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A MODEL DISTRICT

THERE are various yardsticks by which ringers endeavour to measure the efficiency of their district.

Some measure by the number of peals or quarter peals, others by the variety of methods rung and the popularity of meetings, but there is only one real criterion—the regularity with which the bells are rung for Sunday service. That is the real test. We have in front of us a 1,500-word report of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and the most telling observation was a phrase of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer): 'It is with a certain amount of pride that we can report regular Sunday ringing and weekday practices in nearly every tower.'

There was an attendance of 81 members at the annual meeting of the District, held at Farnham recently, with a strong sprinkling of youth. The bells of St. Andrew's, Farnham, have the reputation, on account of their weight and 'go,' of testing the capabilities of a ringer. Perhaps some of the ringing was not of the standard of proficiency of leaders in the peal ringing fraternity, and knowledge of methods and handling heavy bells, especially to those accustomed to light rings, was not of the best. But what was there was an underlying keenness for the art, from the youngest to the oldest. At an annual meeting there should be on view the graduated scale of ringing proficiency, ranging from those tyros with only a few months' practice to those veterans of 50 or more years. The Ringing Master with his characteristic energy endeavoured to cater for all; he knew only too well their weakness and the standard of their attainments, but it was with an encouraging smile that he enthused them—with love and affection and not the stentorian voice of a sergeant-major.

Later in the day at the annual meeting, when he presented his report, he declared: 'The busiest year on record may well sum up the activities of the District during 1950. The three additional towers that were added to our strength meant three more meetings to be held, and with one exception each of the 15 churches in the district was visited. In addition there were Guild functions to attend and this means that the District has had something to attend every three weeks throughout the year.' We would here interpolate with figures supplied by the District Secretary, Mr. G. S. G. Joyce, which showed an average attendance of 52 people from 16 towers. This is out of a membership of 149 ringing and 21 honorary members. It tells its own story of the strong fraternal spirit in the District.

What is also impressive about the Master's report is the spirit of self-sacrifice that prevails in the District among the more experienced ringers. It reads: 'The thanks of the Guild and District officers are extended to those more experienced ringers who Sunday by Sunday and on every practice night forgo the pleasure of ringing a more intricate and interesting method to ring the "old familiar changes"—plain courses of Grandsire Doubles or Triples. It does get very boring at times and, with striking not too good, it tends to impatience. If the recruits are regular, very keen and really giving of the best that is in them, surely that in itself is a just reward to those who are endeavouring to further our art in the service of the Christian Church. So we ask you all to be patient with the ringers of less experience than yourself, remembering that you too were once at this stage of knowledge, and were glad of help, sympathy and encouragement.' This is real pioneer work.

The District paid its price in the fact that there were no peal successes in spite of five attempts, but there were many quarter peals. Thus the denial of the outward laurel leaves has its inward reward of the spiritual halo. The seed, however, we trust, is not sown on stony ground. Already the District is making plans for the Festival of Britain celebration, and Mr. Joyce said he wanted quarter peals rung in every tower on the opening Saturday. To this end he suggested that two expert teams should tour the six- and eight-bell towers and thus ensure that at least an attempt at a quarter peal was made everywhere. A circular letter would be sent with suggestions and towers would be invited to help each other during the period of the Festival.

A wise step was taken at the meeting of appointing for the first time assistants to the two principal officers—the Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. S. G. Joyce). We have known district affairs to stagnate through the illness or departure of a district secretary, and it is important, particularly where heavy programmes are planned, that efficient deputies should be ready to assist and carry on in emergencies. Mr. E. J. Bragg is the Deputy Master and Mr. R. H. Mills Assistant Hon. Secretary. Mr. R. H. Mills has also been elected to the executive committee in place of Mr. P. Eldridge. The District also shows its interest in the wider fields of the Exercise and is anxious to have a direct representative on the Central Council. Mr. W. H. Viggers, who is at present an honorary member of the Council, has been nominated as one of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's representatives.

Probably the Farnham District will not thank us for giving them the highlight of front page publicity, for, in the words of the psalmist, they 'are not high-minded,' and they do not pretend to be a model to the whole country. But they have developed a sense of vocation and we trust that the young ringers in the towers struggling to master the rudiments of the art will realise the sacrifice behind the older ringers' efforts. The leaders are men in their prime who enjoy a peal on a Saturday afternoon with the next man.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	J. NORMAN HADLEY 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 8
MAURICE G. TURNER 3	ALAN ELSMORE 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
GEORGE A. PACKER 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6	GEORGE L. RODEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. Treble	LEONARD DERRICK 5
*THOMAS G. PHILLIPS .. 2	DAVID G. YEO 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	*WILLIAM J. LOTT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. R. B. H. Kay.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

WALTER J. LEMON .. Treble	ANTHONY E. COX 5
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 2	*WILLIAM PACKER 6
JAMES W. EDEN 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
*JOHN E. CANNELL 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage in this church earlier in the day of Dr. D. S. Hurwood, son of the Rector, and Miss Mary Baker.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan., 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

ROBERT S. F. P. HARRIS .. Treble	RAYMOND L. HUMPHRISS .. 5
H. STEWART BAILEY 2	DEREK PARRY 6
A. TREVOR SUTTON 3	JOSEPH GODDARD 7
STANLEY D. SUTTON 4	FRANK T. PARRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mrs. Price and Rev. W. J. Alan Price (Rector).

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt.

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*PETER GOOD Treble	THOMAS YEOMAN 5
PERCY JONES 2	REV. I. RICHARDS 6
*STANLEY BECK 3	W. DARE 7
REV. A. OSWALD 4	*E. CHARLES Tenor

Conducted by W. DARE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung at the induction and as a welcome to the new Rector and Mrs. Williams and family.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5
GEORGE HESKETH 2	HUGH F. ROBERTS 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT 7
ALFRED CUSICK 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

RALPH SITCH Treble	GEORGE SAYER 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First touch in the method by all and on the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

RENATE BUCHTHAL .. Treble	KENNETH M. GRAYSON .. 5
W. GWYN THOMAS 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT 6
*DIANA M. PANTING .. 3	EWART H. EDGE 7
ELIZABETH M. BROWN .. 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. 2	FREDERICK GRUNDY 6
JACK ASHCROFT 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 7
JAMES W. GROUNDS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
SHIRLEY BURTON 2	LEONARD TREVOR 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. LAWRENCE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
DENIS MADDOCK 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HOWLETT.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The first peal in the method.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. Treble	*RICHARD J. CARTER .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
HARRY G. WAYNE 3	*T. EDWARD HARROLD .. 7
*FRANK S. CHENEY 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 13).

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. Carter, Harrold and F. S. Cheney are members of the local band.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

A Variation of Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
CYRIL S. JARRETT	Treble	FREDK. S. MACEY	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	BASIL A. EDWARDS	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. C. Belsey, widow of Mr. C. Belsey, for many years captain of the local band; also to Mr. J. Cross, father of Trevor Cross, one of the local ringers; also to Mr. F. Holding, for many years a member of the church choir, and Miss A. Baker, the loyal and devoted church cleaner for many years—all of whom have died this week and were buried in the churchyard this day.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,600 London, 1,280 Wembley, 800 Bristol, 800 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, with 129 changes.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES	6
JOHN FREEMAN	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

The first peal of Spiced Surprise Major in five methods by all the band and for the Guild.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
ERNEST E. GRIMES	Treble	*ERNEST BLOMFIELD	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	2	ALBERT E. WHITING	6
*CLAUDE WOODWARD	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM LAST	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

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

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Transposition.		Tenor 11½ cwt.	
E. WINIFRED KEYS	Treble	RICHARD G. BLACKMAN	5
PETER R. BLACKMAN	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT	6
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
HENRY W. STOVOLD	4	H. FRANK DUNFORD	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*EWART A. ANDREWS	Treble
†CLIFFORD J. DARKE	2
*R. ROGER SAVORY	3
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	4
GERALD C. HEMMING	5
*CHARLES N. EDWIN	6
†WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
C. ARTHUR MANNING	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells. Rung as-a 21st birthday compliment to R. Roger Savory, who is at present serving with H.M. Navy.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*MARY SHADRACK	Treble
REGINALD C. THRIFT	2
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3
ERNEST J. RUNTER	4
†WILLIAM J. BARRETT	5
HARRY BRADLEY	6
HERBERT DEVENISH	7
†HENRY W. SHADRACK	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HERBERT DEVENISH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Reginald C. Thrift.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
FRANK L. FISHER	Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
ERNEST W. PYE	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXHALL	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

Rung with half-muffled bells in memory of Henry Miller, chorister at this church for 62 years.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.	
ALFRED SMITH	Treble
WALTER ALLMAN	2
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3
JOHN E. BIBBY	4
WILLIAM BARTON	5
EDWARD JENKINS	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

The full work of each method is done by all the bells in this composition. A 50th birthday compliment to J. E. Bibby.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 10 cwt.	
CHAS. E. JEFFRIES, (son)	Treble	P.C. F. W. SCUDAMORE	5
MRS. DART (née Gardner)	2	ERNEST PALMER	6
*T. JEFFRIES (grandson, 15)	3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES (father)	7
*M. JEFFRIES (grandson, 15)	4	JOHN W. JEFFRIES (son)	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. A compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb.	
*JOHN F. COLLINGS (13)	Treble
†MAURICE A. COLLINGS (14)	2
ROY V. WEBB	3
JOHN S. DEAR	4
EDWIN G. BUCK	5
ERIC EDMUNDSON	6
DONALD C. PRICE	7
THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'



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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*GORDON ELVIN Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE 4
*EILEEN BRACEY 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
*RAYMOND G. LOFTY 3	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Revell.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN BRINSON Treble	*ALGY HOOPER 4
*ALBERT PETERS 2	*FRANK PARAMORE 5
GEORGE PRESCOTT 3	*HAROLD HOOPER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR T. RANDALL .. Treble	†NORMAN B. FOVARGUE .. 4
†WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	†JOHN P. MORRIS .. 5
ALBERT H. BENNETT .. 3	†CYRIL WANDER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in the method. ‡ First peal of Minor in the method on tower bells.

