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PROFIT AND LOSS — OR VICE VERSA

NO one likes losing a peal. Though it may be true that some peal attempts are better lost. In reading the weekly record in this journal of peals accomplished one is sometimes tempted to envy certain ringers and to assume that they rarely, if ever, fail to score! But brilliancy of conductorship and the ability to ring any method for hours without the suggestion of a trip do excite admiration.

However, that is not the lot of the majority of peal ringers; and how many whose list runs, say, to one or two hundred can only confess that as many more have been attempted and lost? It is this latter experience which makes the accomplished peal the more satisfying, whether in a simple or advanced method; especially the one in which mistakes have been well and truly corrected and first pealers have been among the band.

We venture to put forward some considerations which may provide a tinge of consolation when peals have come to grief—perhaps in the last stages after three hours or more of enjoyment and concentration. That is the sad side of the matter, filling one with chagrin and disappointment.

Of course, in some cases it may not always be the fault of the ringers. Broken ropes, bad going bells or sudden illness so often bring things to a premature conclusion. But apart from such circumstances the main contributory causes can and do lie with the ringers, among whom the conductor must carry the largest responsibility. A missed call is usually irretrievable; an inadequate knowledge of the composition he is calling, or of the position the bells should occupy at different points may make correction of mistakes just a gamble. Again members of the band may be wrongly placed. Some of the commonest causes are serious and over-frequent trips in the ringing; also bad striking and the breaking up of the beat; all of which make conditions uncomfortable for everybody. Another upsetting factor may be too many voices attempting to put things right, or, worst of all, a refusal to follow the conductor's direction.

In passing may we say here that it cannot be too clearly recognised that every member of the band should place himself in the hands of the conductor from the beginning, taking for granted that the latter has made himself fully cognisant of the job in prospect.

But while the sadness and disappointment weigh heavily they may be balanced somewhat by other reflections leading to a profitable outcome of the failure. It would not be good for us if success always crowned our efforts. This failure or that may make a useful demand upon our powers of self-discipline. It can, for example, be a salutary check to over-confidence, and test a ringer's ability to accept some humiliation. We can be the better for an honest recognition of our mistakes.

Again, a breakdown of the peal may provoke considerable discussion, but uncontrolled harsh words or any sort of recrimination cannot mend matters. That sort of thing has been known to result in a long-standing breach. Wherever the fault for the loss can be proved to lie—which is not always so easy to discover—it must be frankly acknowledged, leaving everyone in a friendly spirit ready to make a fresh attempt another day.

Especially should it be the policy of the more experienced ringer to cultivate in a younger member a philosophical attitude to losses and a determination not to be daunted. One can point to great peal ringers of forty or fifty years ago, like William Pye, Challis Winney and Bertram Prewett, who always had their meed of praise for the young ringer showing promise and perseverance and did not drop him because of one fatal mistake. Some, including the writer, owe much to the openings held out to them by such stars in the ringing firmament.

The conductor, too, may profit. Reflection afterwards can show him what he ought to have been on the look out for, say, in the coursing order; or the particular position in which the fatal trip occurred may impress itself so indelibly upon his memory that it will be a confident aid when next the same composition is attempted. And this leads to the suggestion that the conductor might find it worth while when studying the figures in a peal to imagine at any point a trip occurring and make quite sure of what he would then have to know about the correct position of the bells.

Some, undoubtedly, come into the category of born conductors. Their faculties are uncanny, both for mentally ringing other bells in addition to their own; also for that rapid mental transposition of course-ends as the peal proceeds, with the ability to keep everyone in view and to deal with a hesitation before anything serious materialises. But for those who are not so naturally gifted conducting may still be an ambition possible of achievement if they

will tread the hard road to what may be good average ability. That will involve, among other labours, taking every opportunity for training the memory and developing powers of observation. Patience will need to be exercised over a long period and will have its reward.

We venture to recommend that every failure should be, not only technically, not morally and spiritually scrutinised; something not to be written off as a waste of time and energy, but as helping towards the realisation of one's own limitations, providing an enlargement of experience and forming, let it be hoped, another spoke in the wheel of ultimate perfection. C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 28 cwt. in G.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. Treble	†LEONARD DRAKE .. 7
*†JOHN F. BRYANT .. 2	*JOHN PEARSON .. 8
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY .. 3	*BERT SUTTON .. 9
†ALBERT W. BOND .. 4	†WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 10
RONALD H. DOVE .. 5	*BARRY HOLLAND .. 11
NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 6	*EDWARD HUDSON .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSON .. Treble	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 10
ERNEST MORRIS .. 5	S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 11
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6	G. RALPH EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Right Rev. R. R. Williams, M.A., D.D., as Bishop of Leicester.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT .. Treble	RONALD F. DISERENS .. 7
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 9
JOHN PHILLIPS .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT .. 10
SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. 5	MRS. PAT LEWINGTON .. 11
CYRIL J. HIBBERT .. 6	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 2	EDGAR T. SMITH .. 8
*WILLIAM DAVIES .. 3	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	*ERNEST STITCH .. 10
GEORGE A. PACKER .. 5	SAMUEL BIRCH .. 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 6	†ANTHONY W. STONE .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

* 50th peal together. † First peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6
WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 2	ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 3	JOHN WILKINSON .. 8
JOHN M. JELLEY .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS .. 9
COLIN P. WALKER .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. GROVES.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Right Rev. R. R. Williams, M.A., D.D., as Lord Bishop of Leicester on this day at Leicester Cathedral.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1954, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

*DIANA M. MATTHEW .. Treble	†ERNEST WHITING .. 6
†LESLIE G. BRETT .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
GEORGE W. PIPE .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 8
STANLEY W. COPLING .. 4	BERT GOGLE .. 9
NOLAN GOLDEN .. 5	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First 'touch' on ten bells. † First 'touch' of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS .. 5
*MOLLY MAY .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 3	ALAN A. POTTS .. 7
ALEX RICHARDSON .. 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise away from treble.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt.

SAMUEL JONES, JUN. .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 5
HENRY O. BAKER .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY .. 3	WALTER ALLMAN .. 7
EDWARD JENKINS .. 4	JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. O. Baker and in honour of the marriage of Miss Frances Laffin to Mr. Arthur Hibbert, which took place at St. George's, Stockport, on the same date.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
*MURIEL PIPE .. Treble	GEORGE FLEMING .. 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	WALTER RUFFLES .. 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 3	LESLIE G. BRETT .. 7
RUSSELL G. PARKER .. 4	ALBERT E. WHITING .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. WHITING.

* First peal. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation.		Tenor 16 cwt.
E. CHARLES TURNER Treble	JOHN A. ACRES 5	
MRS. H. J. POOLE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6	
DAVID HARRIMAN 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7	
CECIL H. F. KNIGHT 4	FRANK CRANE Tenor	

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. Charles Hamner-Strudwick, for many years Rector of Cranoe and Slawson, and who was closely associated with St. Mary's Church during the war years.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAWSTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.	
THOMAS R. SIMMONS .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5	
EDWARD G. CURSON 2	DAVID HEIGHTON 6	
CEDRIC CURSON 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7	
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in a method in which the treble hunts only to thirds place.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WILLIAM CARNWELL .. Treble	G. ARNOLD MOORE 5	
ANNETTE M. GRATTON .. 2	*ALFRED H. COTTRELL .. 6	
CHARLES S. RYLES 3	ARTHUR W. HALL 7	
WILLIAM EDWARDS 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor	

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

* First peal of Major.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Carnwell, father of the conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
SYDNEY J. MERRY .. Treble	*MARK J. BARKER 5	
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 6	
HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE 7	
*W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor	

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Wright, of Bolsover.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

	Tenor 14½ cwt.	
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation).		
*MAURICE SELBY .. Treble	GRACE BURCHNALL 5	
ALBERT H. WARD 2	CLEMENT GLENN 6	
BRIAN BUSWELL 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 7	
KATHARINE BURCHNALL .. 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor	

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.	
CYRIL H. KINCH .. Treble	WILLIAM A. YATES 5	
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 6	
BRIAN BLADON 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 7	
EDGAR J. SMITH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor	

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in this method

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 12 cwt.	
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. Treble	FRANK V. GANT 5	
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON 6	
C. RONALD SMITH 3	JOHN F. GROVE 7	
DAVID W. BEARD 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor	

Composed by DAVID W. BEARD.

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5088 HOLYWOOD DELIGHT MAJOR

	Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.	
JOHN SAVAGE .. Treble	WILLIAM HALL 5	
FRED E. DUKES 2	JEAN STEWART 6	
HARRY BROWN 3	TOM E. SMELTZER 7	
WILLIAM PRATT 4	JOHN T. DUNWOODY Tenor	

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. D. C. L. Jamieson, B.A., senior curate of the parish of Holywood.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

	Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.	
ROBIN G. LEALE .. Treble	*BRIAN J. LUFF 5	
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 6	
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7	
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor	

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Bristol.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

	Tenor 11 cwt.	
SYDNEY FLINT .. Treble	*ROBERT SMITH 5	
TERRY OWEN 2	GEORGE SKELLAND 6	
JOHN LUNHAM 3	ROBERT GUY 7	
ROBERT LARKEY 4	WILLIAM H. DEACON .. Tenor	

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

* First peal.



