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## ESTABLISHED RINGING ORGANISATIONS

THE district secretary of one of our well-known ringing associations was recently called upon to enumerate the 'virtues' of the association for which he was conscientiously collecting annual subscriptions. He had always taken it for granted that all ringers understood that it is the proper thing to subscribe to the guild or association in whose territory one happens to reside.

Being a conscientious secretary, he decided to be prepared with his answers should the same question be asked of him again. However, on referring to the annual report of his own association, he found that very little space had been devoted to explaining the aims of the association. Reference to some half-dozen annual reports of other associations and guilds enabled him to compile a list of eight or nine 'aims.' Knowing this list to be far from complete, he gave careful thought to the problem and finally drew up the following list:—

1. To obtain full recognition of the ringers' office as a branch of church work.
2. The advancement of change ringing as a branch of church work and as a scientific interest.
3. Observation of good and peaceable behaviour in our belfries.
4. Friendly meetings and co-operation between ringers over a wide area.
5. Providing instructors at reasonable cost.
6. Promoting co-operation between clergy, ringers and the public.
7. Maintaining historical records concerning ringers and bells.
8. Promoting *proper* care, use and maintenance of church bells, fittings and belfries.
9. Promoting ringing for divine services and helping to instil a spirit of loyalty and service into ringers.

10. Financial help in needy cases to help restore bells.
11. Promoting help and encouragement to struggling bands.
12. Provision of literature and instruction books.
13. Disseminating knowledge and information about ringing matters, e.g., annual reports, etc.
14. Providing opportunity for practice, and maintaining enthusiasm of capable ringers who can and do pass on what they have learned (in knowledge and skill) to the less keen ringers, who never ring outside their own tower, but who nevertheless do benefit by the activities of ringing associations.

Though there is overlapping between some of the above items, they do constitute quite a formidable list, which, nevertheless, is far from complete. Surely no ringer, aware of these aims, would wish to stand outside the organisation and withhold his subscription.

Do our organisations, and do we as members thereof, actively carry out these aims to the best of our ability? If not let us assiduously endeavour to keep them in mind and make the best contribution we can in our own particular sphere. Little fault can be found with the ringer who attends regularly for service ringing and practice in cheerful and co-operative spirit, even though he or she does no other ringing.

On receiving Confirmation, one becomes a member of a Fellowship whose influence and activities extend far beyond one's own parish, and membership of this fellowship bestows both privileges and obligations.

Similarly acceptance of the office of ringer bestows both benefits and opportunities to serve, not only in one's own tower, but in a wider field.

Ringing would indeed be in a much poorer state but for the past and present work of established ringing organisations. Let us do all in our power to strengthen and rejuvenate them so that their high aims may be fulfilled.

N. C.



# IN RESPECTFUL HOMAGE TO QUEEN MARY

Born May 26th, 1867 : Died March 24th, 1953

## TWELVE BELL PEAL

BUCKFAST, DEVON.  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 7
MRS. J. THOMAS .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 8
JOHN THOMAS .. 3	† WILLIAM G. GIGG .. 9
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS .. 10
* ARTHUR H. REED .. 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 11
GILBERT H. HARDING .. 6	FRANK HANSFORD .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## TEN BELL PEALS

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT .. 2	ERNEST STITCH .. 7
SAMUEL BIRCH .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 8
ALFRED S. BAYLEY .. 4	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 5	JOSEPH L. STANIER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

NORWICH.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sun., March 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,  
A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ERNEST G. SHORTING .. Treble	WILLIAM LOVE .. 6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 8
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. 9
ARTHUR G. BASON .. 5	NOLAN GOLDEN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tues., March 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,  
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER .. 7
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 3	ALBERT M. TYLER .. 8
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN .. 9
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 5	ALAN A. HILLIAR .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wed., March 25, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,  
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* CEDRIC MURPHY .. Treble	BETTY FAITHFUL .. 5
* ADRIAN TUMBER .. 2	† ROY FAITHFUL .. 6
† MOLLY DENBY .. 3	REGINALD A. REED .. 7
CHARLES TAYLOR .. 4	NORMAN HAYES .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

\* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BURES, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
(The St. Mary's Society.)

On Fri., March 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

* EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE Treble	CHARLES BOWER .. 5
DONALD L. MILLS .. 2	* ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 6
† STUART T. HUME .. 3	LESLIE D. MILLS .. 7
MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 4	EDWIN C. HYNARD .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by LESLIE D. MILLS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

Rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary. Ringer of treble aged 14.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT J. ADAMS .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 5
* RICHARD A. E. HARRISON .. 2	NORMAN HOBDEN .. 6
* JOYCE A. FISHLOCK .. 3	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 7
S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. ADAMS.

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

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER .. 5
BRIAN BLADON .. 2	CHARLES COLES .. 6
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 3	PETER ANGER .. 7
GEORGE F. BURTON .. 4	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

In memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.



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## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Handbridge,

## A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*ROSELYN CREWE .. .. Treble	†ROGER B. MORRIS .. .. 5
†BETTY GRIFFITHS .. .. 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
†SHIRLEY GOLDING .. .. 3	‡BRIAN HARRIS .. .. 7
‡J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. .. 4	R. GORDON CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (C.C.C. No. 3).

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.

‡ 25th peal together.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL .. .. Treble	PETER COXALL .. .. 5
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. .. 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. .. 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. .. 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT .. .. 7
RONALD KENRICK .. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, The Blessed Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

ERIC HORNBY .. .. Treble	*HARRY W. HOWARD .. .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. .. 2	*HAROLD WORRALL .. .. 6
*HENRY PARKER .. .. 3	*CECIL RADDON .. .. 7
JOHN SCOTT .. .. 4	BRIAN HARRIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by HAROLD WORRALL.

\* 50th peal together.

Rung in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS D. J. FLEETWOOD .. Treble	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 5
HENRY T. WILSON .. .. 2	FRANK V. GANT .. .. 6
COLIN E. WRIGHT .. .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. .. 7
DAVID W. BEARD .. .. 4	BERTRAM C. HINES .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. VICARS.

Conducted by COLIN E. WRIGHT.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

GEOFFREY INGHAM .. .. Treble	*ROBERT E. MOULDS .. .. 5
*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 2	*ROY MANN .. .. 6
*JOHN F. BRYANT .. .. 3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. .. 7
*J. HENRY FIELDEN .. .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

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

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes

At the Watch Tower.

## A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb.

MARGARET SOFTLEY .. .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES .. .. 5
ROBERT BELL .. .. 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	*THOMAS COOKE .. .. 7
KENNETH ARTHUR .. .. 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* 50th peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## UFFCULME, DEVON.

## THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 22 cwt.

RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. Treble	R. JOHN KELLAND .. .. 5
*PERCY J. MAYNE .. .. 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR .. .. 6
MRS. C. F. MILES .. .. 3	*JAMES D. UPTON .. .. 7
GORDON WALFORD .. .. 4	*WILLIAM H. WARE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.

In memoriam H.M. Queen Mary and Mrs. E. V. Cox. At the request of the Vicar of Uffculme, as the peal started immediately after a wedding ceremony, the bells were rung open.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 29, 1953, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD SADLER .. .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. .. 5
BRIAN J. HOWARD .. .. 2	DONALD COOMBS .. .. 6
WILLIAM S. MAY .. .. 3	GERALD FROST .. .. 7
PHILIP SADLER .. .. 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., March 30, 1953, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON .. .. Treble	ALLEN MORGAN .. .. 5
*SUSAN JACKSON .. .. 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS .. .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE .. .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Triples

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., March 31, 1953, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

## ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., March 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. 4
JAMES BENNETT, SEN. .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 5
GEORGE W. WATERMAN .. 3	URBAN W. WILDSNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDSNEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., March 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

## A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve methods: (1) Combined Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) Combined Childwall and Thelwall, (3) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Spliced Plain and Double Bob, (6) Combined Single Court and Reverse Bob and (7) Double Court.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CEDRIC CURSON .. .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 5
*DAVID HEIGHTON .. .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in more than seven methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.



PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Fri., March 27, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.  
\*BERNARD PARKIN .. .. Treble | CHARLES ROUSE .. .. 4  
\*GRAHAM MORRIS (14) .. 2 | DUDLEY SURMAN .. .. 5  
†ROY TAYLOR .. .. 3 | FRANK PENDRY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE MINOR**

Comprising four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

\*MONICA HOWARD .. .. Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. .. 4  
\*JAMES BROOKS .. .. 2 | MICHAEL HATCHETT .. .. 5  
WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 3 | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of: Bourne Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST W. FURBANK .. Treble | JOE E. G. ROAST .. .. 4  
\*RICHARD GARDINER .. 2 | HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 5  
PETER J. CAME .. .. 3 | ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

Rung in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

\*DEREK PREECE .. .. Treble | DAVID W. BARR .. .. 4  
†BRYAN E. CARSON .. .. 2 | †MICHAEL W. FAIREY .. .. 5  
†JOHN R. JOYNER .. .. 3 | CLIVE M. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIVE M. SMITH.

\* First peal of Minor and first peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being 720 each of York, Alnwick, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, London and Cambridge. Tenor 18½ cwt.

