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THE CHELMSFORD MEETING

THE first session of a new Council usually provides a full day's work, and so it proved for the 138 members who were present at Chelmsford—a figure never exceeded and only once equalled.

One surprise awaited them. For reasons lucidly explained by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, they were unable to elect a vice-president this year; but at least no such difficulty had arisen when Mr. Lewis declared his successor as president duly elected, thereby ending a long chapter in the Council's history. The members were able to express in tangible form their gratitude to the retiring president for all that he has done, and they and ringers generally will extend to Mr. Sharpe their best wishes for a long and successful period in office. It is never an easy matter to take over a position which someone has held with distinction for many years.

What of the meeting generally? One noticeable feature was that the reports of several committees provoked a fair amount of discussion, which is all to the good. In recent years there seems to have been a tendency for most of these to be accepted with little or no comment, which leads one to reflect that, although speaking for the sake of speaking is much to be deplored, nevertheless far too many members fail to contribute anything to the proceedings. Over the years, one would think, some point or other must arise on which every member could usefully intervene. It must have been far worse, however, in the past. One senior member was recalling the meetings of 40-odd years ago when, he said, if the rank and file got up to speak they were frowned upon very severely. But there were two at least who could not be suppressed, and he named the late William Willson and another member, happily still on the Council though unfortunately unable to be present; and

indeed no one could imagine either of the two ever being silenced if they felt something needed to be said.

The election of 12 members of the Standing Committee, which followed the reports, took place for the first time under the amended rule whereby existing elected members no longer have the right to be nominated first. Somehow one had expected rather sweeping changes, but in fact there were only 13 names put forward. A ballot resulted in the return of nine of the previous committee and one who had been a member for many years before 1954, with the addition of two new faces to fill vacancies caused by the lamented deaths since the last election of Harold Poole and Ernest Turner.

One sensed a feeling of tension when the first of the two motions on the College of Campanology was reached. As this, in part, overlapped the second motion, so many of the speakers on either side strayed from one to the other, with the result that the debate was perhaps unnecessarily prolonged. It was, happily, not nearly as acrimonious as one had feared on either motion, doubtless because the views of the proposers and seconders were put forward in a temperate manner.

By the time the remaining motions had been disposed of, the Council had decided by a narrow majority to visit Ireland rather than Oxford next year (it is to be hoped that all who voted for Ireland intend to be present), and thanks had been accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, the time had exceeded by 30 minutes the hour at which the secretary had assured the Essex Association that it would be quite safe to expect the members to a tea which they had very kindly provided. Though this might have involved him in trouble, the president or he might have been in far worse trouble from those members whose voices outside the meeting room had provoked a protest from the chairman of the Court which was sitting elsewhere in the building!

E. A. B.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEALS

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 38½ cwt.

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| HOWARD SCOTT Treble | RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 7 |
| W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 8 |
| JOHN H. CRAMPION 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 9 |
| HILDA G. SNOWDEN 4 | CECIL W. PIPE 10 |
| MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 5 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD .. 11 |
| LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 6 | WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 2½ cwt. in E flat.

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| HOWARD SCOTT Treble | HILDA G. SNOWDEN 5 |
| W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6 |
| DAVID W. BEARD 3 | MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS 4 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in E.

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| *GEOFFREY PEARSON Treble | A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5 |
| ARTHUR G. MASON 2 | TERRY EARLE 6 |
| RALPH BIRD 3 | *THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7 |
| †ARTHUR D. COOK 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 50th peal together. † 50th different tower for a Surprise peal.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

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| FREDERICK E. DUKES Treble | RALPH BIRD 5 |
| ARTHUR G. MASON 2 | GEOFFREY PEARSON 6 |
| *LEONARD STILWELL 3 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7 |
| ARTHUR D. COOK 4 | *A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 50th peal together. The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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| WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble | BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5 |
| MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 2 | THOMAS J. LOCK 6 |
| LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7 |
| W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 4 | CECIL W. PIPE Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| DIANA J. PERRINS Treble | F. HECTOR BENNETT 5 |
| KENNETH LAWSON 2 | NORMAN V. HARDING .. 6 |
| STELLA HUGHES 3 | DAVID BEACHAM 7 |
| WALTER ALLMAN 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| TERRY EARLE Treble | THOMAS BIRD 4 |
| ALAN R. SYDER 2 | JOHN R. COOPER 5 |
| *FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3 | GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Terry Earle has now 'circled the tower.'

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

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| LEONARD STILWELL Treble | GEOFFREY PEARSON 5 |
| THOMAS E. SONE 2 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 6 |
| ARTHUR G. MASON 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON 7 |
| ARTHUR D. COOK 4 | RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| MICHAEL P. MORETON .. Treble | HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6 |
| THOMAS J. LOCK 2 | WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7 |
| W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 3 | CECIL W. PIPE 8 |
| LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 4 | JOHN H. CRAMPION 9 |
| BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5 | WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| FREDERICK E. DUKES .. Treble | C. KENNETH LEWIS 5 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN 2 | REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 6 |
| JOHN R. COOPER 3 | REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 7 |
| FRANK B. LUFKIN 4 | WALTER AYRE Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

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| *CHARLES R. C. BOGGIS .. Treble | *MICHAEL STOKES 6 |
| EDWIN R. GOATE 2 | DOROTHY CONSTANCE 7 |
| GEORGE W. HOWLETT 3 | HENRY TOOKE 8 |
| MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS 4 | *RALPH W. BICKERS 9 |
| PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD .. 5 | HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor |

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* First peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt.