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STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-peal.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*GRAHAM BALL Treble	†C. ROGER HEYWARD .. . 5		
NUN L. WALKER 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY .. . 6		
†JOHN VERNON 3	JOHN H. BAILESS .. . 7		
JOHN A. SMITH 4	FREDERICK WATSON .. . Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal in the method 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Pamela Walker, a ringer at this church and grand-daughter of the 2nd ringer.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 24 cwt. in D.	
*DAVID BRAND Treble	HARRY D. LISTER .. . 5		
†JOHN S. WYBREW .. . 2	†ALAN G. FEVER .. . 6		
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. . 7		
ROBERT E. LESTER .. . 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD .. . Tenor		

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Lester.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.			
TONY PRICE Treble	JOHN D. ROCK .. . 5		
*†ROLAND W. MORANT .. 2	†ALICK CUTLER .. . 6		
BARBARA A. MITCHELL .. 3	†RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7		
*ROBERT G. LAY .. . 4	RICHARD E. PRICE .. . Tenor		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

*First peal in the method. †50th peal. ‡100th peal together.
A tribute to the memory of the late Mr. George M. Kilby.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1854, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
ERIC N. HARRISON .. Treble	THOMAS W. CROWE .. . 5		
ENID SOFTLEY 2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. . 6		
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY .. . 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. . 7		
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 4	THOMAS SEWELL .. . Tenor		

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

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

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. Alan Ainsworth, who is joining H.M. Forces.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double and Single Oxford, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.			
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	JACK BRAY .. . 4		
HAROLD MORWOOD .. . 2	HARRY HALL .. . 5		
RONALD CHAFER .. . 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. . Tenor		

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Fri., Jan. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).		Tenor 7½ cwt.	
*JUDITH A. WALKER .. Treble	THOMAS GWILT .. . 4		
RICHARD G. MORRIS .. . 2	ROBERT E. TALLIS .. . 5		
A. CHARLES MORRIS .. . 3	*ALFRED ALLWOOD .. . Tenor		

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.

*First peal.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).		Tenor 21 cwt.	
HERBERT W. PEARCE .. Treble	ALBERT W. DYER .. . 4		
WALTER H. POOLE .. . 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. . 5		
RAYMOND P. SELWAY .. . 3	SIDNEY W. WHITE .. . Tenor		

Conducted by WALTER H. POOLE.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, on the 'light six.'

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.			
*WILLIAM A. SAUNDERS .. Treble	†RAYMOND H. IDLE .. . 4		
G. NELSON SLOAN .. . 2	†FRED SAVAGE .. . 5		
JOHN R. DE LAMBERT .. . 3	†VICTOR J. C. WOOD .. Tenor		

Conducted by FRED SAVAGE.

*First peal. †First peal in the Dominion.
Rung on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to Christchurch.

HEVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
LUTHER J. HONESS .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. . 4		
JOHN T. MEDHURST .. . 2	*HAROLD A. HUNTLEY .. . 5		
KEVIN S. HOHL .. . 3	†JOHN W. DIXON .. . Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cook on their wedding anniversary; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Dixon, wife of the tenor ringer.

CUXTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve six-scores, 4 callings, St. Simon's; 18 six-scores, 10 callings, Grandsire; and 12 six-scores, 4 callings, Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.			
LEONARD C. WELLS .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. . 3		
*PETER F. BORER .. . 2	*TREVOR A. CROSS .. . 4		

CYRIL S. JARRETT .. . Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

*First peal in three Doubles methods. First peal of three Doubles methods as conductor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.			
SYDNEY FOSKETT .. Treble	CHARLES H. HARDING .. . 4		
EVELYN STEEL .. . 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. . 5		
LEONARD WILLIAMS .. . 3	BRYAN PATTISON .. . Tenor		

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

GARSTANG, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings.		Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.	
*PETER CROOK, SEN. .. Treble	JAMES A. METCALF .. . 4		
NORMAN TOMPKINS .. . 2	JOSEPH THORNLEY .. . 5		
STANLEY ANDERTON .. . 3	RICHARD DAVIS .. . Tenor		

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

*100th tower for a peal.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. R. Cross, M.A., who, after the peal, kindly entertained the ringers to supper.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1954, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's of: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Spliced, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Spliced, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE .. 4
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	JOHN S. WYBREW .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER .. 3	JOHN W. BLYTHE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

First peal in nine methods by all except the ringer of the treble.

In memoriam W. J. G. Brown, of Ipswich.

ACTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(The Bures St. Mary's Society.)

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

*RICHARD H. DAVIES (14) .. Treble	†EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 3
†PETER G. HARTLEY .. 2	DONALD L. MILLS .. 4

ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Doubles for all the band. First peal on the bells for 27 years.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Chesterfield District.)

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. Treble	DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. 4
HAROLD DENMAN .. 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. 5
MARION BRADLEY .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 720 each of Netherseale, Bourne, Beverley, York, Cambridge, London and Norwich.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

JOE HOBBS Treble	WALTER AYRE .. 4
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. 2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

EDMUND MORRIS .. Treble	JOHN T. WILLIAMS .. 4
HARRY BOYCE .. 2	GWYN I. LEWIS .. 5
ALFRED HANNINGTON .. 3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*PHILLIP DUNDERDALE .. Treble	†FRED HOWARTH .. 4
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 2	JOHN BAILEY .. 5
†RICHARD PRICE .. 3	FRANK STEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

A.D. Gloria Deum.

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SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

MYRTLE A. CASS Treble	ANN M. COX 4
*ROLAND W. MORANT .. 2	*E. JOHN WELLS 5
EILEEN M. TURNER .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 25th peal together. Mr A. P. Cannon's 250th different tenor 'turned-in' to a peal.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Beverley, and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

*DEREK G. BROYD Treble	*BRYAN PATTISON 4
JAMES G. NEWMAN .. 2	RONALD J. SHARP 5
C. HENRY HARDING .. 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD J. SHARP.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Sidney Sharp and Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield, of Maulden.

HANDBELL PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford and Sandal Treble Bob, (4) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, (5) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, Double and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's and College, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HOWARD SCOTT 1-2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 3-4

*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First handbell peal in 14 methods.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 19 in F.

TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6	*JOHN A. ACRES 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first peal on 12 handbells. The conductor's 100th peal on handbells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard.

QUARTER PEALS

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. B. Blond (cond.) 1, F. S. Smith 2, E. Garrard 3, J. Berv 4, T. S. Bowles 5, C. Corderoy 6, J. Seymour 7, J. P. Blond 8. First quarter of Kent for 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Oliver 1, W. G. Paternoster 2, T. Bird 3, F. Bird 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, W. G. Cook 6, L. A. Tidy 7, J. W. Knight 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major by 2, 3 and 4.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: G. Vinters (first of Triples) 1, R. C. Blakey (cond.) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, S. Proctor 4, D. A. Frith 5, T. A. Relf 6, H. R. Woods 7, R. Pick 8. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Croft 1, G. Cherry 2, D. Gullick 3, A. Harris 4, J. Church 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Timbury 1, P. Croft 2, L. Fidler 3, W. Todd 4, F. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6. For the passing of the old year. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: P. Croft 1, K. Timbury (first in the method) 2, E. Winters 3, W. Todd 4, G. Cherry 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Minor (consisting of 360 Cambridge, 360 each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): W. E. Geary 1, T. Isom 2, T. E. Gardner 3, E. Geary 4, V. Geary 5, S. R. Gardner (cond.) 6. Rung in celebration of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey. Mrs. Harvey (nee Brown) is a member of the local band.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandshire Triples (by A. J. Pitman): W. Turner 1, K. Salter 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, A. Glazzard 4, B. Lawton 5, T. Hemming 6, J. Lloyd 7, J. Hicks 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples by 1, 2, 4 and 8, and on the bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Glazzard.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: E. R. Warner 1, Miss P. Drury (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Sibbick 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung as a compliment to A. E. Boylton on his retirement after 26 years as a ringer in this tower.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: G. Harniss (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Everest 2, S. A. Hill 3, A. J. Backshall, sen., 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, P. Cox 6. Rung prior to G. Harniss joining H.M. Forces.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Betty J. Marsh (first quarter) 1, R. F. Symonds 2, A. J. Slade 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade 4, J. W. Rose (first of Plain Bob Minor) 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Molly Cooper 1, Jean Abbott 2, Mrs. W. C. West 3, S. Cockell 4, W. C. West (cond.) 5, R. Southwood 6, C. F. Andrews 7, H. Cockell 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Canon Howe).

OXFORD.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: D. H. Niblett (cond.) 1, G. Harper 2, D. A. Edwards 3, W. H. Jackson 4, D. G. Goodman 5, G. F. Jenkins 6, J. H. Smart 7, D. Hodgson (first quarter) 8. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. P. Ellams (first quarter) 1, W. H. Jackson 2, M. H. R. Glover 3, D. G. Goodman 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, J. H. Smart 6.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Buckley (first quarter) 1, Beatrice Wood 2, I. W. Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, P. J. H. Hudson 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagements of Miss M. Leach to Mr. E. Hanson, and Miss E. Westcott to Mr. P. J. H. Hudson.

RUISLIP, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Elsie Savory 1, W. Bunce, jun., 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Pichall 4, A. Hunter 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, F. Corke 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of George Martin Kilby, interred at Ruislip on that day.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. A. Naylor 1, S. M. Evans 2, C. S. Jarrett 3, G. Kenward 4, T. A. Cross 5, Doris Dobbie 6, S. Dobbie 7, E. Naylor (cond.) 8.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 600 Grandshire): J. Bateman 1, W. Brown 2, D. Griffin 3, G. Wykes 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

STOCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandshire, 480 Plain Bob): M. Stone 1, R. Short (cond.) 2, H. Pople 3, C. Clarke 4, W. Stevens 5. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. C. G. Duckham, churchwarden for 42 years.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, S. M. Evans 2, T. Barton (first quarter in the method) 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. A. Naylor 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, G. Kenward 7, P. Borer 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Naylor, father of the treble and 5th ringers.

WARBROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles (10 callings): W. Fulker 1, F. Godden 2, W. Absalom 3, R. Tuckwell 4, J. Godman (cond.) 5, P. Coggins 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 23rd, at St. Oswald's, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: R. Park 1, Mrs. K. Lawson 2, W. N. Park 3, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 4, F. Robson 5, T. Templeman 6, K. Lawson 7, J. Clouston 8, J. A. Ainsworth 9, H. Nielsen 10. Rung to mark the golden jubilee of the church, consecrated January 16th, 1904.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,296 Scrpise Minor (720 London and 576 Cambridge): Anne Holmes 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, R. Stephens (of Kempston, first extent of London) 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,320 New Doubles: K. Timbury 1, M. Orme 2, D. Jones (cond.) 3, P. Mehew 4, M. Collings 5, A. Holder 6. First in the method by all. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans for Confirmation service.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. B. Scoot 1, Miss P. K. Hutton 2, S. Bonnett 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, C. Harwood 5, W. Collins 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, L. Hughes 8. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

BALLARAT, AUSTRALIA.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Kerrman 1, W. Wilson 2, G. Heyes 3, G. Wilson 4, J. Eggleton (Adelaide) 5, W. Rowe (Sydney, cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4.