\*JOHN MUSSELL .. .. Treble | \*†JOHN HARTLESS .. .. 4  
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 2 | \*WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 5  
\*DAVID R. REED .. .. 3 | \*RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

\* First peal of Surprise in seven methods. † 50th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR BRYANT .. .. Treble | LAURENCE H. TURNER .. .. 4  
JOHN PIDGEON .. .. 2 | RICHARD VALENTINE .. .. 5  
ROBIN PITTMAN .. .. 3 | HARRY TURNER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being ten six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and April Day, eight Plain Bob and fourteen six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

\*JAMES GRIFFIN .. .. Treble | PERCY AMOS .. .. 3  
†DEREK E. GRIFFIN .. .. 2 | VICTOR A. PERRY .. .. 4

ERNEST G. ORLAND .. .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

\* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

UPPER CAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

\*OLIVER MILLS .. .. Treble | †RONALD COX .. .. 4  
JOAN BUSSEY .. .. 2 | LESLIE BARRY .. .. 5  
\*FREDERICK OAKHILL .. 3 | †VICTOR JELLINGS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

WOOLPIT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

ROBERT E. LESTER .. .. Treble | RONALD W. STEWARD .. .. 4  
\*ALAN FEVER .. .. 2 | MAX P. PAGE .. .. 5  
\*JOHN S. WYBROW .. .. 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by MAX P. PAGE.

\* First peal in three methods.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., March 29, 1953, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.

\*PAMELA PEEL .. .. Treble | ROLAND REED .. .. 4  
WALTER J. HAMMOND .. 2 | JOHN E. FOX .. .. 5  
RICHARD SPENCER .. .. 3 | HARRY FOLLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

\* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Mon., March 30, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

\*DOREEN WEAR .. .. Treble | WALTER COATES .. .. 4  
SYDNEY CARNALL .. .. 2 | JOHN NEWBERT .. .. 5  
CHARLES COOK .. .. 3 | HAROLD DENMAN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tues., March 31, 1953, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,  
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

**A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor size 12 in E flat.

TERENCE R. KIRCHIN .. 1-2 | DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 5-6  
PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 3-4 | \*GRAHAM J. STODD .. .. 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

\* First peal.

In memoriam H.M. Queen Mary.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1953, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES A. MILNER .. .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. .. 5
JOHN WORTH .. .. 2	PETER LAFLIN .. .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS .. .. 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER .. .. 7
BASIL JONES .. .. 4	ERNEST BENNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.  
Rung in recognition of the 52nd anniversary of the first peal in the method.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 21, 1953, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Vicars'.	Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	RONALD I. SHEPHERD .. 5
*MONICA HOWARD .. .. 2	†MICHAEL HATCHETT .. 6
BRIAN TAYLOR .. .. 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING .. .. 4	WALTER LEE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in method.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MARGARET A. TOMLIN .. Treble	*†REGINALD L. SILLS .. 5
FRANK W. TOMLIN .. .. 2	*WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. 6
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN .. 3	†FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 7
LUTHER J. HONESS .. .. 4	STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., March 7, 1953, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's (C.C.C. Nos. 51, 49, 50, 48, 54, 28, 29).  
Tenor 6 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS .. .. 4
DENIS ALLSOP .. .. 2	KENNETH H. ROWLAND .. 5
REG. C. TIPLER .. .. 3	PETER J. THOMAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., March 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

**A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 4
†GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM .. 2	SIDNEY H. JONES .. .. 5
GORDON HARRISON .. .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor and first peal 'inside.'

Rung as a compliment to Gordon and Peggy Harrison on the birth of a son.



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**CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tues., March 17, 1953, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,  
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Comprising ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, and twelve extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR BIRD .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER .. .. 4
MONICA HOWARD .. .. 2	ROYSTON P. PURCHASE .. 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3	†JEFFREY C. BIRT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for St. Patrick's Day.

**WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., March 20, 1953, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,  
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. Treble	DENIS ALLSOP .. .. 4
WINIFRED BURTON .. .. 2	KENNETH H. ROWLAND .. 5
REG. C. TIPLER .. .. 3	PETER J. THOMAS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. THOMAS.

A birthday compliment to Brian G. Warwick.

**RANWORTH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., March 24, 1953, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being extents of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Childwall, Plain Bob, Double Bob and Double Court. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE W. FORD .. .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER .. .. 4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	BERT GOGLE .. .. 5
ARTHUR G. BASON .. .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**BARHAM, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., March 28, 1953, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*

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

**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 1,920 Grandsire, 1,680 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOHN E. CHITTENDEN	*WALTER C. CHANDLER	
(1937-43) Treble	(1931-37)	3
M. JOHN MARTIN (1944-51) 2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	
	(1945- )	4

†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT (1924-28) Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

\* First peal in three methods. † 50th peal for the Association. The first peal on the bells, which were augmented to five in 1947.

Rung by past and present members of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, to commemorate the 375th anniversary of the birth at Folkestone of William Harvey, discoverer of the circulation of the blood and brother of the founder of the school.

**HANDBELL PEAL**

**LEICESTER.**

**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Fri., March 27, 1953, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.*

AT 126A, LONDON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS**

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 1-2	PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE .. .. 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD .. .. 7-8
*PETER C. WRIGHT .. .. 9-10	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayman, Surfleet, on the birth of twin boys, Peter and Timothy.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH

# The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

# TO H.M. QUEEN MARY OF BLESSED MEMORY

**ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Surprise Minor, being 360 of London, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge: W. Smith 1, A. Ling 2, R. Peck 3, J. Pilgrim 4, P. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**ABINGDON, BERKS.**—At the Church of St. Nicolas, on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Angela Carter 1, Dorothy M. Cockhead 2, J. W. Berry 3, D. O. Wilks 4, R. D. Prior (first quarter of Minor) 5, H. A. Treadgold (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**ALDENHAM, HERTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Wootton 1, C. Evans 2, H. P. Schofield 3, W. Inwood 4, J. Schofield (first as cond.) 5, S. Jones 6. First in the method by all except conductor.

**ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Boobies: D. H. Paine (first away from tenor) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Valerie Mephem 3, G. A. Steele (first of Plain Bob Doubles and first for 25 years) 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. Rung fully muffled.

**ANSTEY, LEICS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. D. Staniforth 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, R. Copson 3, G. H. Arguile 4, A. Disney 5, W. A. Lacey 6, D. S. Harris 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Bob Triples: L. Hughes 1, Miss P. Hutton (first 'inside') 2, S. Bonnett 3, L. Scott 4, T. Holehouse 5, W. Pooley 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8. Rung half-muffled.

**BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Weaver 1, Miss J. Gorton 2, Miss J. Huddleston 3, H. Balaam 4, S. Webb 5, J. Weaver 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, K. Biggs 8. Rung half-muffled.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cook (first quarter) 1, H. Scar (cond.) 2, W. Scar 3, R. Felce 4, R. Cadamy 5, W. Daniells 6, J. Meager 7, J. Marks 8. Rung half-muffled.

**BRAMPTON, HUNTS.**—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Allen 1, Miss L. Allen 2, Miss E. Smith 3, E. Whiting 4, R. W. Baker (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled.

**BRITFORD, WILTS.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lowe 1, M. Page 2, Miss Y. Eloie 3, J. Sutton 4, J. Lewis 5, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**CARDINGTON, BEDS.**—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Bridges 1, E. Izzard (first of Doubles) 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, D. G. Horn (first of Doubles) 4, W. Stapleton 5, J. Pendall (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Palmer 1, A. Forsyth 2, J. Ling 3, A. Hodgson 4, J. B. Porter 5, J. Boustead 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, C. Lightning 8. First quarter of Triples for 4 and 5. First quarter since the ban on ringing was lifted. Rung half-muffled.

**CHELSEFIELD, KENT.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Pannell 1, Bridget Cox (first 'inside') 2, J. Pannell 3, J. Parker 4, J. Carpenter (cond.) 5, V. Webster 6.

**CHELTHENHAM, GLOS.**—At the Parish Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Martin 1, W. Dyer (cond.) 2, T. Newbury 3, F. Nurdan 4, G. Kilmister 5, T. Boreham 6, P. Baker 7, L. Aston 8. Rung half-muffled.

**COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 540 Grandsire): H. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, F. Justain 6. Rung half-muffled.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Henson 1, Joan Hoodless 2, C. Barnes 3, A. E. Hoodless (first 'inside') 4, A. Simpson (first as cond.) 5, B. M. Buswell 6. First in the method 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Brownett 1, P. Davis (cond.) 2, Miss V. Potter 3, Mrs. P. Vowles (first 'inside') 4, T. Blow 5, J. Relf 6, B. Newson 7, E. Vowles (first tenor) 8. Rung half-muffled.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, E. B. Crowder 2, R. G. Long 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, T. A. Easterby 5, P. G. Parrott 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung half-muffled.

These are some of the many quarter peals rung to the memory of a beloved Queen

**DEVIZES, WILTS.**—On Mar. 31st, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Doubles: Rev. A. L. Nind (first quarter) 1, A. T. Weeks 2, P. Hunt 3, J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, W. Mortimer 6.

**FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.**—On Mar. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Nadin 1, W. A. Smith 2, B. Woodruffe 3, Mrs. M. E. White 4, Mrs. G. Richardson 5, F. R. Forster 6, I. Smith 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wells 1, C. J. Beadle (first as cond.) 2, J. Read 3, R. Hale 4, S. Meadows 5, W. J. Paice 6, E. J. Wells 7, C. W. Denyer 8. Rung half-muffled.

**FINCHAMSTEAD, BERKS.**—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kept Treble Bob, 360 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): J. Mason 1, Mrs. White 2, C. Fennel 3, M. Mason 4, A. Fleet (cond.) 5, D. Mason 6. Rung half-muffled.

**GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss J. Court 1, A. Rye 2, T. Wickens 3, Miss J. Wells 4, F. Lawrence (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. C. Court 6. Rung half-muffled.

