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JEALOUSY

IN his address of welcome to the Central Council at Chester in 1951, the Dean, Bishop Norman Tubbs, said he had been, in his own words, mightily impressed by the numbers present at the corporate Communion earlier that morning. Inspired by the writings of Lawrence of Arabia, the thought had irresistibly crossed the Dean's mind that these ringers were blood brothers.

The same thought, although not always conveyed with the Dean's natural eloquence, recurs from time to time in the addresses to which ringers listen at their special services. The speakers are impressed by what they are sometimes pleased to call 'the freemasonry of the belfry.' And the wish has often been expressed that the spirit of brotherhood and friendliness which animates the large company of ringers could be induced more readily in other branches of church work.

Perhaps, by and large, these tributes to our unity, our community of purpose, our bond of affection, are well deserved. Certainly, it is a fine thing that with certain exceptions, too miserably few to be worthy of notice, a ringer may, wherever he finds himself on a Sunday morning, go to a belfry where he is a complete stranger and be assured of a friendly greeting and usually, if circumstances permit, an opportunity to join the local ringers in the performance of their Sunday morning duty. Of course, little incidents do occur sometimes when perhaps the visitor forgets his manners and feels that the ringing should be rearranged just to suit his convenience, or the hosts greet the stranger with an unfriendly stare. Generally, however, the inevitable 'Are you a ringer?' paves the way to yet another pleasant interlude in a ringer's career. Indeed, it would be idle to speculate upon how many life-long friendships have begun with that same question.

In spite, however, of all this undoubted goodwill there must be occasions when ringers, listening to tributes to their friendliness, feel a certain uneasiness in the remembrance of shortcomings which, although not evident to those who see us at our best, are nevertheless still alive in our midst and are a slur on our good name. Like all good families we have our skeletons in the cupboard, and it is as well that they should be brought out from time to time for an airing.

Is it too much to say that the chief of these skeletons is jealousy? To the student of ringing history it is evident that in ringing, as in all things transitory, crowns and thrones do perish and kingdoms rise and wane, but these

inevitable shifts of emphasis are not always accepted with good grace?

The complete cessation of ringing for three years during the war and the disruption of our normal activities for considerably longer than that are now passing into perspective. When ringing got off once more to a somewhat unsteady start little bursts of activity became evident in unsuspected places. It was difficult to be certain at first where the post-war emphasis on ringing would be. New names, many already forgotten, began to appear. Other names, well known before the war, failed to come back. But inevitably the more recent years are teaching us that we can look for leadership in the Exercise in other places than those with which we were more familiar in pre-war days.

There are certain quarters where this changed order is not well accepted. Ridiculous remarks may be heard about the quality of ringing in other centres from people who, quite often, have never heard the ringing about which they express themselves so strongly. Sometimes the critics are not quite all they might be themselves. Others, undoubtedly very fine exponents of the art in their own day and generation, too readily assume that those who follow them, particularly those who are separated from them geographically, are unworthy bearers of the torch. It is difficult to assume that this attitude is prompted by any other feeling than jealousy. Of course, the criticisms are sometimes accurate enough, although, need it be said, not necessarily the more charitable for that. Nevertheless, accurate or not, the remarks in question are usually best unsaid. Their only effect is to engender bad feeling and certainly the critic's own ringing skill is not improved by his attitude of superiority and his inability to admit that another may be a better man than he.

If you think you have done better in the past than others are doing now you must be content to leave the verdict to history. If you think you are doing better at present you are well advised to keep your own counsel in the matter. If you think you can do better in the future you can only hope for an opportunity to prove it. In the last resort that which will satisfy you most is the knowledge that you are giving to ringing as much as you hope to receive from it, and if it pleases you to think you are doing a little better than someone else that thought, as long as it remains a secret within your own mind, will warm your heart and illumine your hearth, but let it out and it may burn the house down.

P. A. C.

TEN BELL PEAL

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| CLIVE M. SMITH Treble | J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 6 |
| *DEREK J. TRANTER .. 2 | MAURICE G. TURNER .. 7 |
| ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3 | *DEREK K. KNOWLES .. 8 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4 | ERNEST STITCH .. 9 |
| *JOHN R. COTTERILL .. 5 | HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor |

Arranged by C. WALLATER. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Howell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 6, 1952, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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| Johnson's Variation | Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. |
| MICHAEL SLANEY Treble | FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5 |
| JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2 | CHARLES H. PAGE .. 6 |
| WILLIAM CARNWELL .. 3 | FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7 |
| ERIC NIXON .. 4 | PETER BORDER .. Tenor |

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. Treble | ALAN PENDLEBURY .. 5 |
| †MARJORIE BROWN .. 2 | RAYMOND JOHNSON .. 6 |
| NORMAN TOMPKINS .. 3 | JOSEPH THORNLEY .. 7 |
| †IAN P. McEWAN .. 4 | *PETER CROOK, SEN. .. Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method.

STRETTFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5056 OWEN'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *MARGARET E. JACKSON .. Treble | PHILIP P. CARTER .. 5 |
| DEREK OGDEN .. 2 | *DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 6 |
| JEAN C. BROWN .. 3 | WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 7 |
| GEOFFREY PEARSON .. 4 | BRIAN HARRIS .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 25).
Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal of Major. The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 222).
First tower bell peal of Major by the Guild. 25th peal as conductor.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble | *RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD .. 5 |
| WILFRED W. RING .. 2 | MARK W. MARSHALL .. 6 |
| ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7 |
| WILLIAM P. GARNER .. 4 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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| Heywood's Variation. | Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F. |
| MICHAEL HATCHETT Treble | REGINALD L. SILLS .. 5 |
| EDWARD ARMSTRONG .. 2 | JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. 6 |
| RUTH TABRAHAM .. 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER .. 7 |
| GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN .. 4 | ALLEN D. RIVERS .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal of Stedman Triples by all. The conductor has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. To celebrate the birthday of the treble ringer.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

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| HARRY HUBBALL Treble | †STANLEY PRESTIDGE .. 5 |
| *RODERICK J. LEES .. 2 | WILLIAM DAVIES .. 6 |
| ALFRED C. BOXLEY .. 3 | J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 7 |
| ERNEST STITCH .. 4 | †MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to Wm. Davies and M. G. Turner.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

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| WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Treble | EDGAR J. SMITH .. 5 |
| FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 2 | R. GORDON CROSS .. 6 |
| MARIE R. CROSS .. 3 | CHARLES COLES .. 7 |
| EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4 | ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

Rung for the Feast of St. Frideswide (Patron Saint of Oxford).

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1952, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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| Heywood's Transposition. | Tenor 19 cwt. |
| JOHN THOMAS Treble | ERNEST F. SHEARN .. 5 |
| MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT .. 6 |
| *MARJORIE LEGG .. 3 | LEONARD DERRICK .. 7 |
| HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 4 | *F. BEN COMER .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 28½ cwt.

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| *GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. Treble | BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5 |
| *DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 2 | SIDNEY H. JONES .. 6 |
| HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 3 | GEORGE L. RODEN .. 7 |
| *PETER FOSTER .. 4 | LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Tenor |

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 13). Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Doreen Brain, of St. Paul's Society, on the occasion of her wedding to Mr. R. Green.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 23, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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| Dexter's Variation No. 2. | | Tenor 19 cwt. | |
| HAROLD J. POOLE .. | Treble | JOHN W. RAWSON .. | 5 |
| FRED W. WALLINGTON .. | 2 | S. ANTHONY JESSON .. | 6 |
| ERNEST W. RAWSON .. | 3 | GEORGE A. HOLLICK .. | 7 |
| *CYRIL G. WINDRAM .. | 4 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE A. HOLLICK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell to Sergt. Rawson and Mr. E. J. Sharp, of the local band, who are shortly leaving the district. Also a birthday compliment to Inspector H. J. Poole.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 1952, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

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| ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. | Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. | 5 |
| BESSIE CARTER .. | 2 | FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. | 6 |
| A. EDWARD REEVES .. | 3 | RALPH G. EDWARDS .. | 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY .. | 4 | CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. | Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

First peal on the bells since 1912.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOHN E. ROOTES .. | Treble | JOHN R. MAYNE .. | 5 |
| *ANNE B. SPEED .. | 2 | ALFRED J. HOUSE .. | 6 |
| C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. | 3 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. | 7 |
| ALICK CUTLER .. | 4 | HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on St. Crispin's Day.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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| RONALD W. STEWARD .. | Treble | GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. | 5 |
| *GEORGE N. ORMAN .. | 2 | ALAN R. ANDREWS .. | 6 |
| *ROY DUESBURY .. | 3 | GEORGE W. PIPE .. | 7 |
| JAMES BENNETT .. | 4 | CECIL W. PIPE .. | Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

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| *EDWARD J. JENNER .. | Treble | *MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. | 5 |
| †CHARLES A. BASSETT .. | 2 | ROBERT COLLINS .. | 6 |
| †HILDA OAKSHETT .. | 3 | †WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. | 7 |
| ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. | 4 | ERNEST J. LADD .. | Tenor |

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the 7th ringer.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5392 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| Granta Variation. | | *EDWARD C. GOBEY .. | 5 |
| *CLEMENT GLENN .. | Treble | *BRIAN BUSWELL .. | 6 |
| *SAMUEL PINDER .. | 2 | J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. | 7 |
| *GRACE BURCHNALL .. | 3 | *EDWARD F. GOBEY .. | Tenor |
| *KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. | 4 | | |

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Granta. First peal of Granta on the bells and of Major in the method by the Guild.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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| Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation). | | Tenor 19½ cwt. | |
| AUBREY JAMES SEYMOUR .. | Treble | HARRY C. JONES .. | 5 |
| GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. | 2 | WILLIAM YATES .. | 6 |
| VICTOR R. HOLLOWAY .. | 3 | FREDERICK VICKERS .. | 7 |
| HARRY W. BADGER .. | 4 | WALTER LEE .. | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

Rung for H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Haddenham.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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| Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. | | Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. | |
| *BERNARD JACKSON .. | Treble | JOSEPH THORNLEY .. | 5 |
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. | 2 | †FRANK STEAD .. | 6 |
| NORMAN TOMPKINS .. | 3 | PETER CROOK, SEN. .. | 7 |
| †MRS. W. MANSLEY .. | 4 | LAWRENCE WALMSLEY .. | Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

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

Rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to Mr. John Taberner, the local captain and People's Warden, on completion of 40 years as a Sunday service ringer.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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| Heywood's Transposition. | | Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in D flat. | |
| *WILFRED W. RING .. | Treble | †MARK W. MARSHALL .. | 5 |
| BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. | 2 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. | 6 |
| ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. | 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. | 7 |
| LOUIS HEAD .. | 4 | WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. | Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* 100th peal. † 75th peal and first of Stedman. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Edwards, of the local band.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

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| *JAMES B. BICKNELL .. | Treble | DEREK K. KNOWLES .. | 5 |
| ERNEST STITCH .. | 2 | HOWARD HOWELL .. | 6 |
| SAMUEL BIRCH .. | 3 | J. NORMAN HADLEY .. | 7 |
| DEREK J. TRANTER .. | 4 | MAURICE G. TURNER .. | Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. NORMAN HADLEY.