BALLYLESSON, CO. ANTRIM.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, all different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*TOM SMELTZER (17) .. Treble	FRED E. DUKES 4
†RICHIE W. ADAMSON .. 2	†JOHN CAMPBELL 5
†JOHN J. FIELDING .. 3	JOHN T. DUNWOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in the method and of Minor. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Plain Bob Minor on tower bells as conductor.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Oxford Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DOROTHY CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	JOHN M. KEMP 4
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS .. 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 5
ANTHONY R. AGER .. 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

Arranged and rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the wife of John Phillips, ringer of the fifth.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's of Norwich, Ipswich, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

*FREDERICK WALKETT .. Treble	†GEORGE MOUNTFORD .. 4
REGINALD C. PRESTON .. 2	JAMES STANWAY 5
†LESLIE HIGGS .. 3	WILLIAM HAZELDINE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAZELDINE.

* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of College Exercise, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. Treble	DONALD COOMBS 4
*SYDNEY PHILBRICK .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
*PHILLIP SADLER .. 3	*PETER J. KING Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal in seven methods.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	MARY C. PAYNE 3
*MARY A. CARPENTER .. 2	†GEORGE PICKERING .. 4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE Tenor	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANKLIN MOORHOUSE .. Treble	†WILLIAM WALL 4
†NORMA ROBERTS .. 2	ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. 5
†RAYMOND SUART .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. C. E. Webb, of Hawkshead and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LYDIARD MILLENT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

RALPH SHAILES .. Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 4
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	VICTOR GRIFFIN 5
*CYRIL R. SHAILES .. 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*LESLIE TAYLOR .. Treble	EDWIN FISHER 4
*DONOVAN WHITE .. 2	JOHN R. YOUNG 5
ARTHUR YOUNG .. 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 28, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD W. COLLEY .. Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 4
ALBERT E. JONES .. 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 3	ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

Rung for the evening service.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DELIGHT MINOR

Being one extent each of Pontefract, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald and Barham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
PAMELA A. MARTIN 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES 5
*LESLIE S. BAINES 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods. First Delight peal in the county, on the bells and by all the band.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH W. MUTTOCK .. Treble	T. CHARLES BROWNE 4
RONALD E. BURT 2	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
FRANK PEARSON 3	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. J. P. Herbert and Mrs. Herbert.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being Pitman's coupled six-score of Grandsire, five extents of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, Southrepps, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day and Norfolk. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WILLIAM H. SHORT Treble	*PHILLIP L. COOPER 4
JOHN J. CUMMINS 2	GEORGE K. STACEY 5
ROBERT W. FERRIS 3	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. Tenor

Conducted by R. D. FERRIS. Referee, ADRIAN R. BOTTING.

* First tower peal. First peal in nine methods by members of the Association. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Commonwealth of Australia.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 14 methods with 76 changes of method, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure; (2) Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob; (3) Thelwall, Childwall; (4) Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob; (5) Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
CHARLES COLES 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in 14 Minor methods by all the band and on the bells.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 30, 1951, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one Morris' 240 and forty six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR STREET Treble	*ARTHUR CAMPBELL 4
ARNOLD WORTH 2	ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
ROBERT BARRATT 3	HARRY CALLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Ian Davidson and Arthur Campbell.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH THORNLEY Treble	†IAN JONES 4
MURIEL REAY 2	*FREDERICK BROWNLOW .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 3	JOHN ASHCROFT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. Rung in memoriam Mr. F. G. Bradley, of Whittle-le-Woods.

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HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise.

CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK .. 4
*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3	STANLEY GILBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

*First peal in three Minor methods. Rung 'fully muffled' in memoriam Canon Stanley Addleshaw, Rector at this church 1935 to 1945, who passed away on January 25th.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 31, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
GERALD ARMSTRONG .. Treble	WINIFRED MAY BURTO .. 4
MICHAEL E. BROWN .. 2	PETER HALLAM .. 5
GEORGE PICKERING .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
PETER BERESFORD .. Treble	*JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. 4
JOAN BERESFORD .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL .. 5
DENNIS BERESFORD .. 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

*First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 1, 1951, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

DAVID G. JACKSON .. Treble	MILTON C. FOWLER .. 4
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 2	GIBSON JACKSON .. 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE .. 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 2, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston, and one extent each of Capel, Sandal and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*SYDNEY SAGE .. Treble	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
EDWARD HOULDSWORTH .. 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 5
NEIL D. LOMAS .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

*First peal in five methods. Rung in honour of the consecration of Canon Saunders-Davies as Bishop Suffragan of Stockport.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 3, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston; (2) Oxford, Capel; (3) Oxford, Sandal; (4) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston; (5) Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Oxford, Kingston; (7) Oxford, Kent; 47 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD DAWSON .. Treble	†F. RONALD FORSTER .. 4
WILLIAM A. SMITH .. 2	HENRY KIRK .. 5
†JOHN T. MARRIOTT .. 3	ALEC. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ALEC. RICHARDSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Spliced. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of the 4th, who is shortly leaving to join H.M. Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 13, 1951, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4
JOHN J. MORRIS .. 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

James William Washbrook's Variation.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 1-2	ALAN CATTELL .. 5-6
JOHN J. MORRIS .. 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY .. 7-8

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 21, 1951, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,

AT 4, CLARENCE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ERIC SUTTON .. 1-2	FREDK. J. SAMPSON .. 3-4
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 5-6	

Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Roger O. Fry.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED BALLARD .. 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

DENNIS BERESFORD .. 1-2	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD .. 3-4	PETER BERESFORD .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER BERESFORD.

First peal in the method as conductor and first peal on eight as conductor.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 25, 1951, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

AT 116, FOUNTAIN STREET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, with change of method at the end of each extent.

J. J. FIELDING .. 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3-4
JOHN CAMPBELL .. 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

A farewell to the senior curate of Derry Cathedral, Rev. G. C. Willoughby.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*ANNIE BROWN .. 1-2	JOHN THOMAS .. 7-8
*EDWIN J. BROWN .. 3-4	*ROYSTON C. BRYANT .. 9-10
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 5-6	*RAYMOND C. SEAGER .. 11-12

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

*First peal of Maximus 'in hand.'

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 27, 1951, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. NEVILLE HAILE .. 1-2	*ERIC NIXON .. 3-4
*DEREK OGDEN .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. NEVILLE HAILE.

*First peal in four methods. †First peal 'in hand.' First peal in four methods for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH, NEAR CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Gambrell 1, Mrs. A. C. Gambrell 2, Mrs. E. Maynard 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie (cond.) 4, W. Payne 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells 7, A. Kemp 8. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Isaac Harry Burville, a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church for 58 years.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Yates 1, G. Armstrong 2, Miss B. Colver 3, J. Hill 4, C. R. Betton 5, A. H. Hough 6, T. K. Deacon (first in method as cond.) 7, J. L. Hough 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Breward, a lifelong member of Barwell Church.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Howard 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Hatfield (first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Howard 7, S. Hatfield 8.

BENSON, OXON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Douglas (first quarter) 1, F. Absolom (cond.) 2, H. A. Jarvis (first quarter) 3, J. Godman 4, R. D. Wells (first 'inside') 5, J. Cherrill 6.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Jan. 28th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Berwick and Hexham, 576 Beverley and Surfleet): A. E. Larkinson (first quarter of Surprise) 1, R. Wade 2, J. W. Haw 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, F. W. French 5, A. E. Scott 6.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): K. W. Muttock 1, F. C. Arnold 2, R. E. Burt 3, F. Pearson 4, T. C. Browne 5, F. Philippo (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mrs. E. Potter, clerk at Bunwell Church for many years, who was interred the same day.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Gardner 1, V. G. Roberts 2, Mariorie Legg 3, G. Salmon 4, F. G. Sandy 5, R. E. Hudson 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, E. C. Wickham 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Griffiths (first in method) 1, Miss F. Warden 2, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 3, Miss M. A. Bailey 4, Miss R. Ashley 5, Miss M. E. L. Beamish (cond.) 6. First quarter peal by the newly-formed West Midland District of the Ladies' Guild.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miles Hawkins (first quarter) 1, H. Furninger 2, Janet Willis (cond.) 3, George Ruck (first quarter) 4, F. A. Rye 5, Audrey Fagg 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Lola King 1, Miss Judy Dodson 2, C. W. R. Grimwood 3, J. King 4, Miss Pam Collis 5, F. J. Dodson 6, W. J. Simmonds (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Gould (first quarter) 1, R. Talbot 2, A. Honeywood 3, F. Bloomfield 4, G. Barnes 5, P. Barnes (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Bloomfield and P. Barnes.

HURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froom 1, C. A. Eele 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, L. Hall 4, A. Street 5, S. G. Day 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Bailey 8. First quarter of Triples by 1. First 'inside' by 4.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. L. Dadds (first in method) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds (first in method) 3, L. Twyman 4, A. J. Dadds 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, R. Dadds (first quarter) 8.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: E. Smith 1, Miss E. Morse 2, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 3, Miss J. Morse 4, H. Day 5, N. G. Peare 6. Rung in memory of the men of the parish who gave their lives in the 1939-45 war and whose memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. S. Dear 1, F. E. Putwain 2, W. D. Pooley 3, J. Church 4, M. A. Collins 5, R. V. Webb (cond.) 6, H. E. Werrett 7, R. T. Newman 8. First of Treble Bob for 2 and 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Werrett.