**HALIFAX, YORKS.**—At All Souls' Church, Haley Hill, on Mar. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. V. Copping (15) 1, Miss P. Lord (15) 2, Miss S. M. Taylor (17) 3, J. F. Bryant (15, first as cond.) 4, J. H. Fielden 5, R. M. Mann 6, G. F. Bryant 7, R. E. Moulds 8. First quarter for 2 and 3. Rung half-muffled.

**HALESOWEN, WORCS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Greenhall 1, J. H. Cox (cond.) 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, Miss W. Pretty 4, A. H. Harris 5, T. Greenhall 6, B. E. Woodall 7, D. Morton 8. Rung half-muffled.

**HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,212 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Medhurst (first quarter) 1, D. A. Cornford 2, H. N. Vaughan 3, R. J. Sumner (first of Minor) 4, R. A. Jukes (first 'inside') 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**HUTTON, ESSEX.**—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, W. G. Wright (first quarter) 3, Gwenda A. Davies 4, W. T. Hill 5. Rung half-muffled.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**—On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whitcote 2, R. Pye 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Williams 1, A. H. Winch (cond.) 2, A. J. Smith 3, G. Marriner 4, A. Harman 5, C. Smart 6, B. Hawkins 7, G. P. T. Peters 8, A. H. Smith 9, H. V. Young 10. Rung half-muffled.

**LEICESTER.**—On Mar. 31st, at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Williams 1, G. H. Hebborn 2, P. Desbrow 3, A. Cattell 4, W. H. Clarke 5, C. Desbrow (first 'inside') 6, S. Harrison (cond.) 7, A. Cooke 8. Rung half-muffled.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: W. Bottrill 1, J. Rushton 2, A. Smith 3, A. King 4, J. Herbert 5, J. Scott 6, H. Burton (first as cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, C. Mann 10. Rung half-muffled.

**MARSDEN, YORKS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cocking 1, S. A. Jaine 2, Miss M. Addy 3, F. D. Livesey 4, D. B. Cater (cond.) 5, J. A. Grace 6, D. E. Lodge 7, W. Hansom 8. Rung half-muffled, with 7, 6, 8 covering.

**MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Bob Doubles and 540 Grandsire): Irene J. Cordier 1, Betty J. Dyke 2, J. H. Hayne 3, J. Coombes 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, R. J. C. Clothier 6. Rung with the front five bells fully muffled and the tenor open at handstroke.

**MERROW, SURREY.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): F. Smith 1, R. Wallis (first extent Cambridge) 2, Miss P. Warren 3, J. Etherington 4, J. O. Glanville 5, G. L. Grover (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled.

**MITCHAM, SURREY.**—At Christ Church, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Small 1, F. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, S. Howard 4, E. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. Uden 6. Rung half-muffled.

**MORECAMBE, LANCs.**—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Schofield 1, Jean Thompson (first quarter) 2, J. Close (first quarter) 3, R. F. Eccles 4, Marion Hayton (first quarter) 5, F. Postlethwaite (first as cond. of Minor) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Milnes 1, W. Midwinter 2, F. Hooper 3, A. Muddell 4, S. Barley (first as cond.) 5, C. Copp 6. Rung half-muffled.

**NORTON, HERTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Willes 1, Miss A. Willes (first 'inside' to Grandsire) 2, H. Werrett (cond.) 3, I. Werrett 4, M. Collins 5, P. Meyhey 6, J. Collings 7, Miss J. Sanderson 8. Rung half-muffled.

**NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford 1 Treble Bob): W. Warner 1, G. G. Walpole (cond.) 2, W. J. Ford 3, D. Fenn 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. Rung half-muffled.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Shepperd 1, E. Marks 2, C. C. Turner (cond.) 3, W. Burrows 4, J. Arbury 5, R. J. Wood (first 'inside') 6, C. J. Turner 7, C. J. Glanville (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Bob Minor: Gillian Flitton 1, Mary Flitton 2, T. Clark 3, J. Rootes 4, Mary Delderfield 5, F. W. Brinklow (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**POWICK, WORCS.**—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lewis 1, S. Jackson 2, D. Trumper 3, G. J. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung half-muffled.

**SOUTHWAKE, S.E.**—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (last quarter of Holt's Original), rung on the back eight: F. Hurrell 1, P. Spice 2, M. Oakshott 3, P. Parrott 4, J. Warner 5, B. Aldridge 6, E. Crowder (cond.) 7, W. Rawlings 8. Rung half-muffled by members of the Lewisham district.

**STANMORE, MIDDLEX.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): A. Fudge (first in method) 1, Miss F. Attwood 2, J. Schofield 3, C. Slade (first quarter) 4, S. Warwick (first in method) 5, D. Priest (first quarter) 6, R. Stoddart (cond.) 7, B. Huntley (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled.

**SUTTON COURTENAY, BERKS.**—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mooring 1, W. Webb 2, F. Mooring 3, G. Allam 4, R. Broad (cond.) 5, P. Deadman (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled.

**UPPER CLAPTON, E.**—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. Hales 4, M. Sinden 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Both rung half-muffled.

**WALMER, KENT.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, Miss Ann Vine 2, Miss Janet Wells 3, F. A. Rye (cond.) 4, T. A. Wickens 5, F. Lawrence (first 'inside' of Triples) 6, G. Ruck 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung half-muffled.

**WALSALL, STAFFS.**—On Mar. 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Howell (cond.) 1, S. Birch 2, C. Wallater 3, E. T. Smith 4, A. T. Dutton 5, A. T. Dutton 6, G. W. Hughes 7, H. E. Green 8, M. G. Turner 9, J. S. Eastwood 10. Rung half-muffled.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Bell 1, S. H. Hoare 2, W. G. Paul 3, E. B. Durrant (first of Bob Major) 4, A. W. Dix 5, R. G. Bell 6, F. H. Crook 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. C. Emery 1, W. G. Paul 2, E. B. Durrant 3, K. G. Bell (cond.) 4, S. H. Hoare 5, F. H. Crook 6, G. W. Seaman 7, R. B. King 8. Both rung half-muffled.

**WEST COKER, SOMERSET.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Best 1, W. H. Poole (cond.) 2, Anne Hannam 3, S. A. Guppy 4, A. Guppy 5, H. W. Pearce 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On Mar. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Smith 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, R. Wallis 3, G. L. Grover (cond.) 4, J. Etherington 5, J. O. Glanville 6, R. Morant 7, G. B. Grover 8. Rung half-muffled.



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and age in the memorial peal  
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school while the Rodmell brothers have been  
ringing in the district for the past 50 years.  
Before the peal started the observation was  
heard, 'Four schoolchildren and two old crows.'  
However, the 'old crows' finished as fresh as  
the school bairns!

Mr. A. J. Adams, of Cheam, 'circled' Ban-  
stead tower by ringing the treble to an 'in  
memoriam' peal to Queen Mary on March 28th.

An example of perseverance comes from  
Uffculme, Devon. After 19 attempts under  
various conductors, Messrs. J. D. Upton and  
William H. Ware have rung their first peal of  
Triples.

By ringing a quarter peal of Bob Minor on  
handbells Miss Pauline Symonds has taken the  
art into the sixth generation of the Symonds  
family, which dates back to Jesse Symonds,  
1800.

The centenary of the dedication of the bells  
at Hyde, Cheshire, which took place on Palm  
Sunday, 1853, was commemorated by ringing  
1,344 Plain Bob Major on Palm Sunday by W.  
Shaw 1, Doreen Lawton 2, E. Simpson 3, H.  
Norgrove 4, A. Haughton 5, J. Heap 6, A.  
Hough 7, T. Wilde (cond.) 8.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at  
Carlisle Cathedral to the memory of Queen  
Mary was the first quarter of Triples by a res-  
ident regular Sunday service band since the war.  
Progress in such a remote tower is something  
to be proud of as the nearest active tower is  
30 miles away and help from outside is prac-  
tically impossible owing to travelling difficulties.  
Hopes are entertained that a full peal will not  
be too far distant.

## BELFRY GOSSIP

Among the 'in memoriam'  
peals to Queen Mary was one  
of 5,056 Whitwick Surprise

Major at Buckland, Berkshire. This was the  
first peal in the method by all the band on the  
bells and by the Oxford Guild.

A reader has suggested that the dubbing of  
Grandsire as 'Ringer's Ruin,' originated from  
Mr. Stafford Green, who, we understand, is on  
his way home from Australia.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise Major was  
rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on March 22nd,  
1901. The 52nd anniversary of this peal was  
commemorated by a similar performance at  
Norbury, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.

Baltonsborough (Somerset) has been bereaved  
by the death of the former captain of the tower,  
Mr. A. Woolley, on March 13th. To his  
memory 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung on  
March 22nd by J. Rawles 1, H. Cannon 2, H.  
Attwell 3, C. Toogood 4, V. J. Farthing (cond.)  
5, H. Jones 6.

Forty years ago last Easter Monday four  
peals were rung in a day in Kent, the first time  
this had been achieved. The peals were rung  
at Upchurch, Newington, Bobbing and Tun-  
stall, all being conducted by Mr. W. H. B. Wil-  
kins, who took part in the octogenarians' peal  
last year. Other ringers were Cecil Bishop,  
James Nye, William J. Wood, William T. Hy-  
land and William Nye.

