly nearer the front edge. The tapered end fits tightly into a slightly smaller hole, immediately below, in a strip of wood tacked across the side-spars of the chair legs. The pole is now rigidly held upright, its flat top being about 7ft. 9in. from the floor.

Slipped over the pole itself is a tube about 18in. long, painted in corkscrew-like strips of red and white. Closer inspection shows it to be a bit of cardboard tube (such as is used to protect drawings, etc.), measuring about 1½in. across, inside, and so just fitting loosely round the pole. Near the upper end of the tube, through two small holes one on either side, are tied two pieces of elastic about ¼in. wide and 3ft. long, as obtainable at any draper's. The upper ends of the elastic strands are tied each to a small screw-eye, run into the pole on opposite sides about an inch from its top. So the tube is hanging on its two yard long elastic strips, and if pulled down and released will slide up the pole until checked by the screw-eyes at the top.

Two further screw-eyes are run into the pole, on opposite sides, at about 1ft. 4in. from its lower end, which will set them at about 2ft. from the floor itself. These prevent the tube from being lowered too far, the round heads of the screw-eyes being smooth to the hands if contacting them.

Stepping on to the chair seat Tom reaches up and places, edgewise on top of the pole, a match-box. Finally he produces a short length of bell-rope, seen to be doubled back and threaded through itself and tied off at the ends; the whole being about 12 or 14 inches in length, and just as though cut from the end of a standard rope. 'The Pig-tail,' says Tom briefly, hanging its curving form over the chair-back.

(In my next letter, Beginners, I will try to include a sketch of this device; but I hope you have understood the foregoing description sufficiently to follow what Tom goes on to explain.)

As you see,' continues Tom, 'the whole thing is simple, easy to make up, and costs next to nothing. It should be available, I think, to all learners of ringing. But before we go any further with it, let us be quite clear about its purpose.

'Bad habits formed in the early stages of any kind of training are very difficult to get rid of. They prolong the learning period and yield only unsatisfactory results in the end. This is especially true of learning bell control. The simple device before you, properly employed, warns the learner of faulty action and nips the bad habit in the bud. This paves the way for acquiring perfect bell control, to result in the good striking which is so essential.

'Now I'm not saying,' Tom goes on, 'that this gadget is essential in learning to ring. In the past all good strikers learned their bell control without it. Indeed, even the scheme of training I shall put you through could dispense with the pole part of it; but the "pig-tail," as a training aid, is not new. What I do say, however, is that a surprising number of indifferent, and even bad, strikers might have become good ones if they'd passed their

initial training on this thing. A valuable feature is that it avoids the risk of your losing confidence in bell management at the start; and, in conjunction with the particular steps by which we shall be taking you over to the real rope-action on a bell, it builds up that confidence until good striking becomes an automatic accomplishment.

'The coloured tube represents the sally. The pole is simply a pull-guide, and, in conjunction with the matchbox, a fault indicator. The pig-tail, of course, represents the rope's end. If the pull is incorrect the pole position is disturbed and the matchbox is displaced. But there's no harm done, no fear of mishandled, flaying rope, and no need for an instructor to spend time standing by while you practise on it.

'Pull-error may arise from incorrect grip, incorrect stance, incorrect body posture and incorrect arm action, all resulting in direction of rope-thrust not truly vertical, as it must be. The resulting error may be lateral (least common) or fore-and-aft (more common) or a combination of both; and the matchbox may be positioned at the pole-top to check any particular form of these errors. Set fore-and-aft, it shows up, particularly, lateral pull-error. Set cross-wise it will indicate, especially, fore-and-aft pull-error. The most severe test is with the box standing on end and inclined mid-way between fore-and-aft and cross-wise. If, through reaction vibration, due to the "sally" hitting the upper stops, the matchbox tumbles off, it may be weighted with a little lead shot or sand, to suit. In the very early stages it may be dispensed with altogether.

'Now let me show you the apparatus in use. Afterwards, Mary will demonstrate the stages of exercise you will take on it. Each pupil will have to pass a stage satisfactorily before going on to the next.'