PRESCOT, LANCs.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Finney 1, Miss J. M. Preston 2, C. Blackburn 3, R. C. Preston 4, H. Blackburn 5, W. E. Court (cond.) 6, W. Riley 7, W. O. Farrimond 8.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—At the Abbey on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Poole 1, P. Sparkes 2, D. V. Gare 3, W. E. Turner 4, H. Gaylard 5, R. G. Field (first quarter in method) 6, T. G. Setter (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, H. Pope 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 28th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. G. F. Hales (first quarter) 1, D. C. Williams 2, V. Glasspool 3, J. W. Faithfull 4, R. Brown 5, Miss J. Cox (cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, O. N. Curtis 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the Rector's induction. Mr. Hales is the first incumbent of this parish to ring a quarter peal.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bunce 1, A. Bennett 2, J. Jarvis (first quarter) 3, A. Fletcher (cond.) 4, G. Stevens 5, E. Fletcher 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, who are leaving the village for Australia, also for the 32nd wedding anniversary of the conductor.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Bishop (first quarter) 1, Brian Grinter (first quarter) 2, W. Warr 3, H. Penter 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, Miss J. Punnett (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, B. Bladon 5, Miss H. J. Holloway 6. First quarter on the six bells by a Sunday service band.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Goodridge (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss P. Manning (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, B. Bladon 5, Miss H. J. Holloway 6.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (being 540 Grandsire and 240 each of Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day): Mary A. Carpenter 1, Mary C. Payne 2, A. Mansfield 3, H. Humphreys 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. Saunders 6. First quarter in four methods for 1, 2 and 6. Rung as a 51st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (comprising 240 New Doubles, 240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): H. Mansbridge 1, L. A. Tremere 2, R. Currie 3, H. D. Buckingham 4, J. A. C. King (cond.) 5, F. W. Mansbridge 6. First quarter of Doubles in four methods by all.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): J. Newman 1, A. Broyd 2, J. Sinfield 3, W. Twidell 4, J. Scott 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, S.A.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Lamphree (first quarter) 1, P. L. Cooper (cond.) 2, Miss C. E. Lamphree 3, C. H. Bagot 4, F. J. Stander 5, L. H. M. Clift 6. Rung for the beginning of the Federal Jubilee year.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Chappell 1, E. Norman 2, C. Clarke 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Chilcott 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. H. Davis (ringer at Wembdon for 40 years and also local sexton) and Mrs. Davis.

WINTHROP, NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wing 1, W. Mead 2, M. Leach 3, W. Clark 4, Henry J. Cloxton (cond.) 5, G. W. Cloxton 6. Rung for the 81st birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

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Many old members of the Exercise will be
sorry to learn that Mr. Thomas Butler, sen.,
father of Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, is
seriously ill in the Wrekin Hospital, Wellington,
Shropshire.

Mr. John G. Jefferies
achieved his life's ambition
by ringing and conducting
a peal on his 70th birthday in company with
his two sons and two grandsons, making three
generations. Is this a record or are there any
more families who can claim a peal the same
as above?

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, has been in-
doors for weeks with bronchitis. The latest
report is that he is a little better.

Another record to hand this week is 42
methods of Spliced Major 'in hand' by Mr.
George E. Feirn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray and Mr.
Philip Barnes. Congratulation to both bands.

Riding to work on his motor-cycle early on
February 7th, Mr. Len Giles, of Wadhurst,
skidded on the icy road and fractured his collar-
bone. He will be unable to ring for several
weeks.

At Longstanton, Cambs, on February 2nd,
was rung a plain course of Lincolnshire, York-
shire, Cambridge, Superlative and a touch of
London. This is the first time five Surprise
Major methods have been rung at a meeting
of ringers who are all resident members of the
Ely Diocesan Association.

Old ringing colleagues will regret to hear
of the serious illness of Mr. F. T. Wilson, of
Bournemouth. Some four weeks ago he rup-
tured a blood vessel and was taken to hospital
for an operation. He is very weak and it is
the opinion of his doctor that it will be many
months before he regains his strength.

In response to a query as to the oldest band
to ring a tower-bell peal we are informed that
this honour goes to those who rang a peal of
Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, Hart Street,
London, on October 21st, 1933. The total age
was 612 years—an average of 76½ years. The
conductor was Mr C. F. Winney.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Walter Judge and his
band have established a new
record in Spliced Surprise
Major with a peal in 25 methods rung at Dor-
chester Abbey on February 4th. This supplants
Mr. John A. Freeman's band's record of 22
methods rung at Harmston, Lincs, on November
27th, 1948.

With the peal at Leek, Staffordshire, on
January 27th, Mr. A. Peake has rung Cam-
bridge from Minor to Maximus.

Penshurst, Kent, is the eleventh tower in
which Mr. T. E. Sone has 'completed the circle'
(ten eights and one ten). The occasion was on
February 3rd, the peal being rung in honour of
the gift of his first grandchild.

Apsley End ringers demonstrated their pro-
ficiency at darts again on February 2nd by de-
feating colleagues from St. Albans. We assume
the reason for their communication is to prove
that they have not 'one-track' minds. It might
even be a 'leg' pull, to use darts parlance.

Mr. P. Amos thanks the many ringers who
have sent letters of good wishes to him while
a patient in the Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital,
Northampton. He is now in Ward 10 of Free-
land Auxiliary Convalescent Hospital, Freeland,
Oxford, where he will be remaining for a month.

Two promising young ringers, are John F.
Collings (13) and Maurice A. Collings (14) who
rang in a peal at Norton, Herts, on February
3rd. It was Johnnie's first peal and he did not
make a single bad blow and was not spoken to
once during the peal.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk,
is arranging a week's tour of Yorkshire, begin-
ning July 23rd. Ringing will take place for an
hour at six towers each day. There are several
vacant seats in the coach and Mr. Pipe would
be glad to hear from anyone who cares to join
the party.

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VETERANS WHO RANG IN THE LAST CENTURY

Some Interesting Reminiscences

We have received a number of interesting letters relating to those who rang their first peal in the last century.

Mr. Alfred Barnes, of Reddish, Stockport, recalls his first peal on April 11th, 1887, on St. Albans Cathedral bells the method being Bob Triples (Hubbard's ten part). The band was Tom Grant 1, Alfred Barnes 2, John C. Mitchell 3, Walter H. L. Buckingham 4, Walter Battle 5, Geo. W. Cartmel 6, Norman N. Stills 7, Henry L. Waddington 8.

Mr. Barnes' first peal in Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), 'in hand' was on November 19th, 1887, the company being John C. Mitchell 1-2, George W. Cartmel 3-4, Walter H. L. Buckingham 5-6, Alfred Barnes 7-8.

He adds a footnote: 'I may say we are all over 80 years of age and I fear I am the only one who still practises the Art.'

Mr. J. C. Mitchell and Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham rang the composition strictly non-conducted in the presence of two umpires. Mr. George W. Cartmel was the first to call the composition from each even pair of bells.

RANG IN 1878

Of the veteran peal ringers alive, Mr. John Edgar Smith has probably the record. He rang his first peal at Christmas, 1878, at St. Maries' (R.C.) Church, Sheffield. The peal was Grandsire Triples and the band included two of the brothers Hattersley. Mr. Smith, we are pleased to state, is still ringing. His home town is Hatfield, near Doncaster. He is now living at Winterton, Lincs.

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport rang 21 of his total of 535 peals in the last century. His first, Grandsire Triples, was at Caerleon, on January 12th, 1889, and was the first peal by all and the first peal on the bells. He rang six other peals that year.

There were two other ringers who rang their first peal in 1889—Mr. Adolphus Roberts, of Stoke Coventry (he is still a member of the band) and Mr. James George, of Bournemouth. Mr. George's first peal was rung at St. George's, Camberwell.

Mr. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, recalls his first peal rung at Erith on August 30th, 1890, when he was 19. It was Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), conducted by Edwin Barnett. He was then living at St. Mary Cray and he and three others walked the nine miles to Erith and back. He is now the sole survivor of that band. Mr. Emery states that he also rang in a peal at Bromley on December 26th, 1892, with Mr. W. Fright who, he believes, is living at Hythe.

Mr. Edward H. Adams, of Warwick, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's, Putney, on April 7th, 1890. He is now recovering from a bout of influenza, it being 60 years since he had a day in bed.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S FIRST

Provost W. J. Conybeare, late of Southwell Minster, and now living at Quaker Lanes, Warborough, Oxon, writes recalling his first peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Sawston, Cambridge, on April 17th, 1894. This was the first tower bell peal ever rung for the Cambridge University Guild and it was rung at the third attempt.

The ringers on this peal were G. F. Woodhouse 1, E. Banks James 2, Cyril W. O. Jenkyn 3, Rev. A. H. F. Boughie 4, Cyril E. Earle 5, Rev. C. A. Clements 6, Rev. H. Law James (cond.) 7, W. J. Conybeare 8. The Rev. G. F. Woodhouse is a vicar in Yorkshire.

At Woburn, Beds, there are two veterans, viz.—Mr. William Ernest Herbert, who rang his first peal on August 31st, 1893, at Foxearth, and Mr. H. Douglas Harris, at Woburn, on November 27th, 1897. In the last-named peal stood the late Mr. Sidney A. Avis, of Woburn, whose death took place this year.

Mr. George H. Head, of Hampton, Middlesex, rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on July 31st, 1896. A footnote to the peal, as it appeared in the 'Bell News' reads:—'G. Head hails from Ashford and only came to reside in this town the previous day. It was also the first peal of Mr. A. Spice, formerly of Gillingham.'

Probably the veteran ringer of Sussex is Mr. A. W. Groves, of Heene, Worthing. His first peal, Stedman Triples, was rung at Henfield, Sussex, on May 6th, 1894.

SOUTHGATE BAND

For longevity, the original Southgate band of the latter half of the last century take some beating. There are five of the members still living, writes Mr. S. Wade, of Hornsey, although Mr. H. Miller and himself are the only two active service ringers now. The band and their first peals are as follows:—H. W. Newby, Southgate, February 10th, 1896; S. Wade, Hornsey, May 22nd, 1897; A. R. Glasscock, Southgate, June 27th, 1898; W. Tegg, Southgate, November 30th, 1899; H. Miller, Southgate, January 11th, 1900.

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, on February 1st, 1896.

Mr. Frederick S. Price, of Beeston, Notts, rang his first peal on September 25th, 1897, at St. John's, Beeston. The peal was Bob Major, 5,184 changes, composed by Frank Hopgood and conducted by James Hutchley. He is the sole survivor of the band.

In the same year (1897), Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, rang his first peal on March 8th. It was seven 720's of Plain Bob Minor, for the Lancashire Association at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, and was the first peal on the bells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bedford District

The Bedford District's annual meeting was held in St. Peter's Hall, Bedford, on February 3rd and was attended by about 50 ringers. Out-of-county visitors were present from Hertfordshire and Huntingdonshire.

In his report for 1950 the secretary announced that membership had dropped slightly for the first time for many years, the figures at the end of the year being 4 honorary, 96 performing and 7 probationary members. Meetings had been better attended, however, and 18 of the 27 towers in the District had been visited. Eleven peals had been rung, including two 'in hand'; the conducting had been shared by five ringers and four youngsters had rung their first peal.