It is hoped to make the peal by past and  
present members of the Harvey Grammar  
School, Folkestone, an annual event. The peal  
recorded this week commemorates the 375th  
anniversary of the birth, at Folkestone, of Wil-  
liam Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation  
of the blood. Old Harveians who would like  
to stand in any future peals are asked to com-  
municate with Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, Kenya,  
Castle Road, Saltwood, near Hythe, Kent.

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# KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT CANTERBURY

MR. F. M. MITCHELL'S 25 YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNISED — SLIGHT DECREASE IN PRACTISING MEMBERS — 155 PEALS IN 1952 — MR. MARK S. LANCEFIELD NEW PEAL SECRETARY

CANTERBURY is always a popular meeting place of the Kent County Association. The service in the choir of the Cathedral, a prelude to the annual meeting of the Association on Easter Monday, was an inspiration to the large attendance. The hearty congregational singing of the Easter hymns was commented upon favourably by the Cathedral organist, Dr. Douglas Hopkins. The Precentor (the Rev. C. Ludlow) conducted the service, Canon A. O. Standen read the lesson and the Dean of Canterbury gave the address.

A company of 215 sat down to lunch in the Drill Hall, at which Mr. John Willis presided. Grace was said by the Dean, and other guests included the Bishop of Dover, the Archdeacon of Canterbury and the Precentor.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. F. M. MITCHELL

The Chairman, after extending a welcome to the Bishop of Dover, the Dean of Canterbury and the Archdeacon of Canterbury, said he had a pleasurable duty to perform. An Association of their size could not exist without capable officers, and the Kent County Association had been particularly fortunate in this respect. Some of them could look back to when the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore was treasurer and secretary, and he thought it was he who laid the foundations of their strong and flourishing Society. He was succeeded by their friend, Fred Mitchell, and under his secretaryship until six years ago and for 25 years as hon. treasurer, the Association had gone on from strength to strength. Only that morning they learnt that, through his wise forethought, the Association had been able to secure an increased yield from its investments. That was the sort of treasurer they wanted to have and to keep.

Mr. Mitchell had had other honours in his career. He had been Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He had now completed 25 years as treasurer and, until recent years secretary, and the members desired to show their appreciation of his long and valued services. He asked the Dean of Canterbury to present Mr. Mitchell with a cheque for £50.

The Dean said he felt very loath to part with a cheque for £50, but the pleasure in handing it to an admirable successor of the founder made up for parting with £50 (applause).

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, in thanking the members, said he had had one of the biggest shocks of his life. It was extremely kind of them, and he was very pleased they had appreciated his efforts. He was elected hon. secretary and treasurer 25 years ago, and he hoped to be able to carry on as treasurer for a few more years.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed a vote of thanks to those responsible for making the arrangements for the service. He asked the Precentor (the Rev. C. Ludlow) to express their thanks to the Dean and Chapter.

Mr. R. French seconded.

## THE MOTIF

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. H. Spice), in his report, said in this Coronation year, when the bells everywhere would ring wildly forth to honour the crowning of the young Queen Elizabeth, they would do well to remember that God's plan insisted on an inward faith making the fullest demands on the talents with which He had endowed them. That surely was the motif for the corporate effort in the Association: the idea of an abiding enterprise

of outlook embodied in a sustained loyalty. . . . To-day they thought of one member in particular; one who not only had been the inspiration of his own ringing chamber for very many years, but for a quarter of a century had held the highest offices of the Association. To Frederick M. Mitchell he proudly dedicated the report.

The total of practising members at the end of 1952 was 996, compared with 1,013 at the end of 1951. He hoped the Tonbridge District would do something to arrest the downward trend. The total membership was 90 out of 25 towers in union with the Association.

New practising members had joined from all districts, viz.: Ashford, 12 adults, 4 juveniles; Canterbury, 21 and 5; Lewisham, 27 and 11; Maidstone, 29 and 8; Rochester, 17 and 2; Tonbridge, 14 and 1.

The meeting stood while the following members who had died were remembered: Philip H. Pierce (Brabourne), James Wood (Pluckley), J. Sharp (Wingham), E. A. G. Allen, F. W. Richardson, King (Maidstone), Canon F. W. Hasserdt-Short (hon. member), Dr. Simpson, A. W. Brighton, W. Keeble and E. J. Oliver (non-resident life members), Canon T. E. Teignmouth-Shore (first secretary of the Lewisham District).

Mr. Spice also reported that the committee had had 750 reprints of the Association's Form of Service with amendments; had ordered more badges and had made the following grants: Farningham, £10 10s.; Lynsted, £10 10s.; Wye, £5 5s.; St. John's, Erith, £10 10s.; Beckingham, £15 15s.; Bromley, £10.

## PRE-REFORMATION BELL LOST

He called attention to the sale for scrap of a ring of five at Boughton Aluph, which had a particularly fine pre-Reformation tenor, and that efforts to retrieve it were unsuccessful.

The Lewisham District thanked Mr. H. Hovord for a successful term as Ringing Master, and placed on record their gratitude to Mr. J. Bennett for his many years of work in the district prior to retiring to East Anglia.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurrell (Eltham) and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Richardson (Deptford) on celebrating their golden weddings, and to Mr. E. A. Barnett upon his election as secretary and treasurer of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

Maidstone District continued concentrating in selected methods at their meetings, and 'The Belfry' still carried on. A new band of learners at Cowden in the Tonbridge District was receiving instruction from Mr. Harry Gearring and Mr. G. Hadlow.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Palin, seconded by Mr. W. Knight.

## FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Mr. F. M. Mitchell presented the treasurer's report. The general account started with a balance of £108 1s. 8d. and ended with £111 2s. 5d. The provision of badges proved very popular, and approximately 590 had been sold by the end of 1952. Of the 88 honorary members, Canterbury District had 42 and Rochester 22. He hoped more patrons would be found in other districts.

The Belfry Repair Fund started the year with a balance in hand of £218 8s. 7d. Income during the year was £21 6s. 3d. Grants for renovations amounted to £41 10s. A balance of £198 5s. 2d. was carried forward. During

the 58 years this fund had been in operation £437 7s. had been paid out to assist renovations.

The Benevolent Fund started with £393 13s. 3d. Income amounted to £29 14s. 9d., and two grants had been paid out amounting to £15. By investing in War Loan interest had increased by £4 10s. The total assets of the Association were now £1,266 9s. 8d.

Mr. E. S. Ruck, the last foundation member, proposed the adoption of the report, and Mr. Isaac Emery seconded.

## PEAL SECRETARY'S WARNING

Mr. P. A. Corby, peal secretary, reported 155 peals had been rung in 1952, a decrease of 28. The peals included first for the Association on tower bells of Apsley, Ealing, Warwickshire, and Watford Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Maximus; on handbells Spliced Plain Major in three methods and Little Bob Royal.

There were 54 conductors, including six 'first as conductor.' Messrs. M. S. Lancefield and P. A. Corby each called 13, and Mr. T. E. Sone called 12. There were 38 first peals, a decrease of one. Congratulations were offered to all 'first-pealers' and their instructors. In April a band of octogenarians scored a peal of Bob Major at Deptford. They were proud to record this wonderful achievement. Another remarkable event was the 500th peal on Crayford bells, the largest total ever recorded in one tower. For Mr. Edwin Barnett, the conductor, it was his 250th on the bells—also a record.

The figures in the report were subject to correction if discrepancies were revealed when the Central Council's figures for the year were published.

'The urgent attention of all persons who wish to ring peals for the Association is directed to the rules of membership. Persons whose subscriptions are in arrears are not members of the Association, but instances have come to light where ringers are as much as two or three years in arrears but continue to stand in Association peals. It is the duty of the conductor to ensure that his band are all bona-fide members.'

Two young members moved and seconded the adoption of the report — Mr. Mark S. Lancefield and Mr. Cyril Wratten.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. John Willis' name was added to the list of vice-presidents. Mr. F. S. Macey, Mr. G. H. Spice and Mr. J. Willis were re-elected trustees. In addition to district secretaries and representatives Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, R. A. Constant, T. R. Russell, W. R. Rayner and G. Cross were elected to the committee. Mr. G. H. Spice and Mr. F. M. Mitchell were re-elected in their respective offices of hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, and Mr. George Cross was re-elected auditor.

The meeting received with regret the resignation of Mr. P. A. Corby as peal secretary. Mr. Mark S. Lancefield was elected his successor, with Mr. Reginald Sills as the other candidate.

The business of the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks moved by Mr. P. A. Corby to Mr. 'Bert' Luck for organising the meeting and for the excellence of the meal. He also thanked the incumbents for their co-operation in regard to the ringing.

Mr. Percy Page seconded and the vote was carried with acclamation.



## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

### St. Patrick's Day in Limerick

From 10.30 a.m. St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, was a hive of activity on St. Patrick's Day as ringers began to arrive from various parts of Southern Ireland to compete for the Southern District Cup and to attend the meeting of the Southern District of the Irish Association. Many people who hitherto had not seen the Cathedral had now an opportunity of visiting its precincts and expressed great delight at its beauty.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 a.m. by the Lord Bishop of Limerick (the Right Rev. E. C. Hodges, D.D.), who was assisted by the Rev. W. T. Beckerson, B.D. (Dean's Vicar). Many of the ringers attended.

At 12.30 p.m. the large party gathered at Ardhu Hotel for the luncheon and annual general meeting. Dr. Hodges presided and welcomed the visiting teams and their friends to Limerick and to its ancient Cathedral. These teams included Bandon, Doneraile, Cork, Waterford and Kilkenny, also the two home teams of St. Mary's Cathedral and Mount St. Alphonsus. He gave a special welcome to Mr. William Pratt, the president of the Irish Association, who came from Belfast for the event. He stressed that Belfast was a good distance from Limerick and was not a part of the Republic, but in the art of bellringing no border existed. He continued by regretting that the Dean (the Very Rev. G. L. Swain) was unable to be present through illness. He wished the meeting every success on behalf of the Dean and himself.