And there, Beginners, we must leave it till next time.—Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Some forty members attended the district annual meeting, held at Christchurch on Jan. 28th. At the service, held in the Priory, the Vicar of Bournemouth, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, preached. The Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. R. P. Price, took the service and presided at the meeting.

The hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Davis, reported steady work during the year, during which six meetings had been held at the different towers. Members endorsed his congratulations to the handbell band in Bournemouth upon the progress made during 1949.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. M. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arthur V. Davis; joint ringing masters, Mr. W. E. Cheater and Mr. D. T. Matkin; representatives to Central Committee, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh; hon. auditor, Mrs. E. W. Newman; representatives to Bournemouth Dinner Committee, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh and Mr. J. M. Turner.

Dates and places for the quarterly meetings for 1950 were fixed and general business discharged.

The meeting regretted the absence of Mr. George Preston through indisposition, the first annual he had missed since he started ringing. Miss Valerie Willard, of Bedfordshire, was a welcome visitor.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Jefferies (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Sheppard 2, Miss B. Poole 3, Miss N. Gardner 4, M. Jefferies 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, A. Rodway 8. A farewell to Miss B. Sheppard, who left for Australia on Feb. 1st.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

720's OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

Sir,—Some months ago one of your correspondents wanted to know how many different 720's of Bob Minor there were. No one has replied to his question. I would not like to answer it, but I am sure that if singles be used freely the number must be very large.

As an example of how they can be produced in quantity take this simple three-part:—

23456
S 46235 4
S 36524 2
S 26453 2
S 24653 5
S 35624 3
S 42635 3
— 42356 1

By putting in calls which do not alter the work of 5 and 6, at least 26 other 720's can be obtained and 13 more if —, S, —, — be used to replace five consecutive singles.

One of these variations has 36 singles. From it the well-known three-part with 42 singles can be got by adding two singles which affect the 5th in each part, and again 17 more variations can be made.

All these 58 720's contain 65's at backstroke, and, therefore, may not be considered to be worth ringing except in parts of Yorkshire. If any of your readers want the callings I shall be glad to forward them.

I do not remember having seen the figures of any regular six-part 720's published. The following might be of interest.

23456	23456	23456	23456
S 32564	—23564	S 32564	S 32564
S 46532	S 46523	S 62453	S 62453
S 36254	—46235	S 26534	S 26534
—42365	—46352	S 62345	S 62345
	P.L.34265	S 26453	S 26453
		P.L.42365	—34265

Each five times repeated.

I am, yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent.

THE OLDEST DATED BELL

Sir,—In your first paragraph in the current issue, you state that Caversfield has the oldest dated bell in England. Your third paragraph stated that this bell is 'undated.'

St. Chad's, Cloughton, Lancashire, has the oldest dated bell in England (1296). The characteristics of the bell at Cloughton are diameter 21in. and the inscription is as follows:

+ ANNO · D N I · M · C · C · NONOG · AI
E. JENNINGS.

Braintree, Essex.

CAVERSFIELD BELL

Dear Sir,—If you are challenged on the first sentence of your leader, the answer is that the Caversfield bell is the oldest dateable inscribed bell in England.—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

JARROW'S BELL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the oldest bell. I have been reading a book from the local library, 'In the Steps of the Anglo Saxons.' The writer mentions Jarrow, where he discovered a foundation stone dated 685, claimed to be oldest of any Christian church in Europe. A small stained glass Saxon window, dated 685, is still brilliant in colour and is claimed to be as old as any in the world. In the tower there is a Saxon bell inscribed 'Pray for us all St. Paul.' Three of the letters are upside down, and two reversed, but no date mentioned. Can any of our antiquarians enlighten us on this one?—Yours truly,

Epsom.

J. HOYLE.

RECORDINGS AND PLAYS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry if I have upset Mr. Leslie Mills by suggesting that bells which proved to be Lavenham's were those of Westminster Abbey, apparently a much inferior sounding ring.

I had not previously heard the former and, on the one or two occasions I have 'listened in' to the latter, they certainly did not seem such a bad lot!