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

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Oct. 28, 1952, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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| Parker's Twelve-part. | | Tenor 15½ cwt. | |
| E. MAURICE ATKINS .. | Treble | JAMES E. LILLEY .. | 5 |
| BRIAN PIDGEON .. | 2 | †REV. J. G. M. SCOTT .. | 6 |
| *REV. N. F. D. COLERIDGE .. | 3 | FREDERICK WREFORD .. | 7 |
| †ROBERT T. PERRY .. | 4 | †WILLIAM J. HARVEY .. | Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples.

Rung for the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

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| | | Tenor 15 cwt. | |
| A. BOOTH .. | Treble | ERIC HORNBY .. | 4 |
| R. W. WORRALL .. | 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD .. | 5 |
| DAVID GODFREY .. | 3 | A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. | Tenor |

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding earlier this day, at this church, of Charles Kinchin and Norrie Summers, late ringers of Northallerton and St. Paul's, Thornaby-on-Tees, respectively, who have now joined the company at Davenham.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 12, 1952, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ALBERT BOOTHTreble | A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 4 |
| DAVID GODFREY2 | HARRY W. HOWARD 5 |
| ERIC HORNBY3 | DAVID SMITHTenor |

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and before a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the completion of a successful appeal for £1,500 to save the spire of this church, a local landmark, from demolition. It also commemorates the completion of 25 years as a ringer at this church by David Smith.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

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| Twelve Callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. | |
| *LEONARD STILWELLTreble | *WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4 |
| WILLIAM BUTLER2 | BRIAN TAYLOR5 |
| JOHN M. ELLWOOD3 | MICHAEL HATCHETT .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

*Have now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. The treble ringer has now 'circled' the tower.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| *HARRY BUTLERTreble | ERNEST STITCH 4 |
| J. NORMAN HADLEY 2 | MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5 |
| ALFRED C. BOXLEY 3 | HOWARD HOWELL Tenor |

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

*First peal.

DOWNHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents of Place Bob, eight of Blackburn Place, six of Accrington, two of St. Simon's and eighteen of Plain Bob.

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| Tenor 12½ cwt. | |
| DEREK WOLSTENHOLME ..Treble | NORMAN SMITH 3 |
| KENNETH HARTLEY2 | ROGER LEIGH4 |

BRIAN H. WOODTenor
Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *MALCOLM FRANKLIN ..Treble | JOHN R. YOUNG 4 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY2 | THOMAS CUMMINS 5 |
| ARTHUR YOUNG3 | ALBERT E. FLATTERS .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

*First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, 20 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *KITTY BRYANTreble | †EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4 |
| †M. SUSAN JACKSON 2 | GERALD BOWEN 5 |
| †R. GEORGE MORRIS 3 | †FRED HYDETenor |

Conducted by GERALD BOWEN.

*First peal. †First peal in three methods. †First peal 'inside' and on six bells. First peal in three methods as conductor.

PENN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *EDWARD ARMSTRONG ..Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4 |
| WALTER LEE2 | †MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 5 |
| LEONARD STILWELL 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in seven Minor methods. To celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

ST. EWE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1952, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 16 lb. in B.

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| ENID TOYETreble | CALEB DUNSTAN 4 |
| *DOUGLAS BURNETT 2 | REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 5 |
| MRS. A. S. ROBERTS 3 | CLEMENT W. JOSE .. Tenor |

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung on the Festival of St. Luke.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Primrose, Hexham, Berwick, Bourne, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

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| DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..Treble | THOMAS COOKE 4 |
| FREDERICK W. COOKE 2 | W. NORMAN PARK 5 |
| RICHARD BUSBY3 | ROLAND PARKTenor |

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

A birthday compliment to George W. Park.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| *DENIS N. C. EMERY ..Treble | REGINALD ROWLEY 4 |
| †RAYMOND G. SMITH 2 | †RICHARD G. BELL 5 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE 3 | GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

*First peal. †First peal on six bells. First peal on six bells as conductor.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *JOAN COOPERTreble | †JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4 |
| †BERNARD J. BOWN 2 | †ROLAND BENISTON 5 |
| †JOHN WARDLE3 | †HARRY WARDLE Tenor |

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal. †First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. A wedding compliment to Mr. Kenneth Burdett on his marriage this day to Miss F. E. Hazleden, of Beckenham, Kent.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Single Court, 2,160 Oxford Bob, 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

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| JAMES MUSSONTreble | H. P. COLLIN4 |
| RONALD RUSSELL2 | DENIS FRITH5 |
| PERCY D. BALDOCK 3 | JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
WM. THORNLEY, SEN. .. Treble | FREDERICK A. SALTER .. 4
WILFRED WALKER .. 2 | STEPHEN LOACH .. 5
*MRS. M. T. PAILING .. 3 | WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 2nd and Mrs. Walker, and the golden wedding of the ringer of the 5th and Mrs. Loach.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 25, 1952, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.
*TONY STOCK Treble | TERRY EARLE 4
*TERRY STOCK 2 | ALAN SYDER 5
ALBERT SAUNDERS 3 | RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal. The ringers of the first five are Sunday service ringers at Stisted.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 26, 1952, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings and one 240 of Pitman's. Tenor 15 cwt.
LEONARD E. A. DAVIES .. Treble | ALBERT E. JONES 4
HERBERT JONES 2 | *ALFRED OWEN 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES 3 | WILLIAM NASON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. JONES.

* 25th peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 17, 1952, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERES

MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
JOHN B. BENNETT 9-10

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
This composition has alternate quick and slow course ends. It is the first time it has been rung on handbells, and those taking part fully appreciated and enjoyed its excellent musical qualities.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERES

No. 34. Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CLEEVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Oct. 19, 1952, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT WOOLMERS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS .. 3-4 | ALBERT M. TYLER 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Oct. 24, 1952, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT 147, KINGSTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER BORDER 1-2 | ROBIN G. TURNER 5-6
*PETER C. WRIGHT .. 3-4 | *FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

* 100th peal.



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FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

XIX.—METHOD GROUPS

There are many methods which run in groups. They are internally of similar construction, but the various portions are linked together in different ways; it may be by 2nds or 6ths place when the treble leads, or (in Minor) 5ths place when the treble lies its whole pull behind (7ths in Major when the treble is behind), or it may be by both 5ths and 2nds or 6ths. In such groups the changes in a course are the same, but the blocks into which they are formed come in a different order, so that in actual ringing the various pieces of work are in a different sequence and a different 'method' is the result. But a knowledge of one method is often a great help in ringing another.

The insertion of a place in the type of methods we are now dealing with causes other bells to dodge; for the same reason the omission of a place eliminates a dodge and the bells, instead, hunt straight off to another position.

In Oxford Bob, which was the subject of an article last week, 4ths place is made twice in each lead and each place compels the bells behind to make a dodge. Between the 4ths places, while the treble leads, 2nds place is made, which imposes a dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 as well. It is because of these three successive 'places', 4ths, 2nds and 4ths, that the two bells behind have a three-pull dodge.

The 4ths places are part of the integral construction of the method, but the 2nds place is only a link between the leads. In combination with the 4ths places it makes 'Oxford Bob,' but this 2nds place is not necessary to the construction of a symmetrical method, and when it is omitted it is given the name of Court Bob. But, as was pointed out above, the elimination of a place cuts out a dodge (in this case both in 3-4 and 5-6) and consequently the work occurs in a different order and is linked together in leads, not by a place (2nds) and two dodges (3-4 and 5-6), but by plain hunting.

Here is a table by which you can ring Court Bob, if you prefer to ring it by that means:—

Pass the treble in 5-6, dodge 6-5 down.
Pass the treble in 4-5, dodge 5-6 up, lie a whole pull behind and dodge 6-5 down (this is sometimes called dodging each way behind).

Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 5-6 up.
After the dodging, hunt straight down to lead each time, then:—

Pass the treble in 1-2, make 4ths and lead.
Pass the treble in 3-4, make 4ths and lead.
Observe there is no dodging anywhere but in 5-6.

The natural result of omitting the 2nds place when the treble leads is to make a 6ths place essential, and in Minor methods, which have 6ths place at the lead end, the bob is made by the bells behind. Whether you have a method with 2nds place at the lead end or 6ths place, the bob must be made by a bell 'lying still,' that is, making a place, in 4ths. Here are the two forms of bob:—

| 2nds Place at Plain Lead | Bob |
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| 516342 | 516342 |
| 153624 | 153624 |
| 156342 | 135642 |
| 513624 | 316524 |
| 6ths Place at Plain Lead | Bob |
| 516342 | 516342 |
| 153624 | 153624 |
| 135264 | 135642 |
| 312546 | 316524 |

If you want to ring a 720 of Court Bob your observation bell is called In, Out and In. Instead of, as in Oxford Bob, Wrong, Right and Wrong; 'In' being, of course, when it runs in to take the treble off the lead, and the 'Out' when the treble takes the observation bell from lead.

Now if you wrote out the full course of Oxford Bob last week, as we suggested, and drew a diagram over it, try an experiment. Cut your strip into five pieces between the changes when the treble is leading; where, in fact, the line appears in the figures above. Then see if you can join these pieces together as Court Bob. Or, if you haven't got your Oxford Bob diagram, write out a course of Court Bob, cut it up in the same way, and transpose the five leads into Oxford Bob. The figures of a lead of Court Bob are the same as those given above the line in the article on page 700 last week. To continue the course, make 6ths place instead of 2nds in the first row below the line.

LETTERS

BIRKENHEAD PEAL

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the Birkenhead Surprise peal band in their seven 6ths place methods. I would beg to point out that all these methods lose their 6th place at every call, therefore not conforming to an all 6th place treble lead.—Yours truly,

'STILL LEARNING.'

DOUBLE-HANDED SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—In the columns of 'The Ringing World' recently there have been points raised from various readers concerning double-handed tower-bell ringing.

On October 19th, Mr. Tony Price rang two bells to a 720 of London Surprise Minor, which he also conducted. He has also rung a course and several touches of London Surprise Major, ringing 3-4. Has this ever been done before by any other double-handed ringer? — Yours truly,

JANET S. BAILEY.

Sunbury-on-Thames.

CLOCKS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—There is a clock with only one hand at Kedington, Suffolk, and clocks with no hands at Wymondham, Norfolk, and Lavenham, Suffolk.

Many Suffolk churches possess another peculiar feature—good rings of bells with, apparently, no clappers. Do your ringers know of any other silent rings?

'SILLY SUFFOLK.'

CLOCK WITHOUT HANDS OR FACE

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in the items concerning curious clocks, one-handed or otherwise, I think that I can go one better. The Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, has a clock with no hands or even an exterior face but which strikes the hours on a 32-cwt. tenor.

—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM J. ELSON.