After lunch the meeting took place and the following officers were elected for 1953:—Chairman, J. H. Haydn (Limerick); joint hon. sec. and treasurer, F. G. Bingham (Limerick); assistant secretary, C. W. Galbraith (Limerick); Ringing Master, D. Benson (Limerick); vice-president on Executive Committee, F. Bogan (Cork); appointments to Executive Council: F. Bogan, F. G. Bingham, B. A. Brislane (Limerick) and C. W. Galbraith.

Following the meeting the various teams made their way to St. Mary's Cathedral, where the ringing competitions were held for the Southern District Cup, now known as the Cherry Cup. This new title was given to the cup at the meet-

ing to commemorate Lord Chief Justice R. R. Cherry, Chief Justice of Ireland about 50 or 60 years ago. Lord Cherry was a very keen bellringing enthusiast; his ringing career started in Waterford, where Irish change ringing commenced. Later Lord Cherry was transferred to Dublin on a higher appointment and he then became a practising ringer there. He presented two treble bells to St. Patrick's Cathedral, which gave them the first and only ring of twelve bells in Ireland. Lord Cherry had also connections with St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, where he bore the cost of some renovations which were effected earlier in the century.

The Cathedral and grounds were looking their best on the fine spring day and the first team to enter the portals of the tower was St. Finbarre's, Cork; secondly, the St. Mary's Cathedral team rang, and thirdly, another Limerick team, Mount St. Alphonsus. The ringing given by these three teams was undoubtedly the best, but the victors were St. Mary's Cathedral ringers, whose performance was described as 'monotonously correct' by the judges (Mr. W. Pratt, Belfast, and Mr. J. E. Harris, Waterford). The runners-up were Mount St. Alphonsus ringers, who also had a very good ring, missing the cup by only one mark; the judges mentioned that they had great difficulty in trying to decide which team was the better. The winning team is now entitled to compete against the Eastern and Northern Districts for the Murphy Cup, which is the 'All Ireland' trophy.

Following the competitions tea was provided by a ladies' committee in the Presbyterian Hall. Here the cup was presented by Mr. Pratt to the captain of St. Mary's team, Mr. G. H. Ellis, amid enthusiastic cheering and clapping, and the Attendance Shield was presented to the Bandon team by Miss Swain. It was remarkable to note that Bandon have won this Attendance Shield for two successive years, which means that they have had a full team to ring for morning service every Sunday and Christmas day during the past two years. It surely is a headline for other towers to follow.

St. Mary's Cathedral team was composed of the following members: W. W. Cox 1, G. H. Ellis (captain) 2, J. E. Cole 3, F. G. Bingham 4, T. T. Marsden 5, B. A. Brislane 6, C. W. Galbraith 7, T. A. Brislane 8.

## LEYLAND (LANCASHIRE) BELLS PEAL AGAIN

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung at St. Andrew's Church, Leyland, on March 21st, which was recorded in our last issue, was one of the few since these bells were augmented to ten in 1929.

Readily available records show that the original six bells, from the foundry of Abram Rudhall, of Gloucester, were installed in 1722, though the tower dates much earlier than that, and it is a fair conjecture that there were bells in the tower before 1722. Two bells to make the octave were added in 1897, and in 1929 the timber frame, having become unsafe, was discarded, the opportunity then being taken of augmenting the ring to ten, and rehanging in a steel frame with modern fittings.

The roof of the nave had been a cause of anxiety for many years, because of dry rot and the ravages of the death-watch beetle, until finally in the autumn of 1950 work started upon the complete stripping of the roof. Considerable work had to be done to the walls, galleries, etc. A great deal of voluntary work was contributed, and finally after many difficulties the church was reopened and rededicated on the evening of March 18th by the Lord Bishop of Lancaster.

Over two-thirds of the cost of £12,000 has already been contributed.

This ancient Parish Church will probably be called upon to perform an even greater service than it has done over the past centuries, for the village is growing fairly rapidly, several hundred post-war houses being already occupied, and there are proposals afoot for taking in 'overspill' populations from adjacent towns and cities.

There was an hour's good ringing preceding the rededication service.

It was not practicable, for various reasons, to include more than three of the local band, so friends from neighbouring towers, who have on many occasions lent a helping hand to Leyland ringers, once again came along.

Two of the band were having their first experience of a ten-bell peal, whilst 13-year-old Stanley Walmsley, ringing his first peal, was congratulated by his fellow-ringers for the steady and capable way he handled the third. He had had little experience of Kent, and had his first try at Kent Royal when he rang a short course on the evening of the rededication. He is quite modest about his achievement, which goes to show what can be done by anyone of average ability and with normal opportunities, providing they apply themselves diligently to the task.

## EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

### Donation of £50 to Help Towers

The 26th annual meeting was held at East Grinstead on March 14th, when the area was well represented by ringers from 16 different towers. The service was conducted by the Guild's president, the Rev. Dr. G. Golding-Bird, D.D., assisted by his curate, the Rev. W. W. Reeve, with an inspiring address by a student from the Theological College at Lingfield.

As usual the president entertained the company to tea in the small parish hall and afterwards took the chair for the business meeting.

The minutes were read and confirmed and, arising from same, the president spoke of the debt that East Grinstead tower and the Guild owed to Miss K. Shepherd, who was always ready to do anything that was required at a moment's notice.

Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. Hayzelden, of East Farleigh, and two young members of the local band, Mr. J. and Miss P. Howard.

Mr. B. Collison proposed that the printed report and balance sheet should be accepted. This was carried, but one member protested that the balance sheet had not been made out correctly. It was pointed out to him that the balance sheet had always been made out the same, to save a lot of separate accounts for items such as 'Sale of badges,' which was the bone of contention. Quite an argument ensued and the chairman had to smooth things over and pass on to the next item.

### THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Golding-Bird was re-elected president, and in proposing him Mr. Collison said that an annual meeting without his genial personality could not be contemplated, and, in seconding, Mr. Wellington raised a laugh when he said that Dr. Golding-Bird's name was on all the stationery and the Guild could not afford to have that altered.

The rest of the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. G. D. Burroughs, who had left the district. Mr. R. D. Divall, who had audited the current accounts, was elected in his place. The chairman, Mr. E. J. Ladd, had hoped to stand down in favour of the vice-chairman, but, in seconding his re-election, Mr. Wellington said that Mr. Ladd did so much to foster the family feeling in the Guild that he hoped that he would carry on.

Further meetings, at Withyham in April and Wadhurst in May, were arranged, and it was decided to hold the summer outing on July 11th with a trip into South Kent.

It was also decided that, if possible, another dinner should be held in the autumn, and it was left to a sub-committee to see what arrangements could be made, it being thought that suitable accommodation could be found in Tunbridge Wells.

The secretary then read a letter from Mrs. E. J. Oliver, who had enclosed a cheque for £50, the interest of which she hoped would be used to help towers in the area where the late Mr. E. J. Oliver used to ring. After the company had stood in silence for a few moments, Mr. E. J. Ladd explained the conversations that he had had with Mrs. Oliver, the outcome of which was her generous gift. It was decided to call the fund 'The E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund,' and that the trustees should be the chairman, the treasurer and the secretary.

After Mr. A. E. Lewry had proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Golding-Bird and to all those who had made the meeting a success, the company returned to the tower.

Ringing during the day included Bob Minor on the back six, Doubles with three cover bells, and the standard methods up to Cambridge Major. C. A. B.



## LETTERS

## ST. GEORGE'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—We have been ringing at Wembodon, Somerset, for a long time, the variation of All Saints' Doubles that Mr. Wratten, of Hythe, gives in his recent letter and which he is welcome to call 'Newington.'

The method can also be rung with an Old Doubles 'single' for a call and if this variation had not been named I should like to name it St. George's Doubles (after St. George's, Wembodon). I haven't seen this used before and St. George being England's patron saint would make it an appropriate name this Coronation year.—Yours faithfully, R. SHORT.

Bridgwater.

## BRINKLOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Whilst looking through my records I came across the report of a peal of Brinklow Surprise Major being rung at Willesden, November 24th, 1951. I cannot find any trace of the figures of the method being published. I wonder if the same might be available through 'The Ringing World,' or from anyone in a position to oblige. I feel that without having this information I am in an awkward position, as I might hand out a method that has already been rung. Will anyone please oblige?—Sincerely yours, E. W. TIPLER.

Rugby.

## 120 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. F. R. Scott, may be interested to see the touch below of Stedman Triples which brings up Queen's, Whittington's and Tittums in 120 changes.

This touch has the slight defect that Whittington's comes at backstroke, but this is offset by several advantages over the touch communicated by Mr. Scott. This touch is shorter, uses fewer singles, and has no bells other than 4, 6, 7 dodging in 6-7.—Yours faithfully, DAVID A. EDWARDS.

Clifton, York.

## 120 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(containing Queen's, Whittington's & Tittums)

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Whittington's in this six

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## FOR BEGINNERS—AND A WORD TO THE OLDER HANDS

## XXXIV.

## FROM CALL CHANGES TO HALF-PULL RINGING

We referred in our last article to the great importance of gaining bell control before a beginner proceeds to half-pull ringing.