In the election of officers, Mr. Michael Stephens was re-elected secretary and Messrs. Foskett, Hilson, Jeffries and Spavins elected as committee; Messrs. Bonnet and Huckle were elected Savings Bank trustees. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biddenham on March 3rd. One new member, Peter Burr, of Elstow, was elected.

In addition to the vote of thanks to the clergy, organist and the ladies who had prepared the tea, thanks were passed to Mr. Kenneth Spavins for his work in connection with the Association badges.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Elstow and St. Peter's, Bedford, where a ringers' service was held, and also at St. Peter's during the evening. Methods rung included Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman. Handbell enthusiasts were well looked after, and Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles (as Keg Meg), Bob Major and several Minor methods were rung 'in hand.'

M. S.

Mr. William C. Wakley, of Paignton, Devon, rang his first peal with the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, on November 27th, 1897. The method was Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Harry Sear, of Blechley, Bucks, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Christ Church, Epsom, on April 11th, 1898. All the band came from Kensington, it being the first peal by the St. Mary Abbots Guild. Other names of the band are worth recalling:—W. E. Garrard (cond.), W. E. Judd, A. E. Bradley, A. F. Harris, R. Charge, W. Fox and J. Judd.

Mr. Arthur G. James rang his first peal on February 5th, 1898—Stedman Triples, at Hughenden.

Mr. Harry Kilby, of 106, Lonsdale Avenue, Wembley, scored his first, a peal of Minor, on December 29th, 1898, at St. Mary's, Willesden, when there were only six bells in this tower. Unfortunately, Mr. Kilby has not been able to take an active part in ringing at St. Mary's for the past 12 months owing to ill-health.

Mr. Edwin Barnett rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Crayford on May 18th, 1899, at the age of 14. He was then known as Edwin Barnett, jun..

Holy Trinity tower, Guildford, have two last century peal ringers still active. Mr. A. H. Pulling rang his first peal in October, 1899, at Hawley, Hants, the method being Grandsire Triples, and Mr. H. Hutton on December 12th, 1899, at Holy Trinity, Guildford, also Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Stoke Coventry, rang his first peal on March 8th, 1900.

Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, Surrey, rang in four peals during the latter half of the 19th century. His first peal was at Withycombe Raleigh, Devon, on August 7th, 1900, the method being Grandsire Triples.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Social Follows Quarterly Meeting

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on January 20th and attended by over 60 members and friends from Allesley, Bilton, Bulkington, Harbury, Keresley, Ladbroke, Meriden, Southam, Stoke, Wolvey and the local band.

A service was conducted by the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, Vicar of Chilvers Coton) at the close of an afternoon of ringing. Tea in the Parish Hall was followed by the business meeting, the president taking the chair.

New members elected were:—Miss P. Jennings (Coton), W. E. Burnell, Miss P. Burnell, Miss E. Burnell, D. Thrush and J. Tole (Bilton), Mr. and Mrs. Holden, Miss Purkiss, Miss M. Abbott, M. Styles and D. Wall (Ladbroke), D. Parker (Allesley), B. Thompson (Berkswell) and R. Barratt (Harbury). Ratifications of elections prior to peals were made on behalf of the following:—Mrs. P. Lewington (Reading), Herbert Lewin (Hucknall, Notts), Francis Powell (Mickleton), Gerald Armstrong (Barwell) and Michael Brown (Sapcote).

Mr. F. E. Pervin gave notice of motion that he would propose at the annual meeting in April that the number of districts in the Guild be reduced to two, viz., northern district and southern district.

Votes of thanks to all at Coton who had contributed to the success of the meeting were proposed by W. A. Stote and seconded by F. W. Perrens.

Tower-bell and handbell ringing was resumed until the commencement of the social which continued until 11.30 p.m., about 200 attending. It is hoped that the Guild will benefit to the extent of about £13 by this effort.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOUBLE NORWICH AND 'YE RASCALLY RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Double Norwich rung at Grundisburgh on January 15th is wide of the mark. The method was always called 'Court Eight' by the old Norwich ringers and peals of it were rung in 1741 and 1746 at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, and both were published in the 'Norwich Gazette.' To the first a note says 'which was never done before,' and to the second 'being the second time it was ever rung in the kingdom.' A third was rung at North Elmham, Norfolk, by the Norwich ringers in 1758, conducted by John Chamberlain, who also, it may be remembered, called the 1771 peal which the Grundisburgh peal commemorated. This 1758 peal is described as 'the first time this peal was ever rung in England (Norwich excepted).' Another one was rung in 1774 at Downham Market, Norfolk, with five of the 1771 men taking part. William Warner conducted it, Chamberlain having died a year before.

All these peals were obviously unknown to Mr. Snowdon when he wrote his book on the method. Mr. Snowdon, on page 47, makes two statements which can hardly be correct. He says 'Barton and Lindsey, the two energetic leaders of one of the best companies Norwich possessed.' Neither of these was in the same street as Chamberlain, the conductor of the 1758 and 1771 peals (and also the Court Ten in 1769), who was undoubtedly the great driving force. I pointed this out in an article on him in your paper of December 20th 1940. On the same page, speaking of Robert Chestnutt, Mr. Snowdon says 'between 1817 and 1821 the company used to practise Court Ten at 6 a.m. on Sundays.' Now why Court Ten when they rang the peal of Court Twelve in 1817, and the company was practically intact for some years after and the conductor alive?

And that brings me to 'Ye Rascally Ringers,' quoted on the same page. When this 'poem' was mentioned in your paper a few weeks ago, I pointed out the Snowdon reference. I now find the lines appeared eleven years earlier at the least in the 'Norwich Mercury' for May 24th, 1806. A footnote says 'It brings to our recollection the same epigram on a similar occasion.' So it is more ancient than we thought! It also shows some of the information Mr. Snowdon had from Henry Hubbard was unreliable.—Yours truly,

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

UNSELFISH SERVICE

Dear Sir,—Having followed with much interest the recent correspondence in our journal concerning the Christmas ringing, I am writing to say that I, too, wish to join the many other correspondents in resenting most strongly Group Captain Lister's remarks in his letter, attributing motives of selfish jealousy to Mr. E. H. Lewis' observations.

Those of us who know Mr. Lewis personally (I myself had the honour of being one of his pupils in Brasted tower before the war) will know that throughout his many years of service to the Exercise, all his comments and suggestions have been made with a most unselfish desire for the furtherance and good of our Art. May I respectfully suggest to Group Captain Lister that he would be much better advised to follow Mr. Lewis' example of unselfish service to ringing than to indulge in completely uncalled-for 'mud-slinging' through the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

The consensus of opinion amongst the great majority of ringers is, I am sure, that we should do all we can to further the cause of good striking, the spirit of brotherhood in our bellfries and, above all, regular service ringing of the highest and best possible standard.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

King Alfred's College,
Winchester.

HARRY EGBY

Dear Sir,—The story of a great ringing career, from the diary of the late W. H. Fussell, has been a great pleasure to me and of absorbing interest.

But I have been greatly puzzled by the name of H. Egby which has been frequently referred to. This week's article on page 74 has, however, solved the problem. The reference to a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's, Wokingham, in 1883, led me to check up on the Oxford Guild's first 520 peals, published in 1895, where peal No. 14, the one in question, gives the name, as I suspected, of H. Egby.

Harry Egby will be remembered by the older ringers in the Reading district for he came back to ringing during the first world war after an absence of nearly 25 years from ringing. Both he and myself were members of the band at St. Giles', Reading, under the leadership of Ambrose Osborne. How well I recall his smiling face and the joy he experienced from the wonderful striking which was a feature of St. Giles' tower in those days.

I was never able to find out why he dropped out of ringing for so long a time but the remarks on the Wokingham peal referring to the shift course and the bells being put right later are a good pointer to the course of events. Some years ago while chatting over old times with Tom Newman, of Caversham, I asked Tom why he was so strict about the quality of the ringing at Caversham. His reply was, 'I rang two of my first peals with Egby at Sonning and Wokingham and the ringing was so bad that I took a solemn vow that I would never ring another bad peal in my life.' There is little doubt that Tom Newman tried to live up to that vow for a missed dodge in a peal was enough for him to set his bell and tell the ringers, 'We'll try again next week, and see if you can strike it then.'

H Egby rang 15 peals and conducted seven for the Oxford Guild between 1882 and 1890 when he rang the third bell to a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Laurence's Church, Reading. This is the last peal of his that I have been able to trace prior to his giving up ringing but he later rang one or two more peals round about 1920 after his return to ringing.

It is a pleasure to remember my boyhood days, when I was able to ring with such stalwarts as W. H. Fussell, W. Newell, F. Hopgood, T. Newman, that prince of ringers, Canon Coleridge and last, but not least, that patient instructor to whom I owe so much, Ambrose Osborne.

W. SIMMONDS.

Hersham, Surrey.

'SUMMAT 'AS GONE WRONG'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cook's letter must not pass without comment. No reasonable person will disagree with him when he says that the best efforts of the humble ringer are perfectly acceptable in the sight of God, and he should not worry about the fact that the 'elite' (to use his term) may frown upon his efforts. If they do, then they are being most unchristian—provided Mr. Cook's effort is his best.

Now I have had the pleasure of Mr. Cook's company at many a meeting and have rung a few peals with him. He is certainly not 'a very bad striker' and to claim in the ringers' journal that he is one is a poor way indeed of trying to win support for the argument he puts forward in his letter. Such a statement is bad for his Guild and, worse than that, bad for him.

Now come on, Jack, be honest with yourself—admit that it's a heavy bell you can't strike yet, and that summat 'as gone wrong'!

KEN CROFT.

Southampton.

THIS RECORDING BUSINESS

Dear Sir,—In reply to a recent letter sent to you by the Rev. I. T. Page-Wood, in which he has sought to criticise my article on the misuse of recording apparatus, if I was guilty of ambiguity, I apologise; but it would appear that he doesn't acknowledge the logic of the points mentioned. It is a fact that, to many people, recorded bells are deceiving; is this consistent with the Church's teachings? Truth may be defined as 'Real.' If a thing is not 'Real,' but a 'deception' it must be **untruthful**; and here, to support my statement, I shall refer him to the Scriptures: St. John, chap. 4, verse 24.