THE QUIZ

Dear Sir—May I suggest a further important question to the recent editorial quiz?

Do you contribute regularly to Sunday service ringing, however humble the methods rung locally?

Score: Yes—100. No—0.—Yours faithfully.

H. REYNOLDS.

25 SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—It may interest some of your recent correspondents to know that in your issue of May 5th, 1950, on the back page, there is a list of 25 Surprise methods to which compositions of Superlative without reverse in 5-6 will run true. There is however, an exception—compositions with 5-6 reversed in Lead IV., that is, between M and W. The course-ends are false to Dorchester, Eccleston and Huddersfield, which methods show falseness in that lead.

—Yours sincerely,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss G. Hopkins (first quarter) 1. T. Roderick 2. A. Hannington 3. J. Lovett 4. A. J. Pitman (cond.) 5. G. Lewis 6. E. Morris 7. R. Blicke 8. To mark the retirement of Railway Inspector A. Pitman after nearly 50 years' service, with the good wishes of the band.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Moore 1. J. Starling 2. Mrs. Jarvis 3. Mrs. H. Moore 4. H. Pratt 5. J. Leeming 6. S. Bones 7. R. Suckling (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment for ringer of 6th.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, S. Lunn (first quarter) 2. H. Greene 3. M. Williams 4. R. E. Coles (cond.) 5. H. Blicke 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Lunn on the birth of a daughter.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's, Surrey Road, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. E. Coots 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, D. T. Matkin 3, M. J. E. Best (first quarter on tower bells as cond.) 4. F. Price 5, J. E. Daniels 6, H. E. Mitchell 7, W. Miller 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On October 18th, at the Priory Church, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss M. Langton (first quarter) 1. J. Chew 2. J. Davies 3. J. Porter 4. J. A. Parker 5. J. B. Ibbotson 6. H. Parker (cond.) 7. E. Thorley (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grand-sire Triples by all the band. First quarter of Grand-sire Triples by a local service band.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hayes 1. J. E. Usher 2. A. G. Watkin 3. F. R. Evans 4. P. C. Roberts 5. A. Lewis 6. D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7. C. Pridden 8.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Nellie Watts 1. Annie Rayner 2. C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3. Rose Wratten 4. S. J. Boulden 5. T. Fagg 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Shirley Watts 1. Mrs. W. L. Watts 2. Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3. W. L. Watts 4. Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5. H. Taysom 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 4.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss R. P. Longhurst 1. W. C. Chandler 2. C. A. Wratten (cond.) 3. J. Soles 4. J. Chittenden 5. T. Piddock 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Acland on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary (Mr. G. Acland is a ringer at Cheriton Church).

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. Norris 1. Miss P. Smece 2. P. Borer 3. V. Jarrett 4. C. Norris 5. R. Norris 6. W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7. C. Jarrett 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rector of Chatham.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: F. Howson 1. Miss A. Castle 2. Miss J. Weddell 3. E. Beauchamp 4. A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 5. C. H. Wood 6. C. M. Meyer 7. J. H. Lott 8. G. C. Goodman 9. C. Bartlett 10. Rung for the patronal festival.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. F. Harman 1. Miss M. Prockson 2. J. Hales 3. R. Newman 4. E. Pryor 5. W. Prockson 6. R. Begrie 7. F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. Miles 1. W. Gullely 2. R. Miles 3. P. H. Hull (cond.) 4. R. Green 5. W. Davis 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. Willmot (local captain), who was married to Miss B. Jones.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): T. Holloway (cond.) 1. Miss E. Bennett 2. W. Ludlow 3. A. G. Moore 4. L. Cave 5. S. Elliott 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,302 Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1. Lt. T. White 2. Miss M. Ashdown 3. F. Richardson (cond.) 4. E. Crowder 5. F. Hurrell 6. J. Hurrell 7. P. Rablah 8. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 19th, 1,316 Grand-sire Triples, conducted by E. Crowder. Rung as a farewell to Lt. T. White on leaving for service abroad.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: W. Bowers 1. S. Atkins 2. J. Sharpe 3. W. Paul 4. Miss D. Reeve 5. H. Fuller 6. J. Paul (cond.) 7. W. Rickwood 8. First in method for all.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: H. Vine 1. M. Bishop (first quarter, aged 12) 2. J. Fox 3. Mrs. H. Smith 4. H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5. G. Bird 6. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Sherborne.

FULHAM.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss D. Brvant 1. Mrs. C. Watts 2. R. Mackerill 3. H. Ellis 4. B. Lunn 5. J. Phillips 6. H. M. Page 7. D. Burnett (first quarter on eight) 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: P. Walker 1. Miss M. Johnson (first quarter) 2. J. Parsons 3. F. Hacker 4. W. Hacker (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. R. Sercombe.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,320 Annable's London Surprise Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1. E. J. Parish (first in method) 2. F. R. Nicholls 3. W. Ransom 4. A. Clements 5. H. S. Peacock 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss L. King 1, W. Simmonds 2, W. Massey 3, B. Calcombe 4, Miss P. Collis 5, J. King 6, J. Brent 7, F. J. Dodson (first as cond.) 8.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. E. Race (first quarter) 1, F. R. Goddard 2, H. G. Goddard 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, H. Nicholls 3, J. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Harrow train disaster.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Munt 1, Miss J. Bostel 2, B. Jackson 3, M. Jackson 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, D. Briggenshaw 6. Rung in honour of the christening of Michael, son of tenor ringer.

KNUISFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 25th, at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,680 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hough 1, Mrs. S. Hough, jun., 2, Mrs. R. Hough 3, S. Hough, jun., 4, N. Hough 5, S. Hough, sen. (cond.) 6. On the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hough.

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 20th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. C. Burr 1, W. S. Oakley 2, E. H. Adams 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, W. Collett 5, H. Huxley 6, R. J. Edden 7, J. R. Ball (first of Bob Major, cond.) 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine, on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, 9, 8, 10 covering: P. Desbrow (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 2, G. Hebborn 3, Miss E. Burton 4, T. Bolingbroke 5, E. Clements 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, C. Desbrow (first quarter) 8, S. Harrison 9, C. Weston 10. Rung half-muffled.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, C. R. Smith 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, C. A. Hughes 4, L. E. Last 5, D. W. Beard 6, J. H. Crampion 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. A welcome to the Rev. F. H. Food, who was inducted Vicar of Leyton on Oct. 20th.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,344 Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major (36 changes of method): R. Kendall 1, A. Rushton 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, H. Burton 4, B. Pattison 5, Rev. G. G. Graham 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, L. H. Bywaters 8. First of Spliced Surprise for 1, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter of Spliced Surprise in the county by a resident hand.

QUARTER PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Baker (cond.) 1, T. Grice 2, L. Head 3, F. Hogan 4, F. Leason 5, R. Rich 6, L. Mannering 7, F. Thwaites 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Shefford (first quarter) 1, J. Uden 2, W. E. Eveleigh 3, S. Howard 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, F. Uden 6.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton 1, J. W. Cotton 2, Joan Cotton 3, W. G. Hair 4, W. H. Curson 5, W. Brooker 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung for harvest festival.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, Mary Delderfield 3, T. Clark 4, J. Rootes 5, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Clark.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Cunningham 1, B. Pankhurst 2, K. Hohl 3, L. Goater 4, E. Jenner 5, B. Collison 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, E. Lane 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. Lane.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, Mary Delderfield 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, A. J. Slade (cond.) 5, H. J. Ford 6. Rung as a compliment to the captain of Preston ringers, Mr. H. Corben, and Mrs. Corben, on their silver wedding. The first quarter peal on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,368 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stock 1, Mrs. H. Moore 2, A. Saunders 3, H. Moore 4, A. Syder 5, T. Earle (first as cond.) 6.

SLEAFORD, Lincs.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering: D. Wray 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, D. Met'am 3, W. Weston 4, B. D. Hill 5, G. Cloxton 6, H. Cloxton (cond.) 7, V. Andrews 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Miss Jessie Snow, for many years an ardent church worker.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Oct. 19th, at the Cathedral, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: H. Belcher 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, K. W. Mackintosh 3, Jill Brittain 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. F. Deal 7, R. E. Price 8, C. G. J. Watts 9, T. M. White 10, John Phillips 11, J. Chilcott 12.

SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mooring 1, W. Webb 2, F. Mooring (first quarter) 3, J. Greenwood 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, G. Allen 6. Rung for harvest festival.

STONEHOUSE, GLOS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Baker (first quarter) 1, S. T. Price 2, R. R. Cottle 3, N. Perkins 4, J. R. Joyner (first quarter of Minor) 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the mother of the conductor, interred at the church the previous day.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Clark 1, Miss B. Harris 2, G. C. Goodman 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, E. Morey 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. G. Kitchen, a local ringer, to P.O. G. S. Varnham.

THAXTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. H. Crampion 1, R. C. Heazel (cond.) 2, R. Bassett 3, D. Bassett 4, J. H. Sitch 5, T. Bassett 6, J. H. Crampion 7, M. Caton 8. First quarter peal by 3, 4, 6 and 8.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, Miss M. Jeffreys 2, P. J. King (cond.) 3, Miss A. Christmas 4, B. Cook 5, B. Sadler 6, F. B. Lufkin 7, J. Binks 8. First quarter for 1, 2, and 4.

WALMER, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Lawrence 1, Miss J. Wells 2, F. J. Stanton 3, Miss A. Vine 4, G. E. Ruck 5, P. J. Rye 6, H. Furminger 7, F. A. Rye (first of Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Major 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for P. J. Rye, who is leaving the district to do his National Service.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 240 each Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire): M. Stone 1, E. Norman 2, P. Lancaster 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First in six methods on the bells and by all. A compliment to F. Sweet (capt.) on 25 years a ringer at this tower.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, A. B. Peck 3, H. Belcher 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, J. E. Phillips 6, H. Langdon 7, C. J. Watts 8. Rung for the consecration of the Bishop of Masasi, East Africa.

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'I have never attended a similar ringers' function when the speeches delivered were so consistently excellent right through the list and most charmingly given. . . . Needless to say, the whole function was up to the Leicester "Superlative" standard.'—A male reader's comments on the 40th anniversary dinner of the Ladies' Guild, which will be our main feature in next week's issue.

Eighteen ringers from Birmingham made the journey to St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on October 26th and were well rewarded, Mr. Albert Walker regarding the ring as one of the best at its weight he had heard.

It is interesting to recall that St. Martin's Guild also took part in the opening of the old twelve on June 4th, 1814. On that occasion they were presented with a silver cup, valued 20 guineas, by the town of Liverpool for the best ringing performance. This was 3,000 Grandsire Cinques. On June 7th, 1814, they rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

We all wish 'bon voyage' to Mr. Stafford Green, who is on his way to Australia. Mr. Green has not been well for some time.

Four of the six ringers in the peal of Minor at Stisted, Essex, have been taught to ring in the past year by Mr. Albert Saunders.