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| GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble | HENRY O. BAKER 6 |
| *JOHN DEAN 2 | ROBERT W. HINDE 7 |
| FRED HARTMAN 3 | DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 8 |
| JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY 9 |
| *JOHN HUGHES 5 | H. STEWART BAILEY .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb.

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| ALFRED JORDAN .. Treble | *JOHN VERNON 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2 | *WILLIAM JOHNSON 6 |
| *VERNON GREEN 3 | ALFRED BALLARD 7 |
| *C. ROGER HAYWARD 4 | MICHAEL E. BROWN .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. I. B. Johnson, curate and ringer at this church, who left this day to take over duties as Precentor of Peterborough Cathedral.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LISCARD.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

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| *D. JOHN POOLE .. Treble | ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5 |
| DAPHNE M. WAIN 2 | FRANK T. PARRY 6 |
| STANLEY D. SUTTON 3 | ERNEST F. BENNETT 7 |
| *ROBERT F. FERRIS 4 | J. HENRY FIELDEN .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

Rung prior to the dedication of a tablet to the memory of John William Milner, for many years Branch chairman and Master of the Guild.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., June 5, 1957, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

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| EDWARD T. LLOYD .. Treble | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5 |
| PETER BERESFORD 2 | H. DAVID HOLLAND 6 |
| BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY 3 | JOHN R. JOYNER 7 |
| DIANA J. PERRINS 4 | GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

A birthday compliment to Miss Diana Perrins.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

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| *S. ANN PARVIN .. Treble | †RENEE STURGESS 5 |
| JOHN H. HUNT 2 | ALAN H. STURGESS 6 |
| *DORIS A. BANKS 3 | FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7 |
| †JOHN A. G. BALL 4 | HAROLD A. NOBES .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringers of 2nd and tenor have now 'completed the circle.'

Rung as a farewell to Canon Windsor Roberts, B.A., Rector of Alverstoke for ten years, now to become Archdeacon of Dorking, in the Diocese of Guildford.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

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| PHYLLIS POOLE .. Treble | ANTHONY S. JESSON 5 |
| ERNEST W. RAWSON 2 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON .. 6 |
| JOSEPH W. COTTON 3 | HARRY POYNER 7 |
| E. CHARLES TURNER 4 | JOHN W. RAWSON .. Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| OLIVE D. COUCHMAN .. Treble | *HAROLD E. BLACKER .. 5 |
| *DAVID KNIGHT 2 | HARRY HEATH 6 |
| PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING .. 3 | COLIN A. TESTER 7 |
| STANLEY COCKELL 4 | FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal of Major.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| NELIA M. LEAHY .. Treble | ROBERT C. KIPPIN 5 |
| CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2 | ADRIAN J. TUMBER 6 |
| *PAMELA JENKS 3 | R. ROGER SAVORY 7 |
| MAURICE J. BUTLER 4 | JESSIE M. KIPPIN .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal 'inside.'

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

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| PAMELA J. PEARSON .. Treble | RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 5 |
| FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2 | ROBIN G. TURNER 6 |
| *HAROLD F. WHITE 3 | ARTHUR PRICHARD 7 |
| P. GEO. GOLDER 4 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. COX.

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* 25th peal and first of Superlative.

In memoriam C. H. PAGE.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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| *JOSEPH E. GRENSTED (75) Treble | STANLEY B. DOBBIE 5 |
| DORIS G. DOBBIE 2 | GEORGE KENWARD 6 |
| TERENCE BARTON 3 | †ERIC NAYLOR 7 |
| GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4 | EDWARD C. BARTON .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* 100th peal. † 150th peal.

Rung for Whit Sunday.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

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| *WALTER G. PAUL Treble | *LEONARD S. SHARPE 5 |
| *PETER ADCOCK 2 | *LESLIE N. MELTON 6 |
| *RICHARD ROSE 3 | *KENNETH G. BROWN 7 |
| JAMES PAUL 4 | HENRY IVINGS Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in the method.

LYMINGTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-APOSTLE.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *ERNEST E. BRAY Treble | *VICTOR ROBERTS 5 |
| †ANTHONY J. SANGER 2 | GWILYM SALMON 6 |
| DAVID HOARE 3 | FRANK L. HARRIS 7 |
| GEORGE W. MASSEY 4 | RONALD N. MARLOW .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF (C.C.C. No. 15).

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peat of Surprise Major. † First peal of Yorkshire.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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| Middleton's. | Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp. |
| BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. Treble | †ALAN McFALL 5 |
| *SHIRLEY HARRIS 2 | LESLIE BOUMPHREY 6 |
| †BERNARD GROVES 3 | †ROBERT SMITH 7 |
| BASIL JONES 4 | BRIAN HARRIS Tenor |

Conducted by BASIL JONES.