BARNSELY, YORKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. W. Carbutt 1, E. Stainrod 2, Rev. C. G. Woodhead 3, O. A. Over 4, P. Carbutt 5, E. Atkinson 6, N. F. Moxon 1, D. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a first grandchild to the treble ringer.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. F. Hoodless 1, A. W. Hoodless 2, N. Bell 3, A. W. Crowder 4, G. Thompson 5, G. Dobbie 6, W. Goddard (cond.) 7, T. Johnson 8. First quarter of Triples for 3 and 8. Rung as a compliment to Ronald Naylor and Dorothy Allen, whose marriage took place at this church this day. First quarter on the bells since the augmentation to 8.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, Moira 1, Hemer 2, Joyce S. Coward 3, S. A. Read 4, Brenda F. J. Foley 5, F. A. Gooding 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. Coward, father of the third ringer.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: M. Pole 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Linch 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Kesterton 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Roger Tennant, who, on February 5th, went to Korea as a missionary.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Lewis (first quarter of Minor) 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, D. J. Lewis 3, E. Phillips 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, B. Williams 6. Rung for the passing of the old year.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandshire, 240 Plain Bob, 240 All Saints): D. Borley 1, A. E. Barker 2, G. Barbury (cond.) 3, A. Armstrong 4, W. Benton 5, E. Borley 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, J. Trout 2, R. E. Coles (cond.) 3, S. Lunn 4, R. Blick 5, I. Davies 6, H. Blick 7, K. Vaughan 8. Rung, with 7, 6, 8 covering, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Rosemary Pratt to Mr. Ild Radcliffe.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Columb, Old, Plain Bob, April Day, 600 Grandshire): D. N. Penrose 1, A. H. Eplert 2, A. R. Jones 3, A. Carveth 4, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts 6. First in six methods for 1, 3, 4 and 6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**Mr. R. Whittington Resigns From the Executive**

The resignation was received with great regret at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at Guildford on January 30th of Mr. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, from the Guild Executive, because of his inability to make the journey to Guildford. Mr. R. Whittington had represented the District on the Executives of the Winchester and Guildford Diocesan Guilds for an unbroken period of 43 years. His long service was recorded in the minutes with an expression of appreciation. Mr. T. Mark White was elected to fill the vacancy.

Officers elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Robinson; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. Morant; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Kenward; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. Morant; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Horsman; committee, Messrs. F. A. Munday, T. Mark White and Fincher.

New members elected were: Ann Trenchard (S. Nicolas', Guildford), J. Stevenson, G. Sexton, J. Clark and Maureen Goode (Haslemere). The existing Guild officers were renominated.

Meetings suggested for the coming year were Haslemere, Puttenham, Chiddingfold, Dunsfold, Shalford and Guildford.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden announced that the bells of S. Nicolas', Guildford, which had been silent for six months owing to repairs to the tower, would be re-opened for Wednesday practices and also for Sunday ringing.

Mr. T. W. White, who presided, thanked the Vicar of Shalford for the use of the bells and arranging for the service, and also the ladies who had prepared such an excellent tea. A social evening followed, which was not so well attended as desired owing to the inclement weather, but nevertheless was most enjoyable.

A QUARTER PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES FOR THE YOUNG RINGER ON THE 2nd BELL

By LOUIS HEAD

	234567
	253746
	275634
	267453
B	342567
	354726
	375642
B	263475
	246537
	254763
	275346
	237654
X B	462537
	456723
	475362
B	234675

Five times repeated calling S instead of B in the 3rd and 6th parts, marked X.

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PART ENDS

1st	234675
2nd	234756
3rd	235467
4th	235674
5th	235746
6th	234567

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Canterbury District at Birchington**

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Birchington on January 23rd. In very cold weather 65 members and friends attended, and the warm welcome they always receive at All Saints' made up for the cold journey. A welcome visitor, if only on a fleeting visit, was Dr. Hatcher.

Ringling during the afternoon was followed by the usual service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. M. Granville-Sharp). At the outset of the service he asked if the company included an electrician as the organ had developed a fault on the electric side. None was forthcoming and it was felt that the 'guerillas' had reached this part of the country. The piano was brought into action and the singing lost none of its heartiness.

From the church to the Church House, where a splendid tea had been arranged by friends of the local ringers, and to which the District were the guests of the Vicar and churchwardens, who were sincerely thanked for their kindness.

The usual business was proceeded with. Two new members were elected. Whitstable was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, with a by-meeting at St. Lawrence previous. The collection was voted to be given to the funds of the Church House.

The meeting over, members wended their way either to All Saints' or across the fields to Quex Park or to remain in the Church House for handbells, and on being told that the room was required for another function, to find their way into Fred's place at the Queen's Head. Here the chairman was enticed into taking the tenors for tune ringing, he receiving a kick on the leg when he had to ring a certain bell. He appeared, however, to enjoy it all.

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A fall of stone from the vaulting of the
south transept of Hereford Cathedral has
necessitated stopping all ringing until temporary
security measures have been taken. For the
Hereford District annual meeting next Satur-
day, St. Nicholas' (6) will be available during
the afternoon and All Saints' (8) after the
meeting.

In a letter to 'The Times' of February 1st, Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, makes a correction to 'The Times' special correspondent's report that the only change ringing to be found in New Zealand is at Christchurch Cathedral.

Mr. Barnett writes: 'I have before me the December, 1953, issue of a circular published by the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers, in which appears a letter from the captain of the ringers at St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton (North Island), referring, inter alia, to the third anniversary of the commencement of change ringing at that tower. There are bells hung for ringing in at least two other New Zealand churches, at one of which, St. Matthew's, Auckland, change ringing was first started in that country some 40 years ago. I understand that the bells are not now used.'

We regret that three notices for the issue of February 5th were inadvertently wrongly filed. Will the senders please accept our apologies?

Mr. Ernest Morris has had his manuscript of 'English Towers' accepted by Robert Hale for publication later in the year.

Slow but steady progress is reported by Mr. L. J. Fox from St. Dunstan's, Stepney. The local band, having accomplished a quarter of Grandsire Doubles, have hopes of a quarter of Triples in the not too distant future.

The first peal of Hollywood Delight Major has been rung at Holywood, Co. Down. The method is similar to Pontefract Delight Major, the difference being that places are in 5-6 instead of 3-4 when the treble is in 1-2.

A recording of Sketty bells, Swansea, together with their history, has been made by the B.B.C. and will be broadcast some time towards the end of the month. The exact date and time will be given in 'The Radio Times' later.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. J. G. Murphy, curate of Lurgan and a member of the Irish Association, played at full-back for the Ulster XV. v. the All-Blacks on January 2nd, and for Ireland on the following Saturday. Is he the first ringer to gain International honours at Rugby?

The Durham and Newcastle Association will miss Mr. Alan Ainsworth, who reported to the Army, at Aldershot, on February 4th. His competence as a ringer on all numbers of bells will be a great asset to any tower in the vicinity of his Army camp.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden, of 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex, offers through 'The Ringing World' her congratulations to Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts on her performance of ringing the 35 cwt. Westbury tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples. She extends an invitation to Miss Roberts to ring in an all ladies peal attempt of Royal if she is interested.

Miss Barbara Harris, who for several years was secretary and treasurer of the All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, Society of Bell Ringers, left England on February 4th to take up a post in the Foreign Office at Bonn. An attempt at a peal of Cambridge Royal as a farewell on January 16th unfortunately came to grief, as did an attempt at a quarter of Cambridge Major on January 24th.

Mr. Graeme W. Heyes, of Ballarat, has accepted an appointment for two years with M.I.M., at Mount Isa, Queensland, which is about 2,500 miles from his home and about 1,000 miles from the nearest ring of bells. As he will not be taking a holiday, he hopes to keep slightly in touch with ringing by means of both 'The Ringing World' and 'The Ringing Towers.' He sends regards to all English ringers.

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YORK MINSTER SOCIETY'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Bells One of the Greatest Joys of Sunday—The Dean

THE 100th anniversary celebrations of the York Minster Society commenced on Friday evening, January 29th, with a short broadcast talk on the Minster ringers in the North Region programme, 'The North Countryman,' given by the president, Mr. Harold Walker. The talk was preceded by the sound of the Minster bells as recorded on Coronation night. It is regretted adequate notice could not be given of the intended broadcast but the arrangements were made at the last minute.

On the following day the Society acted as hosts to the Yorkshire Association. A report of the meeting of the Association is given elsewhere.

In the evening a celebration dinner was held at the Windmill Hotel, the venue of so many Snowdon Dinners in past years. A company of 50 sat down to an excellent five-course dinner of almost pre-war standard.

The chair was taken by the president, who was accompanied by Mrs. Walker, and supported by the secretary, Mr. S. H. Steel, and Mrs. Steel, and the chaplain, the Rev. A. J. McMullen, M.A. (Sacrist of York Minster) and Mrs. MacMullen. The City was represented by the Sheriff, Councillor John Shannon. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. Eric Milner-White, D.S.O., C.B.E., D.D., was the guest of honour, and he was accompanied by Canon F. Harrison, chancellor, Canon G. W. O. Addleshaw, treasurer, and the Rev. G. D. C. M. Senior, chamberlain.

The Yorkshire Association was represented by the Ven. C. O. Ellison, president, and other Association officers present were Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. A. Sellars, vice-presidents; Mr. L. W. G. Morris, general secretary; Mr. G. Benfield, general treasurer; Mr. W. E. Critchley, peal secretary; and Mr. H. Morley and Mr. A. E. Marsh, District secretaries. Others present were: Miss P. M. Reeves, Miss S. M. Kingdon, Miss E. J. Walker, Miss M. Shear-smith, Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bower, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Darbourne, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott, Mr. F. Atkinson, Mr. F. Horner, Mr. D. Forth, Mr. L. Rodmell, Mr. J. Ambler, Mr. D. Holland, Mr. J. Gibson, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. B. Rodgers, Mr. H. Lofthouse, Mr. W. F. Moreton, Mr. J. M. Thorley, Mr. A. H. Walker, Mr. W. Oakley and Mr. C. L. Sutcliffe.