Will any reader who has received the manuscript of 'Carol Tunes' please send a copy to the Editor for circulation to other readers? The manuscript has been lost in the post.

Mr. W. Rogers, of Rotherfield, is in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells suffering from a slipped disc and spinal injuries. At the present time he cannot say when he will be ringing again.

Four ringers from Nailsea and one each from Backwell, Bristol, Clevedon, Long Ashton, Melksham, Wraxall and Wrington enjoyed their half-day's outing in South Somerset on October 25th. Ringing took place at North Curry, Chard and Shepton Beauchamp.

We reintroduce to our peal columns this week Mrs. Dorothy T. Gardiner, daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who at Burton-on-Trent on October 23rd rang her first peal since her marriage. The peal was rung at the second attempt; the first on September 15th failed after three hours' ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The six bells of St. Mary's Church, Hambleden, Bucks, are to be augmented to eight should the parish appeal prove successful. This is in memory of the last English pre-Reformation saint, Thomas de Cantelupe, a native of this village. The new ring will have a tenor of 19 cwt. in E. The present ring (tenor, Wokingham, C. 1420, 12½ cwt. in F sharp) was augmented to six bells in 1724 by the winning (at cards) of the bells of Fingest by the Rector of the day.

In view of the arguments about leaving bells 'up,' readers should note the fire at Beckford, Worcs, in this issue. Bells that were 'up' swung down to give the fire alarm.

Mr. W. Thornley, sen., 'completed the circle' of Stapleford tower, Nottingham, on October 25th, the 20th anniversary of the first peal on the bells which he conducted.

We are asked through this column to thank the band which rang at Tenterden, 'for the nice peal of Stedman. It was good of them.' Such appreciation, we are sure, makes pleasant reading.

A wedding peal was rung at Markfield, Leics, on October 25th with the good wishes of the band to Mr. Kenneth Burdett, a Markfield ringer for 10 years, who was married that day to Miss F. E. Hazleden, of Beckenham, Kent. Their future home is to be at Beckenham.

The first peal has been rung at St. Ewe, near Mevagissey, Cornwall, which is reputed to be the smallest tower known to contain an effective ring. There were previously three bells but the completely restored ring of six was installed in 1926. A picture of this three-tier frame appears in Morris' 'The History and Art of Change Ringing.' The bells are a delight to ring and can all be heard equally well both inside and outside the tower, which is surmounted by one of the few Cornish spires.

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315th ANNIVERSARY DINNER AT NEW VENUE — MASTER CRITICISES 'GO' OF ST. PAUL'S BELLS —
RINGING MADE TOO EASY, STATES PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL — OXFORD RINGERS &
COLLEGE YOUTHS

FOR their 315th anniversary dinner last Saturday, the Ancient Society of College Youths had a new venue in the Mecca Restaurant, Mincing Lane, E.C. The spacious accommodation made a splendid setting and added dignity to the entry of the Master (Mr. J. G. A. Prior), accompanied by Mr. F. E. Collins (senior steward) and Mr. J. E. Chilcott (junior steward). A company of about 160 attended, and other officers present were Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer, who acted as toastmaster), Mr. A. B. Peck (secretary), Mr. W. H. Pasmore and Mr. E. G. Fenn (trustees).

After the loyal toasts, the Master, as is customary, submitted the toast of 'The Church.' 'I often think,' he said, 'that this toast instead of being "The Church" should be "The Clergy," because we as ringers are servants as well as members of the Church and we owe so much to the clergy for all the privileges we receive. Our Sunday service ringing is our work for the Church, and our practices help us to attain such a standard so that we can provide the best possible ringing for the services of the Church; and nothing else is good enough. There are many other occasions when we ring bells purely and solely for our own pleasure, and for that our thanks are due to the clergy. Without the co-operation of the clergy our prodigious peal ringers would not be able to amass their totals and our "tower grabbers" would be unsuccessful.

SAD STATE OF CITY RINGS

'As well as doing work for the Church, ringing is a delightful and fascinating hobby, and it is natural when ringers think of the Church they also think of bells and ringing, and we London ringers have a particular interest in the City of London, as so much of the history of the Society is associated with the rings of bells that used to hang in the City. I say used to hang because in the whole of the City of London to-day there are but three usable rings of bells, as we lost some of our finest during the war.

'First of all we have St. Paul's Cathedral. Year by year twice every Sunday those bells ring out under our inspired leader Bert Langdon. The "go" of those bells is far from satisfactory and they need rehangings. Then we have Cornhill, which also needs the bellhanger's attention, and there is also St. Botolph's, of which it is said the bells are all right, but the tower wants rehangings. We all hope that some of the missing towers in the City will be replaced: if that takes place it will be a great challenge to the London ringers to provide the ringers. But the picture is not all dark. Some of you had the privilege to-day of ringing at Stepney. I have a passing interest in Stepney, as I was born in the parish, although I was never a member of the Stepney band, but it can be said that Stepney bells are better than ever before.'

He accorded a special welcome to Canon Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. E. G. Turner, of St. Giles', Cripplegate, and the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, of St. Magnus'.

HOPES FOR ST. GILES'

The Rev. E. G. Turner, who responded, said it was a well-known fact that at St. Giles' they had a ring of bells which was a bad ring and the enemy might have done them a good turn when it was destroyed. If the money could be found to complete the church it would be far finer than it was in 1545. Mr. Godfrey Allen, their architect, was doing a magnificent job of work there. He was surprised how many people had expressed to him the hope that they would soon be hearing their bells. The architect had told him that they would

have to make an appeal for £50,000 to provide a church adequately and completely furnished for divine worship, including the bells. An item in that cost was £4,000 for the bells, of which they had already £1,000 in hand. He assured them that one of the first things he must do was to get the bells in despite the fact that the church stood in what is now a desert. People reminded him of the old chimes that had a different tune for each day of the week. On Monday it was 'God save the King,' and on Saturday 'Home, sweet home' to remind office workers of the end of the week. To-day, however, they did not come on a Saturday. If any of them had £3,000 he would gladly give them a receipt for the bells.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, submitted the toast of the evening, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said he never enjoyed a week-end more in his life than when members of their Society came to visit them in Scotland in July, 1939. There were three main reasons. One was that it was the highest form of enjoyment to see others enjoy themselves, which he felt sure their visitors did. Another was he had always found members of the Society were very good ringers and very good company, and, thirdly, they had some very good ringing with a peal of Stedman Caters at Inveraray. Inveraray was his nearest tower some 45 miles away. To-day there were no ropes to those bells and no ringers there. Inveraray was an Episcopal Church and the number of Episcopalians in the parish was very small. Scottish people did not take to bells. At the time of the Reformation many of them regarded bells as ornaments of the church and they were destroyed. The number of rings of bells in Scotland could be counted on the fingers of both hands.

It was said years ago that their Society was looked upon as a body of haughty people. He did not think it was haughty, but it had reason to be proud. Did they not invent change ringing? If they looked up the history of the Society they would find that Robert Roan presented 120 changes of Doubles to the Society. He was Master in 1662 and they should be proud of having invented the wonderful art of change ringing. Then they looked back with pride on other men who carried on the tradition—Fabian Stedman, Benjamin Annable and John Holt.

RINGING TOO EASY

He thought the bell founders had made ringing rather too easy. They found bands of young ringers within a few months ringing Surprise. They knew the method. He thought it would have been better for them if they were brought up in the old school where the bells were a bit rough and false struck. These modern rings did not make ringers suitable to become members of their Ancient Society.

Some people had asked him what were the qualifications for a ringer. He thought a ringer must have a little knowledge of music so far as rhythm was concerned; then he must have a knowledge of mathematics if he was going in for composition, and he used to say they required a little muscle, but he did not think with these modern rings of bells that that was necessarily a quality he much regretted.

He was sorry there was no service before the dinner. He was wondering if on future occasions the officers of the Society would arrange for a service to be held at Cornhill or one of the City churches. In coupling Mr. Peck's name with the toast, Mr. Lewis said he did not think that it was possible to find a better man to succeed the late Mr. Cockerill.

Mr. A. B. Peck, who responded, assured Mr. Lewis that the holding of a service previous to the dinner received their deep consideration. They did consider going to Southwark, where there was an evensong at 5 p.m. but on the last occasion they were placed in the choir and the Provost was so delighted to see them that they did not get away until after 6 o'clock.

During the year they had held 12 business meetings and 47 practices. Besides the usual towers they had visited Liverpool, Waltham Abbey, South Croydon, where they made 14 new members, Rotherfield, Holloway, Fulham, Clapham Park and St. George's, Southwark.

NEW MEMBERS

During 1952 they made 55 new members, viz.: David North and C. J. Stevens (Wellington), W. Stevens (Tiverton), F. Varty (Wallasey), F. R. H. Scott (Slough), R. F. G. Holmes, F. A. White, H. C. White and F. White (Appleton), P. Walker (Radley), G. J. Hearn (Checkendon), C. E. Lewington and J. Rampton (Reading), P. S. Davis, J. Relf, J. Hayward (Croydon), H. C. Weaver (Goring-by-Sea), M. Jackson (Kingswood), A. Hatch (Cholsey), G. W. Massey (Frome), J. Thompson (Nuneaton), S. N. Bristow, F. W. Sloccombe and G. J. Gammon (Wellington), H. Purchase (Wiveliscombe), R. W. Skinner (Chatham).

P. J. Woodger (Cranford), M. S. Cloke (Hawthurst), A. W. T. Cleaver (Solihull), J. Martin Thorley (Doncaster), R. C. Ingram (Erdington), S. H. Dearden (Oldham), A. J. Phillips (St. Kea), H. J. Gaylard (Yeovil), W. E. Critchley (Scawthorpe), L. A. Tidy (Limpfield), J. Clegg (Manchester), W. R. Manser (Maidstone), R. Savoury (Evesham), H. Myatt (Loughborough), W. H. B. Wilkins, D. Woodley and K. E. White (Oxford), G. H. Webb (Kennington), D. Fowles (Cranford), J. Walden (Lincoln), D. G. Yeo (Long Ashton), R. J. Fox (Yeovil), J. R. Worrall (Cardiff), R. J. Bowden (Clifton), D. K. Adkins (Abbots Langley), E. R. Warner (Woking), J. J. Symonds (Ashted), J. Whitehorn (Ewell).

The company then honoured those present who had been members of the Society for 50 or more years. These were: Messrs. R. Stannard (62 years), E. A. Young and I. Emery (61), W. T. Elson (60), W. H. Pasmore (57), C. Fenn (56), G. N. Price and A. D. Cullum (55), E. G. Fenn (54), J. S. Hawkins, H. Hodgetts and A. B. Peck (51), A. A. Hughes (50).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. Roberts, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. G. R. Newton (who wrote that he attended his first dinner in 1901) Albert Walker, Roland Fenn, W. Shepherd, W. H. J. Hooton, R. T. Newman (who is in hospital at Hitchin for a gastric ulcer) and A. J. Phillips (who is also in hospital). Letters of sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery are to be sent to the last two named.