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

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

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| J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. Treble | ROBIN N. PITTMAN 5 |
| WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 2 | DERMOT J. ROAF 6 |
| *CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3 | †DONALD H. NIBLETT 7 |
| ROBIN A. HODGSON 4 | STEPHEN IVIN Tenor |

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung on the official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. Treble | *A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5 |
| *SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. 2 | F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 6 |
| *J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 3 | C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 7 |
| *R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Sel.) .. 4 | *P. A. F. CHALK (Sel.) .. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Guild.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. Treble | *ROBIN A. HODGSON 5 |
| *DONALD H. NIBLETT 2 | *PETER R. SANDERS 6 |
| RUTH M. K. HOW 3 | STEPHEN I. IVIN 7 |
| *SHIRLEY V. RYMER 4 | RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *EDWARD J. JENNER Treble | THOMAS E. SONE 5 |
| †GEORGE FRY 2 | COLIN A. TESTER 6 |
| BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3 | ERNEST J. LADD 7 |
| †STANLEY JENNER 4 | CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method. † First in method on an 'inside' bell
‡ First peal of Surprise.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| *ANNE D. WOOLLER Treble | WILLIAM PARROTT 5 |
| JOHN HILL 2 | FRANK G. OAKSHOTT 6 |
| *NORMAN G. T. STEERE .. 3 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7 |
| GORDON T. PETERS 4 | EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John Crawford, respected member of the above tower, who was interred in Epsom the previous day.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| PAMELA I. FAIRCLOTH .. Treble | MRS. LESLIE MILLS 5 |
| HELEN M. SHARP 2 | MICHAEL A. MILLS 6 |
| MARIAN H. MILLS 3 | LESLIE D. MILLS 7 |
| A. EDWARD LEGGETT 4 | DONALD L. MILLS Tenor |

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

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| KATHLEEN M. YEO Treble | RONALD W. PANKHURST .. 5 |
| MRS. BETTY PERCY 2 | *WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE .. 6 |
| WILLIAM R. MANSEY 3 | LUTHER HONESS 7 |
| LESLIE J. BALDOCK 4 | *STANLEY G. PONTING .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* 50th peal together. Mr. W. R. Manser has now 'circled the tower.'

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ANTHONY J. SANGER .. Treble | DAVID HOARE 5 |
| GEORGE W. MASSEY 2 | GWILYM SALMON 6 |
| *MICHAEL ROSE 3 | DONALD E. LEE 7 |
| LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 4 | ERIC NAYLOR Tenor |

Composed by G. FREEBREY.

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| JOHN WARNER Treble | CHARLES BURTON 5 |
| FRANK LUFKIN 2 | *JOHN PARKER 6 |
| ERNEST FURBANKS 3 | TERRY EARLE 7 |
| ERNEST W. BRIGHT 4 | HENRY DORKING Tenor |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Janice Simms, a ringer at this tower, to Hubert Hull, a chorister of St. Nicolas' choir, which took place previous to the peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 17, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *FRANCIS C. TAYLOR... .. Treble | CHARLES H. WEBBER... .. 4 |
| DAVID T. NORTH... .. 2 | GORDON WALFORD... .. 5 |
| †IVOR HUGHES... .. 3 | CHARLES E. BAKER... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

HONILEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 1, 1957, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents April Day (three callings), 12 Plain Bob (four callings) and 18 Grandsire (ten callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

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| A. CHARLES MORRIS... .. Treble | WILLIAM C. RHODES... .. 3 |
| ANTHONY A. UPTON... .. 2 | J. WILLIAM HOVEY... .. 4 |

GORDON H. LANE... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CHARLES MORRIS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Coats and Miss Brenda Whitehead.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 2, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

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| *J. BRIAN V. PORTER... .. Treble | GRAHAM MCKAY... .. 4 |
| †JOSEPH LING... .. 2 | †JAMES BUTTERFIELD... .. 5 |
| †GEOFFREY TEMBEY... .. 3 | STANLEY RICHARDSON... .. Tenor |

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First of Minor in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., June 6, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| OLIVE D. COUCHMAN... .. Treble | *WALTER BEVEN... .. 4 |
| L. MICHAEL NOAD... .. 2 | HARRY HEATH... .. 5 |
| SIDNEY GRANT... .. 3 | COLIN A. TESTER... .. Tenor |

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

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| HERBERT W. PEARCE... .. Treble | SIDNEY W. WHITE... .. 4 |
| RAYMOND P. SELWAY... .. 2 | ALBERT W. DYER... .. 5 |
| HENRY G. KEELEY... .. 3 | WILLIAM E. TURNER... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 8, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Bob Minor.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| R. FRANK BAKER... .. Treble | *GEOFFREY A. LUCAS... .. 4 |
| DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS... .. 2 | MANSFIELD GINN... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM SEEKINGS... .. 3 | HAROLD S. PEACOCK... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung for the fourth anniversary of the Coronation.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| *HOWARD GARDNER... .. Treble | EDWARD C. BARTON... .. 4 |
| STANLEY V. RAYFIELD... .. 2 | ERIC NAYLOR... .. 5 |
| GEORGE KENWARD... .. 3 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MINSTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| GEORGE A. NAYLOR... .. Treble | *EDWARD C. BARTON... .. 4 |
| *HAZEL V. DADSON... .. 2 | †ERIC NAYLOR... .. 5 |
| *†STANLEY V. RAYFIELD... .. 3 | GEORGE KENWARD... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † 25th peal together. 50th peal as conductor.