The act of ringing one bell or more prior to a service is a ritual not less important than many more carried out in the churches.

To suggest that my views are retrograde is most amazing. Science and modern methods of engineering have done much to make bellringing a pleasure to ringers and more pleasant to the public; hearing-aids and microphones in our cathedrals are an asset to many; I am all for these grand evocations.

If my critic thinks recorded bells are a happy substitute then, on that principle, because a church is without either organist or choir, it is right to use a radiogram in the chancel to accompany the congregation with hymns, etc. The financial aspect is a problem, I agree. But if a person presents a small 'Sanctus bell' to a church, in memoriam of some dear one, I don't think the cost would be a deal more, if as much, as a stained-glass window.

The Church must retain its dignity and not resort to monstrosities which are redolent of the fairgrounds and amusement arcades.—Yours faithfully,

J KENNETH WAGSTAFF,
Deputy Ringing Master,
St. Peter's, Nottingham.

SYNTHETIC NOISES

Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of October 27th, 1950, the above is condemned in very strong terms. 'The Ringing World' of January 12th, 1951, states that selection for broadcast is about the highest honour that can be conferred on a tower. What difference is there whether these noises are produced as stated (in the issue of October 27th) or by the B.B.C. (January 12th)?

It was my privilege to ring for two services on Christmas Day: had our bells been used for a broadcast I should have been absent.

Thousands of ringers rang their bells on Christmas Day. Surely this was a greater performance than that given by the B.B.C. I doubt if one in a thousand tuned in with the express purpose to listen at 9.20 a.m.

For Christmas, 1951, from every steeple throughout the land, also overseas, let the bells ring at midnight and also let all members of the Christian community throughout the world assemble at their place of worship to welcome this great feast of peace and goodwill.

If this is done we may find the peace the whole world is longing for just round the corner waiting for us.

I am convinced that if the peoples of the world only knew what they wanted they could get it. The unfortunate part is they do not know what they do want.—Yours faithfully,

Bridgwater, Somerset. B. T. JEANES.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, SMITHFIELD

Dear Sir,—The bells at St. Bartholomew the Less are a ring of three plus a small Sanctus bell. All three were late 14th century bells but the treble was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1869.

The ring of five at St. Bartholomew the Great are all by Thomas Bullisdon, a London founder at the beginning of the 16th century. They are the only complete mediæval ring of five in the country by the same founder. I took part in some ringing there over 40 years ago.—Yours faithfully,

A. A. HUGHES.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

A Gilbert Thurlow Report

THIS was held in Cambridge on February 3rd. Appetites were encouraged during the day by ringing which took place at Saffron Walden and at Cambridge (the Roman Catholic Church, St. Benet's, Great St. Mary's and Great St. Andrews), at all of which places it was a joy to renew old acquaintance with both bells and people.

At a business meeting held in Great St. Andrew's vestry, Central Council members were elected in the persons of E. M. Atkins and Stan E. Darmon. Then the reprinting of the Guild History was discussed. The delightful History, printed on his own press by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake in 1931 (which by the way credits H. S. T. Richardson with being Master in 1705 but doesn't say whether they rang for Trafalgar then, and W. H. J. Hooton as Master in 1621—did he ring for the Consecration of Bishop Laud that year?) being now out of date, it was decided to proceed with preparations for reprinting it together with an account brought right up to 1951. It is essential, if this valuable contribution to ringing history is to be made, that all who would like a copy (probably 6s.) should get in touch with the writer at 3, Colegate, Norwich, and do it now. Deep sympathy was expressed with Major J. H. R. Freeborn, who was prevented from attending the dinner by the passing away of his sister-in-law.

The dinner was held at the Dorothy. The president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, senior tutor of Selwyn College, presided with his usual grace and charm.

The toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by the Very Rev. W. J. Conybeare, Provost Emeritus of Southwell, who took part in the Guild's first tower bell peal at Sawston, in 1894. Describing ringing experiences, starting with his boyhood at Barrington, he spoke most feelingly of what ringing has meant to him, particularly amongst the very many who ring bells with such loyal regularity in village and town churches about the land each Sunday. When he was Archdeacon of Nottingham he always had at least a few rounds with the ringers at each church he visited where ringing was done. Now retired, he met many ringers still in the churches where he helps.

Tim Watt, the present Master, replying for the Guild, said that achievements since the last dinner included five tower bell peals in methods up to Lincolnshire and Rutland, and Stedman Caters, five handbell peals, and 22 new members. They rang at St. Andrew's each Sunday and at Great St. Mary's with the Cambridge Youths.

He then told some borderline stories, such as that if a bell was left lying in a churchyard more than a fortnight, another parish could nab it; also that in 1840 new ropes cost 3s. 6d. each ('too bad, too bad' under his breath, from a certain guest); that Bunvan thought bell-ringing was immoral so found it safer to watch other people doing it than to indulge himself. Returning to the present, he rejoiced in the prosperity of Adelaide University Guild which founded its rules on Cambridge's, and regretted the absence of Oxford friends who had not only arranged a lunch on this very day but had also proposed that we postpone our dinner for their lunch (loud laughter). They rejoiced at having two American members, who they hoped would spread interest in the Art in their land. (On paper this makes a jolly good speech.)

Michael Harford proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' felt that more stories should be told and spoke of the sexton who, seeing a skeleton walking out of the churchyard, enquired the reason and was told 'I am going to get my teeth under the Health Service.' Later the skeleton returned and was seen going out again with a tombstone on its back. Further enquiry brought the explanation, 'I had to return for my Identity Card.'

He welcomed Canon Woodard, Vicar of St. Andrew's, and the Cambridge Youths, represented by the Master, Harry Martin, Jim Quinney and Tom Chinery, also Dennis Layton of the London University Guild, Paul Taylor, who was responsible for some of the bells they rang, and D. K. Adkins and Miss Smith, friends of members.

Feeling the call of fiction once again stronger than that of fact, he finished with the tale of the Australian town whose street names are those of birds, and where a policeman found a dead horse in Cassowary Street. In his diary he wrote: 'Found dead hoss in Cawsa . . . Corsor . . . Kaw . . .' then in despair dragged the beast into Emu Street.

Harry Martin, Master of the Cambridge Youths, replying on behalf of the guests—despite the fact that he had tried unsuccessfully to 'shed the load' of doing this—spoke of the goodwill existing between the University Guild and the Youths. The Youths had made fine strides recently and now had a ten bell band for Sunday ringing at Great St. Mary's. He had heard of a vicar nearby who thanked some ringers thus: 'It's a treat to hear your heavenly ringing—at least, it's like nothing on earth.' He said what a pleasure it was for the Cambridge Youths to see the older members of the University Guild again at such meetings.

Canon Woodard, also replying for the guests, stressed with becoming humility his ignorance of the Art, but even he had noted that some ringing seemed to have more rhythm and purpose than other ringing. Certain of his parishioners describe their spiritual life thus: 'We don't come to church, but we hear the bells ring.' He was grateful to the Guild for ringing for services at St. Andrew's, whose historic belfry he loved.

The writer having no more notepaper, speeches came conveniently to an end, and some members adjourned to Michael Stott's rooms in Sidney for coffee, whilst others are said to have rung handbells in Clare music room. Sunday ringing for those lucky enough to be still up concluded a very happy time.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Christchurch District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District held at Christchurch on February 3rd was well attended. The Vicar of Christchurch, Canon R. P. Price, took the service in the Priory and presided at the subsequent business meeting. The Rev. J. Coutts, M.A., assistant priest of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and a practical member of the band of ringers at that church, preached. Upwards of 50 members attended the service and meeting.

The hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Davis, reported some disappointing attendances at meetings during 1950 and urged for improvement during the coming year. The District suffered the loss by death during the year of three members—the Rev. C. A. Philips and the Rev. R. F. Routh and also the young airman ringer of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Mr. Percy Brayshaw, who was killed in a flying accident in March. The meeting stood in silence in tribute to their memory.

There were brighter items in the report: Sunday service ringing was being well maintained in most towers, peal activity was meeting with some success and the standard of ridging improving.

When the officers were elected some younger members accepted office. Mr. David Reed, of Ringwood, was elected chairman, Mr. Ronald Marlow a District representative and Mr. Roy Hurst became District auditor. Other officers were elected for a further term of office. Quarterly meetings were arranged for the coming year and the District accepted Southampton District's invitation to combine at Lymington, Milford and Brockenhurst for a day's ringing on August Bank Holiday. The date of the George Williams Commemoration Dinner and Bournemouth Rally was fixed for Saturday, May 5th. Ringing took place on the Priory bells in a variety of methods including Grand-sire and Stedman Cinques and Surprise Major on the back eight.

SOUTHWELL GUILD DINNER

East Retford's End of Year Ceremony

THE third annual dinner of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, held in the Pheasant Hotel, East Retford, on January 27th, proved a very pleasant social function. The number attending was smaller than in previous years. The dinner was kept as informal as possible, toasts being reduced to a minimum and speakers, taking their cue from the chairman, the Rev. H. N. Hodd (Vicar of East Retford), kept speeches short.

The Mayor of East Retford, Councillor A. F. Walker, was the guest of honour, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuinness were welcome guests from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Mayor proposed the toast of 'The Church,' which was responded to by the chairman who made a few pointed remarks about ringers not attending the church services for which they called other people. He (the chairman) recommended visitors to adopt the beautiful and solemn watch night service held each year at St. Swithun's Church, East Retford, when he and his ringers combined to produce a memorable act of worship.

In that service when the bells have been rung half-muffled and then been lowered and the midnight hour struck on the tenor bell, Tennyson's famous poem, 'Ring out, wild bells,' is slowly recited as the bells are raised again in peal for the New Year.

The toast of 'The Southwell Diocesan Guild' was given by the hon. general secretary, Mr. J. W. Raithby, and replied to by Mr. H. T. Rooke. The chief point raised by Mr. Raithby

was the duty of ringers to man the bells of their church for service ringing. Without proper service ringing, ringers would soon find that incumbents were chary of allowing meetings and peal attempts.

Mr. Rooke in his reply urged the setting up of a school for instructors to improve the standard of ringing in the diocese.

The last toast of the evening, 'The Visitors,' was proposed by Mr. F. W. Vernon in witty vein.