Finally, Mr. Peck expressed the Society's indebtedness to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes for permitting their meetings to be held at their home. 'They took us in and fed us during the war,' said Mr. Peck, 'and we still go there, and it is largely due to that that we are going from strength to strength.'

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as Mr. Peck read out the list of members who had died during the year: George Flintham, Lincoln; Henry G. Miles, Kensington; G. H. Huxley, Bromley; A. W. Brighton, Forest Gate; Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, Chester; S. J. Hector, Trowbridge; T. Miller, Mitcham; A. J. Corrigan, Bristol; Conor O'Brien, Dublin; Thomas F. King, Bath; Arthur Martin, Maidenhead; S. Warren Sturgis, Boston, U.S.A.; J. M. Turner, Bournemouth; Richard Hasted, Farnham; Edwin L. Miles, Streatham; F. W. Stokes, Lincoln; Ernest

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Beckwith, Coggeshall; Fred and George Howchin, Norwich; Arthur Wiggins, Caversham.

A number of other ringers were also remembered, among whom were William Keeble, Leytonstone; Charles F. Bailey, Leiston; A. King, Victoria, B.C.; E. Curry, New Zealand; and R. H. McDonald, Sydney.

Mr. A. A. Hughes submitted the toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies,' and said they had always had at their dinners a very good assembly from all parts of the country. They were practically all College Youths and they were delighted to see them and hoped they would continue to grace their annual feasts for many years to come.

Mr. G. H. Cross, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who was the first to respond, was introduced by the Master as one of his oldest ringing friends. Referring to the Howchin brothers, of Norwich, Mr. Cross said they had much to do with his early ringing. George was quiet and said very little; Fred was just the opposite, and if they went out with a band of ringers and anybody did not strike to Fred's standard they soon heard about it. He was not diplomatic either.

'Although I am not a College Youth,' continued Mr. Cross, 'I feel in spirit I am one of them because they are some of my best friends, including your Master. I had something to do with his ringing in the early days and I think you have in him an ideal man for the job.'

He congratulated Mr. Alexander Young on his booklet on James R. Haworth and in including in it the Song of the College Youths of James Dwight. He remembered reading those words when a boy about 1894 and was particularly struck with the verse concerning Matthew Wood, who rang the ninth. The lines went:—

Then who was that, that rang the ninth
With so much skill and grace:
From the treble to the tenor,
You can't put him out of place;
Young ringers all take my advice,
Copy him you should;
Study well his attitude,
It's the famous Matthew Wood.

He would commend that advice to all young ringers. If they saw a man who handled well try and copy him; they would then go in the right direction.

A CORONATION PEAL

Next year was Coronation year and he proposed that they get together and ring a peal with a band composed of six Cumberlands and six College Youths (applause).

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Oxford University Guild also replied. It was a great joy, he said, not only to enjoy the excellent repast, but to meet their old friends of kindred ringing societies from all over the country.

He reminded the assembly that although the College Youths had a long history, the Oxford Society of Change Ringers was contemporary with them, but unfortunately in 1820 they lost their records. They knew that Richard Duckwood was contemporary with Fabian Stedman. Duckwood was the man who wrote the first book on change ringing and Stedman was the publisher. They would notice that on the title page the book was dedicated to the Noble Society of College Youths. There must have been, therefore, at that time in Oxford and Cambridge ringers who were practising the art of change ringing, and the book was a gift of those ringers to the College Youths.

The Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton, of St. Magnus', in his reply, said it must be the 18th dinner of the Society that he had attended. As regards the bells of St. Magnus', they still lacked the money to recast four of the bells that were cracked, but Mr. Hughes' son was placing a little bell so that it could serve as a clock bell and be rung for services.

Some years ago an American gentleman was crossing the Atlantic with his young boy from

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH, 1953

Preliminary Notice

Headquarters for the Council's meeting at Whitson, 1953 will be the Devonshire Hotel, Bournemouth. The whole of the accommodation (for 60) has been reserved for Council members and their wives.

Members wishing to stay at headquarters are advised to book as soon as possible, stating what Association they represent (where appropriate). The charge is 25s. per day inclusive (plus 10 per cent. service charge).

A further list of hotels will be published shortly. E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Sec.

school. The ship encountered a great storm and a huge wave washed the boy over the side into the ocean. The next wave, however, hurled him back on to the ship and he was saved. In thankfulness for that the father built a tower and gave a carillon. The bells were made at the Whitechapel Foundry, and he (the speaker) went down to bless them. They were in communication with this gentleman in connection with restoration of the bells of St. Magnus', and he was interested in what they were trying to do.

Mr. Kenneth S. B. Croft submitted the toast of 'The Press.' He reminded the company that at one time there was a very grave danger of the Exercise not having a 'Ringing World.' He knew of the great part the late Mr. Rupert Richardson and other gentlemen played in securing the continuity of the publication.

The success of the contents of 'The Ringing World' depended on their contributions. He had benefited from them and had two excellent meals of salmon as the result of an article written by his wife on the trials of a ringer's wife. It was evident that somebody enjoyed the articles.

Mr. T. W. White acknowledged the toast and on behalf of the Editorial Committee thanked those who sent donations with their peals and quarter peals. From this source they met the Editor's salary last month, which was a great help in balancing their accounts.

'THE FRAGRANT MEMORY'

The concluding toast, 'The fragrant memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago,' was submitted by Mr. E. A. Young. The Master of 300 years ago was Robert Roan, who was one of their most distinguished Masters and was a great composer. He was what they would call to-day an accountant and he worked in the King's household. They owed to him some of the rules that governed composition.

In 1782 they had Christopher Pinchbeck. There were two Pinchbecks, father and son, and they were clock makers. They were concerned with the son, who invented a metal named 'Pinchbeck,' an imitation gold. He had a business in Cockspur Street and King George III. patronised him. He made a clock which was in Buckingham Palace, and he had received permission to take a photograph of it which he would present to the Society. He joined the College Youths in 1733 and was steward in 1742. He did not appear to have rung any peals.

One hundred years ago they had James Dwight, who describes himself in his song of the College Youths:—

Now I think I have spun out pretty well
And have but little to relate,
Excepting that the tenor

It was two tons one hundredweight;

A wheelwright rang it without help,

You can let the whole world know it,

'Tis he who chimes these dogrell rhymes,

Jimmy Dwight, the Poet.

The Master thanked Mr. Young for his research and also for his gift of the pamphlet of James Robert Haworth, a copy of which was presented to each member of the company.

Tunes on handbells were given by the Thain brothers, members of the Society.

BELLS GIVE WARNING OF TOWER ABLAZE

A warning which could be heard all over the district was given by the bells of Beckford Church, Worcs, ringing as the roof of the central tower of this Norman church caught fire on October 28th.

Burning timbers from the roof fell into the bell chamber and destroyed the stays of some of the bells, causing them to swing down and ring.

Attempts by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. B. Snell) and helpers to fight the fire with an extinguisher before the arrival of the fire brigade were of no avail. They reached the ringing chamber, but could get no further. Blazing debris were falling from the belfry to the floor. All they could do was to spray the floor and ceiling.

Firemen from Evesham and Pershore fought the flames from below before mounting the roof. Water cascaded through three floors of the tower and on to the floor of the church and damaged the organ.

Serious damage was confined to the tower roof, which was burnt away, and the floor of the belfry was also slightly damaged. The tower structure has not been affected. Beckford has six bells, dating from 1669, and these did not fall.

The day previous to the fire plumbers with blow lamps had been repairing cracks in the lead covering the tiled roof. Firemen are under the impression that the roof had been smouldering all night.

MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The annual gathering at Wrington in memory of Major J. H. B. Hesse was held on October 18th. Proceedings opened with an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Long Ashton on the Friday evening, which was lost after an hour's good ringing.

The usual peal was rung at Wrington on Saturday afternoon, this being a 5,021 of Grandsire Caters, composed by Mr. J. Topp, brought round in three hours and 18 minutes. Mrs. Hesse then entertained the ringers to a fine tea, and Mr. Knight announced that he had received letters of apology for absence from Messrs. Stafford Green, C. H. Dobbie, E. J. Taylor and A. A. Hughes.

Mr. H. J. Sanger, in a short speech, said that it was good to remember such people as John Hesse, who was not only a good ringer but also a good striker. He felt that Major Hesse would have shown up well in regard to the 'quiz' which had appeared on the front of the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Sanger thanked Mrs. Hesse for her hospitality, and she suitably replied, saying how quickly these annual gatherings seemed to come round.

The company included the Vicar of Wrington (the Rev. A. C. A. C. Talbot), Mesdames Knight, Massey and Thomas and Messrs. T. Brice, E. Chivers, L. Derrick, J. Dyke, T. Kimber, W. Kingcott, H. Knight, Massey, A. Reeves, H. Sanger and J. Thomas. M. J. H.

SPECIAL METHODS FOR MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—In keeping with the editorial of October 24th, may I commend the Bedfordshire Association in announcing a special method to their members? If secretaries of associations were to announce what methods were to be attempted at the following meeting worthy members would come prepared, and more satisfaction would be derived from the practice. By such means a systematic procedure would be established, infinitely preferable to the haphazard and uncertain operations which at present frequently occupy the time allowed for practice.

This, I think, would greatly improve the atmosphere in the belfry and standard of performance. It would also cope with, to quote from the article concerned, 'the type of ringer whose sole object is that of experimenting with methods of which he has little or no knowledge.'—Yours faithfully, F. R. H.-S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SALLY AND A 6ft. 11in. RINGER

Dear Sir,—In these days of record peals, fantastic Surprise methods and big tenors, fame is, indeed, hard to achieve. We see claims for first peals, longest peals, fastest peals, heaviest peals, hundreds of peals, thousands of peals; we even have claims for youngest ringers, oldest ringers—and now, tallest ringers. At last, thank goodness, Heston (Middlesex) is in the running for fame; one of our band, Mr. John Moore, standing 6ft. 11in. high!

As regards moving boxes to make ringing more comfortable, I am afraid that none of our bells are heavy enough to warrant the use of a box, so we are forced to have our sallies fairly high. The only satisfactory long-term policy appears, however, for all potential young ringers to take up smoking whilst still of tender years!—Yours faithfully

J. B. SANSOM.

Southall.

SIX O'CLOCK PRACTICE MEETINGS IN THE CITY

Dear Sir,—I fully endorse Mr. Bishop's suggestion for regular practices in the City and West End, as I have felt for some time that ringers working in these areas should have an opportunity of attending meetings in the many churches where ringing is now possible.

In fact, I have been on the point of enquiring whether such practices could be arranged, as I think that, with proper organisation, it would even be possible to arrange a series of lunch-time practices, as this would give City workers an opportunity of hearing change ringing, and would, I think, attract the attention of the general public; after all, many attend lunch-time concerts.

Further, Coronation year is almost upon us, and it would, I feel, be a great thing if the Exercise could bring these time-honoured rings into the fullest possible use during this period.