'PRICELESS HERITAGE'

In proposing the toast 'The Minster,' Mr. S. H. Steel said he did not think people fully appreciated the priceless heritage of the Minster with its beautiful stained glass and other treasures which had been handed down through the ages. Great credit was due to the Dean and Chapter for the care undertaken to preserve those beauties and treasures.

Responding, Canon Harrison said he had been associated with the Minster since 1919 and there was always something to be learned from it. Nothing delighted the Dean more than to find, say, the head of a figure in one window which had been missing from another window for perhaps 300 years and to have it restored to its original place. All in the Minster family, the Dean, the Residentiary Canons, the Vicars-Choral, the organist and choir, the clerk-of-the-works and other staff were all fully employed and no one was idle. It gladdened the heart to hear the bells and he wished the Society every success and many happy returns!

The Rev. A. J. McMullen proposed 'The Visitors,' and said the Society was honoured on this, its 100th anniversary, by the presence of the Sheriff of York, also by Archdeacon Ellison

and by visitors from as far away as Newcastle. He loved to hear the bells and no mechanical device could ever sound the same. One of his duties was to be chaplain to the Prey-Cust Nursing Home, and he often asked if the bells were an annoyance, but all loved to hear them, either chiming for Evensong or ringing on Sundays. One old lady said she did not like them being chimed down the scale for five minutes but preferred variation. Another asked why, during Advent, the bells were chimed in a minor key on a Feast Day. So people did notice the bells and appreciated their message.

'RINGING-THE-CHANGES'

The Sheriff, replying, said that during his training as a solicitor he learned much about an offence known as 'ringing-the-changes' and he felt rather apprehensive when asked to meet a Society whose business was change ringing. One hundred years may seem a long time but it was only a short spell in the life of a city 2,000 years old. During his term of office he had met many little-known Societies and learned of many little-known byways all of which meant something in the life of the city and had some influence on the life of the people. It had been a pleasure meeting the Society and he tendered his warmest thanks, together with those of the other guests, for a very pleasant evening.

Archdeacon Ellison responded for the ringing visitors and said that over 70 years ago a daughter society was born and was now known as the Yorkshire Association — the Minster Society was really the mother society and he congratulated it on attaining its centenary and wished it every success in the future and many happy returns of the day. On behalf of the Association he thanked the Dean for allowing the bells to be rung that day and for the privilege in taking part in a very beautiful service, the music for which, including Purcell's 'Bell Anthem,' seemed to have been specially chosen for the occasion. The use of recorded bells was not to be compared with the proper ringing of church bells and ringers were against such substitutes. So far as the Ripon Diocese was concerned they would have no more of them.

The Dean of York, in rising to propose the toast 'The Society,' was received with acclamation. He said he believed the Society to be one of the oldest in the country except for the College Youths, which was over 300 years old, but then, that was a national Society. He was approaching his 70th year but could never catch up with the Minster Society—it goes on and on and may it go on for many, many years; many happy returns of the day! The very first time he heard the Minster bells was when the embargo was lifted to ring for the victory at El Alamein and he was overcome with emotion. (He had then been in York for two years.)

RINGING, A BEAUTY ALL ITS OWN

Continuing, he said that one of the great joys of Sunday was the ringing of the bells. There was a time when we did not know whether the young Englishman would come back to his bell-ringing but now the young Englishwoman was coming into her own. Ringing has a beauty all its own and it is an art which none of these substitutes can possibly replace, and this line is being taken by the York Advisory Committee and by most other Advisory Committees in the country. It is a beauty which records every joy—it is always joyful. Finally the Dean reminded his listeners that the purpose for which the bells were rung was to bring the people to the Church of God and that the link had become essential between the ringing of bells and the worship of God, and on this 100th birthday he was glad to thank the ringers from the bottom of his heart.

In reply, the president said he did not propose to enlarge on the history of the Society during the past 100 years as those who had

read 'The Ringing World' would know as much about it as he did. What must be considered was the future and the continuance of the work of the Society. In this connection Drake's prayer seemed appropriate:—

'When Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning but the continuance of the same which yieldeth the true glory.'

Continuing, he said that there were over 5,000 rings of five or more bells in this country and it was of equal importance that the bells of the smallest village church should be rung on Sundays as were the great bells of our Cathedrals, and it was as well to remember the Society was only one of many such Societies. Much had been said of a shortage of ringers but three firms of bellfounders were kept busy casting new bells and restoring old ones and in every case new ringers were found to ring them.

More ringers were needed in York but the real shortage in the city was one of ringable bells. The ring of six at St. Mary's, Bishops-hill Senior, was unringable and it was proposed to transfer these to Acomb. The six at Clifton also needed rehanging. The most interesting scheme in the offing was the proposal to restore the tower of St. Martin's, Coney Street, and to rehang the eight bells. The Archbishop's Committee responsible for this proposal had stated this would provide a useful practice ring for the Minster ringers. It was obvious someone on that committee—and he strongly suspected it was the Dean, although he had not admitted it—had the interests of the Minster ringers very much in mind and he thanked him for it. When this restoration had taken place he thought the City Council would find it had authority to organise evening classes in bell-ringing: this had been done in Essex and what other people could do York could do as well.

A well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells as was also a touch of 'The Scalded Witch,' musical items interspersed the speeches, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Not to be outdone by the Sheffield people, name cards tastefully written in Old English by Miss P. M. Reeves were provided and were much admired. H. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District Reports Progress

The annual meeting of the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild was held on January 30th at All Saints', Newport.

Despite the unusually cold weather, some 62 ringers attended. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. R. Lewis), who welcomed the Guild to All Saints'. The excellent tea, provided in the Mission House, was greatly appreciated and the ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. F. Hannington.

At the business meeting great progress was reported by the secretary, who mentioned that the District had now 56 members. Meetings had been extremely well attended. The District is a very large one and most members had to travel long distances. New members were elected from Newport (St. Woolos'), Sketty, Ebbw Vale and Radyr.

Miss Dilys Hulbert (St. Mellons) was elected vice-president, and Miss Jacqueline Evans (Chepstow) re-elected secretary. Committee members were: Mrs. R. Price, Mrs. R. E. Coles, Mrs. Temlett and Mrs. D. Attwell.

Mrs. T. Roderick and the secretary were elected to the General Committee.

Sketty was chosen for the next meeting, in May. J. S. E.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Historic Meeting in Ringing Chamber of York Minster

The January general meeting was held at York on January 30th in conjunction with the Centenary Celebration Dinner of the York Minster Society. Ringing on the fine twelve was enjoyed by visitors at intervals during the day, and those attending the service in the Minster choir were treated to a superb rendering of the 'Bell' anthem, among other things, by the choir.

The president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison) presided at the business meeting which followed in the ringing chamber, and opened the proceedings by saying how privileged they were to be holding that meeting at York at the historic moment when the Minster Society had reached its centenary. He felt sure that all present would congratulate them upon it, and join in wishing them every success in the future.

He then read a letter from one of the Society's oldest members, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, now resident in Birmingham, who regretted his inability to attend. Other apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. F. Palmer (formerly treasurer of the Association), Messrs. R. B. Smith, D. Smith and W. Barton (formerly hon. peal secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved that their best thanks be accorded to the Dean of York (the Very Rev. E. Milner-White) and Minster authorities for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir for the most excellent service. This was seconded by Mr. E. Hudson and carried unanimously.

In support, the president said he was greatly impressed by the excellence of the choir, which he felt must be at its peak of perfection.

A vote of thanks to the Minster Society for their kind invitation to hold this meeting at York in conjunction with their Celebration Dinner, and for the arrangements made, was moved by the president, seconded by Mr. A. E. Sellers and carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Walker acknowledged, saying how pleased they were to welcome the Association to York, and hoped that all were enjoying themselves.

The president announced that as no invitations had been received, the committee had considered the matter of the next meeting, which would be the annual general meeting, and had decided to recommend that it be held at Doncaster on May 1st, if suitable arrangements could be made. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and Mr. J. Ambler seconded that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was carried.

REVISION OF RULES

The next business was the sub-committee's report regarding the reinstatement of the rules in the annual report. The president announced that the committee had met and had considered a draft copy which represented some 14 years' research work by the general secretary, as many amendments and a number of new rules had become operative since they were last included in the report. This had minimised the work of the sub-committee very considerably, and apart from a few minor alterations in the wording of some of the old rules, they were unanimously agreed that the draft was an up-to-date schedule.

The general secretary said that he had been pleased to undertake the research work and compile the draft, but felt that no useful purpose would be served by taking up time going into detail at that meeting. The sub-committee had carried out its task in accordance with the terms of reference conferred upon it, and he

hoped that as a result a long-felt need was now a practical accomplishment.

Mr. N. Chaddock moved and Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded that the draft be incorporated in the report. This was carried.

THE SNOWDON DINNER

Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert gave an interesting and very gratifying report on the Snowdon Dinner, which took place at Sheffield on October 24th last. A net profit of £4 2s. 6d. had been made which the Dinner Committee had pleasure in handing over to the Association's funds. The president thanked Mr. Gilbert for his encouraging report, and said he felt sure all would join in both thanking and congratulating their Sheffield members on this excellent result. Mr. P. J. Johnson added his support, saying he had been very actively associated with many such functions, and believed this was the best result yet attained.

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

The next business was to receive nominations for the office of president. The retiring president (the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds) said that the committee were unanimous in accepting him as their nominee to go before the annual meeting, but he had told them that attendant upon the increasing duties he was called upon to undertake, he could not devote as much time to the office as he would wish. He had assured them, however, that if they were prepared to accept him in the light of this, he would do his utmost. This was greeted with applause.