REYMERSTONE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 10, 1957, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

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| *ANDREW A. PLEDGER... .. Treble | †MRS. A. E. DIXON... .. 3 |
| †SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD... .. 2 | ALBERT E. DIXON... .. 4 |
| †H. JOHN LARWOOD... .. Tenor | |

Conducted by ALBERT E. DIXON.

* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed. June 12, 1957, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

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| JOAN M. WILCOCKSON... .. Treble | JOHN R. MAYNE... .. 4 |
| *MARY G. CARNOCHAN... .. 2 | WILLIAM WENBAN... .. 5 |
| †DENNIS LAUD... .. 3 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method 'inside.' The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., June 15, 1957, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| MRS. R. E. LESTER... .. Treble | ROBERT E. LESTER... .. 4 |
| PETER R. J. LESTER... .. 2 | LEONARD S. SHARPE... .. 5 |
| ALICE E. J. LESTER... .. 3 | KENNETH G. BROWN... .. Tenor |

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lester.

HANDBELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 4, 1957, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

AT 6, FILEY WALK, DERBY.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

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| ROBIN G. TURNER... .. 1-2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... .. 3-4 |
| PETER BORDER... .. 5-6 | |

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

Rung in honour and on the morning of the wedding of Miss Margaret E. Saunders and Mr. Robin G. Turner.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 19, 1957, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

AT 22, EXBURY STREET.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

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| PETER WATSON... .. 1-2 | DEREK TAYLOR... .. 3-4 |
| TREVOR TAYLOR... .. 5-6 | |

Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.

QUARTER PEALS

BABCARY, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Hodges 1, F. G. Sparks 2, J. E. Looker 3, T. W. Look 4, G. Gaylard 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. D. Eades, ringer of this tower, who has recently left the district.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. "Bray (first of Major) 1, S. Hutton (first of Major 'inside') 2, E. Buck 3, L. Scoot 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, R. Castledine (cond.) 7, C. Harwood 8. For Trinity Sunday.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Anderson (first quarter) 1, J. Cooke 2, Miss E. Dumbell (first quarter) 3, Mrs. M. Poole 4, R. Maddock 5, J. Leslie 6, D. J. Poole 7, F. T. Parry (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth. The band included three generations.

BICKER, Lincs.—On June 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Kay 1, W. B. Dawson 2, F. Leggett 3, A. H. Bennett 4, W. E. Clark 5, C. Vander (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, C. Stubble 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Rose Ellen Levesley, a great church worker for St. Swithin's Church.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, Nancy Kempell (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Freda Hankey 3, A. Streeter 4, F. W. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung to mark the ordination at Chichester Cathedral that day of John Milne, one-time churchwarden at this church.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On June 9th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Sanger 1, R. W. Rex 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, J. Seagar 4, G. W. Massey 5, G. Salmon 6, A. V. Davis 7, E. E. Bray 8. For morning service.

BRANT-BROUGHTON, Lincs.—On June 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 180 Single Oxford, 360 Plain Bob): W. E. Green 1, W. R. Parker 2, J. F. Pearson 3, L. Thompson 4, W. A. Lacey 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 11th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, A. W. Gravett 2, Betty Stephenson 3, S. G. Ridsdale 4, C. W. Riddlestone 5, A. W. Bond 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, N. J. Armstrong 8. First quarter for 1 and 8, and rung at the first attempt. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Flying Officer David Garratt, R.A.F.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. Slaughter (first quarter) 1, T. Padbury (first quarter) 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Norris 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, C. Cook 5, E. Ashby 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (rung on back six): C. McKennie (first quarter attempt, 13) 1, A. E. Barker 2, R. W. Barker (first as cond.) 3, G. Bradbury 4, A. Armstrong 5, E. Borely 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ensor (first quarter) 1, L. L. Willis 2, F. W. Bailey 3, D. L. Hooper 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. H. Hill 7, H. Walker 8. Rung for the consecration of the Church of St. Barnabas, Kingshurst.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On June 13th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Stedman): A. Gregory (first quarter) 1, D. Mellor 2, H. E. Taylor 3, A. Hopkinson 4, G. H. Paulson 5, P. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. Rung by local service band for the Queen's birthday.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On June 14th, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative): W. H. Jackson (joint cond.) 1, Miss S. V. Rymer 2, Miss R. M. E. How 3, R. B. Meadows 4, D. R. Stoddard 5, P. R. Sanders 6, R. A. Hodson 7, S. J. Ivin (joint cond.) 8.