May I suggest that you publish a short list of the rings available, and if, as Mr. Bishop suggests, there are sufficient ringers working in these areas to take an active interest in this admirable project, approaches could be made to the incumbents concerned.—Yours faithfully,

R. E. SWANN.

Royston, Herts.

Dear Sir,—I heartily endorse the suggestion made by Mr. F. D. Bishop in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of October 24th, and I am convinced that for every learner who has read the letter and expressed his approval to you, there must be many who may not go to the trouble of doing so, but would be amongst the first to avail themselves of the facility.

And what of all those who are not numbered amongst your readers who work in the City or West End? Unfortunately, there are a number of captains in the London environs who take 'The Ringing World,' but tell their ringers who are not subscribers little or nothing of the various meetings and other items of general interest unless specially requested to do so—and then not always.

The degree of support which may be expected from any such learners is, therefore, largely dependent on the co-operation of their local captain, but regardless of this aspect I do feel that if only one church were made available in the City or West End for 6 p.m. ringing it would be so overcrowded on the first night that additional towers would soon have to be opened up to cope with the overflow.

'LEARNER.'

[NOTE.—We should be pleased to hear of any tower available at 6 p.m.—Ed.]

BRIGHTER BELFRIES

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. R. I. Shepherd's letter, I feel that some, on reading his remarks, will caustically ask, 'Why not look to the bells?' They are the main consideration, and this attitude is, of course, right; but if the bells are in the best possible order I quite agree with Mr. Shepherd's views.

Eighteen months ago at St. George's, Camberwell, we had a spring clean, the ceiling and the top of the walls were whitened, the lower walls and woodwork were painted, the peal boards were cleaned, varnished and, in two cases, rewritten. The effect is remarkable. We now know and can read easily that the first peal on the bells in 1823 was rung before the church was completed, that in 1833 one of the Shipway's peals (mentioned by Trollope in his 'Stedman' (page 108) was rung in our tower, in 1876 8,864 Kent Treble Bob Major, largest extent with tenors together to be rung in London upto that time, was performed on our bells.

Our belfry is swept, dusted, washed out, etc., regularly and one is proud to welcome visitors as one would be to one's home. I, personally, feel that learners appreciate the clean surroundings and, possibly, they are held longer than would be the case in a dingy atmosphere.

My best wishes to you, Mr. Shepherd. I hope that you succeed in your redecoration, and that others follow your example.—Yours faithfully,

F. R. L. BLEWER.

Camberley, S.E.5.

SUNDAY OUTINGS

Dear Sir,—I think that many ringers will not favour the idea that the ringers at St. Mary's, Scarborough, adopted, that is, of holding a ringer's outing on a Sunday. Surely the day that is set aside for praise to God is hardly suitable for chasing around the country 'tower-grabbing.' There is no mention, either, that the party went to church, although they rang for morning service at Helmsley. This is the kind of thing that increases the talk about ringers calling other people to worship and not going themselves. Also, as they have no bells of their own at the moment, surely that is the time to show their incumbent and the other parishioners that they don't merely ring the bells on Sunday for their own enjoyment, this being best done by being in their places (dare I say as usual?) for divine worship.

All Sunday service ringing should be performed to the glory of God, whether it be rounds, call changes or change ringing.—Yours truly,

F. S. WORTH.

South Brent, Devon.

TETBURY'S FOUR ROUNDS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I should like to enter an emphatic protest against the disgraceful recording of the Tetbury bells on the Home Service on October 26th. The B.B.C. actually announced them in the 'Radio Times,' which is rather unusual now, but on tuning in, one heard exactly four rounds, before being cut off. This is, in the writer's opinion, a deliberate insult both to these fine bells and to the people who rang them, who had probably been to considerable trouble in arranging to broadcast—and is, in the writer's opinion, typical of the supercilious and lofty indifference and of the bad manners which the B.B.C. display towards the ringing art. One has understood that a period of two to three minutes has been generally agreed upon—in this case it was literally about three seconds.—Yours, etc.,

J. LEWIS COCKEY.

London W.13.

THE APPLICATION TO RING

Dear Sir,—I am sorry if, inadvertently, my article of September 26th may have given the impression that permission for ringing should be given by the chief ringer without reference to the incumbent.

Certainly the incumbent's permission must be obtained, but I intended to convey, and about this I am quite unrepentant, that the proper person to seek the incumbent's permission is the representative of the local ringers, and for this reason the initial approach by a would-be visiting party should be to the local ringers rather than direct to the incumbent.

It is all very well for the vicar of a parish to say he gives permission to visitors and informs his chief ringer afterwards, but if I were the chief ringer I would be tempted to make the following comments to the vicar:—

(1) I suppose you will meet the visitors on their arrival and hand them the key to the belfry.

(2) I suppose you will go up and pull the clock chimes off and make sure none of the bells are lashed or that there are any obstructions.

(3) I suppose you will look over the ropes and do any necessary splicing and oil the bearings of the bells so that the visitors will be able to enjoy their visit without incident or mishap.

(4) I suppose you will go along after the visitors have left and make sure the clock chimes have been put on again, all lights put out, and the belfry door locked.

Again, it is all very well for a country vicar to issue an open invitation to all and sundry to come along and ring his bells, but he must realise that in very many towers ringing must be severely curtailed. There may be a hospital nearby, or the district may be thickly populated, or the church may stand in a shopping or business area of a town. In all such places careful consideration has to be given to any request for the use of the bells.

Can you imagine the feelings of a ringer at such a tower going along to the vicar to say, 'May I arrange a peal to mark the fiftieth anniversary of my confirmation?' only to be told, 'I am very sorry, but I have already told a party from so-and-so that they can come for a peal on the Saturday before your date so I am afraid I shall have to say no to you.'

There is nothing fanciful about all this. The incident at Cranborne earlier this year, as far as can be judged from the correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' occurred because, much against his better judgment, the incumbent gave permission for the ringing which caused the offence without reference to his own ringers. Again, where the various university societies began to find a new and larger existence in the years following the ban their enthusiasm ran away with them (excusably, no doubt), and they found it a useful thing from their point of view to write to the incumbent on college newspaper. This resulted in some instances in permission being given because the incumbent was at the same college, although he normally refused other ringers. (One gladly acknowledges that such incidents appear to have ceased now that the university people are adding such strength and lustre to the ordinary associations.)

It is all very well to be righteously indignant about alleged discourtesy to an incumbent, but the ringers who ring Sunday by Sunday are entitled to their courtesies as well. Fortunately, however, a very good understanding usually exists between the ringers and their incumbents. I was talking to a ringing captain only the other day whose rector had told him not to bother about getting permission for visitors provided there would be nothing on in the church. I may add that it is not to be concluded that the rector is careless or negligent of his responsibilities—he merely knows that he can rely on the good judgment of his own ringing captain.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. C.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

YORKSHIRE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXERCISE

THE irresistible charm of the city of York, opportunities to ring on the Minster bells, good fare (both solid and liquid) and a pervading air of genuine friendliness all combined to make the Snowdon Dinner, on October 26th, a most pleasant function.

The chair was taken by the president of the Yorkshire Association (the Ven. C. O. Ellison), who was supported by the Lord Mayor of York (Alderman C. W. Wright), the Dean of York (the Very Rev. Eric Milner-White), Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president) and Mr. L. W. Morris (secretary). The chairman announced that apologies had been received from Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Archdeacon of York, the president of the Lancashire Association, Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. G. Horner, Miss Margaret E. Snowdon and Mr. W. Barton.

The toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson who referred to the happy relations now existing between the civic and the Minster authorities at York. It had not always been so, for on one occasion a dispute between the Dean and the Mayor had necessitated a special visit by King Richard II. to settle the matter. On that occasion the King presented the city with a sword which was to be borne before the Mayor on ceremonial occasions.

THE OLD FOUNDRIES

Whenever he (Mr. Johnson) came to York he always made a point of going to see the bellfounders' window in the Minster. There were at one time two old bell foundries in the city, one belonging to Richard Tunnoch (whom the window commemorates) and Smith's bell foundry. He had often tried to find the exact location of these foundries but without success.

He thought it should ever be borne in mind that one of the main tasks of the Church in the past had been the provision of Education, and he hoped the Church would continue to stress that the formation of character was more important than the making of money. Mr. Johnson paid a tribute to the Dean of York, who was so energetically tackling the work of restoration at the Minster. He reminded the audience that it was their duty to support the Church in the work it had to do in these difficult times.

The Dean, in reply, said he was thankful that he had not on that occasion received such a 'warm' welcome as that given to his predecessor, Dr. Foxley Norris, in that room many years ago, when a waiter inadvertently tipped four plates of hot tomato soup down his back!

He thought they would be interested to hear that he had once designed a bell. This was in connection with a stained glass window where they desired to represent the New Jerusalem descending on the City of Southampton. The bell was named 'Felicity.'

The Dean spoke of the function of bells and said next year they would play a big part in connection with the Coronation and would express the nation's joy.

The toast 'The late Jasper W. Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood. He said that ringers had once been described as being 'consistent in their inconsistency.' For instance, in Yorkshire they preferred to ring Treble Bob in the Kent variation—and in Kent they preferred to ring Treble Bob in the Oxford variation. In some parts of the country they preferred ropes with one sally—in another (he would not say which) they preferred ropes with two! All, however, were unanimous in agreeing they owed a great debt to the work of the late Jasper Snowdon, first president of the Yorkshire Association.

SNOWDON'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION

Jasper Snowdon was born in 1844 and was a keen athlete—once having walked from Leeds to London in five days. He (the speaker) preferred to think that it was after this walk he joined the Ancient Society of College Youths—that was in 1872. The books which Jasper Snowdon wrote have been mainly responsible for the standard of ringing as known to-day and they were still authoritative.

During his short lifetime (he died at the age of 41) he rang no less than 129 peals. He saw the need for practical as well as theoretical instruction and he filled that need. The College Youths thought very highly of him and on his death the Master of that day, Mr. J. Martin Routh, wrote:—

'What though the deeds in which he played his part

Are not inscribed on England's Roll of Fame,
As long as future ages prize our Art,

So long shall reverence be for Snowdon's name.'

The work which Jasper had commenced was continued by his brother William, who became president and was in turn carried on by his daughter, Margaret E. Snowdon, who was still with them and working on their behalf. It was gratifying that the Central Council at Lincoln this year bestowed on her its highest honour, viz., life membership of the Council in recognition of her services to the Exercise.

Another great figure in the Yorkshire Association was William Horner Howard, who took an active part in its formation and was made a vice-president. He was for 68 years a ringer at York Minster and took part in the last peal on the old bells when he and two others rang the tenor.

Other great names that came to mind were those of Charles Jackson, of Hull, one of the finest conductors of Grandsire the Exercise has ever known; Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield, who gave them the simple turning course for Stedman Cinques; James Cotterill, for many years treasurer; Canon Marshall, president for 35 years; George Bolland, a famous six-bell ringer, who was ringing multi-method peals of Minor before splicing was heard of; Harry Williams of Leeds, a fine man and a splendid ringer. All these men had served the Association and the Exercise well and they were proud to honour their memory.