The following new members were elected:—Miss Sheila M. Taylor, Miss M. Vivien Copping and Miss Patricia Lord (All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax), Mr. A. H. Walker (York), Michael Brooke, D. Armstrong and J. S. Seager (Sheffield Cathedral), Peter Harrison (Handsworth), R. H. Woodall (Rotherham), Miss Valerie Massam (Rothwell), J. B. Wood, D. M. Dane and G. W. Haley (St. Michael's, Headingley).

It was then announced that Mr. Walter Whitaker, of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, had passed away recently, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute of respect. This concluded the business and further ringing took place until 6.30 p.m., when most of the visitors made their way to the Windmill Hotel, there to participate in the Centenary Celebration Dinner of the York Minster Society.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD

Dear Sir,—Mr. William J. Cope, now living in Alrewas, but formerly of Lichfield, has just rung his first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major—and the peal was rung as a 70th birthday compliment to him!

Although he has been ringing since he was a boy, Grand sire Triples on the treble was his limit until just after the war, since when he has made such progress in change ringing as would do credit to someone 50 years his junior. Very few people of his age, we feel, would have troubled to look up such methods as Cambridge and London Minor, Stedman and Double Norwich, but whenever a certain method was mentioned for the next practice he had always 'had a look at it.'

Whenever quarter peal or peal attempts are arranged, Mr. Cope will always 'make one' as his enthusiasm is boundless and—he never lets you down.

We are sure that the whole Exercise will join in congratulating this ever-young ringer, who still continues to look up new methods—Cambridge Major being his goal at the moment. We in Lichfield, at least, are extremely proud of him.—Yours faithfully,

PETER, DENNIS & JOAN BERESFORD.
Lichfield.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Increase in Annual Subscription Turned Down

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Bury St. Edmunds on February 6th, which was well attended. A short committee meeting took place when Mr. L. D. Mills stated that many West Suffolk members objected to subsidising performances published in the annual report which were not true peals. It was noted that several such cases which took place during the past year had been published in 'The Ringing World.'

The dirty belfry and unoled bells at St. Mary's were not appreciated although the latter was soon remedied, and the fine ring was set going to greet the last wedding couple of the day.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. Canon A. C. Pelly, Vicar of St. Mary's, and the resolutions of the Halesworth meeting took an opposite turn as everyone except two voted solidly that the annual meeting be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, as usual.

The proposed increase of the annual subscription was unanimously turned down and everyone appeared in favour of a levy of 6d. per person per peal. It must be noted that no one opposed this decision, which comes into operation at once.

Thanks were accorded to Canon Pelly and Provost J. L. White, for permission to use the bells at St. Mary's and the Cathedral, by Insp. A. Gillings, who also voiced an appreciation of the good work by Miss Dora M. Reeve, who had recently relinquished the duties of secretary of the Mildenhall District. This was warmly seconded by the general secretary, who asked for the same loyal support to her successor, Miss Edna Peckett, of Lakenheath.

Further ringing took place at the Norman Tower, where it was noticed that the bells required the attention of the bellhanger.

C. W. P.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Axbridge Branch's Objective — 200 Members

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch, held at Burnham-on-Sea on January 23rd, was well attended. Members from the following towers were present:—Keynsham, Marksbury, Durleigh, North Petherton, Kewstoke, Berrow, Winscombe, Locking, Uphill, Chew Magna, Burnham, Worle, Bleadon, Weston and Cheddar. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. with touches of Stedman, Grand sire and Bob Major. A service was conducted in the Parish Church of St. Andrew by the Rev. Hugh Parnell, Vicar of Burnham, and the Rev. W. Bromham preached.

Mr. E. C. Wickham (hon. secretary) told the annual meeting that there were 180 members in the Branch and it was hoped to increase the number to over 200 this year. Wedmore, with ten members, was welcomed back in the Association, and three members from Uphill and one from Mark were among newcomers welcomed.

Mr. Wickham reported that income was £21 12s., and after meeting expenses, £15 12s. was sent to the general secretary.

Officers elected were:—President, Preb. Alford; vice-president, Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Weston-super-Mare); Ringing Master, Mr. George Prescott; secretary, Mr. E. C. Wickham.
E. C. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNUSUAL HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—I have a set of handbells, tenor 18G, cast by W.D. (William Dunn) which have round clappers. These are made of boxwood with a groove round the middle and inset with soft leather. The late W. H. Fussell greatly admired these bells and told me he had never seen any like them in all his perambulations.

Curiously enough, there is another set in this town cast by W. D. but these are fitted with ordinary clappers. William Dunn was Master of St. James' Society 1834-5, and died about 1850. His moulds, etc., passed on to George Stockham, a well-known London ringer, then to George Welch and finally to J. F. Mallaby and Co., of Doncaster.

I have been asked so many times about these bells that I should be glad to know if there is another set like them, and I should also welcome any information about William Dunn.—Yours, etc.,
L. STILWELL.
Horsham.

'THE BAND RINGS THE PEAL'

Dear Sir,—I have just read in the January 29th issue of 'The Ringing World' of a ringer who has rung peals of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. It is also reported that two ringers rang over 100 peals in 1953 and one ringer is stated to have rung peals in 41 different towers. I am wondering if it is quite fair to poke fun at 'The Daily Telegraph' for reporting that a ringer rang the first peal on a restored ring of six. Should we not be a little more precise in our vocabulary?

The leading article in a previous issue brought up the question of the treble ringer to Cambridge. Has he rung a peal of Cambridge? Surely the obvious answer is—No, of course he hasn't, but then, neither has the ringer of the second nor any of the others. The band rings the peal, and whether more or less skill is required to ring any particular bell is quite beside the point; the fact remains that the treble ringer has, like the others, rung a bell to a peal of Cambridge.—Yours truly,

C. A. LEVETT.

St. Leonards-on-Sea.

NO EXTERMINATION OF ART IN CANNED BELLS

Dear Sir,—Through your columns in 'The Ringing World' I should like to endorse the views of Mr. Wratten on the subject of canned bells.

I do not see any reason for prejudice of the use of bell recordings in the case of the churches which cannot afford, or where it is a practicable impossibility to have bells.

I think that there are thousands of the non-ringing community who, when they hear the bells calling them to worship, do not even know how many bells there are ringing and are completely ignorant of campanology.

But the chief point is that they are reminded of the presence of the church, and the service, by the sound of the bells, be it a gramophone recording or performed by a body of ringers.

As Mr. Wratten points out, it is the **sound** of the bells, and—as much as possible—a smooth production, or reproduction, that really matters.

I do not consider that we ringers should really worry unduly, except in a case where a ring of bells is unjustifiably disposed of and replaced by the use of recordings, occasions of which, I think, are very rare.

We should not get alarmed that canned bells will gradually exterminate our art. This, in my opinion, is a very remote possibility.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS R. LOWE.

Derby.

CANNED RINGING BAD ART

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. C. A. Wratten, in his letter concerning 'canned' bells ('Ringing World', January 29th), has missed a very significant point. True, ringers, among others, object to this practice on account of its unreality, and measures are proposed condemning it, partly on those grounds, and also because it is bad art. It is utterly ridiculous to hear the sound of a heavy ten coming from a church with only a tiny bell-cote containing two clearly visible 'ting-tangs.'

But, the plea that recordings are the only alternative to tower bells is both futile and untrue. The sound of the bells calls people to worship, but the effort of the ringers to produce that sound is undoubtedly worship and service to God on the part of the ringers. The ringers give of themselves in this work. If the use of amplifier and loud-speaker is justified by the impossibility of installing tower bells, the individual effort and service on the part of ringers may still be utilised and encouraged, by replacing the pick-up by a microphone, and the record by a set of handbells.

I feel that few ringers would object to such a practice. I, personally, dislike the loud-speaker, but my main objection is to the use of a recording. One cannot have the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the house, but one can attempt to produce one's own music, with a penny whistle, if necessary. In the matter of Church work, it is **personal** service that counts.—Yours faithfully,
S. J. HART.
Barry, Glam.

A REPLY TO MR. WRATTEN

Dear Sir,—In his letter on synthetic bells, published on January 29th, Mr. Wratten says, 'As it is clearly impossible to have the London Philharmonic Orchestra or even Humphrey Lyttelton in one's house, a record is used instead. In the same way . . .'

May I suggest that his argument is very far from being 'in the same way.' However much I might like the Orchestra, and however many records I had of their playing, I should object strongly were I to go to the Festival Hall or the Albert Hall and hear not the Orchestra but a record of them. In other words, by all means have records of orchestras, or of bells, come to that, for home use and enjoyment, but when we come to public performance let us have the real thing.

Two other points arise from Mr. Wratten's letter. Firstly, he talks of 'modern churches built in a less substantial manner than their elder brethren.' That there are such churches is a fact, but a very regrettable fact. It is, I think, a matter of ignorance on the architect's part, and in future cases could surely be overcome beforehand now that the difficulties are realised. When a designer can make ample arrangement for a choir, surely the ringers can have at least as good a chance.

Secondly, Mr. Wratten refers to bells calling people to church and says 'it is the **sound** of the bells that does this, not the bells themselves.' Which would Mr. Wratten prefer to be called by, a record either the same day in and day out or one of the limited selections available, or, on the other hand, by genuine bells, which, if they have their faults in striking, etc., have at least human faults, not electrical ones, and are rung by people who have made an effort to get to church and do it?

Not least to be considered is the fact that not all of us can preach and not all of us can sing. Ringing is a means whereby another large body of men can give God their service in a manner suited to their skill. May we long be able to do so.—Yours sincerely,

MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

Harwell, Berks.

SHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. Wratten, five of the six bells at Perlethorpe, Notts, have been sold, and I understand on good authority that gramophone recordings have been substituted.

It may be true that ringers are the **principal**, but not the **only** objectors to sham bells, but it does not necessarily follow that despite its seeming apathy the general public actually **likes** these abominations. I, personally, know of one parishioner who refuses to attend his church because of what he rightly considers the dishonesty of recorded bells.