Mr. Mills may receive some consolation from the fact that the excellent standard of ringing in the Lavenham recording heard during 'Saturday Night Theatre' on November 19th somewhat assisted my erroneous conjecture that they were the Abbey's bells, and, although the record was 'faded out' in the seventh sixth of the plain course of Stedman Triples, I agree with him that it is difficult to understand how two of your correspondents have confused the method with Grandsire.

Incidentally, during another recent wireless play (on January 7th, if I remember correctly), I also heard some fairly well-struck 'Whittingtons' on a comparatively nice-sounding 'eight.' I wonder which tower this was from?

It is, indeed, interesting to learn from Mr. K. S. B. Croft that a church in Madrid possesses eight bells hung for ringing and that, at one time, a Grandsire band comprising Spaniards rang there. After this, I shall not be surprised to hear that Joe Stalin conducts a double-handed handbell band at the Kremlin!

Finally, may I deplore, along with Mr. E. Barnett, that, in the pursuit of alleged progress or glory, we appear to be sacrificing good old worthwhile Stedman Triples for what I, personally, consider are often far less musical products.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER.

Orrell Park, Liverpool 9.

RINGING AT CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in informing you that a good peal of Bob Minor was successfully accomplished on the 'light six' at the Cathedral of All Saints, Christchurch, New Zealand, on January 24th. This was the first peal of Minor rung in the Dominion of New Zealand, and the first peal on tower bells since 1903.

The tenor bell at All Saints' has recently been rehung on ball bearings and now runs perfectly. Numbers 7, 8 and 9 are badly in need of similar attention, and it is hoped to have them done before the opening of the centennial year of the City of Christchurch in August. There will then be no obstacles to prevent the band from going ahead with Triples and Major ringing. In the meantime, it will be my endeavour to further the band's interest in Minor ringing.—Yours truly,

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

Christchurch, N.Z.

AUSTRALIAN GIFT PARCELS

Dear Sir,—I have received a gift parcel for the third successive year from the New South Wales Change Ringers Association, and I appreciate very much this kind thought of Mr. Will Rowe, the Editor of 'The Ringing Towers,' and all those who supported his efforts. It is encouraging to read of the success of the Association in the art of change ringing and the fine spirit that is revealed.

There are many ringers in England who closely watch the activities of the Association, especially those who received such a grand reception when on duty with H.M. Services in the last war.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

Qualification of Members

Dear Sir,—Having read my friend, Mr. H. R. Pink's, letter re the above in your issue of February 3rd, and knowing that my nomination of 22 members from a certain tower was largely the cause of the discussion mentioned, I feel I should like to make a reply.

Last summer I was approached as a Guild instructor by the incumbent of the parish in question asking whether I would undertake the training of a band of ringers. This I gladly undertook, and at the first lesson and again subsequently I told the recruits that there were only two conditions to my teaching them, viz.: (1) That they joined the Guild. (2) That they all learnt change ringing in due course. To these they all readily agreed.

In the Guild to which both Mr. Pink and I belong, to be a change ringer is not, as he states, a necessary qualification, but the promotion of change ringing is one of its objects. As another member said at the meeting, surely the prime object in any tower is to have a band of ringers who officiate regularly twice a Sunday. With this I heartily agree, and this is now an accomplished fact in the tower where I am teaching. I feel, too, that to have a whole band of 22 to join a guild is to encourage them in change ringing, even though at the time of joining they may not be change ringers. I feel certain that at the meeting doubts were in the minds of some whether all the recruits could handle their bells. At that time only four were not quite 'safe,' although many were too nervous to try in a strange tower.

If those members, who at meetings very nearly discourage young recruits by questioning their qualifications, were to give up three or four evenings a week training or assisting young bands, there would be far fewer complaints regarding the lack of progress in change ringing.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

MEMBERSHIP—SOMETHING TO WORK FOR

Dear Sir,—I agree wholeheartedly with the letter in your issue of February 3rd, which raises the question of qualification for guild membership.

The Guild to which I belong requires a ringer to ring 120 half-pull changes on treble or tenor before he attains full membership, but I am afraid that, for the sake of the number of members, this qualification is sometimes passed over when new members are elected. This I consider to be wrong, and I think that it gives a false picture of the strength of any guild which has for one of its objects the promotion of change ringing.