The toast of 'Visitors and Kindred Societies' was submitted by Mr. H. Walker (president of the York Minster Society), who said in spite of the counter-attractions of the opening of a new ring of twelve bells at Liverpool Parish Church and the 40th anniversary of the Ladies' Guild at Leicester, they had with them a number of distinguished visitors and representatives of kindred societies.

After welcoming the Lord Mayor, the Dean and the Rev. J. McMullen, Sacrist at the Minster, Mr. Walker referred to the presence of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, who represented the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World.' Making an appeal for greater support of 'The Ringing World,' he said more postal subscribers were required and bulk orders were cheaper than individual ones. At York they got eight copies delivered to one address and the cost (Yorkshire ringers please note) was no more than purchasing through a newsagent, but the committee benefited considerably as distributors and newsagents' profits were saved.

Among the other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Park, M. Rowland Park and Miss Margaret Fidell (Durham and Newcastle Association) Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury and Miss Shorter

(Surrey Association), Mr. Rishworth (St. Martin's Guild) and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Raddon (Lancashire Association).

'CLATTERBANGERS'

Although the Ladies' Guild had a counter-attraction at Leicester he was glad to see so many 'Clatterbangers,' as they were called in Leicestershire, with them. Incidentally for the first time in history they had ladies as bellringers in York Minster. Miss Reeves joined the Society twelve months ago and Miss Kingdom had recently come to live in York from Chester. The Chester Diocesan Guild could be said to be represented by Miss Kingdom as she had not yet had time to join the Yorkshire Association.

The Lord Mayor, in thanking Mr. Walker for his kind welcome, said from what he had seen of bellringing he thought it should be registered as a 'dangerous occupation.' He thought bellringers were born—not paid! He had tried to qualify as a ringer by ringing the fire bell that day, but was proud to think that he had been successful in ringing one of York City's bell(s)!

Mr. Lathbury, of Walton-on-Thames, responded for the kindred societies.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. W. Norman Park, of Darlington. He said that the Association had been well served by its officers, and the formation and maintenance of such a great organisation with its vast territory and variety of industries reflected to the credit of the officers.

Mr. L. G. Morris (secretary) responded and said that the Association now had 1,592 members. It had only had four presidents since 1875. The officers were greatly helped by the intense loyalty of the members.

Although Yorkshire possessed five rings of twelve bells, it had only been possible to ring peals on four of them—the notable exception being that of York Minster. He hoped that in connection with the Coronation celebrations this omission might be put right.

Mr. G. Benfield, of Pudsey, submitted the toast of 'The Chairman,' and the president, in replying paid a tribute to Mr. H. Walker, who had so ably organised that gathering. He had worked very hard for a long time to ensure its success.

Musical items were given by Mrs. D. Bowles and Messrs. S. H. Steel, F. Horner, L. Wright J. Worfolk and K. Ward.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by John Ambler, E. W. Critchley, P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris and S. Palmer.

The company included Mr. and Mrs. Braithwaite, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Forden, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. H. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ricketts, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sellars, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Williams.

Messrs. J. Ambler, G. Benfield, F. Bishop, J. E. Cawser, D. Chapman, A. Cole, W. E. Critchley, F. Darbourne, J. W. Gibson, J. L. Gilbert, E. Hudson, G. Jackson, R. W. G. Morris, R. and K. Park, S. F. Palmer, F. W. Rishworth, E. Short, P. Speck, T. Southwick, B. Sutton, W. H. Taylor, J. Turley, A. H. Walker and E. Wilson.

Mesdames Reeves and S. H. Steel.
The Misses A. Abbey, N. Bickerdike, M. Fidell, S. M. Kingdom, W. E. Shorter, P. Reeves and M. Shearsmith.

HESTON RINGERS

Heston ringers, their friends and wives had a half-day's outing through Berkshire and Oxfordshire on October 4th. Ringing took place at Henley, East Ilsley (where there was also tea at the Crown and Horns Hotel, and Mr. W. Hibbert met the party), and St. Helen's, Abingdon. Thanks are expressed to Mr. John Sansom for arranging such an enjoyable outing and to the incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD'S JUBILEE DINNER

Happy Relationship With Three County Associations

On June 27th last, the East Grinstead and District Guild attained its silver jubilee and to celebrate the occasion a dinner was held at East Grinstead on October 11th. The bells were available from 4 o'clock and ringing up to Cambridge Major was enjoyed. An excellent meal was served at the Glanfield Hotel. Everyone was pleased that the Guild's president (the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird) was able to preside over the proceedings in his own inimitable way and act as toastmaster.

After the president had proposed the loyal toast Mr. B. W. White (general secretary, Sussex County Association) submitted 'The East Grinstead and District Guild.' He spoke of the good work that had been and was still being performed by the Guild; also of the excellent relations between Guild and county, hoping this state of affairs would continue for many years.

In reply, Mr. E. J. Ladd (chairman of the Guild) thanked Mr. White for his kind remarks and said how pleased he was that the dinner had been such a success, as it had been his idea.

Mr. C. A. Bassett (Guild secretary) proposed the health of 'The Visitors.' He said that being a visitor was one of the nicest things about ringing. They all knew the feeling about entering a strange tower and not knowing a soul, but as soon as the person was known to be a ringer he was made to feel at home. He endorsed Mr. White's remarks about the friendly relations between the Guild and the three county associations over whose territory the Guild operated, and was pleased to see as guests Mr. B. W. White of the Southern Division and Mr. G. Jennings of the Northern Division, Sussex Association, Mr. J. W. Knight, Surrey Association, and Mr. B. Pankhurst, of the Tonbridge District, Kent Association. He regretted that Mr. P. Rollison of the Eastern Division, Sussex County Association, was prevented from coming owing to his wife's indisposition.

Mr. G. Jennings replied, thanking the Guild for their hospitality.

The chairman then read a greetings telegram from the Tonbridge District, Kent Association, wishing the Guild continued success.

Mr. A. F. Wellington (Guild treasurer) proposed 'The President and Organisers.' He spoke of the hard work of the dinner sub-committee, especially Miss K. Shepherd, and went on to say how fortunate the Guild were in having such a man as Dr. Golding-Bird as president. It was a coincidence that this year Dr. Golding-Bird had celebrated his silver jubilee as Vicar of East Grinstead.

Mr. Wellington mentioned how easy it was for one to take up ringing in these days compared with 50 years ago, when one could sit in the belfry all the evening and never be asked to have a ring. He thought that the youngsters of to-day had every opportunity to learn especially with a Guild like theirs.

The president replied with a few well-chosen words thanking ringers for their unstinted labours for the Church, saying that he would always be pleased to do anything that he could for them.

The rest of the time was spent as a social evening, the company being entertained by Mr. Ernest Simms, who sang and accompanied himself on the accordion, and later introduced the high spot of the evening, Mr. George Creasey, as East Grinstead's new 'district nurse.'

In addition to the president and guests, those present were, E. J. Ladd, A. F. Lewry, A. F. Wellington, A. Relfe, A. Laker, C. A. Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wood, H. and M. Oakshott, D. Divall, E. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins, Mrs. and Miss Colgate, Miss Golding, A. L. Ryman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Manser, L. Honess, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ponting, W. Morland and Miss Shepherd.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Nov. 8th, 1912

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE

The Lancashire Association

On Thursday, October 31st, 1912, in 3 hours and 13 minutes

At the Church of St. Mark

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5,040

CHANGES

Carter's No. 10. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

John PotterTreble

James H. Ridyard2

George Pincott3

John Welsby4

William Grunwell5

Percy Derbyshire6

Joseph Ridyard7

*Joseph H. Ridyard, jun. Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

*First peal in any method. The company think it reflects great credit on the bell founders when a youth of 16 years can ring a peal on a tenor of over a ton weight without being unduly exhausted.

[And, equally, great credit on the ringer. Since this auspicious beginning, Mr. Ridyard has become one of the leading conductors in the North of England.]

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was the venue for the autumn meeting of the Society on October 18th. Ringing during the afternoon and evening on the fine ring of ten bells (tenor 28 cwt.) was under the direction of the Ringing Master (Mr. Maurice Turner). The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Price) and St. Paul's organist (Mr. Cox) was at the organ. In his address Mr. Price stressed the point that if ringers were really doing their ringing for the glory of God, then there would be very few unoccupied ropes for service ringing each Sunday.

An excellent tea was served in St. Paul's Institute to which 45 sat down. Mr. B. G. Key and his helpers are to be congratulated on providing such a good meal.

In his remarks after tea, Mr. Fred Bennett pointed out that if other bands who had meetings coming off at their towers would only try and emulate the Burton ringers in providing tea, the cost would be considerably less than that charged by outside caterers. He mentioned about the forthcoming dinner at Wednesbury on November 15th and said he hoped all members of the Society would give their support.

ISLE OF WIGHT RINGERS' TOUR

Isle of Wight ringers went 'foreign' on September 27th and visited the mainland. Ringing took place at Lymminster, near Littlehampton, Bolney in Mid-Sussex, Buckland, Wimbrough Green (where the visit coincided with the church fete and the visitors entered a tug-of-war team, but the horizontal pull was not their idea of a 'piece of cake') and Petersfield with its light staircase. The last boat was caught back to Ryde, after a day of full enjoyment. Ringing throughout the day was not brilliant and ranged from rounds to an unsuccessful attempt at Cambridge Minor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The six-bell tower of Souldern was selected for the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Branch on October 25th. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Benson (vice-president) and the lesson read by Mr. F. Sharpe. The Rev. C. Cowland Cooper (branch president) preached.

Members of the Mothers' Union provided an excellent tea. Business transacted included the election of Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, daughter of Mr. F. Sharpe, as a member, selecting Caversfield with Bicester for the next meeting on January 31st and thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Canterbury District

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on October 18th. Ninety members and friends were present, coming from 24 of the 34 affiliated towers in the district. Ringing during the afternoon was held at St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's prior to the service, which was held in the latter church, being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Magraw).

Tea being disposed of, members settled down to the business meeting. The secretary's report showed that there had been a drop of 11 in total membership (this loss is now six). The large number of honorary members had been retained, 47. Six meetings had all been well attended, an average of 52 being present. Tower representation had been 16. These figures prove the interest taken in the district and easily prove the great harmony that exists between the members. While not aspiring to the heights of Spliced Surprise, methods up to Cambridge Major had been practised.

Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington (chairman), Mr. B. J. Luck (secretary) and Messrs. H. R. French and S. Walter (representatives) were all re-elected on nomination. The Ringing Master was elected by ballot, Mr. W. S. Palin, Faversham, being chosen for this office. The officers were all thanked for their services during the past year, and Mr. R. G. French was thanked for his two years as Ringing Master.