When there are one or two learners who are practising with a competent band the time spent in reaching this stage ought not to be unduly long. The difficulties arise when a young band are endeavouring to teach themselves. They will need patience and regular practice and should seek any help they can get from neighbouring ringers.

When they are able to strike rounds and call changes well, they can go on to half-pull ringing, but should not attempt to do so before they can strike accurately. The better they can 'strike' the easier they will find it to ring changes, because nothing confuses a ringer more, when he is endeavouring to find his next to strike over, than two other ropes coming down together.

There will be very few readers of these notes who do not understand what 'call changes' are, but in case there are any such we would explain that these are changes 'called' by the conductor. Usually he changes the positions of one pair of bells at a time by telling them each which bell to pull over next, and when this has been done they go on ringing in the same order until the next alteration is made.

What happens to one pair of bells at intervals in call changes happens to as many pairs as possible at every pull when 'change ringing' is done, but while in the former the ringer may have several whole pulls after one bell and thus, if he has ears, the opportunity of improving his accuracy before he is moved again, in changes he has got to find the exact position for his bell at each pull on the rope, and, in addition, instead of being told which bell to pull over, he has got to find it for himself.

Here is one way in which a young band can approach change ringing, after having learned to manage their bells successfully in call changes. Instead of advancing all at once to half-pulls, they can change with the next bell at every whole pull, trying it at first by returning at each alternate whole pull, to the previous position. Thus suppose they are ringing rounds on six bells, they can have alternate whole pulls (that is handstroke and backstroke), in the order 214365 and 123456.

They can do this for a time until, at each handstroke, the change is cleanly made all round. This accomplished, they can then do the same thing by making the change at backstroke, and completing the whole pull at handstroke. This will give them experience in making the change both ways of the rope.

From this stage the next should consist of whole pull ringing while changing with the next bell, opposite to the one that the previous change was made with, so that if in the first 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 respectively change, producing 214365, in the next 1-4 and 3-6 change producing 241635. At the following whole pull all three pairs will change, that is 2-4, 1-6, 3-5, and following this two pairs 4-1 and 6-3. If this is continued systematically the bells will come back into rounds in twelve changes. If the beginner can work these out on paper for himself, changing three pairs and two pairs alternately, he will see what happens.

One advantage of beginning by ringing this in whole pulls is that it gives the learner more time to get his new position and pick out the next bell he has got to change with. He will learn that when he has to put an additional bell between himself and the lead he must hold up a little longer—a fraction of a second—

because more bells have to strike round before his comes in: while as he gets nearer the lead, he has to pull in a little quicker to maintain the beat, because there is one less bell to strike before his own.

In going from the lead upward he will probably have no difficulty in finding the bell he will strike after at the next change, because it is following him in this one. But coming back to lead it is not so easy to see the next bell he will strike over, because it is in a sense hidden by two others which are striking in between. If, however, he can see the total number of bells in front of him, in other words, see that he is pulling after five or four others (or whatever the number may be), and if he then ignores the one he is striking over and pulls in a trifle quicker to place himself over the last of the others which have been below, he will have found the bell he wants. If he has not been quite accurate at the first blow, he can further correct his position at the next before having to move again. That is the advantage of beginning by ringing these simple changes in whole pulls.

When this can be done so that the movement is not only understood by the ringer but the ringing itself is good, then the young band can take the first step in half-pull ringing by putting this 'method' into practice in the proper way, and changing position at both handstroke and backstroke.

It is a good thing not always to ring the same bell at these practices, but to take a different one at different times. It gets one used to making allowance in the striking for bells of different sizes. There is more 'space' required in striking a small bell over a large one than in striking a large one over a small one, assuming that they are all correctly clappered. But sometimes a bell may not be evenly clappered, and then it is that the beginner must most particularly use his ears.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

## North Dorset Visit Hazelbury Bryan

The first quarterly meeting for 1953 of North Dorset ringers was held at Hazelbury Bryan on March 14th. The attendance was disappointing but towers at Hazelbury, Shaftesbury, Child Okeford, Shroton, Yetminster, Kingston Magna, Sturminster Marshall and Ham Preston were represented.

Ringing took place under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. W. Shute. The Guild office was taken by the secretary: Mr. W. E. Trevett read the lesson and the address was given by the Rector (the Rev. J. Munro). Mrs. Hunt was organist. Tea was served in the Rectory by ladies of the congregation.

At the business meeting which followed, the secretary presented the complete statement of accounts for 1952, which showed a total income of £69 9s.; expenditure amounting to £44 16s. 10d. Notice was given of the Diocesan Guild Festival to take place at Calne on May 9th, and of the Dorset Ringers' Festival at Blandford on July 4th.

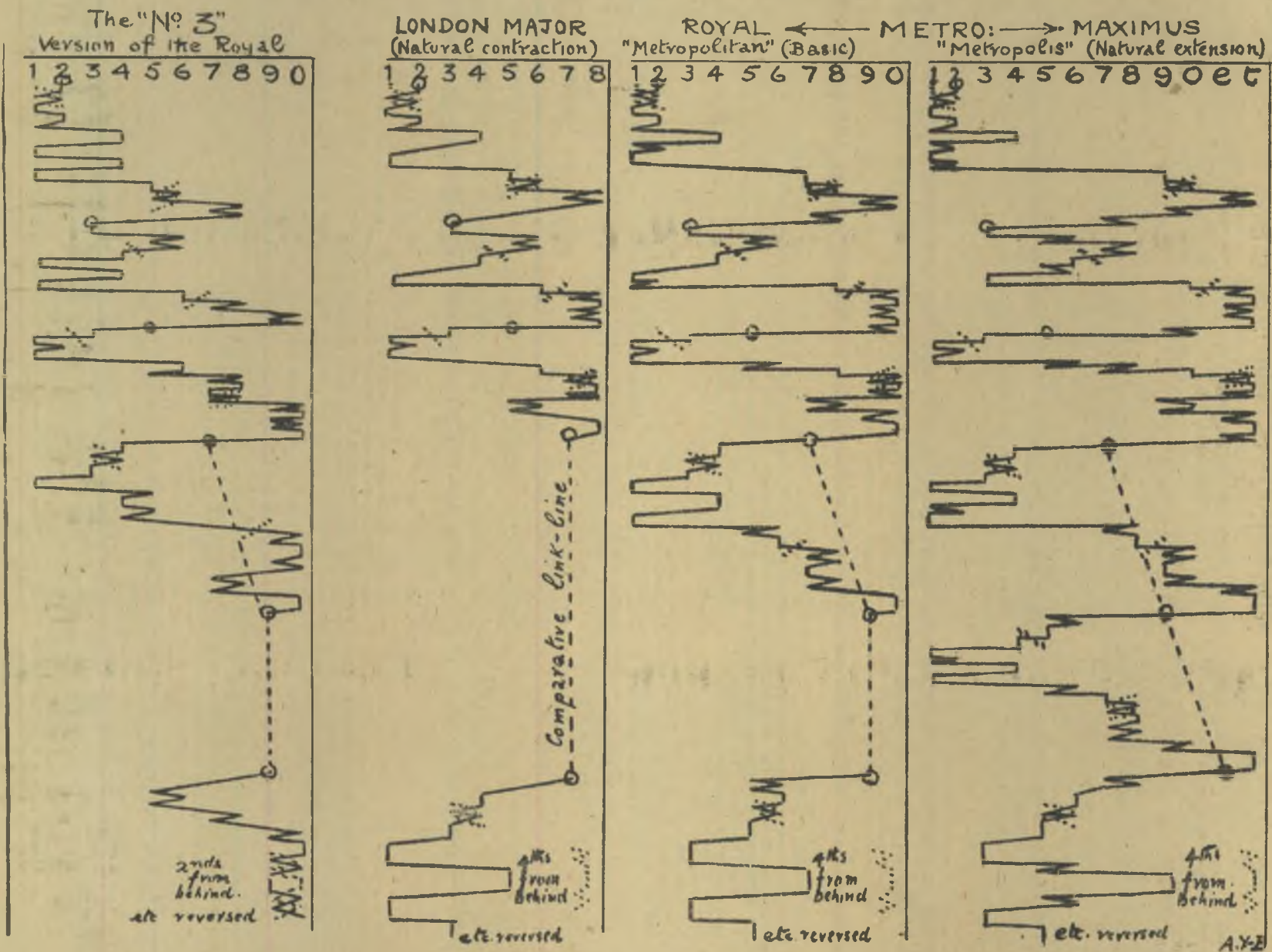
The question of ringing on Coronation Day was discussed. The chairman (the Rev. F. L. Edwards) said suitable times would be early in the morning and during the return of the Royal procession to the Palace.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Rector, to those who had served tea and to the organist. Ringing was then resumed.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,440 Pledge Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, E. J. Wakeling 3, W. Ransom 4, C. Goodyer 5, H. S. Peacock 6.



# 'FAMILY PORTRAITS - BY THE BLUE LINE'





## TECHNICAL NOTES TO THE DIAGRAM ON OPPOSITE PAGE

The first or 'parent' form of this method appeared in 1734 on the Minor stage under the title of 'London.' In 1788 it appeared on the Major stage; and because of its pattern similarity with that of the Minor, efforts have been repeatedly made to 'extend' the Major to Royal and Maximus. By 1948 the nearest obtainable to the natural form, and therefore claimed as the Proximate, appeared as 'London Royal (U.A.).'

But by this time the renewed work in the science of method structure had established a mathematical process of determining the basic stage (lowest stage embodying all innate features of the design) of any method form, and hence the derivation of the stages (if any) of natural extensions and contractions of that basic form.