I also think that it is a very good thing to set a standard which people must reach before becoming eligible for guild membership, as it makes membership something to work for, and, as such, much more worth while than something which comes without any effort.—I am,

Yours sincerely,

JACK W. DREW.

Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

A SHROPSHIRE EXILE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letter by 'Progress' in your issue of the 10th inst. As an exile from London at present domiciled in Shropshire, I would like to know the name of the tower where the ringer mentioned in the letter learned to ring Surmise. In a year's ringing and attending meetings, I have stood in one plain course of Cambridge, and then the band was mainly composed of visiting ringers from Bedfordshire.

Anyway, I envy the ringers of Helmdon; at least it is possible to get six keen ringers together. After my sojourn here I am beginning to wonder if there are six keen ringers in Shropshire; at least in this district anyway.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Broseley, Salop.

Letters (continued)

STEEL BARS FOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—I append a copy of a letter, which I discovered during my researches into Irish church bells, which may be of interest to readers. It was published in 'The Irish Ecclesiastical Journal' in August, 1844:—

'Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to inform the clergy through the columns of "The Irish Ecclesiastical Journal" that they can substitute cast steel bars for the ordinary church bell with very considerable advantage as regards both tone and cheapness. I have after several experiments ascertained the fact that any clergyman can procure for thirty shillings a bar of cast steel producing a better tone than the ordinary small church bells, which cost from four to six pounds. I can furnish any person, who wishes it, with a drawing of the manner of suspending the bar, the dimensions, etc.

'Perhaps some of your correspondents may be able to inform me as to the reason of a fact, which I never yet met anyone who had himself discovered, namely, that all bells produce a common chord with flat third, also the reason that some bells sound one note of the chord predominant and some another note, but I am not yet aware which note is most general—I fancy the third.—Yours, dear Sir, very truly, W. M. Crosthwaite, Dunn's Glebe, Bantry. August 16th, 1844.'

No replies appeared in subsequent issues of the journal, nor did there appear to be any further interest in the matter in Ireland, anyhow, for I have not come across any 'steel bars' in place of ordinary church bells. I have, of course, found quite a number of cast steel bells, most of which were very badly rusted. Is it possible, therefore, that, just as a humble Irish saint was responsible for the introduction of bells to England for Christian worship, a humble Irish clergyman gave the idea to England of cast steel bells? Also, could he have been responsible for the idea of improved tuning methods of our church bells?—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinson, Dundalk.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES AND HARRY WITHERS

With reference to Mr. Hibbert's letter, I agree that the band who ring the first peal in this method will achieve something to be proud of, yet I heard my old friend, Harry Withers, tap a course of this method on his dulcimer at one of the Henry Johnson dinners round about 40 years ago. I think this was at the Old Royal, Temple Row.

This course consisted of about 252 changes in which each of the seven bells do the same work. I had a typed copy of the figures of this method in my possession at the time, and, aided by this, I was able to trace or check the path of the treble as tapped during the performance, which was perfectly struck. No doubt other Birmingham ringers will remember this occasion.

While on this subject I should like to express my appreciation and admiration of the obituary report of the late Harry Withers in 'The Ringing World.' I have heard him tap London and other Surprise methods and I have called quite a number of touches of Stedman, which he tapped on the dulcimer or piano. The strange thing about it was he used to say he didn't know how he did it.

A remarkable man who will be sadly missed.
—Yours faithfully, ALFRED DAVIES.
Netherton, Worcs.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davidge (first of Triples) 1, Miss E. L. Roberts (cond.) 2, Miss M. Stinger (first of Triples 'inside') 3, C. J. Gardner 4, F. G. Wilton 5, E. J. Berry 6, W. W. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8.

Dedication

MOREBATH, N.E. DEVON.

This little church with its unusual slate-roofed tower standing amidst fields, in a parish on the border of Devon and Somerset not far from a point of Exmoor, will again hear bells ringing.

By her will, Mrs. Shorney, a former resident, bequeathed a sum of money and directed that Morebath bells be made in a ringable condition. Her late husband, who died twenty years ago, was a lover of bells and a conscientious call change ringer. For a long period he was head gardener on Morebath Manor Estate.