Wingham outvoted Ospringe as the venue for the quarterly meeting. Mention was made of the social to be held in November, and a recommendation that the annual general meeting of the Association be held in Canterbury next year was passed.

Thanks were expressed to all the clergy in the city, these including the Dean and Chapter, by whose permission the Cathedral bells were available during the evening.

TOWER GRABBING IN SOMERSET

On a recent autumn Saturday afternoon the peaceful brown and gold tinted country lanes of Somerset were disturbed by an unusual amount of traffic. The mechanised squad was, in fact, a party of Bath and district ringers intent on a tower grabbing expedition. And let it not be thought this was merely a party of youths haring around the countryside bent on enlarging their lists of towers. Youth was certainly represented, and not least by 13-year-old Ellis Lipeyat, but the presence of nigh on 80-year-old Albert Baverstock ensured that age more than held its own.

Towers visited were Queen Charlton (5), Publow (6), Hinton Blewett (5), Litton (6), Paulton (6) and Priston (6). Three towers were grabbed before all ranks fell in for tea at the Ring of Bells, Hinton Blewett. A cordial welcome from mine hostess was followed by liberal offerings of country victuals which, needless to say, were appreciated to the 'full.'

The sixth and final tower of the day, Priston, was reached soon after 8 p.m. and a good hour's ringing completed operations.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District at Royston

A most enjoyable and well-attended meeting was held at Royston by the Northern District on October 25th. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. D. Devonshire, whose sermon was most encouraging to all present, his theme being—'We hath not chosen God, but God Almighty hath chosen us.'

Tea was provided by the Vicar at the Corner Cafe.

At the business meeting the Vicar presided and three new members were elected, viz., R. Swann (Royston), G. Johnson (Stevenage), W. Bysouth (Barkway). It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Baldock on Saturday, November 29th, the special method being Duffield Major

E. G. B.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Difficulties Over Finances

An extra-ordinary general meeting of the Hertford County Association was held in the ringing chamber of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, on October 18th.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) opened the proceedings by referring to the death of the president (Mr. A. E. Symonds), and the members stood in silent tribute to the memory of an old friend. The meeting then approved the action of the committee in asking the immediate past president (Mr. T. J. Southam) to act as president for the remainder of the term of office.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham) was then called upon for a financial statement. This showed that apart from the expenses incurred in the running of the Association and the amounts received from various sources so far this year, there were several large donations received already. Mr. Debenham enlarged on the bank statement and gave a rough idea of what it cost to run the Association per member. The committee had recommended that the annual subscription of ringing members be left at 2s. 6d. for 1953, but that the position be reviewed during that year in view of the possible need for an increase. This met with the approval of the meeting.

It was proposed that the subscription for new non-resident life members be raised from five to ten shillings as from January 1st, 1953. This met with much opposition from Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton and C. W. Woolley on the grounds of little gain. After some discussion it was finally agreed that the matter be left over.

Mr. Cashmore requested more detailed information on the financial position and of the efforts being made to repay the loan of £50 which the Association had accepted at the annual meeting.

Reports from district secretaries present showed that at least £50 had already been raised by means of collections at district meetings, socials and donations from various towers.

Mr. C. W. Woolley asked if competitive estimates had been obtained for the printing of the annual report. The secretary replied that following resolutions from two of the districts he had obtained such estimates and had been instructed by the committee to accept the lowest.

A general discussion then followed on whether the next report be printed or 'duplicated.' The hon. secretary said he hoped to have the report printed in time for the annual meeting if he could get the co-operation of all concerned. Mr. Woolley proposed that the printing or otherwise of the report be left for the time being and that the matter be reviewed at the annual meeting. The motion was lost. Mr. Woolley then proposed that the report be in 'duplicated' form, but his proposal failed to find a second.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton put forward several suggestions for cutting costs, such as fewer notices in 'The Ringing World,' increasing the membership of ringing and honorary members, etc. Mr. H. G. Cashmore, who had given previous notice of alteration to Rule 2, then proposed that the latter part of the rule be reworded so as to exclude resident ringing members from becoming life members. This alteration was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

A proposal that the peal book be written at the expense of the Association was agreed to by a majority vote after some discussion. This closed the business and members adjourned for tea and ringing at the Cathedral and St. Michael's.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Peals On Meeting Days

The October quarterly meeting was held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on the 18th ult., over 40 members attending. One of Warwickshire's best octaves (tenor 24½ cwt. in D), housed in a magnificent tower attached to a large church, the building and the bells are out of all proportion to the size of the village. The ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise in the tower and Grandsire and Stedman Caters on handbells. Tea was taken at the Denbigh Arms.

The business meeting followed presided over by the Master, Mr. F. W. Perrins. Apologies were received from the president (the Rev. R. P. Rigby), Messrs. J. White, F. H. Ashley and H. E. Ashley and Mrs. Hinde (hon. member). The place of the next meeting caused a vote to be taken as both Chilvers Coton and Warwick were proposed and seconded. Upon a show of hands Warwick was selected.

The matter of peals being arranged on meeting days was aired, the principal speakers being Messrs. J. L. Garner-Hayward, A. J. Hinde, L. Trevor, H. Webb, R. J. Edden, with the Master summing up voicing the general opinion that, unless local conditions decree otherwise, peals on meeting days must be discouraged.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Jones) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Pittham, the local captain for arranging the tea and having everything in readiness in the tower. D. E. B.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its October meeting at Pocklington in the old church of All Saints, which has a ring of six (tenor 16 cwt.). Although the tower was surrounded with scaffolding and repairs to the stonework were being carried out, ringing was able to take place without damage to the structure.

Standard methods were rung during the afternoon until service time. The Vicar of Pocklington, Canon Richardson, was away in York with a Missionary gathering. His place was taken by the Rev. G. Storer, R.D., who conducted the service in his stead.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, a feast of home cooking, ably served by the ringers' wives. In replying to a vote of thanks at the end of the meeting, Mr. C. Bairstow spoke of the church restoration in progress, which, with the tower, included a new east window and two new bells to complete the octave. Unfortunately there are not sufficient funds to pay for the recasting of the existing six.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m.

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His many friends and members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers wish speedy recovery for their popular president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, who has been in Ottery St. Mary Hospital since October 9th. He has had another, minor, operation and hopes soon to return home.

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Make your own arrangements for tea. 1639

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—November meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. H. Wain, South View, Church Lane, North Wingfield. Good attendance specially requested. 1597

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—West Hoathly (6). Nov. 8th. Tea at The Fountain Cafe.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 1598

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1600

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Great Dunmow Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow, Essex. 1552

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 6—9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 1610

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Correction: Meeting on Nov. 8th at Prescott. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30 (Is.).—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 1637

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th All Saints', West Ham Lane (few minutes Stratford Station or Broadway). Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business and further ringing from 6 p.m.—A. Boyack, Wanstead 1575

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Church End, Finchley, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service, tea and business. Hendon bells available 6.30 to 9 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 1588

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tilehurst Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at Old Schools.—A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. 1575

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting at Wychbold, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 1607

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Dundry, November 15th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1625

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Westoning, Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 1629

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Nov. 12th.—W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 1623

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight (8), Saturday Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 1644

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 1641

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Exhall, near Coventry, at the request of the local ringers, on Saturday Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, 11th, to A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Auneaton. 1631

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Darley Dale, Saturday, November 15th, 3 p.m. Important business to discuss. Please try to attend. Cups of tea provided.—D. S. Gregory. 1649

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Saturday Nov. 15th, Rewe (6), 2.30 p.m. on the Exeter—Tiverton bus route. Guild Cathedral practice 6 p.m. same evening.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 1618

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Nov. 15th, at 3.30, Dedication of War Memorial in Newcastle Cathedral. Tea in the library after service. Ringing at Gateshead 6—9.—D. A. Bayles. 1624

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 15th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 1630

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (5), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 1624

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Hilgay, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 12th, please. These bells have recently been overhauled.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 1632

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—By-meeting Wivenhoe Nov. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by November 10th, essential, please.—R. Duesbury, Hughesdale 5, Clacton Road, St. Osyth, Essex. 1571

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Staplehurst (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Notification for tea, by Nov. 12th, to Geo. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace Hawkhurst, Kent. 1616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at North Myms (8), Saturday, November 15th, commencing 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. J. Southam, 14, Walton Street, St. Albans. 1627

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting Flookburgh, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Names for tea to A. Edgar, Holker-in-Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 1646

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1645

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas's, Pendleton, Nov. 15th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bus from King Street West or Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 1647

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be at Bacup St. Saviour's on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells from 3. All welcome.—J. Porter. 1635

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.—Annual Ringers' Day, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Meat tea for all who notify, by Nov. 8th, Miss Mary Addy, Throstle Nest, Marsden. Whist, dancing, handbells and supper in the evening. 1536

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Heston (8), Nov. 15th. Service 5, with tea in Vicarage afterwards (names by previous day to J. Sansom, 4, Shaftesbury Avenue, Southall). Bells 4—5 and after tea. St. Paul's Bath Road, Hounslow (8) 3—4. Joint meeting with R.C.Y. Dec. 6th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 1633

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Newhall, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30 p.m. for those who notify the undersigned by Nov. 12th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 1643

NORWICH ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch) and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting, Beccles, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by 12th, please, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles. 1584

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Practice meeting at Helmdon on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) from 5 till 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 1621

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A by-meeting at Hampreston on Nov. 15th. Ringing from 2.30; Canford in the evening. Tea for those who notify by Nov. 12th, I. Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 1622

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Nov. 15th, Wyke Regis. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, by Nov. 10th, to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—Hayne, Sec. 1582

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only available. Members please bring own food.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 1640

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham (8) Saturday, Nov. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Tea (3s. 6d.) at Corner Cafe, for those who notify me by previous Tuesday.—P. N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 1581

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting Burgess Hill, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify by Wednesday, 12th.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodland Road, Hassocks. 1634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in School Hut. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 1592

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (near Colliers Wood Tube Station).—Ringers' service, Nov. 16th 6.30 p.m. Ringing (6 bells) 5.30—6.30 p.m. The church has now been restored, redecorated, heated and a new organ is to be installed. All welcome. 1619

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston joint meeting at Melbourne on November 22nd at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Lt.-Col. R. John Morris D.S.O., Vicar, The Vicarage, Melbourne, Derbyshire. 1651

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Bramley Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday, Nov. 15th, to Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 1648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held in Canterbury, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. St. Stephen's and St. Dunstan's bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea St. Dunstan's Parish Room, 4.45 p.m. Social evening to follow. Tickets limited, 2s. 6d. each (cash and stamp, please) from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, latest Nov. 17th. 1626

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting, Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Benhall, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Saxmundham bells after tea. Annual subscriptions will be collected.—P. S. Bedford. 1614

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Buckland Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 18th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 1636

DEVON GUILD.—South West Branch. —Annual meeting, Plymouth, St. Andrew's, Dec. 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service in St. Andrew's Chapel 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Lower Abbey Hall. Names by Dec. 1st, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 1613

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