In his reply, Mr. Charles McGuinness referred to the warm ties existing between his Guild and the Southwell Guild. He also spoke of the debt of gratitude the Exercise in general owed to those who organised such functions as dinners and who, of necessity, took certain financial risks. Guilds had to have boundaries, went on the speaker, but the boundary was only a line and not an iron curtain. Dinners gave an opportunity for fellowship and (amidst laughter) the speaker made a habit of attending as many as he could.

As an antidote to speechmaking, Mr. John Segar tapped out courses and touches on handbells in various methods from Surprise Minor to Grandsire Caters and, as if to show his versatility, afterwards entertained the company to a display of thought reading.

During the afternoon the bells of the Parish Churches of East Retford and Ordsall were open to visitors and good use was made of them.

The arrangements for the dinner were admirably carried out by Mr. Kenneth Boardsall with the assistance of the local committee.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—9

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

BEACONSFIELD EPISODE

In January, 1884, Mr. Fussell records how he and his brother Alf walked to Farnham and from thence rode to Beaconsfield with A. Batten, Batten jun., C. Chapman, C. Clarke, J. Parker and Basden. After putting up at the Saracen's Head they went up the tower (after 7 p.m. prayers) but were not successful owing to ropes slipping, etc. and he writes:—

The 2nd was the worst in the tower, the 4th about as bad; 3rd and 5th went best, while the treble rope came right out of the groove and the bell set up, stopping up completely. It was impossible to pull it off again as the rope got into such an awkward position round the stock, so as time for ringing was nearly expired we returned to the Saracen's Head, after letting the back 5 down in peal. Some trouble was experienced in getting up the tower to open the trap door so we could hear the bells better while ringing, the key of the staircase door being at the Vicarage and most of the locals didn't care to trouble the Rector by asking for them. One of them volunteered to climb up the scaffolding outside the tower, erected for some repairs. . . . He had a difficult climb because the workmen had removed the ladders (being Saturday) that the boys might not get climbing about the building on Sunday. After scrambling up some poles and ladders to the top, he had to let himself down some distance on to another part of the scaffold to get into the belfry loft and amongst the bells. . . . He had just got to the trap door when Mr. Chacey came with the key!

'At the pub we passed a pleasant evening, Parker playing the concertina, Alf and I on the handbells. We played "Darby Kelly," which went well considering my brother and I never practise tunes together. We got the Beaconsfield ringers to ring some rounds, one to each bell, which highly pleased them. The landlord—Mr. Collins—was very hospitable, giving us several mugs of ale and a cigar all round.'

They stayed till 11 o'clock and arrived at Farnham at midnight. Here they had another stop at Mr. J. Parker's house for a cup of tea, bread and cake, till 12.30. Mr. Fussell then writes: 'Chapman did not come in with us but went home straight to bed, as the night before he had been out all night, and laid in bed all Saturday till Parker called in and went to his bedroom to wake him up and come to Beaconsfield. However, he was excellent company while we were out. Parker, Chapman, my brother and I had one trap and the Battens, Basden and Clarke another. My brother and I got home 1.15 a.m. after a pleasant outing. Walked home across the fields which Batten said were in fair condition, but we had cause to wish we had taken the roadway.'

He mentions many walks to Windsor, sketching, etc., and on one occasion on his return 'called in Alf's in the evening and practised tunes on the handbells, four each, and gave Fortescue, over at the Queen of England, a livener-up with a tune outside. This was the means of us going inside and keeping it up till 2 o'clock in the morning. Pimm and Fortescue tried some lapping on the handbells and a few rounds. We agitated them to such a degree that we parted with the intention of making up a "club" to meet weekly and learn handbell ringing properly.'

A day or so after he writes: 'Called on Alf and found his children were up, with a friend. As soon as I got in they were at me with "do some bells" as they called it. This was pricking out the changes of 3, 4 and 5 bells on a slate with pencil. I had shown them the way about twice previously and they very quickly picked it up. Ethel, about eight years old, and Flora, seven, and Letty, about eight. After using the slate a little time I took down a small set of

handbells and instructed them in ringing rounds, etc.'

A BIRTHDAY SERENADE

On another occasion he writes of a visit to Farnham where he met the Rev. S. F. Marshall and just as they arrived at the church met Brown, who asked them to stay awhile as there was a service of some sort on. 'We stood outside examining tombstones, etc., waiting and wondering why Parker and the others had not come, when all at once we were fairly dazed and struck with astonishment to hear five bells start off ringing. This was a little trick of Brown's, who did not let us know whether anyone was up the belfry. When we got up, Parker was equally surprised, but we finished with a 504 Grandsire Minor then went to the Duke's Head till 12.' At this time they seem to have been keen on handbells and on one occasion, 'Fortescue, New, Alf and I took them to Pimm's house and played outside his window. Afterwards went inside and continued ringing tunes and singing till 11 o'clock, it being Pimm's birthday. My fingers were very sore with so much handbell ringing.'

On another visit: 'Met Garraway, Dennett, Gould, Higgs and Udell to hear them play tunes on handbells very creditably—12 and 14 bell airs in which the chords were brought in very nicely. Since I last heard them they have improved very much. One good point in them is the fact of sticking together and keeping up practice as "Windsor Amateur Handbell Ringers' Society."

A MUFFLED 'SCRIMMAGE'

January 30, 1884. 'While out for a walk in the evening I heard Slough bells ringing with the muffles on, in memory of the late Mr. S. Elliman. After a breakdown I heard them complete a supposed 720 of Grandsire Minor which occupied them about 27 minutes at the most and yet they were ringing over 30 changes per minute. After about 20 minutes a general clash together took place but owing to the muffles it did not sound so bad. Soon after, however, the change 135246 turns up for the second time and soon after a few little scrammages took place in 4-5-6 while getting them in position, the two last treble leads were brought home nicely and rounds came up well. They finished with some Doubles half-muffled and let them down soon after 9.15, a very unusual thing for Leader to allow ringing so late in the evening.'

Next day Mr. Fussell says: 'Sent a postcard to Parker to tell him we were going to Camberwell so that Joe cannot say we have been underhand in not letting him know. Although he is a "College Youth," should like him to be with us on Saturday, as there are few so straightforward in saying what they mean. I was also pleased to hear the "Cumberlands" have been very successful this week.'

On the Saturday, with his brother Alf, he walked to Datchet and took a peal book he (Mr. Fussell) had written up, and a peal board. 'The board was a little trouble owing to the wind being so strong and blowing us about. Caught the 2.35 train and by mistake got out at Clapham Junction instead of Vauxhall. However, by means of a tram to Vauxhall Cross and another via Camberwell Road we got to the church at 4.40. Went to a coffee house and had tea and went up the tower about 5 and fixed the board. After some refreshment in a house they usually go to in St. George's Road, we began the peal about 6.50 and rang Holt's ten part in 2 hours 55 minutes, conducted by A. H. Gardam. After spending a few minutes with them we went to Walworth Road Station. French, of the "College Youths," who was outside and heard the last part of the peal, came to the station with us. With regard to the peal board, they were all pleased with it and

seemed to be satisfied with the way it was written.

'After arriving at Swiss Cottage, we had some trouble in finding "Bellsiz Park Gardens." We got to Lancaster Mews about 12.20 when we saw Mr. Groom who married my brother's wife's sister. Here we stayed till 9.30 on Sunday morning, when we walked to Haverstock Hill and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob. We broke down at 300 but Hannington was determined we should get a 720 and kept ringing till 3 minutes past 11 to finish it. Then we adjourned to the Village Working Men's Club. While there we were highly amused at some readings that were going on, and some pieces of poetry were given in a most effective manner, by a Mr. Bonnick. The room was quite crowded with working men—in fact it presented a most innocent way of passing Sunday morning for such class of men and was the means, I am sure, of preventing a good deal of vice in other ways. No one was admitted to the room unless introduced by a member and had to pay 1d. for admittance.

'After dinner went for a walk of about seven miles; then, after tea, went to St. Martin's where we arrived rather late. However, a start was made for 720 Double Stedman Slow Course. This came to grief after about 500 . . . We got home by train 11.30 p.m.'

Next day Mr. Fussell set off from Slough at 1.30 and walked to Reading 'and arrived in good condition at 5.30.' After tea he went to St. Mary's and rang till 9.30 and remarks: 'I was pleased to notice several young hands coming on here in the Art. A son of Swains (about 13 or 14 years old) rang the second well in attempts at half-null ringing.'

ST. LAURENCE, READING—RULES

At this time he visited St. Laurence. Reading, and reports: 'After giving most of them a turn on the tower bells we rang the last 700 Holt's Original of Triples.' The matter of rules came up and 'some dispute arose with Wiltshire and others about fines to be imposed, and members being marked present who came late to chime on Sundays. It was resolved to write: "Members cannot expect to have their names marked if they arrive after 10.45." The service being at 11 a.m. this gives them 15 minutes' grace. With regard to the St. Laurence Society there are a great many points in their favour, being all of a most respectable position and all well-to-do young fellows. They would feel the imposing of fines an insult, and with reference to being marked present in the attendance book for the sake of a few shillings at Christmas, they would be sure to taunt each other with being there for the sake of getting the mark and such like . . .

'A peal at St. Mary's came to grief after ringing 4,000 changes and over, mostly. I expect, through Egby being excited as they were about in the last part, he would be too heated to put anyone right if they went wrong; 3 and 5 shifted and in putting them right he changed with the 4th.'

On February 9th, 1884, Mr. Fussell went to Enfield for a peal and says Gardam had received a composition from N. Pitstow a few days previously which he was anxious to call. 'Just as we finished the first part in the last Course the tenor rone came untucked at back-stroke and owing to the ropes of 7th and tenor hanging up in the holes in the ceiling, it was impossible for Barrett to ring with a single rope and "stand" was called. The peal was 7,000 but after ringing 3 hours 6 minutes we were compelled to give up after ringing 5,056 just. The striking was really good.

'Went to the George Inn after and the sexton and local ringers joined us. The sexton, who is a baker by trade, promised to put the performance on a board with the other they rang some time ago, but we decided to start again for the 7,000 or else a peal of Stedman. I noticed that the sexton was a most jovial man and very much taken with the Cumberlands although he was a College Youth. In the tower I noticed two peals by the Junior Cumberlands. Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by a Wm. Williams.' (To be continued.)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Progress of North and East District

The North and East District annual meeting held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on January 27th, attracted nearly 100 members and friends, the latter coming from the Home Counties and Northants. It was unfortunate that the Rev. P. Gough, president of the Association, was unable to be present owing to indisposition and there were also other absentees through illness.