On January 14th, the Lord Bishop of Exeter rededicated the bells after rehanging and retuning, together with a memorial window in memory of Major Rothwell. A crowded congregation was present. Invitations to neighbouring teams included Bampton, Oakford, Dulverton, Huntsham and Dunster. The work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Tea was provided.

The Dunster party, on their return journey in the evening, called at Bampton Church. Some good touches of Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were also brought round here.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

All records for attendance were broken at the quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District, which was held at Birchington recently. A company of 120 was present, of whom very few were non-members. They came from 22 towers in the district as well as three more towers being represented from other districts of the Association. One enterprising ringer had booked a special coach, a thought that was much appreciated by those who had a seat.

Ringing was held prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. M. Granville-Sharp, who also gave a short address, keeping it, as he said, away from bells.

Tea, very generously provided by the Vicar and churchwarden, who were both present, was followed by the usual business meeting, at which 12 new practising members were elected; also four honorary members. Good-nestone was chosen for a quarterly meeting, and from a nap hand of towers Chartham got the vote for a by-meeting.

The donors of the tea were gratefully thanked, also the ladies who waited at table. Further ringing was held until late in the evening.

T. MARK WHITE'S 100 PEALS

These were rung for 11 societies in 45 different towers.

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (1 'in hand').

Minor.—In 3 methods 1.

Triples.—Stedman 26; Grandsire 6 (2 'in hand').

Major.—Plain Bob 4 (2 'in hand'); Oxford Treble Bob 1; Double Norwich 18; Cambridge Surprise 2; Superlative 2; Bristol 8; Yorkshire 8; Norfolk 1; Rutland 2; Lincolnshire 3; Pudsey 1; Painswick 1; Aldenham 1; New Cambridge 1; London 3; treble to other Surprise methods 2.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2; Cambridge Surprise 1; Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

FILM STRIPS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am wondering if any of your readers can help me with regard to films or film strips about ringing.

In the near future we hope to arrange a social evening for a small number of ringers, and we thought that if we could hire a cine-projector film or any film strips they would be very much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,
Aldington, Sussex. HARRY W. BROWN.

OBITUARY

MR. GRAHAM LINRIDGE.

St. Michael's, Braintree, suffered another sad loss on January 31st with the death of Mr. Graham Linridge, aged 68 years.

Graham Linridge came to Braintree about 35 years ago from Ashford in Kent, and although not a very great peal ringer, he attended Sunday service ringing and practices very consistently, and was able to take his part in most methods up to London Surprise Major.

The funeral took place on February 4th and was attended by Miss H. Snowden and Mr. H. Pratt, the Master and secretary respectively of the Northern Division of the Essex Association. In addition, the majority of the Braintree company were present.

While the cortege was proceeding from the Parish Church to the cemetery, touches of Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major were rung with the bells half-muffled.

TRIBUTE TO MR. J. S. WILDE.

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, writes: I was grieved to read in a recent issue of the death of my old friend, J. S. Wilde, of New Zealand. He was one of the all too few ringers who understood Round Blocks and Transpositions in Methods, Principles and Systems and what they stand for.

For many years he and I corresponded, and the last time I heard from him was in December, 1945, and now he has passed away at the age of 87, five years my senior.

SURREY ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Ill-health is responsible for two important resignations among the officers of the Southern District. To the regret of members attending the annual meeting at Horley on February 4th, both the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Jeal) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Knight) tendered their resignations. The new team of officers elected are: Ringing Master, Mr. J. Crouch; hon. secretary, Miss R. M. Foreman; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. H. Jordan; committee, Messrs. J. W. Knight, G. Olliver and A. P. Cannon.

Although many of the less experienced ringers found difficulty at first in completely controlling the bells, methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative. Thanks are extended to Mr. A. J. Bull for the tea.

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

The annual North-Western District meeting, held on January 28th at St. Martin's and Christ Church, Epsom, was attended by 60 ringers, representing 13 towers in the district, with visitors from St. Albans, Rickmansworth and Coventry.

The tea and meeting was held in the Church Hall, Mr. F. E. Collins presiding. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. W. Sparkes, of Streatham.