Mr. Wratten cites the hypothetical case of the towerless or otherwise unsuitable church for bells and one might be tempted to feel slightly less antagonistic were the makers to confine themselves to such buildings, but unfortunately they do not do so.

They employ door-to-door touts who will canvass any church whether it possesses tower or bells or both—for instance, they endeavoured to interest a former Leeds vicar whose church possesses a magnificent tower and already the nucleus of a ring, but fortunately the Vicar 'sent them packing' in no uncertain manner. Then again, there is on the outskirts of Leeds a Pearson church, which, like all churches which have been completed to this famous architect's original design, has as its crowning architectural glory a lofty tower and spire. Its crowning shame is now a gramophone outfit, installed moreover when a former Archdeacon of Leeds was Vicar.

What does it matter if we are considered prejudiced as Mr. Wratten implies, so long as we stop the travesty of our art by acting as Mr. Stenson suggests or by any other means which may be open to us?—Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

RE RINGERS' RALLY, BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Davis would now seem to be trying to say that he, together with Mr. David Reed, was going to attempt to arrange the dinner now to be held at Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on Saturday, May 8th.

When the item, 'Dinner,' came before the meeting on December 5th my first proposal was 'that the dinner be held'; this was seconded by Mr. George Preston, and was immediately followed by the statement from Mr. Davis—which took us unawares—that he would not participate. During the discussion which followed I said that unless someone would be prepared to do the work the dinner must lapse, and it was only when it was obvious that further discussion then was useless—Mr. Davis repeating that he would not do it—that I proposed that the dinner should lapse.

Mr. Davis was in personal contact with me and at least one other member of the committee, till Christmas, but he neither expressed surprise at the turn of events nor mentioned another meeting of the committee.

When, on Tuesday, January 12th, I personally acquainted him with the position, he said he had been warned that no one else would do the job. How then can he claim to have been taken unawares? He said he was pleased the dinner was not to be allowed to lapse, and that he would give us his support.

This statement was received with pleasure by the Dinner Committee at their next meeting. To make this event a success we need the support and goodwill of Mr. Davis and all who can help, and that this will be forthcoming is the sincere wish of—Yours truly,

FRED PRICE.

Southbourne, Bournemouth.

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

VI. EXAMPLE TOUCH OF BOB MAJOR

Let us now examine a short two-course touch of Bob Major which has an example of every type of call. Here it is as the composer writes it out and as the bob-caller would try to conduct it:—

'Natural' Course Ends from 23456							
W	B	M	H	W	B	M	H
52436	52436	42635	64235	—	—	—	—
36245	36245	34256	23456	—	1	—	—

At each of these calls except the two Homes a five-figure transposition is necessary to get the new 'natural' course end—that is the course end which would come up if no more bobs were called. These 'natural' course end figures give no idea (except at the Homes) which bells were doing which work at the bobs and not many bob-callers would know which bell was following which at any time except perhaps for the one lead after the Home.

Now let us write out the same touch again as the conductor calls it—by the Coursing Orders:—

Coursing Orders from 53246							
W	B	M	H	W	B	M	H
32546		32465	34625	—	—	—	—
46325	54632	53246	53246	—	1	—	—

Starting off with the Coursing Order 53246 our conductor knows, by applying his formula ABC into BCA to the first three bells that the bob W will give him Coursing Order 32546 and that 3 will run out, 2 run in and 5 make fourths place. If he is ringing either of these three bells nothing could be simpler. (In this method he could, of course, merely remember to call his bob W at the first lead end, but the W position does not come at the first lead in all methods. It often comes after the M or the M and the B.) If he is ringing the treble it will be equally easy to see when 3 can be called to run out. If he is ringing or can see 7 and 8 he will be able to check his position by these. From either of the other two bells he should have no difficulty in seeing the bells in the front or the tenor at the back.

As well as having all these pointers to what is happening when the bob is made, he will know the order in which the bells go down to the lead and up to the back (i.e., his new Coursing Order) and, therefore, the order in which, allowing for his own bell, he will have to pass the others. This, of course, is hunting made easy. If the treble or any of the others goes wrong, the conductor can put the offender right by telling him the order in which he will meet the other bells.

This Coursing Order will remain unchanged until the bob M is reached. Our conductor knows the order of the bells and at any time during the five plain leads he can apply the ABC into BCA code to the back three bells. When he calls the bob M he knows that his new Coursing Order will be 32465 and that 4 will run out, 6 run in and 5 make fourths place.

One lead in this new Coursing Order and he has only to apply his by now familiar code ABC into BCA to the middle three bells (246 into 462) to know exactly what will happen at his bob H and what will be the Coursing Order (34625) of the start of the second course.

For this second course, our conductor would find it even less easy to make mental five-figure transpositions of his course ends, because he would be trying to do it not from rounds but from his new course end.

But by using Coursing Orders and our simple code he will find that starting from a course end other than rounds makes no difference at all. A bob W applied to his Coursing Order 34625 gives 46325—4 ran out, 6 ran in and 3 made fourths place. This new Coursing Order 46325 continues unchanged until the bob B is reached. So our conductor has three leads in which he

can work out the simple fact that at the bob B when he calls 8 to run out and 7 to run in, the bell (5) which was last in his five-figure Coursing Order will make fourths place, and the new Coursing Order will be the old one with the 5 in front instead of at the end (i.e., 54632). This Coursing Order continues until the next bob (a M) but our conductor does not have to spend the time in between wondering and trying to see whether the tenor has yet reached the 5-6 down position. He only has to wait until the back three bells of his Coursing Order (6, 3 and 2) get into the appropriate positions for 3 to run out, 2 run in and 6 make fourths place and then call his bob.

One final three-figure transposition at the H from Coursing Order 54326 to Coursing Order 53246 brings the touch round with 3 running out, 2 running in and 4 making fourths place.

We have seen that all through this two-course touch, with its seven bobs, our conductor can have full control over the ringing and, therefore, the confidence that makes all the difference between getting and losing a peal. What is more, he did not have to work out his touch beforehand. He needed only to be told a moment before he started 'Call W, M and H and then call W, B, M and H.' On the other hand if he wished to practise his calling he could have done so on his way to the tower—changing three bells at each call, always with the same simple code, knowing the order of the bells all the time and seeing which bells do which work at the calls.

I have written out the Coursing Orders of the touches and peals in these articles in three or four columns as does the composer. But there is no need to do this unless you wish. If you find it simpler, just write them down one after the other exactly as you would work them out in your head or ring them in the tower. Our example touch of Bob Major given above will then look like this. A useful outcome of this method is that each part of a multi-part composition can be written out in a separate column side by side with the other parts and comparison of various checking points is facilitated.

53246

32546	W
32465	M
34625	H
46325	W
54632	B
54326	M
53246	H

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Branch Meeting at Babbacombe

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, on January 30th, when despite arctic weather conditions the event was quite successful.

Ringing took place during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dixon, assistant priest.

After an excellent tea at Oswalds Hotel the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair.

Three apologies for absence were received, whilst six new members from Brixham and two from Dean Prior were elected.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented and adopted, the latter showing a reduced balance in hand.

Officers elected were:—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; three General Committee members, the Rev. N. F. D. Cole-ridge, Mr. E. M. Atkins, and Mr. W. C. Wakley.

Brixham is to be the venue for the next meeting on Saturday, April 24th, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Babbacombe for the use of his church and bells, and to the Branch secretary for making such excellent arrangements concluded the meeting.

A. L. B.

IN SOMERSET WITH THE N.S.T.G.

The lure of Somerset rings and hospitality being irresistible, on Friday, January 22nd, the full express from east to west carried two bound for another week-end with the N.S.T.G.

On Saturday the usual tower-grabbing efforts were somewhat diluted by the prospect of a peal in the evening, and, accordingly, two towers only were visited in the morning—the light sixes at Rowberrow and Shipham—each being put to varied methods for three-quarters of an hour.

The afternoon programme contained no ringing but after a pleasant drive over the hills and along the coast road had brought us to Clevedon, a brisk walk along the pier enabled us to make the acquaintance of the clapperless Warner 1902 which hangs at the end of it.

The evening peal of Plain Bob Minor on the good-going Nailsea six was brought home happily with scarcely a word spoken, and then the lighter proceedings of the evening commenced with a ham supper. A visit to the local hostelry enabled us to slake our thirst with the now traditional cider, and we then adjourned to Mr. Derrick's house for further toasts and a ring on his set of diminutive handbells. Another short walk brought us to our last house of the day, where coffee, songs and chatter were enjoyed until the party dispersed at midnight.

Three fine-toned rings were visited on Sunday, the first being at Kingston Seymour, where we spent a most enjoyable hour ringing for morning service. Fortified by a feast of turkey and plum pudding, we spent half an hour at Easton-in-Gordano, and were then joined by members of the local band (one of whom has been ringing regularly since 1897) at Long Ashton, our only eight of the week-end.

Methods rung included:—Triples: Grand-sire; Minor: Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Treble Bob; Doubles: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington.

To M. J. H. for his fine organisation, and to all who contributed to the happiness and success of the week-end, many thanks. B. O.

THE RINGER'S DECALOGUE

From 'The Ringing Towers'

- 1.—Remember Friday evenings to keep them wholly for practices.
- 2.—Thou shalt not tarry without the tower.
- 3.—Thou shalt give ear unto the voice of the instructor and hearken not unto the babble of thy neighbour.
- 4.—Thou shalt not clash thy bell with thy neighbours, for this is the whole ringing law.
- 5.—Thou shalt not worship the method unduly for the eyes are the window of the soul, and if they be glued to the paper, how shall the soul be lighted?
- 6.—Thou shalt not lean upon thy neighbour, but cultivate thine own understanding for he that followeth his neighbour from lead to lead shall stumble and perish, but he that counteth his own place can in no wise dodge at the wrong place.
- 7.—Thou shalt not grouse.
- 8.—Thou shalt not contemplate thy neighbour's clothes, nor her shoes nor any new thing that is thy neighbour's lest when thy turn comes thou be taken unawares and be utterly confounded.
- 9.—Thou shalt not break the covenant with the band to follow after thy wife, nor thy best girl, nor thy friend, nor thy enemy for the ringers will not hold him worthy that turneth his yea to nay.
- 10.—Honour thy band and thy captain and forget not that regular attendance is also expected of thee on Sunday.