EALING, MIDDLEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey 3, C. A. Wratten 4, S. Croft 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, D. Theodm 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Croft (first quarter) 1, G. Cherry 2, S. H. Ashton 3, L. Runnacles 4, K. C. Timbury 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARROLD, BEDS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): R. Walker 1, Iris Walker 2, H. Gayton (cond.) 3, C. Payne 4, H. Robinson 5, R. Grice 6. First 720 of Kent for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Grice and Mr. H. Gayton.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, H. S. Peacock 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Salisbury 1, T. East 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. Fowler 5, R. Brown 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. Ammerclann 8. For Trinity Sunday, and for the ordination at Chelmsford Cathedral of the Rev. H. Wallace as priest and the Rev. J. Ross as deacon, both of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): B. Stapleton 1, Angela Grainger 2, P. Newing 3, B. Grainger 4, R. Churchill (first as cond.) 5, I. N. Pett 6, Ann Fisher 7, D. C. Hall 8. For Whitsun. Also on June 14th, 1,260 Bob Triples: B. Stapleton 1, Angela Grainger 2, R. Churchill 3, K. Fleming 4, I. N. Pett (first as cond.) 5, B. Grainger 6, P. Newing 7, D. C. Hall 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 3 and 8.

MARSHFIELD, MON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. R. Hartley (first quarter) 1, A. M. Coombs (first as cond.) 2, P. J. C. Goodfellow (first quarter) 3, E. J. R. Hartley 4, J. D. Woodman (first 'inside') 5. A birthday compliment to Edmund J. R. Hartley.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On June 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. L. Bounphrey 1, Shirley Harris 2, J. Fernley 3, L. Bounphrey 4, B. Harris 5, B. Jones (cond.) 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. C. Clarke 1, G. Oliver (cond.) 2, Nancy Kempell 3, Freda Hankey 4, A. Streeter 5, S. Smith (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Walklate 1, P. W. Sewry 2, W. A. Morley 3, K. Ballington (first as cond., aged 13) 4, D. P. Jones 5. Also on June 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Ballington 1, B. R. Manning 2, P. W. Sewry 3, Miss B. A. Manning 4, W. A. Morley 5, J. E. Ryde (first as cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Doreen Porter and Mr. Paul Sheldermine.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being four extents Bob and six extents Grandsire): Miss A. Mellor 1, T. H. Smith 2, J. Dart 3, Miss V. Naylor 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. For Evensong, and as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the second.

OXFORD.—On June 2nd, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Jackson 1, Adelaide Bagnall 2, P. R. Sanders 3, D. H. Niblett 4, S. J. Ivin 5, R. A. Hodson 6, C. J. B. Taylor (first in method as cond.) 7, C. R. C. Coussmaker 8. For Matins. Also on June 7th, 1,536 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol): R. N. Pittman 1, D. J. Roaf 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, Miss S. V. Rymer 4, D. H. Niblett 5, P. R. Sanders 6, S. J. Ivin 7, R. A. Hodson 8. First of four Spliced for 1, 2, 6 and 8.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Grandsire and 1,140 Plain Bob, four callings and a 60): T. G. Page 1, J. W. Ford 2, M. J. Stokes 3, R. W. Bickers 4, T. N. J. Bailey (first as cond.) 5. First in two methods by all except the second. Rung in honour of the 42nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bailey, of Beccles, also as a 17th birthday compliment to Terence Page.

READING, BERKS.—On June 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. G. Byng (first away from tenor) 1, Helen M. Brant 2, K. Cotterell 3, W. Newton 4, F. W. Lewis 5, R. H. Begrie 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Cheater 1, R. Hoare 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, R. N. Marlow 4, J. Hartless 5, W. C. Shute 6, L. F. Cobb (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8. For Evensong.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Hibbert (first quarter) 1, H. A. Bradbury 2, P. Hart (first 'inside') 3, D. R. Bartholomew 4, D. C. Bartholomew 5, F. W. Elliot 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, J. R. Lloyd 8. Rung on the eve of the 70th birthday of the ringer of 6, and to celebrate his 32nd year of association with the tower.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Cooke 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Susan Chaddock 3, Miss E. A. Wardill 4, Mrs. N. Chaddock 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, J. Seager 7, G. K. Chaddock 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, P. Walker 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 3 and 10. Rung for the Sheffield and District Servers' Guild annual service.

SIBSEY, Lincs.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Olga Elmitt (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Agnes Elmitt 2, H. Johnson 3, W. E. Elmitt 4, T. Cummings (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6, W. Wilkinson 8. Rung for the wedding of Janet Goodrick and John Scholes, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Kew (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Janet Adamson 2, A. D. Rivers 3, F. R. Scott 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. E. Hartley (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Lady Catherine Herschel (widow of the Rev. Sir John Herschel, F.R.A.S., descendant of William and Caroline Herschel, the famous Slough astronomers).