District officers elected for 1950 were: F. E. Collins, Master; R. Lathbury, hon. secretary; H. N. Pitstow, hon. treasurer; C. Dean, hon. auditor; committee, R. Davies, D. Parsons and Miss Joan Smith.

Mr. Collins, in announcing the closing of the Benhilton Bell Fund, thanked those who had subscribed the grand total of £10 10s. Mr. Gosden also thanked all for their response. A new report for 1951 was also proposed.

Ashted was chosen for the Easter Monday meeting. Further ringing was indulged in at Christ Church.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gale 1, P. Chapman 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, T. Dawe 4, F. Brown 5, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 6, F. Penn 7, H. Wordley 8. First quarter for 4 and 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Jean Brown.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 21st, at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, 1,260 Doubles (4 extents Plain Bob and Norfolk, 540 Old Doubles): F. Staudé 1, G. Cox 2, H. Cox 3, J. Eggleton 4, P. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, L. Holt 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. First quarter in South Australia.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, I. Hillburn 2, F. Skinner 3, W. Cavill 4, F. Skinner (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lovett 1, K. Thompson 2, J. W. Lowe (cond.) 3, G. Lowe 4, K. Lovett 5, H. Myatt 6. First quarter for 2 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Harry Lockwood.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major: G. F. James 1, C. Cullen 2, P. Spice 3, Miss Hilda Oakshett 4, J. R. Wilson (first in method) 5, E. C. Bishop (first in method) 6, J. Lyddiard 7, M. F. Oakshett (first quarter as cond.) 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Blount 1, R. West 2, G. Packham 3, G. Sturt 4, P. Romney 5, T. Gasson (cond.) 6, F. Godsmark 7, A. Feist 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Simpson, wife of the secretary of St. John's bellringers.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Goode 1, F. Bailey 2, S. G. Beck 3, T. Yeomans 4, P. Jones 5, C. Davies 6, W. Dare (cond.) 7, A. Llewellyn 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's on Jan. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. V. Wilsden 1, D. Wilsden 2, D. Chatfield 3, R. Pepper 4, Miss B. Philpott (cond.) 5, A. Butler 6. For the birthday of Mrs. E. M. Philpott.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lawrence (first quarter) 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt (first 'inside') 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, A. Street (first in method) 5, J. P. Jackson (first quarter) 6. First by a Sunday service band. In honour of the birth of a son to Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Gamon.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. Jackson 1, Miss J. Greasby 2, W. Coates 3, F. Kaye 4, C. Cook 5, J. Bartram 6, A. Towler 7, K. Beardsall 8, W. Norton 9, H. Denman (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal for 1 and 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, F. J. Hurrell 2, J. Hurrell 3, T. Culver 4, B. Aldridge 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, R. Luming 8. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Cyril M. and Mrs. Smith, on prefrment to Milford, Hampshire.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Howard (first of Major) 1, A. F. Smith (first of Major 'inside') 2, M. F. Layton 3, J. E. Beams 4, A. Williams 5, C. W. Munday 6, P. Bond (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8.

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, DORSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Mills 1, J. B. Whalley 2, E. E. Coombs 3, Miss M. G. Cottrell 4, C. A. E. Treasure (first quarter as cond.) 5, K. W. Hewitt 6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Minor (consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): J. Taylor (age 79, first quarter in 2 methods) 1, P. Newstead (first quarter of K.T.B. and Plain 'inside') 2, J. Harwood 3, C. Parnell 4, W. Bird 5, A. Wigmore (cond.) 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Chester Surprise Minor: J. Steel 1, G. Burton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. Whittell 1, D. Crappell 2, E. Blomfield (cond.) 3, Janet Mattinson 4, E. Grimes 5, J. Crappell 6, F. Pye 7, S. Arbon 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: E. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, R. Stephens 3, P. Inskip 4, W. Izzard 5, A. Ford 6, C. Izzard 7, L. Turner 8.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Willmington 1, R. Perry 2, J. Pym 3, S. Seager 4, W. Panter (cond.) 5, F. Willmington 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 5, 6.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHES.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Watts 1, Miss B. Rowe 2, Miss E. Wise 3, P. Parry 4, N. Haile 5, B. Walshaw 6, R. D. Airey (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, H. Roeluck 8. First of Triples for all except 6 and 7.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 15th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Ashby 1, F. Burgess 2, A. Beckwith 3, T. Jennings 4, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 5, A. E. Sibley 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Jennings.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Giles', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Parker 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, F. Burgess 3, G. F. Roome 4, S. F. Earl 5, E. Nobles 6, W. J. Dove 7, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss M. B. Valentine.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret L. Tutt 1, F. P. Wright 2, Ruth M. K. How 3, Kathleen Higgins 4, D. Gallop 5, R. B. Meadows 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, M. E. H. Barrow 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for 6.