METHOD EXTENSION

Arising out of the Methods Committee's Report, it is now possible to state what extensions in Corrigan's Surprise Royal and Maximus Book are to be retained under their original names, and the methods where the names given should be deleted.

Section 1—Surprise Royal methods which have been rung to peals

Acceptable names (Royal)

†501 Albanian	†513 Melton
502 Belgrave	†514 Middlesex
*503 Bristol	*515 Painswick
504 Cambridge	†516 Prittlewell
505 New Cambridge	517 Pudsey
†506 Clifton	518 Rochester
†507 Goldsborough	*519 Rutland
†508 Leicester	*520 Superlative
509 Lincolnshire	(Shipway's version)
*510 London	*521 Superlative
(No. 1 version)	(No. 2 version)
*511 London	522 York
(Brighton version)	523 Yorkshire
*512 London	
(No. 3 version)	

Section 2—Extensions of Methods included in the Surprise Major Section

Acceptable names (Royal)

525 Bedford	†564 Lindsey
*526 Birmingham	566 Lowestoft
†533 Caister	†570 Oakham
534 Pontefract	573 Selborne
535 Clacton	*574 Staffordshire
538 Devon	*576 Wembley
540 Essex	†578 Westcote
548 Langley	581 Woodstock
550 Leicestershire	582 Wycombe

* Not in accordance with the Methods Committee's requirements, but rung before the date of the adoption of the report.
 † Parent method, no relative Major.
 ‡ No corresponding Major or Maximus.

Section 2 (continued)—Unacceptable names which should now be deleted (Royal)

524 Beaconsfield	546 Kent
527 Bolton	547 Lancashire
528 Bosmere	549 Lavenham
529 Bristol	565 London
(E. B. James)	(U.A. version)
530 Bristol (Drayton)	567 Mildenhall
531 Bristol (Drayton)	568 Monewden
532 Bromley	569 Newcastle
536 Cornwall	571 Orwell
537 Daventry	572 Peterborough
539 Doncaster	575 Superlative
541 Falmouth	(Drayton)
542 Gloucester	577 Wendover (this is
543 Helmingham	Albanian, 501)
544 Howden	579 Whitbourne
545 Hughenden	580 Willesden

The undermentioned is included in Section 2, but the relative Major method is not shown in the Major section:—

559 Extends from —.38.—.14.—.12.—.38.14.—.14.38.—.14.—.7 (Lindoff's No. 64)

Section 3—Surprise methods first published for 10 bells

609 Duplicate of 548 (Langley)
613 Extends from —.34.—.14.—.58.—.16.—.14.—.38.—.16.—.5
622 Solihull

Section 1—Surprise Maximus Methods which have been rung to peals

Acceptable Names (Maximus)

801 Bedford	806 Lindsey
802 Belgrave	807 Pudsey
803 Cambridge	808 Rochester
804 New Cambridge	*809 Superlative
805 Lincolnshire	810 York
	811 Yorkshire

Section 2—Extensions to 12 bells of Surprise Methods for 8 or 10 bells

813 Albanian	848 Prittlewell
814 Birmingham	*849 Rutland (since
*816 Bristol	renamed Belvoir)
822 Bromley	†850 S. Hugh
824 Caerleon	†851 S. Margaret's
825 Pontefract	852 Selborne
826 Devon	†857 Verona
832 Leicestershire	858 Wembley
844 Lowestoft	861 Wycombe

* Not in accordance with the Methods Committee's requirements, but rung before the adoption of the Report.
 † No Major or Royal.

Section 2 (continued)—Unacceptable names which should now be deleted (Maximus)

815 Bolton	842 London (W.
817 Bristol (Drayton)	Taylor)
818 Bristol (Drayton)	843 London (U.A.
819 Bristol (E. B.	Version)
James)	845 Manchester
820 Bristol (E. B.	846 Oakham
James)	847 Peterborough
821 Bristol (A. Y.	853 Staffordshire
Bramble)	854 Superlative
	(Drayton)
823 Burslem	855 Superlative
827 Doncaster	(Drayton)
828 Hughenden	856 Superlative
829 Kent	(A. Y. Bramble)
830 Lancashire	859 Whitbourne
831 Lavenham	860 Willesden
840 London (Drayton)	
841 London (Drayton)	

Section 2 (continued)—Unacceptable methods. Acceptable extensions

860 Parent	580 (late Willesden)
§835 extends from	—.38.—.14.—.12.—.38.—.14.—.58.14.—.14.5
	(Lindoff's No. 61)
836 extends from	—.38.—.14.—.12.—.38.14.—.14.38.—.14.—.7
	(Lindoff's No. 64)
	(No. 559 is in the same family)

§837 extends from	—.38.—.14.58.12.—.16.—.14.—.58.14.—.14.3
	(Lindoff's No. 83)
§838 extends from	—.38.—.16.—.56.—.38.—.14.—.58.14.—.14.5
	(Lindoff's No. 110)

§ Ultimate place lead-head only.

N.B.—These four Major methods are in Corrigan's Unnamed Methods Collection.

Section 2 (continued)—Unnamed methods. Unacceptable extensions

833 shown as relative to 552 (Lindoff's No. 8)
834 shown as relative to 556 (Lindoff's No. 35)
835 shown as relative to 558 (Lindoff's No. 61)
837 shown as relative to 561 (Lindoff's No. 83)
838 shown as relative to 562 (Lindoff's No. 110)
839 shown as relative to 563 (Lindoff's No. 112)

Section 3—Methods first published for 12 bells

864 Langley
866 Solihull
868 extends from 627

Acceptable names—Extensions not published in Corrigan's Surprise book

Royal	Maximus
*Warwickshire	*Aldenhams
*Aldenhams	Buckingham
Wye	Wigston
	Wye

* Not in accordance with the Methods Committee's requirements, but rung before the date of the Report.

In regard to Birmingham Royal, Painswick Royal and Warwickshire Royal, all of which have been accepted solely on account of their being rung before the date of the Report, the following Maximus extensions will be recognised:—

Birmingham as 814
Painswick —.36.—.14.—.5T.—.16.—.12.—.5T.—.16.—.5T.—.18.—.7T.—.10.—.E
Warwickshire —.3T.—.14.—.12.—.3T.—.12.—.3T.—.14.—.5T.—.16.—.9T.—.10.—.E

On behalf of the Methods Committee.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD AT RUSHDEN

Wellingborough Branch Test New Eight

At the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch held at Rushden on January 30th, representatives were present from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Easton Maudit, Earls Barton, Ecton, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Mears Ashby, Great Doddington, Bozeat, Stanwick, Burton Latimer, Cranford, Kettering, Brafield, Raunds, Hargrave, Long Buckby, with members of the Bedford Guild.

The Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church during the afternoon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Green), who also gave an address.

A company of 85 enjoyed the excellent tea in the Institute arranged and served by the local ringers' wives and friends, supervised by Mrs. L. Priestley.

At the business proceedings the secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. Bigley, Irthlingborough) presented the report and balance sheet for 1953. A balance of £3 14s. 7d. increased the Branch assets. The officers were all re-elected. It was decided to visit the six-bell tower of Mears Ashby for the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. S. P. Warwick (Wellingborough) was elected an honorary member, and three new ringing members of Irthlingborough, Messrs. P. Smart, M. Munton and J. Britchford, were also elected. After reference to the recent death of Mr. A. Minney, of Wollaston, the party stood in silent tribute.

A quantity of the 'Booklet for Beginners,' by Mr. W. G. Wilson, were eagerly bought up during the afternoon. Thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., and to the organist and ladies were proposed by the Branch president (the Rev. W. C. Knight, Bozeat). Mr. C. Clifton also had a word to say concerning the work of the secretary. After words of appreciation, he said that members could help by collective and prompt paying of subscriptions.

The new ring of eight was kept going during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods, interspersed with rounds for the lesser skilled.

A. B.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society started the year well with a good meeting in Hull. The bells of St. Mary's, Lowgate, were rung during the afternoon to standard methods.

A service was held in St. Luke's Chapel in Holy Trinity Church, owing to the choir being under repair and full of scaffolding. The Rev. G. Storer conducted the service and the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon) preached the sermon.

Forty members and friends had tea in the Trocadero Cafe, followed by a business meeting with Mr. A. E. Sellers in the chair.

Ringers from North Lincolnshire joined the company and proceeded to Holy Trinity Church to ring on the fine ten for the remainder of the evening.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN HART

Leader of the ringers at St. Nicholas', Cramlington, Northumberland, and a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for many years, Mr. John Hart passed away at the age of 61 years on Thursday, January 28th, following a seizure at his work in a local coal mine.

He was a staunch churchman, a some-time churchwarden of Cramlington and a most loyal member of his belfry, where he 'nursed' both bells and ringers and was ever a congenial host to the Association at meetings held there. Although not a change ringer, he was an excellent striker and could ring the tenor behind to perfection. He was always proud of the fact that he had rung-in the New Year for more than 40 years without a break apart from the war years.

The interment took place on Sunday, January 31st, at Cramlington Churchyard following a service in church. At the graveside a course of Bob Minor on handbells was rung by J. A. Ainsworth 1-2, K. Arthur 3-4, E. N. Harrison 5-6. Later the tower bells were rung half-muffled to a 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor by J. Anderson (first 720) 1, T. Sewell 2, K. Arthur 3, E. P. Crowdy 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. A. Ainsworth (conductor) 6. K. A.

MR. JOHN FOSTER

One of the older generation of ringers, Mr. John Foster died at Hitchin on January 28th, where he had lived and worked and rung most of his life, at the ripe age of 92.

Although he had not rung for nearly two decades, he commenced ringing as long ago as the 1880's, and rang the seventh at Hitchin to a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 25th, 1895, at a time when peals were scarce and the bells were presumably much the same condition as when first hung in 1762, for they were not rehung till 1901. He rang the sixth and seventh to three other peals of Triples and Bob Major early in the century. These are the only ones recorded on boards in the tower, but there may have been other successes of which record has been lost.