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. N. Marlow 1, R. R. Savory 2, M. J. Butler 3, C. G. Jones (first of Stedman Triples) 4, P. G. Morgan 5, R. T. Jones 6, J. Hartless (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, L. F. Cobb 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the rededication of the church.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Roworth 1, Mrs. F. G. Wilton 2, Mrs. E. Sutton 3, Dr. C. G. Roworth 4, G. Wells 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. For the christening of the Vicar's daughter, Ruth.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dr. C. G. Roworth (first in method) 1, Mrs. F. G. Wilton 2, Dr. H. Craig 3, P. J. Shipton (first of Triples in method) 4, R. G. Townsend 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. Vincent 8. On the occasion of the ordination of the Rev. D. Biggar and the Rev. J. Poarch, both of Christ Church, Swindon.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Meynell 1, W. H. Prior 2, P. Jarvis 3, H. Baker 4, W. Tickner 5, R. J. Brown 6, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 7, P. V. H. Relf 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Sally Taylor-Jones and Lt. Trevor Harding, R.N.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Brown 1, W. Wilson (arr. and cond.) 2, Miss J. Scrutton 3, S. Croft 4, J. Rea 5, M. Williamson 6, E. Talbot 7, J. Euston 8. Rung to welcome the Bishop of Kingston at morning service.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Carter 1, R. K. Russ (cond.) 2, J. A. Cobb 3, D. Wesley 4, K. Cotterell 5, J. P. Chambers 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, J. Tomsett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. P. Moreton 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 9th, at St. John's Church, 1,289 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 St. Simon's, 360 St. Martin's and 209 Grandsire): R. Penn 1, Monica M. Blagrove 2, K. Buckingham 3, A. J. Glass 4, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 5, A. J. Painter 6. For Confirmation service.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 1, A. E. Leggett 2, W. J. Brunt 3, D. G. Davison 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 6. A farewell to D. G. Davison, who returns to Bolsover, Derbyshire, after completing his National Service at Colchester.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Moorhouse 1, Miss S. McDougall (first quarter) 2, Mrs. Wm. Holm 3, Miss B. Holm 4, M. Chilcott (cond.) 5, Wm. Holm 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION HAVE MEMORABLE WHIT MONDAY

A YEAR OF PROGRESS REVIEWED

THE presence of the Central Council in Chelmsford for the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday added a lustre to the proceedings. The Association had as its guests at the annual luncheon the president of the Council and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, the secretary of the Council and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Proceedings started with the service in Chelmsford Cathedral, conducted by the Provost (Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), and the sermon, preached by the Bishop of Barking (Rt. Rev. H. R. Gough). He said: 'You who ring bells share with the clergy and the whole Church the ministry of evangelism—calling men to worship and to God through Christ. Let us always remember the privilege of your high calling, and let us clergy remember that we cannot do without your help. Your message by the ringing of bells can reach people who never come to worship God.'

'This call to worship will have a false note unless we who do the preaching and you who do the ringing are living consistently Christian lives. It is a sadness to some of us to find that when the service starts the ringers disappear. I pray that through your Association every bellringer will realise the privilege and responsibility. Let no bell sound a false note through the insincerity of the ringers.'

A PROGRESSIVE REPORT

The annual meeting followed in the Chapter House, with the Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Barking, the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. F. V. Gant) and the Deputy Master (Mr. H. Turner).

Arising from the minutes, Mr. K. C. S. Wood reported that the list of ringable rings in the diocese was completed. Some of the towers had been out of order. He thought that copies of the report should be supplied to the Arch-deacon.

The annual report gave the membership of the Association as 217 honorary and 914 ringing, against 209 honorary and 903 ringing members. The number of peals rung in 1956 was 72 as against 68 in 1955, which was considered to be quite satisfactory, especially as one of the leading conductors was now on National Service. An interesting theory had been advanced by a member that the number of peals rung during any year had no bearing at all on the prevailing enthusiasm at that time. An inquest revealed that 50 per cent. of peal attempts fired their way to a standstill, and in 25 per cent. 'Stand' was called because of wrong or missed calls. The member himself had stood in 18 attempts and recorded only seven peals.

Conducting was shared by 25 members, 175 members featured in the peals and 15 their first peal.

Personal congratulations go to F. C. Southgate, of Ardleigh, on ringing his first peal at the age of 64, and to the Rev. J. Ransom, for ringing his first peal on his own bells. Congratulations go to L. Wiffen on his 650th peal, F. Claydon his 400th, Miss H. G. Snowden her 200th, and to T. Earle and C. E. Willmington on their 100th peal.

The adoption of the report was moved by the Master and seconded by the Deputy Master.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin congratulated the Association on providing such a comprehensive report and giving it to the members free of charge. They were all grateful to Mr. Gant, the editor of the report.

Mr. J. Chalk paid a tribute to the District officers for their work. There were 111 towers

in common with the Association, and he would like to see a digest of how many of those towers rang their bells on Sundays. They must see that all their bells were rung on Sundays, because he was afraid that they would see very few rings of bells in new churches. The highlight of their ringing was the number of quarter peals—160 were mentioned. He was glad to see Bob Major and Bob Minor well to the fore as it was the foundation of all ringing. He would like to see in the next report more peals of Kent and Double Norwich C.B. Major.

The report was then adopted.

ACCOUNTS HEALTHY

The adoption of the accounts was moved by Mr. Baker. This showed that the general account started with a balance of £266 2s. 2d. and ended with £282 2s. 2d. The balance in the Bell Restoration Fund had increased from £184 to £229 and the total assets of the Asso-

ciation were £511. The hon. secretary commented on the healthy state of the accounts. Expenses in the coming year would be heavier—there was a £7 increase in printing the annual report, and they had the pleasurable expenditure of entertaining the Central Council. They had promised from the Bell Restoration Fund a grant of £25 to Epping.