PADWORTH, BERKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Knight 1, Miss H. Cane 2, D. Farthing 3, D. Cane 4, P. Knight 5, R. F. Crook (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor for all except conductor.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 20th, a quarter peal of Doubles, consisting of one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, St. Colum and Southrepp Pleasures, Old Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Antelope, and 180 Grandsire: W. H. Short 1, R. W. Ferris 2, A. R. Botting 3, K. Stacey 4, W. M. Rowt (cond.) 5, T. Howell 6. To commemorate the fourth anniversary of the first quarter peal by the Association.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Jan. 29th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. D. Duguid 1, J. D. Harris 2, A. T. Greenwood 3, B. C. Stirland 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. F. Burbridge 6, F. W. Rogers 7, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 4 and 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: W. Claydon 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, R. M. Foreman 3, V. Look 4, F. T. Hoad 5, J. W. Crouch 6, A. T. Shelton 7, A. P. Cannon 8, G. Oliver 9, H. A. Hoad 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by 3, 4, 6, 7.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Parker's One-part): A. D. Rivers 1, W. Birmingham 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, Miss A. A. Ewins 4, B. T. Lister 5, W. F. Butler (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, E. H. Preston 8. A farewell to Miss Ewins on leaving the district, and on the eve of Mr. Sinkins' 85th birthday.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral on Jan. 17th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: B. A. Correll 1, H. E. C. Goodenough 2, C. F. Sayer 3, H. V. Frost 4, Miss A. M. Bailey (first quarter on 12) 5, A. Day 6, L. T. Hansell 7, B. C. Johnson (first quarter of Cinques as cond.) 8, A. J. Hatten 9, T. J. Lock 10, W. J. Arnold 11, L. T. Southam 12. First quarter of Cinques in the method on the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise: Miss M. Webster 1, T. Flint 2, G. Challons 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise for 1, 2, 3. For Confirmation service.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,960 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: A. McTiffen 1, G. Latham 2, S. Thain 3, E. Risbey 4, R. Thain (cond.) 5, F. Garland 6.

5,086 SPICED CATERS AND ROYAL

By F. E. DARBY.

(1,250 changes of Stedman Caters, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal, 1,296 Grandsire Caters and 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Royal)

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Rung at Beddington on November 26th, 1949, conducted by C. H. Kippin.

NOTICES

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DEATHS

MILLER.—On Jan. 5th, 1950, Tom Miller, of Queen's Park Road, Harborne, Birmingham, aged 90 years. 6599

WHITE.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, at 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, after a few hours' illness, Jessie Kathleen, the dearly loved wife of Frederick White (formerly of Cranbrook). 6590

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

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CENTRAL COUNCIL Reminder.—I should be glad if all secretaries of associations who have not yet returned to me their completed Roll of Honour Forms would do so soon.—H. Miles, Tolverne, Headland Road, Carbis Bay, Cornwall. 6570

PUBLICATIONS

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

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No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—The Ringing World, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 18th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting the Institute. 6509

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (approach by bus or trolley bus from Manor House to St. Ann's Road Station), 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 6504

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, from 5 o'clock. The payment of 2s. 6d. to enable members who have not attended the requisite number of meetings to vote on financial matters must be paid by Feb. 28th (Rule 12).—A. B. Peck. 6526

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Bexhill, Feb. 18th. Bells 3. Names tea to Rev. F. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. 6531

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Tilsworth on Feb. 18th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Bring own food.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6553

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Committee 4. Service 4.30. Tea at Regal 5. Business, St. Andrew's Hall, 6.—F. Finch, District Sec. 6538