The Association's Form was used at the service held in St. Giles', the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. C. Taylor. In his address Rev. Taylor gave food for thought by referring to the Beveridge Report on the B.B.C. in so far as it deals with the broadcasting of religious services, and pointing out that one of his duties is to find and preach to converts. The report was a great detrimental act against religious organisations.

After tea the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president. Election of new members included the Rev. G. C. Taylor (honorary), Messrs. J. G. M. Scott (Cheshunt), S. Warwick (Harrow Weald) and Miss J. Midgley (London) as ringing members and W. Simmonds (Hersham) and Miss J. Cox (Southampton) as non-resident life members.

The secretary's report for the past year mentioned that seven district meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40; that the district had lost through death Messrs. C. H. Martin (Hendon), W. Pickworth (late Southgate), G. Charge (Holloway), W. H. Seabrook (Surbiton) and G. Radley (Broxbourne); that 31 ringing members and 10 non-resident members had been elected and that a total of 103 quarter peals had been rung, mainly for services, but this was eight less than the previous year.

The statement of accounts was presented and this showed that receipts had increased by £5 7s. compared with the previous statement, mainly through peal fees and the balance to be carried to the Central Fund of the Association amounting to £33 3s. 9d. The report and statement were adopted.

The district officers re-elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. A. Cutler; secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant secretary, Mr. C. F. Neal; auditor, Mr. W. N. Genna; Messrs. Begrie, Hart and Parsons were elected representatives on the Central Committee.

A motion to hold district meetings on the second Saturday of each month was approved and a list of towers for meetings to cover the rest of the year was agreed upon. Thanks were accorded to the several incumbents and tower keepers for their part in ensuring the success of the meeting.

Ringing took place at Bishopsgate, Clerkenwell, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Westminster.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with everything that Mr. Bottrill said in his letter in the issue of January 26th. It is a pity there are not more men of Mr. Bottrill's capabilities in the Canterbury District; indeed he appears to be the lone oasis in a desert.

The Kent County Association is, we know, one of the most flourishing of the Associations and the Canterbury District has, perhaps, more members and towers than most districts, but the funny part is that Grandsire is the rule and bad striking is usual, whereas in the Ashford District Surprise methods are rung and yet their striking is miles ahead of ours.

Carry on with the good work, Mr. Bottrill; we can do with more men like you in the Canterbury District, who travel miles at their own expense to teach people like me who want to learn new methods and to get on.—Yours, etc.,

A LEARNER.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Shrewsbury

The annual meeting at Shrewsbury on January 27th attracted visitors from Crewe, Birmingham, Truro, Northampton, etc., the total assembly numbering nearly 50.

Standard methods up to Royal were rung at St. Mary's before adjourning to St. Chad's for Cinques and Maximus and the Association service.

Full justice was done to a most substantial tea after which the necessary business was transacted. Officers for 1951 are:—Ringing Master, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst; deputy, Mr. F. H. Bennett; secretary, Mr. E. J. Rowe; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer; Central Council Representative, Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Presenting his report, Mr. Rodenhurst appealed for better striking this year and mentioned the Surprise Major peals at Market Drayton by local ringers.

The treasurer considered the finances satisfactory chiefly because the cost of the report was so reasonable.

It was reported that two names had been submitted for the Ringers' Roll of Honour.

'Numerous new members' suggests that recruiting is going on, to some extent at least, and the meeting closed with arrangements for 1951 meetings provisionally as follows:—Coalbrookdale, Market Drayton, Wrockwardine or Wellington, Berrington and Cound, Hodnet, High Erroll and Whitchurch.

A return was made to the tower and some members went to 'grab' Wroxeter, where the bells are seldom heard nowadays.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

'Prospects' of Cathedral Bells

A pleasing feature of the quarterly meeting of the Association at Cowbridge on February 3rd was the presence of a large number of young ringers among the company of over 60 who attended.

There was two hours' ringing in various methods before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar and enjoyed by all. The visitors were then invited to tea in the Parish Hall where their needs were ably looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Coles and their lady helpers.

The business meeting followed and was presided over by the Vicar who, before opening the proceedings, asked the members to stand in silence in memory of three members who had recently passed away—Mr. G. Wines (Pentre), Mr. A. Hawkins (Usk) and Mr. H. Baldwin (Rumney).

The secretary reported that there were some prospects of something being done to Llandaff Cathedral bells and enquiries were being made to that end.

A discussion then took place on correspondence in 'The Ringing World' on the Christmas broadcast and it was proposed by Mr. Arthur Hoare and seconded by Mr. J. W. Jones that 'this Association deprecates the terms in which a writer of a letter published on January 19th attacks Mr. E. H. Lewis and disassociates itself with it altogether.' New members were elected from Newport (All Saints), Blaenavon, Porthkerry and Cowbridge.

It was decided to leave the choice of the next Glamorgan meeting to the annual meeting which will be held at Cardiff on Easter Monday.

LADIES' GUILD

About 35 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Wiltshire Branch at Trowbridge on January 27th. The service was conducted by the Rev. Pelly, with Miss R. Maundrell at the organ. At the business meeting Miss M. E. Richards was re-elected vice-president and Miss R. Gibbons was elected secretary and treasurer. Urchfont was chosen for the next meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Annual Meeting and Dinner

The annual meeting and dinner of the Society of Roving Ringers was held at Birmingham on February 3rd. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Chad's Cathedral, Bishop Ryder's Church and Aston Parish Church, methods ranging from Stedman Triples to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques.

The dinner, which was held at the Cobden Hotel, took place in the evening, the Society being honoured by the company of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. George E. Fearn.

Mr. J. Martin Page was elected to take the chair at the third annual meeting which followed the dinner. The election of the officers for 1951 resulted as follows:—Master, Mr. Roger O. Fry; secretary, Mr. T. Mark White; treasurer, Mr. David Beveridge; recorder, Mr. Peter N. Bond. Mr. Alan Butler was elected to the Records Committee. Two propositions were before the meeting regarding the place for the 1951 tour and after much discussion the matter was finally settled. Four new applicants were recommended for membership.

The chairman thanked Mr. Walker for the hospitality of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Mr. Fearn for all the help he had given in arranging the ringing. Mr. Walker, in reply, welcomed the Society to Birmingham and said that although he had heard of the Society, he had no idea that they were so organised until that meeting.

Further ringing took place at St. Philip's Cathedral and St. Martin's Church on Sunday.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On January 20th the Northern District held its annual meeting at Bocking when some 46 members attended from 15 parishes. Solemn Evensong was held in the Deanery Church conducted by the Sub Dean (the Rev. G. Rush) and an address was given by the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. E. Rogers).

Miss H. Snowden presided over the business meeting supported by the Dean, Sub Dean and Mr. G. Cole (churchwarden). The secretary's report on the last year showed that five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 36; 53 new members had been elected and 19 peals had been rung.

Miss H. Snowden was re-elected Master, Mr. H. A. Pratt secretary and treasurer and Messrs. H. W. Smith and G. Brendell committee members. Five new members were elected and Earls Colne was chosen for the next meeting on March 31st.

The proposal of an Association badge was fully discussed and a satisfactory show of hands agreed that badges would be welcomed and purchased. Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and the ladies who prepared the tea.

After the meeting some members rang handbells whilst others returned to the belfry. During the afternoon and evening a large variety of methods was rung from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major.

BURES MEMORIAL FUND

Dear Sir,—Two trebles are being added at Bure's tower to complete the octave. They are being installed to the memory of Dr. Thomas Wood, D. Mus. Oxon, who was a great friend of all ringers both morally and financially.

No appeal towards restorations, etc., was ever refused by him. It was due to his lead that the augmentation was put in hand and some of his last words to me were: 'What a ...and day it will be when we hear the eight ringing out from our tower.'

It is felt that a number of people would like to be associated with this most fitting memorial. Australians also will be interested as he was the author of 'Cobbers', which earned him a high reputation in Australia.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE MILLS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.
Dr. Wood Memorial Bell Fund.

Lyford, Colchester Road,
Bures, Suffolk.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch

Favoured with beautiful weather, the Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at the well-known holiday resort of Paignton on February 3rd and it was well attended, visitors coming from Buckland Newton (Dorset), Honiton Clist, Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Dartington, Totnes, Dartmouth and Plymouth, as well as some of the local ringers. The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) and the general secretary (Mr. E. T. Taylor) also attended.

The bells, which have lately been restored, were made full use of during the afternoon, some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major being rung as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers.

A short service was later held in church, this being conducted by the Vicar of Paignton (the Rev. G. H. K. Pedley) who extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors.

After tea in the schoolroom, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect to Mr. J. H. M. Smith, of Dawlish, a member of the branch, who had recently died.

A letter was read from the B.B.C. (West Region) on the broadcast of church bells and the secretary was requested to make another enquiry on the subject.

Two non-resident life members, Miss D. M. Walden and Mr. N. B. Davis, of Piddihinton, were elected, and it was reported that the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Newton Abbot, and Mr. F. M. Atkins, of Teignmouth, had been added to the list of resident members in the branch.

The secretary's report was adopted. The treasurer's report was also produced and adopted, this showing a slight increase in the General Fund and a decrease in the Instruction Fund.

The following officers were unanimously elected—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; assistant secretary, Mr. W. J. Harvey; auditor, Mr. B. H. Cooper; general committee, Messrs. C. F. Austin, F. Turner and W. C. Wakley. It was also recommended that Mr. F. J. Pillar should deputise as auditor if the occasion arose.

The next meeting was fixed for April 21st at Totnes with Littlehempstone, subject to the necessary permission.