In Queen's Birthday Honours List

Mr. Cyril Michael Heathcote, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, who for 21 years has been the popular hon. treasurer of the East Derbyshire and Nottingham Association of Change Ringers, is appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He has a record of long service at St. Mary's Church, Sutton-in-Ashfield, as a ringer and sidesman. His daughter previous to her marriage was also a ringer.

For 35 years Mr. Heathcote has been chairman of the Sutton Branch of the British Legion, and has served since 1921 on the Legion's Mansfield, Retford and District War Pensions Committee. He is prominent in local Freemasonry.

The following officers were declared elected: Master, R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, H. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, F. V. Gant; auditors, M. Baker and D. G. Mayell; trustees, P. Eves, P. Saltmarsh and C. Smith.

Life membership was conferred on Mrs. M. Osborne (Romford), P. Sayer (Great Totnam), W. Wheeler and F. Whitby (Harlow Common) and H. White (Bishop's Stortford). Mrs. Osborne was the first lady to be elected to life membership. Arising from the death of Mr. Harry Mansfield, there was a vacancy in the Central Council representation. This was referred to the committee with power to act.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin (peal secretary) reported that already this year (1957) 58 peals had been rung in 40 towers; 148 ringers had taken part and eight had rung their first peal. Their peals were coming in from far and wide.

Mr. Millett appealed for support for Little Hawksley bells. This church was destroyed early in the last war and the five bells were also destroyed. The church was being rebuilt. This little village of 300 inhabitants was faced with

the problem of whether the five bells should be hung for chiming or change-ringing. The sum of £275 extra would have to be found if the bells were hung for change-ringing. The meeting instructed the Bell Restoration Committee to negotiate with the people of Little Hawksley. If the bells were hung for ringing the Association would be prepared to make a grant of £50.

The Bishop of Barking called attention to the possibility of bells being provided for the church being built in Harlow New Town. The matter was referred to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The Master proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, and announced that the collection at the service for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £4 13s. 3d.

MR. LEWIS RECALLS

The Association's luncheon followed in the Cathedral Hall, with the Master in the chair, who extended a cordial welcome to the many guests present. The Provost, in reply, spoke in appreciation of the way the Association co-operated with the Cathedral's festival week. He was sorry the Cathedral bells were not in good shape to permit of a peal, but they would be next year.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said he had been a member of the Association for 53 or 54 years, and his first peals of London and Bristol were rung for their Association. Unfortunately, he was in Copenhagen when the last Council meeting was held at Chelmsford in 1929. This year was his jubilee year on the Council, and he was elected president in 1930 without any previous notice.

During the last 26 years there had been various changes on the Council—some for the good and some for the bad. The change for the good was the great increase on the social side of their proceedings, which had enabled members to discuss around the table various matters.

The thing he deplored was that in the early days a large number of clergy took a prominent part, and they were leading ringers and good composers and knew as much about ringing as lay members. Today they had nothing like that number of clergy who were good ringers, and it was a great pity. He thought it would be a very good thing if the theological colleges would take the opportunity of teaching ringing to coming ordinands. 'I have rung with a lot of clergy and it is only those who learnt to ring before they put on a "dog collar" who became good strikers.' He thought the ordinary ringer was frightened when he had to teach a vicar or curate.

Mr. Lewis said he was now living in Scotland where the opportunities to ring were very few. They were asked to ring for the Queen's homecoming, and he asked the secretary of the Scottish Association where it would be possible to ring. He sent him to Dunblane. He made an all-round trip of 260 miles to ring for 20 minutes' call-changes.

Mr. Frank Gant also extended a welcome to members of the Central Council and thanked those responsible for the lunch, especially mentioning Mr. Sam Everett.

Ringing took place afterwards in various towers in the neighbourhood.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Jean Bird (first quarter) 1. Nancy Kempell (cond.) 2. G. Olliver 3. F. W. Bird 4. A. R. C. Clarke 5. S. Smith 6.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE MIDDLESEX

PERSONALITIES OF PAST 60 YEARS RECALLED

THE Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild celebrated its diamond jubilee in a very fitting manner on Whit Saturday. The programme was, indeed, comprehensive, with ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Olave's, Hart Street, a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine and a service in St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, which was largely attended. The Bishop of Kensington preached and the Rev. R. Deasy, Vicar of Harrow Weald, conducted the service. The singing was particularly beautiful, having been arranged by Dr. D. J. Neal-Smith.

The dinner followed in the adjoining Fan Makers' Hall, with the Bishop of Kensington in the chair. He was supported on the top table by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. T. Price, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Genna, Mr. E. R. Gladman and Mr. T. W. White. A generous anonymous donor kindly provided wine for the dinner.

The hon. secretary read apologies from the patron of the Association (the Lord Bishop of London), the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor), the Bishops of Stepney and Willesden, the Archdeacons of London and Middlesex, the Rector of Bishopsgate, Mr. Tom Taffender (Master of the London Association), Mrs. J. H. Honeysett, Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Collins and Mr. W. Smith.

Proposing the toast of 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild,' the Bishop of Kensington said all of them would like to congratulate the Association on that notable anniversary. Sixty years was a very long time, and they thought of all the service to the Church in those 60 years as servants and in the continued recruitment of new members.