About this time he became assistant parish clerk, and later clerk, holding this office for about 40 years, under five Vicars. He attended about 1,700 weddings before retiring during the last war! He was for many years captain of the ringers. When increasing age caused him to give up change ringing, he still chimed on the Ellacombe apparatus for services when the bells were not normally rung.

On January 31st a half-muffled quarter peal, 1,260 Stedman Triples, was rung by present ringers prior to Evensong as a token of respect to Mr. Foster for his service to the church and the tower. The following took part:—C. V. Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Orme 3, F. Croft 4, E. Winters 5, J. Church 6, D. Jones (conductor) 7, W. Todd 8. D. P. J.

RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Rugby Surprise Major was rung for the first time on January 30th, conducted by Mr. Alan Pink. This method, writes Mr. Pink, differs from Yorkshire Surprise Major only in the 7-8 section. Although there is so little difference in the figures, there is a fair degree of difference in the blue line, and whereas Yorkshire has only one false course lead, 24365, Rugby has three, 24365, 46253 and 32546.

A comparison in the 7-8 section is given below:—

Yorkshire	Rugby
64728153	64728153
46782513	46782513
64875231	47685231
68472513	74862513
86745231	47682531
68472531	74865231

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Annual Dinner

This was held in Cambridge on January 30th. Yielding to pressure, the undersigned is reporting the function, but this report has little historic value as, not only did a wedding (someone else's) prevent his taking part in the ringing, but also, as he has lost his notes about the Dinner, he is reduced to the indignity of reporting what he thinks the speakers said—or even what they ought to have said.

Ringing took place during the day at St. Andrew's, in whose vestry a business meeting was held, the Roman Catholic Church, St. Benet's and elsewhere. The undersigned arrived just in time to see a goodly company emerging from St. Benet's and made his way with them to the West End Hotel, West Road (a crisis in St. John's College kitchen having made a dinner impossible for us there), John's having all they could do to feed themselves. At least the West End is superior to John's in not possessing a vast Victorian silent tower.

The president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth, of Selwyn) presided at the dinner, welcomed members and guests and proposed the loyal toast. Then Dr. F. S. Poole proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' In a charming speech he reminded his hearers of the noble past of the Guild, tiny in numbers compared with its strength to-day—there were over 40 at the Dinner—but splendid in spirit. A peal in the old days was quite an event, because of both the difficulty of getting men together and the limitations of travel. But the earlier days were grand days of achievement, all the same, and it was a great pleasure to senior members like himself both to join with the present-day Guild and to think over the past.

The Master of the Guild, replying, spoke warmly of the earlier efforts, and turning to the present told how the Guild goes for a peal almost every Saturday; numbers are not difficult to make up, and travel, partly with the help of Ichabod, an object on four wheels (the undersigned has not seen it and does not know whether this description is accurate at the moment) is also easy. We look forward to the Guild Week to be held at or near Abergavenny, August 30th to September 4th.

Mr. E. J. Lindley, proposing the toast of 'The Guests,' was not sure who were guests, or who, having paid for their dinner, could not be so described. Anyhow, he was very glad to see everybody there, in particular Messrs. Dennis and Quinney, of the Cambridge Youths, and the Master of the London University Society. 'The Other Place' was less well represented than he would have liked, possibly because of the charm of Bristol girls or the eminence of Bristol University Chancellor.

The Master of the London University Society, in reply, warmly thanked his hosts on behalf of the guests and expressed great pleasure at the flourishing state of the University Societies.

After Dinner, members adjourned to some part of Selwyn, but what they did there I know not, as Frances, Brian and Tim came on to Norwich with me instead. G. T.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World'
February 13th, 1914

STOCKPORT

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 7th, 1914, in 3 hours and 30 minutes

At the Church of St. George

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5,040 CHANGES

Tenor 30 cwt.

Thomas Jackson	Treble
Alfred Barnes	2
Harold Jackson	3
William Bibby	4
William Jackson	5
Rev. A. T. Beeston	6
Henry W. Wilde	7
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	8
J. Thomas Bottrill	9
Harry Chapman	Tenor

Composed and conducted by Henry W. Wilde.
The first peal of Royal in the method.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

N.W. District Annual Meeting

Harlow Town was the venue of the N.W. District's annual meeting on January 23rd when 52 members and visitors were present.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. Bevan), assisted by the curate of Harlow (the Rev. W. Butler).

After an excellent tea at the Queen's Head the business meeting was held, the Rural Dean taking the chair. He welcomed all the ringers to Harlow and expressed his appreciation of how the District had grown in strength since the war.

The secretary reported that the average attendance at the six meetings held in 1953 had been 34. Ringing membership showed a slight decrease, although the honorary membership had been increased by six.

Mr. B. G. Burton was re-elected Master, Mr. G. Blake secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. W. Aley and R. Haydon as committee members.

After votes of thanks to the Rural Dean and all who had made the meeting possible, ringing was resumed.

The following ringing broadcasts will take place in connection with Western Region services at 9.30 a.m.:—February 28th, Truro Cathedral; March 7th, Uffculme; March 14th, Dawlish; March 21st, Exeter (St. Thomas); March 28th, Kenn.

LATE NOTICES

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Annual meeting at Chichester Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Assembly Rooms.—W. L. Weller. 3932

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting. Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 3935

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Next meeting, Newhall, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Tel. Overseal 264. 3934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual committee meeting, Oxford, Saturday, March 13th. Details later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 3931

NOTICES

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WEDDING

HIBBERT-LAFLIN.—On January 23rd, 1954, at St. George's Church, Stockport, Arthur, younger son of Mr. W. H. Hibbert and the late Mrs. E. E. Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, to Frances Muriel, second daughter of Mr. P. Laflin and the late Mrs. A. Laflin, of Stockport. 3883

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from February 1st, 1954, the address of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal (Middlesex Association) will be: 4, Victorian Grove, Stoke Newington, London, N.16. 3907

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—As from this date, all correspondence in connection with the above should be addressed to Mr. G. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton.—E. Nobles. 3933

SITUATION WANTED

WHEELWRIGHT AND BODY BUILDER would like a change; over 20 years' experience. Partnership in business would be considered.—Write Box 3930, 'Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 3930

MISCELLANEOUS

A LIMITED NUMBER of records of Kettering Parish Church Bells will shortly be available to ringers (not for relaying from towers) at approximately 25s. Grandsire Triples and back six raising. Intending purchasers notify me by Feb. 27th.—Patrick Chapman, 8, Ash Road, Kettering. 3911

EXTRA COPIES.—It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Business: Proposed alteration of rules. Ringing afterwards at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 5 p.m. 3857

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business 6.15 p.m. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3905

DEVON GUILD.—North-West Branch.—Annual meeting at Bradworthy, Feb. 13th. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 3882

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Alphington, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Carr's Cafe. More ringing after.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 3859

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The District annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at Farnham (8). Ringing from 2.4.30 p.m. only. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Owen Hall at 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Social evening from 7.9 p.m. Inclusive price of tea and social 2s.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3816

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual at St. Nicholas', Hereford, Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 4.30. Bells (10) 3.4.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Downes, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 3900

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden (6) on Feb. 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 3866

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Wateringbury (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone 3867

LADIES' GUILD.—N.W. District.—Annual meeting, Town Hall, Manchester, Feb. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Frances M. Hibbert, Hon. Sec. 3902

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND LONDON GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.1., on Saturday, Feb. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Tea shops nearby. Bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, E.C.1 3.4 p.m., and St. Margaret's, Westminster, in evening.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 3885

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, Feb. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Hurst, Park Farm, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman. 3860

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Tickenham, Feb. 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 3919

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 3928

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rugby (St. Andrew's) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Clifton after tea. Good attendance requested.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Branch Sec. 3929

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Tibshelf, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 17th, to Mr. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbys.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 3923

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots (6), Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock at The Forge.—H. S. Peacock. 3913

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wiggshall, St. Mary Magdalen, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 3915

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 20th, Kilndown. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 3910

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Feb. 20th. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me number for tea by Thursday, 18th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Bromyard. 3893

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Harpenden, Saturday, Feb. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea. Special method: Double Oxford.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 3908

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Philip's, Hulme (Chester Street, off Oxford Road, near Regal Cinema), Feb. 20th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome.—R. Benson. 3927

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 3. A good attendance is requested. 3926

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Feb. 20th, St. Margaret's, Uxbridge (8 bells), opposite Underground Station. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hut, Belmont Road, 5.15. Names, please. Subscriptions now due.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Scaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks (Iwer 1039). 3925

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Loddon, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 17th, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Ferndale, Bungay Road, Loddon, Norwich. Sorry, no names, no tea!—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 3898

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Feb. 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 20th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 3892

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 3920

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lyme Regis, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, 15th.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 3912

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, dinner and concert, Feb. 20th, at Selby Abbey. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Dinner (10s. each), Londesborough Arms Hotel, 6 p.m. Please send names and remittance, on or before Feb. 17th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 3923

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Merstham, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, by Feb. 17th, to W. J. Avernell, Clover, Netherne Lane, Merstham. 3916

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Feb. 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 3906

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Hardington Mandeville, Saturday, Feb. 27th Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 3921

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner and social evening will be held at the Corporation Hotel, Derby, at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Ringing: St. Andrew's, Derby (10) 3 p.m.-5 p.m. and St. Alkmund's, Derby (8), 3.5.30 p.m. Morning peals are being arranged by request. Tickets 10s. from G. A. Halls, 672, Harvey Road, Derby. 3876

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Harlow Common (8) on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (free) 5.15 p.m. in the Church Hall.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 3914

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, Feb. 27th, 3.30 p.m. in St. George's School Room, Bolton. Bells available: All Souls', Bolton, from 2 p.m.; St. George's from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. George's, nominal charge. Names, by Feb. 24th, to Mr. E. Ford, 384, Chorley Old Road, Bolton. 3924

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Ringing, Cassington and Eynsham, 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Social in the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Please notify for tea Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. (Phone Eynsham 222.) 3918

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