The Festival of Britain was discussed at length and on the recommendation of the secretary it was resolved to call a special meeting at some convenient centre as soon as further details were to hand.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Paignton for the use of his bells, for conducting the service and for his able address, to the organist for his assistance and to Mr. C. F. Austin for making the arrangements. The Vicar suitably replied. Votes of thanks were also passed to the branch officials for their services during the past year.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Bowdon, Stockport & Mottram Branch

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Stockport (St. Mary's) on January 27th when some 60 members and friends were present. There was ringing on the ten bells from 3 p.m. and at 4.30 the usual service in church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon D. H. Saunders Davies (Bishop Suffragan designate of Stockport) who in the course of an interesting address gave a warm welcome to his church.

Tea followed in a nearby cafe and after the tea the usual business meeting was deftly handled by the Rector. Reference was made to the passing of Mr. G. W. Rimmer, of Rosethorne, and Mr. J. A. Gordon, of Stockport. The statement of accounts and report for 1950

THE CONTRIBUTION OF CALL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—For over 25 years I have been a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' and yet I am not a change-ringer; probably the main reason is that I have never lived where change-ringing is practised. For over 20 years I resided in a country unblest with any rings of bells but whilst there, however, I taught myself, with the aid of Central Council literature, to prick several methods, to ring Grandsire on handbells, and I also taught a team of Girl Guides Grandsire Doubles and Triples. To do this I purchased my own handbells. In 1940 I returned to England to reside amidst call-change towers. From this you will see that I am interested in, and respect all schools of ringing as I think every conscientious ringer should do.

How is it then that so many of your contributors refer to the call-change ringing with disdain and contempt, even so far as to belittle themselves by reverting to slang terms and calling them 'stoney'?

I wonder if change-ringers would be pleased if we (call-change men) referred to them as the 'rag time ringers'? For although many change-ringers certainly know how to strike there are many more who cannot do it and the latter could easily merit that title for the whole.

Perhaps some of your contributors have forgotten that change-ringing was evolved first from round ringing and then call-change ringing and that the Church we all serve teaches us to honour our father and mother! They may also have overlooked that 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' who can rightfully claim the respect of us all, when called upon to record typical English bellringing to be broadcast to the whole world (Station Signal) they, in their wisdom, rang call-changes!

Mr. Peter W. B. Semmons says Devon 'unfortunately provides the vast majority of stoney ringers.' Personally, Mr. Semmons, I think, on the contrary, that this is most fortunate inasmuch as Devon will still be able to refurbish the yardstick of good striking when the majority of other counties have finally sacrificed that art on the altar of intricate methods. It is also fortunate that we have more rings of bells than any other county (including the whole of Yorkshire) and therefore we should (D.V.) produce more ringers worthy of the name than other counties. I would here remind Mr. Semmons that our close neighbours, Cornwall and Somerset, also have 'abundance of bells' and hundreds of excellent ringers of both categories.

All Devon ringers will, however, quite agree with Mr. Semmons's second paragraph, that, in local dialect, 'aich pale hath got 'is awn kay'.

In closing, if Mr. Semmons (and others) wish to make more converts to change-ringing from the West Country, they must first bring about a vast improvement in the striking of the average band of change-ringers, then abandon all tactless and senseless ridicule in print, and finally get rid of the last taint of that superior complex often observed in the belfry. After this, converts would come without any persuasion.

Tavistock, Devon. GEORGE C. GRILLS.

were adopted and disclosed quite a healthy state of affairs, an increase of membership, and evidence that the branch is taking its full share in the activities of the Guild.

The officers were all re-elected with the following exceptions:—President, Rev. Canon D. H. Saunders Davies; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Wilde; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Milner. The yeoman service of Mr. J. W. Hartley of Norbury, and Mr. A. Jackson, of Stalybridge, was referred to and is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. They have been service ringers for fifty years.

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the retiring officers, and the rector, wardens, organist, local ringers and to all who had helped to make the meeting successful. A pleasing and encouraging feature of the meeting was the large number of young members present.

5,280 SPLICED SURPRISE

By A. J. PITMAN

23456	M	B	W	H	
23564	2	—	2	—	LBWWWWWWBL
65432	—	—	3	—	WCPPCBB
45236	—	—	—	—	CPPCL
53462	2	—	2	—	LBSBL
23465	—	—	—	—	LCL
32465	2	—	—	—	PSCBLLSPL
63425	—	—	3	—	LCWBB
43265	—	—	2	—	LSBW
62534	—	—	—	—	SPPSW
52364	—	—	2	—	WCBL
35264	—	—	—	—	WSCCL
45362	—	X	—	—	SPBBBW
26354	—	—	—	—	CSCCW
32654	—	—	—	—	SCLSS
63254	—	—	—	—	SSLCS
25436	—	—	—	—	WCCSC
42356	—	X	—	—	WBBBPS
35426	—	—	—	—	LCL
65324	2	—	—	—	LBPW
43526	—	—	—	—	WCPSP
54326	—	—	—	—	WWP
	M	W	H		
54263	2	2	—	—	LBSBL
25463	—	—	—	—	PWW
62453	—	—	—	—	PSPCW
42563	—	2	—	—	WPBL
64523	—	—	3	—	LPWBB
32546	—	—	—	—	WPL
53246	—	2	—	—	LPSLLBCSP
25346	—	—	—	—	LCPPS
65243	2	—	3	—	WBSLBB
34256	—	—	—	—	WCCSP
64352	2	—	—	—	LBCW
23456	—	—	—	—	WSW

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OBITUARY

MR. ALBERT DARNELL

London ringers and those at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. A. (Bert) Darnell, at Grantham on December 10th.

For over 20 years he was a regular ringing member of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and left the company in 1940 to return to Grantham, for business reasons.

A good ringer and conductor, he was ever ready to help others and his cheerful disposition won for him many friends. We hope the example set by such men will be remembered.

J. W. E.

MR. J. W. WILKINS

The death of Mr. James W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, in his 88th year, on January 28th was briefly recorded in our last issue.

Mr. Wilkins moved to High Wycombe from Boyne Hill Maidenhead some 50 years ago and for many years he had been a member of the general committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He had taken part in 28 peals on High Wycombe bells, his last being at St. Michael's and All Angels', Hughenden, on his 87th birthday.

The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church, High Wycombe, on February 2nd. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers and members of the Hughenden band as a token of respect.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Arscott (first of Minor) 1, H. G. Keeley 2, J. T. Barrett 3, R. Keeley 4, A. J. Scott 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob: W. Watkinson 1, Joan Smith (first in method) 2, D. Rooke 3, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 4, A. Hulley 5, H. Denman 6, K. Beardsall 7, H. T. Rooke 8.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Great Chart, Feb. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8317

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—February 17th. Annual general meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth. 3-4; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 3-4.30; Southwark Cathedral 4-5. Service, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 6. Further ringing, Cathedral, 8. Names for tea please. Everyone welcome. Feb. 21st, St. Stephen's, Westminster, practice, 7.45.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8353

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—District annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells 3 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting in vestries at 6.30. Bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, available 2.30 to 4.—F. Finch, Dis. Sec., 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13. 8346

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual social at St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 7.30—11.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each may be obtained from Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted. All proceeds to the fund for the restoration of St. Mary's Church bells.—P. A. M. 8369

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Feb. 17th, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Margaret's, Barking, 5 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8360

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Thomas', Salisbury, Feb. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. St. Paul's and St. Martin's (evening) bells also available. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury. 8375

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Feb. 17th, Northiam. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Beckley bells '6. 8383

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Gorleston-on-Sea, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Matthes' Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. All names or numbers for tea must be in by Wednesday, 21st, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Gt. Yarmouth. 8362

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Tichborne on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea at Riverside Farm 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester, by Monday, Feb. 19th. 8356

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells 10(0) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 6. Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8394

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, Horsley (5) 2.30. Names for tea to Miss G. Harrison, 20, Lower Kilburn, Derby.—Maurice Bailey. 8399

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey (8) 2.30. Feb. 24th. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13 Station Road, Arksey. 8405

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Feb. 24th, St. Werburgh's (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (at 5.15) by Feb. 19th please, to Noel Denson, 55 Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol, 5. 8387

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Norton (8), Feb. 24th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by Feb. 20th certain.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 8404

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Voting cards ready.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 8395

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Birstall on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8 Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 8393

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 21st to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton. 8398

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Ratby, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 20th, to J. H. Soencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 8391

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting, Hose, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. W. Sharpe, Hose, by Feb. 24th.—J. Cook. 8400

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting Dersingham, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Please reply promptly to George Batterbee, Whitehorse Drive, Dersingham, Kings Lynn.—W. J. Fildred Branch Sec. 8389

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 24th, St. Mary's, Eastbourne. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea followed by business meeting. Tea only for those who notify by 22nd.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 8416

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Langley, Bucks, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 6 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8403

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4. Evening ringing. St. Laurence's and St. Mary's. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 19th to T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 8401

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Eynsham. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 22nd to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxon. 8384

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Hillmorton, Feb. 24th. Bells 3. For tea, notify Rev. Rich, Vicarage, Hillmorton, Calne.—W. Hacker, Hon. Sec. 8396

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Litton Cheney, Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4. Meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 8390

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Ash, Feb. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church Hall. Names by Feb. 22nd.—Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 8414

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24th, at East Brent.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 8411

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Doddington, Feb. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Miss M. Grain. 8410

LADIES GUILD.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Bebbington (near Birkenhead) Feb. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise by Feb. 21st Mr. A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. All welcome.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 8412

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Feb. 24th. All Saints', Burton, 2.30—4.30. Parish Church, Burton, 5.15—7.30. Tea at All Saints' Schools (4.30) for those notifying by Feb. 22nd.—H. H. Brittan, 260, Belvedere Road, Burton-on-Trent. 8413

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Feb. 24th, Tibshelf. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derby, not later than Feb. 21st. 8409

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Danbury, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8386

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Standon on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Feb. 28th.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec., 16, North Road Avenue, Hertford. 8406

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, March 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 27th, to Mr. E. A. G. Allen, 231, Cliffe Road, Frindsbury, near Rochester. 8408

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Mids-Moreton, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 24th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 8402

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Baglan, Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gardros Crescent, Ifoustrfach, Swansea. 8385

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Preliminary notice. Opening of Moulton bells (6) on Saturday, March 31st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Details later. 8407

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting at Wrington on Easter Monday. Names for meals, please, as soon as possible. Admission will be by ticket. Further details later.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 8415

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Stroud. Full details later.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Secretary, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5. 8392

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By R. F. B. SPEED

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