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Bishop's Hull, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6536

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual social will be held at the Church House, King's Langley, on Saturday, Feb. 18th, 7 to 11.30 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) may be obtained at the door.—P. A. M. 6566

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. 21 bus from King Street West. —Richard Benson. 6584

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Cheshunt, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. Newnham, Jasmine Cottage, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross, by 22nd. 6539

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Morris, The Vicarage, Melbourne, by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. 6551

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting (annual), Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Gorleston-on-Sea. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Matther Assembly Room, England's Lane. Names or numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6534

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Feb. 25th, Darlington. Holy Trinity (6) 2.30; St. John's (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 22nd.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 6578

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice, Rowberrow (6), Feb. 25th, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 6567

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Bedworth, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at Howard's Cafe 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.—A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 6569

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open 2.30 (All Saints' 7 p.m.). Service 4.30. Tea FREE to members who notify Secretary by 23rd.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 6571

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, on Feb. 25th at 3.—R. C. Noon, Gen. Sec. 6572

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 25th, Clewer, 3. Tea. Names by 20th. Windsor Parish 6.30.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6576

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting at Westhoughton has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 25th. Same arrangements.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6575

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, King's Lynn, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea, St. Nicholas' Room, 5.15. Names, please, by 22nd to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 6582

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30 in Vicarage. Names to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock, by Tuesday, 21st. 6574

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6585

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Fordingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6586

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Thursday, 23rd, to J. W. Cotton, Oversea. 6596

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Feb. 25th. Bells 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Names to Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, by Tuesday, Feb. 21st. 6595

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—A meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells from 3. We are trying to arrange tea at a reasonable figure for those who send their names by the previous Tuesday to the Rev. G. O. Morgan, 136, Parkhills Road, Bury. 6593

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Feb. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members carry own food. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 6594

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Markfield (6), Feb. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Wardle, Main Street, Markfield, by Feb. 22nd.—J. R. Smith. 6587

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Shapwick, Feb. 25th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 6592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6589

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—The service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at 3.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Feb. 28th. All ringers welcome. 6588

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Ringing meeting, Gorseinon, March 4th. Bells (8) 4 to 7.—E. Stich, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6577

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton Regis (6), near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 4th. Usual arrangements. Tea is by kind invitation to those who let me know by Wednesday, March 1st.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6579

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), March 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6524

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District and Saxmundham District.—Joint meeting at Yoxford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Peasenhall bells (6) also available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold, Suffolk. 6568

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual supper and social of the South and West District will take place at Heston on March 18th. Tickets (8s. 6d.) from tower secretaries. Details later.—F. A. Finch. 6583

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Worcester. General secretary must be notified in good time of those requiring meals.—J. D. Johnson, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6565

Quarter Peals

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Pizzey 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clark 3, J. T. Corder 4, Mrs. J. Willis Betts 5, F. Bloomfield 6, F. Willis Betts (cond.) 7, J. Hynard 8. In memoriam to the Very Rev. E. A. Downes.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Levett 1, S. C. Driver 2, J. A. Downing 3, J. Pennells 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, G. R. Roberts (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a message of sympathy to A. Easton, of the local band, whose wife passed away on Jan. 23rd.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, J. Salway 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. Farewell to R. Sandford on joining H.M. Forces.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. E. Harris 1, Miss E. D. Farrell 2, S. Croft 3, Mrs. O. L. Rodgers 4, H. W. Rogers 5, T. Davies 6, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 7, P. W. Wicks 8.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Smith 1, P. E. Manns 2, J. Sutton 3, R. E. Turner (cond.) 4, S. A. Page 5, G. Smith 6. In honour of the homecoming of Mr. E. F. Smith, who has been in America for 29 years.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Bell 1, J. Brookman 2, W. G. Paul (cond.) 3, S. H. Hoare 4, H. G. Timms 5, G. F. Ball, R.E.M.E. 6, F. H. Crook 7, G. W. Seaman 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ian Couch 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell (first quarter of Minor) 3, Wilfred Hollamby 4, Wm. A. Hughes 5, Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 6.

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