At once a number of methods (including London) were recognised as having a basic form other than that of the parent stage. Indeed for many years London Minor (the 'parent') had already ceased to be regarded as the basic, being considered as a contraction. The method now appeared as basic on the Royal stage, with London Major and Minor as the natural contractions, and with a natural extension to Maximus.

To avoid controversy over names, pending the Central Council adoption of principles of method structure (which may take some years at the present rate), the basic Royal was named 'Metropolitan.' It was first rung to a peal by the Leicester Cathedral band, who also rang the Maximus, naming it 'Metropolis,' again to avoid controversy over name.

The half-course blue lines of the three stages are set out 'in parallel' for ready comparison of 'leads' or divisions of blue line, each being marked by a small circle at the 'go-off,' and by dotted lines at meeting with treble. (Columnar rulings are omitted for clarity.) Identity of pattern and of work-sequence (allowing for extra dodges) are noteworthy.

The 'No. 3' version of the Royal is given on the left-hand side, for contrast.

Backward hunting, dodging and places and leadings 'wrong' are innate features of the London design.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

### Western District at Ossett

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, on March 21st, attended by about 35 members from a very representative area. Ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed until 5 p.m., when members adjourned to the nearby school-room for an excellent tea provided by the local company.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar of Ossett extended a hearty welcome to all present. Mr. A. E. Marsh was re-elected hon. district secretary and Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and H. Lofthouse were re-elected to the District Committee. Mr. J. Ambler also retains his seat on the general committee of the Association. Five new members were elected.

A discussion which ensued concerning the adoption of an Association badge produced a difference of opinion, and it was decided to defer further consideration until the next meeting in order that tower secretaries might obtain some idea of the possible demand of such badges.

The vice-president reminded members that the closing date for the S. F. Palmer Testimonial Fund was April 16th. He hoped that all those who had not yet contributed would give generously, in order that the presentation to be made at the annual general meeting would be worthy of the many years of faithful service rendered by Mr. Palmer as hon. treasurer.

## SOME LESSER KNOWN CHURCHES IN WARWICKSHIRE

### No. 5. — Coughton

To most people, the name Robin Hood conjures up thoughts of Nottingham and the Sherwood Forest, but this famous character was really born in the Warwickshire village of Loxley and he actually gave a stained glass window to Coughton Church, which is but 15 miles from his birthplace. It was in Coughton Court, next to the church and formerly home of the famous Throckmortons, but now the property of the National Trust, that some of those who had planned to blow King and Parliament sky-high on the Fifth of November, 1605, first learned of the failure and arrest of Guy Fawkes.

The Throckmortons were great benefactors to their parish church—it was Sir Robert who entirely rebuilt it, except the tower, in the latter years of the 15th century. To-day the church is spacious, consisting of a west end tower, aisled nave and a chancel with north and south aisles. Many and varied are the interesting relics in this church, two miles from the old Roman town of Alcester.

Two screens in the aisles are 16th century and the pulpit and reredos were made out of the rood screen—unfortunately pulled down only half a century ago. One of the ancient tombs in the church is in the centre of the nave, a table-tomb made for the founder, Sir Robert, but as he died on a crusade in Palestine it remained empty until a descendant was laid to rest in it 200 years later. In the south aisle is a unique bread cupboard dated c. 1715, while in the windows all round are many fragments of mediæval stained glass and an abundance of rich and priceless Flemish glass.

Up to the belfry, the tower is the oldest part of the church. The bells are rung from the ground floor, but instead of the usual circular guide frame for the ropes there are two parallel girders—a most unusual arrangement. In the south-west corner of the tower is a clock made in 1690 by the village blacksmith—'R. P. B.' It has no face, owing to the church being hidden from the village but the hours are struck on the tenor bell for the convenience of local farmers.

The spiral staircase has wooden-covered steps. In the middle chamber is the very windlass used in 1686 to raise the bells to the belfry. How many more remain besides this one? Above this are the bells, never recast, still on the same wheels and in the same frame as when they were first put up there. Experts have said that this sturdy frame—remarkably preserved and, so far as the writer could see, free of the 'worm'—is one of the strongest original frames remaining. The beams are so thick that chunks have been cut out so that the lips of the bells could pass through without touching!

Inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—Matthew Bagley made mee. 1686.  
2nd.—Cantate Domino Canticvm Novvm. 1686.

3rd.—Matthew Bagley made mee. 1686.

4th.—Henry Bagley made mee. 1686.

5th.—Feare God and Honnor the King. 1686.

Tenor.—Campana Gravida Peprit Filias. 1686.

It appears that there was an original ring of three when the Bagleys came to recast them in 1686, but the bells were so huge as to enable their metal to be made into twice the number of bells.

This was probably the last complete ring by Henry and Matthew Bagley before they separated for Ecton (Northants) and Evesham respectively. The bells were rehung and quartered in 1893.

There is a most interesting story about the old bells of Coughton which merits inclusion, for it is, fortunately, authentic. In November, 1686, a number of local recusants entered Coughton Church and—it is alleged with the minister's approval—broke two of three large bells there. As a result there was no ringing for five months. When the bells were recast

into six the good folk of Sambourne, in the parish of Coughton, complained that the bells were so small that they could no longer hear them as they had previously heard the large (original) ones. Moreover, a debt was incurred to the amount of £80, which Sir Robert Throckmorton, then Lord of the Manor, could not meet. Consequently he unlawfully levied a tax on his people, many of whom refused to pay. Those poor people of Sambourne did not benefit by the new ring and yet, they argued, 'wee must paye for spoyling our good bells.'

A point worth mentioning is that the bells, broken in November, 1686, were recast before the year was out. This seems to have been an impossible task to complete in, it appears, such a short time. Of course the reason is that the year began on Lady Day (March 25th) and not, as at present, January 1st. A. A. A.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION

### Southern District's Plans for Greater Interest

The quarterly meeting at Charlwood on March 21st was blessed with fine weather and attracted ringers from all parts of the District as well as visitors from Croydon, Epsom and Leatherhead.

Ringling started at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held conducted by the Rector Canon W. Granger-Thompson. The company then adjourned to the Half Moon for tea and, the inner man having been well satisfied, proceeded to the business meeting with the Rector in the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mrs. W. Slaughter, of Horley, and Messrs. S. Mews, J. Humphrey and R. Hayes, of Burstow. Consideration was then given to three suggestions by the District Committee for creating greater interest and encouraging progressing ringers in the District and after considerable discussion, the meeting accepted them. They were:—

(1). A selected method to be practised at each meeting, Kent Treble Bob being chosen for the next meeting.

(2). A quarterly peal, the first to be conducted by Mr. C. J. Champion.

(3). Monthly combined practices at various towers in the District, Bletchingley being the venue for the first, to be held on Wednesday, April 22nd.

The secretary then announced that Mr. J. W. Knight had found it necessary to resign from the office of District Ringing Master and the committee had appointed Mr. A. P. Cannon in his place. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Knight for his services to the District and a welcome was extended to Mr. Cannon.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for so ably presiding at the business meeting, and to Mr. A. J. Ede for arranging the tea. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised 11s. 3d.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where good use was made of the bells until 8 p.m. Methods were rung to suit all tastes, from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor and touches of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

## ESSEX BELLS HEARD AT GOSPORT

Dear Sir.—Re the bells over the telephone, St. Leonard's, Southminster, Essex, ringers were having their weekly practice and the bells could be heard at Gosport, which is near Portsmouth, a matter of 80 or 90 miles away. The bellringers were trying a touch of Grandsire at the time.—Yours sincerely,

S. F. WARD.

Southminster, Essex.



## OBITUARY

### MR. E. A. G. ALLEN

The Kent County Association, and in particular the Rochester District, has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. E. A. G. Allen, who passed away after a long illness on March 21st at the age of 66. He had done no ringing for about two years chiefly, in the first place, owing to being unable to ascend the stairs to the belfries. About 12 months ago he made a special effort to attend a district meeting, but, alas, that was the last time he was to attend such gatherings, as he was confined to his house from the following day until he passed on.

He leaves his widow and a brother to mourn their loss.

'Ted' was a well-known figure at Rochester Cathedral. He held the post of secretary to the Cathedral band for many of the 40 odd years he was a ringer there, was most regular and punctual in his attendance and whenever possible he made it his business to meet and welcome visitors for peals and outings.

During the same period that he was at the Cathedral he also served in the same capacity at Frindsbury Parish Church, in which parish he had resided all his life. The pleasurable ringing on these two rings of bells which were in his charge testifies to the great care and attention he bestowed upon them. He was not a prolific peal ringer, but had rung just over a hundred peals from Minor to Royal, including Superlative and Cambridge Major. He was a most valuable ringer in that he could take his place wherever required without question. He was a very heavy man and could handle a heavy bell with ease, whilst on the other hand he could ring the lightest of bells with a gentleness that belied his strength. He served the Kent County Association for many years, first as Rochester District secretary and later as district representative.

A very staunch churchman, 'Ted' sang in Frindsbury Church choir and on occasions deputised at the organ. Also for a few years of his career he was organist at the neighbouring village of Higham, where he was also instrumental in getting the bells augmented from five to six. Perhaps one of his biggest ringing disappointments was that he was not successful in ringing a peal on this handy little ring.

The cremation took place on Friday morning, March 27th, preceded by a service at Frindsbury Church, conducted by the Vicar of Frindsbury and Minor Canon Welch, of Rochester Cathedral.

Frindsbury bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers on Friday evening, and a peal was rung on Saturday by members representative of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, whilst the bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled for matins on the following Sunday to his memory. V. A. J.

### BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Good weather favoured the Society for the March meeting, which was held at St. Andrew's, Kirk-Ella. 34 members attending. The sunshine or the small number of steps from the church to the belfry, two, attracted the older members of the Society. Over a quarter of the members attending were over 70 years of age, an excellent example by the 'old brigade.'

Standard methods, Double Oxford and Cambridge were rung on this heavy six (tenor 19½ cwt.), with a 70 foot draught of rope; some good touches were brought round.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Storer, deputising for the Vicar, who was ill. Mr. A. H. Fox was the organist.

Tea was taken in the Memorial Hall, followed by the business meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Storer for his service and excellent sermon, and to the Vicar with good wishes for a quick return to normal health. Mr. A. H. Fox, past vice-president of the Eastern District, Yorkshire Association, was welcomed back to the fold.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Will ringers residing outside borough boundary who will be able to assist in the ringing at Northampton at 7 a.m. on Coronation Day kindly inform the secretary?—E. Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 2404

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS.—Advance Notice.—Would members and those intending to join in this year's tour in Norfolk and Suffolk area, commencing Saturday, August 1st and ending 16th, please notify me as soon as possible. List of methods intended to be rung will be issued. The subscription is 2s. 6d.—John E. Cook (Ringing Master), Station Road, Branston, Lincoln. 2396

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Practice night now Thursday, 7.30-9 p.m. All are welcome for 8, 10 and 12-bell ringing.—E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol 3. 2408

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

### MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Ringing after.—A. B. Peck. 2390

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Paulton, April 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Frequent buses from Bath and Bristol. Names for tea to V. Savage, 4, Northmead Avenue, Midsomer Norton. 2350

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton, Bath (8) on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 2412

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Londesborough Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Kneshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton. 2387

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 11th. Committee, 3.15 p.m., St. Peter's Parochial Hall. Service, 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea and general meeting, 5 p.m., Cathedral Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 10.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; St. Luke's, 2 p.m.—4 p.m.; St. Peter's, 3 p.m.—4.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.—8 p.m.; Cathedral, 3 p.m.—4.25 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.—8 p.m. 2335

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 11th. Tea at the Dorset Arms. Please notify Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec. 2370

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, April 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Also evening practice meetings have been arranged: Duxford, Saturday, April 25th; Whittlesford, Saturday, May 9th; Stapleford, Saturday, June 20th; Lt. Shelford, Saturday, July 4th: times 6.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 2377

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting, Stanford-le-Hope (8), April 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. G. Hammond, 7, Webster Road, Stanford-le-Hope. 2319

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Emmanuel, Clifton (8), April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Mr. Gregory) at 39, Royal Park, 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows.—A. Bennett. 2416

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, April 11th. Bells of Cathedral Church. St. Mary's and S. Nicolas' open 2.30. Service, St. Mary's, 3.30. Tea and business meeting, S. Nicolas' Hall, 4.15.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Lucerne, Epsom Road, East Clandon. 2325

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Albans on Saturday, April 11th. Cathedral service 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. E. Devonshire (Vicar of Royston). Meat tea (2s. 6d.) at Abbey Institute, Spicer Street, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. (Resolution re Hon. Members.) Annual reports available. Ringing at Hatfield (10), 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Cathedral (12), 2 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; St. Michael's (6), if available, 2 to 3.30 p.m., otherwise Sandridge (6). Further ringing in evening. Names for tea to H. V. Frost, Gen. Sec., 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 2357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Hadlow (8) on April 11th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 2328

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting, April 11th, at Blankney, near Lincoln. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 2349

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District meeting at St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3. on Saturday, April 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Bow Road Underground Station, turn right. Buses 10, 25, 96, 661, 663, 695 pass church.—J. T. Lock. 2367

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Maiden Newton, April 11th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mr. John Bishop, Maiden Newton, Dorchester.—J. H. Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury. 2353

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting and dinner to be held at Selby on Saturday, April 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Londesborough Arms Hotel, 8s. 6d. per head.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 2348



**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION & HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Madeley, new Taylor eight, April 11th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanier, 8, West View Terrace, Madeley. 2355

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**—Quarterly meeting, Aston, April 11th. Bells (12) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 2346

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, New Alresford, April 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Horse and Groom. Business meeting follows. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 2331

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice, Monday, April 13th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Everyone welcome. 2327

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Branch.—Rockwell-Green, April 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 2359

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Magna, April 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 2411

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Husbome Crawley, Saturday, April 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names. Look up Rutland.—Dennis Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 2414

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Heswall (5), April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 2403

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Stranton, West Hartlepool, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 2422

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) available 2.30-4.15. Tea 4.30 in Trinity Hall with business to follow. Service Holy Trinity Church 6 p.m. Bells until 8 p.m. **Important** that names be sent to F. C. Lyne, 107, Shipston Road, Stratford-on-Avon, by Tuesday, 14th. **Definitely no names no tea.**—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 2371

**DEVON GUILD.**—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bickleigh, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 11th, to W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymore Estate, Tiverton. 2344

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting, Littleport (8), April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 2397

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—Meeting at Gamlingay (6), Saturday, April 18th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 2407

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Boreham. 2402

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels, Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 15th, to Mrs. D. Stafford Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 2401

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Egham April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. if you notify, by Wednesday, April 15th, Mr. R. Shepherd, 82, Bond Street, Englefield Green, Egham. 2383

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, at Iden, Sussex. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by April 15th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 2391

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Sturry, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea following. Those who require tea must inform, not later than Wednesday, April 15th, and enclosing cash, please, Mr. H. R. French, Lamorby, Sturry, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 2375

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Midland District.—Meeting at Twyford (6) on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 14th, to Mrs. R. Spencer, Fern Light, Twyford, Melton Mowbray. **No names—no tea.** All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth, Hon. Sec. 2395

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 2420

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, April 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 2423

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton District.—Meeting at Bottesford, Saturday, April 18th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names **must be sent** to Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, by the 14th.—J. H. Cook. 2393

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Kibworth, April 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5; p.c. to F. Staniforth, 48, New Road, Kibworth, by 15th.—L. W. Allen. 2405

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, April 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by April 15th, to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 2384

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barkston, April 18th. Names for tea, by Monday, April 13th, to Mr. W. Dale, Barkston, Grantham, Lincs. 2394

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, April 18th. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Resolution extending constitution of District committees to include Association officers. Ringing: St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, 2.30-4; Clerkenwell 3; St. Giles'-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore. (WORDSWORTH 5109.) 2372

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Next meeting, Ticknall, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 2410

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 in Church Room. Names or numbers for tea, not later than April 15th, to Mr. J. Pumphrey, 16, Cawston Road, Aylsham.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 2392

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stanwick, Saturday, April 18th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 2373

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, April 18th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Chilmark (6) available in evening. Names by April 14th, please, to H. A. Roles, Hardol, Clarendon Road, Salisbury. 2351

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Monthly meeting, Oxted, April 18th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Look up Kent. Notifications, by April 15th, to J. Hollands, Dormolleen, Woldingham Road, Oxted. 2389

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield, April 18th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by April 15th, please, to Mr. B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield.—C. W. Linington, Div. Sec. 2400

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Abbot's Ann, April 18th. Bells 3.30. Transport arranged from St. Mary's Andover, leaving 3.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 5. Goodworth Clatford after tea. Ringers from other branches welcome. Names for tea, before April 14th, to G. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury. 2358

**FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.**—Service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church roof and bells on Sunday, April 19th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, Right Rev. Dr. Wilson. A programme of vocal and cello music at 3 p.m. Bells available 10-11 a.m. and 12.30-3 p.m. For lunch or tea please notify Pond View Cafe, Finchingfield. 2369

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Haselbury Plucknett, near Crewkerne, April 25th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 2409

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Dudley, April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for those only who send in their names, before April 21st, to F. Colclough, 27, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 2418

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Whickham, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 2424

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Farningham, Saturday, April 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Lion Hotel. Names for tea, by Monday, 20th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 2415

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Preston, April 25th. Towers available: Preston Parish Church 1.45 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the meeting: Penwortham 1.30 p.m. to 3.40 p.m.; Walton-le-Dale 1.30 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. Service in Preston Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea (hot) in Avenham Lane Schools 4.45 p.m., 3s. 6d. per head, for those sending names to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston, before Wednesday, April 22nd. Business meeting in School 5.30 p.m. Please note new address. 2354

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Syston District.—Dinner, April 25th. Bells available: Wanlip 2-3 p.m.; Thurmaston 3.30-4.30 p.m.; Syston 4.45-6.15 p.m. Dinner, Red Cross Hall, Syston, 6.30 p.m., followed by social. Tickets from B. S. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston. 2398

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Kirtlington (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by 18th, please.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 2406

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by April 18th, latest. High Wycombe 7 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2413

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon on April 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 22nd, please, to Mr. M. J. Pryor, 59, Marlborough Gardens, Faringdon. 2399

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—Roads, April 25th. Names for tea, not later than April 22nd, to E. Nobles, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 2421

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The dedication of the Canon Coleridge Memorial will take place on Saturday, May 2nd, 1953. Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, at 3 p.m. A good attendance of choristers is desired at the service. Will choristers please notify Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, who will supply details of music and reserve seats in the choir. Tea at the Forum Restaurant, High Street, 5 p.m., 2s. Applications for tea to the General Secretary with remittance not later than April 28th.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 2330

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The dedication of the George Williams Memorial Bookcase will take place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Further details later.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2417

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