He noticed on reading their latest report that they had recruited 37 new ringing members; that seemed to him to be a very good access of strength. He also noticed the very long service of many of their members—Mr. Ernest Gladman, of Heston, and Mr. Arthur Harding, of St. Mary's, Ealing.

EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN

In their first report available, for the year 1899, there was no mention of ladies. Now there were many ladies ringing, and what an enormous strength they were to ringing teams! Perhaps somebody would tell him when this emancipating of women took place, and when they were allowed to join their art and craft. To him it seemed a very admirable thing. He congratulated them and also the whole Association on behalf of the Diocese. 'We clergy do enormously value the ringers and all they do for the Church,' he said. The ringing of bells always encouraged him when he went to any church.

Not everybody enjoyed the pealing of bells. Just before their service the telephone bell rang in the vestry, and he answered it. A voice said: 'Is that St. Botolph's? About those bells ringing: how long is it going on?' He told the enquirer that the service was about to start. He could only recommend to those who had to answer the criticism of the ringing of bells the advice given by a learned lawyer to a clergyman subjected to bitter complaints about his bells. His answer was the ringing of bells before service was commanded by the Book of Common Prayer that was approved by the Act of Uniformity. 'The only doubt in my mind,' replied the clergyman, 'is whether I am ringing them long enough to satisfy the statute.'

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, the hon. secretary, who replied, prefaced his remarks by thanking the Lord Bishop for his inspiring address and

joining them on the even of Whit Sunday. The Bishop had mentioned ladies and ringing—well, he married one. The Ladies' Guild was formed in 1912, and they had the great pleasure of having the president of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. Locke) with them that evening. [Applause.]

THE FORMATION

He joined the Association in 1921 and had the pleasure of ringing with some of the great notabilities who brought distinction and honour to the Association and the Exercise. The Association was formed on Whit Monday, 1897, by the fusion of two Societies—the old South and West Middlesex, formed in 1894, which before that was the West Middlesex, and the North and East Middlesex, established in 1889. So their Association went back longer than 60 years. Both these Societies had the same objects—recognition of ringers as church workers, the advancement of the art of change-ringing and the proper use of bells and belfries. In the South and West, the emphasis was on belfry reforming, so one could assume that they were a bad lot.

The architect of this plan was Arthur T. King, and there was no doubt that it was due to his enthusiasm and organising ability that the Association came into being.

In 1903 the annual meeting was held at Fulham Palace, and the Bishop of London allowed them to include the words 'London Diocesan Guild' in their title, and their area the Diocese of London. Their present relations with other Societies in London were excellent, and they did encourage the holding of meetings with other Societies.

They were very grateful to the Church authorities for the encouragement they gave in keeping alive the fascinating and scientific art of ringing bells in changes. When they considered the position in church today of ringers—the happy union of art and worship in ringing itself—it was hard to realise that for many years ringers and ringing were completely secular, and it was the formation of Societies like their own that started the reforms and led to the position today.

MEN WHO MAINTAINED ASSOCIATION

On an occasion like that it was only fitting that they should remember some of the men who built and maintained the Association; and looking back, it was remarkable how few men there were. For instance, there had only been seven presidents—five parish priests and two diocesan lay readers. They were the Rev. H. G. Bird (1897–1913), Mr. A. T. King (1913–22), Rev. F. R. Bonsey (1922–24), Mr. F. A. Milne (1924–30), Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane (1930–48), Rev. Percival Gough (1949–55), Rev. A. G. Taylor since 1955.

They had been very fortunate in the important post of secretary. There had been six. Mr. King held office until 1910. Then it was decided to have joint secretaries. Mr. C. T. Coles held office for the N. and E. from 1910–1938, and in the South and West the secretaries were: H. C. Chandler (1910–18), W. H. Hollier (1921–32), F. W. Goodfellow (1932–38) and W. H. Oram during the war years. Then in 1938 they had again a general secretary in Mr. C. T. Coles, who held that office until 1945. Then their old friend Ernest Turner took over until this year, and they all deeply deplored his death.

All their Masters had been first-class men, and one was outstanding in William Pye (1910–1935). His ringing feats were well-known and he was a pioneer in many directions—he rang with his son Ernest the other week, and he was

'a chip off the old block.' The other Masters were John Basden (1897–1910), A. W. Coles (1935–1939), H. Kilby (1939–46), J. Thomas (1946–47), C. W. Roberts (1947–50), T. Price since 1950.

Some 28 of their members had served on the Central Council—the Parliament of Church Bell Ringers—and there were five who served for over 20 years. There was one who stood head and shoulders above the others and served for 50 years—James Armiger Trollope. His brilliant work on the Methods Committee and four years as Editor of 'The Ringing World' were marked by selfless devotion to the Exercise. The others were George Fletcher, 27 years, and secretary to the Council, C. T. Coles 25 years, A. T. King 21 years and E. C. S. Turner 21 years.

There were two foundation members alive—Mr. James Parker, then living at Edmonton and now residing with his son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher), who was 91 the previous week. His daughter sent his best wishes. The other was Mr. Ernest Gladman, who had been ringing for over 60 years at Heston. Mr. Goodfellow concluded by saying that he thought the dinner was a magnificent response. There were 112 present, representing 23 towers.

Mr. Ernest Gladman received a great reception when he rose to acknowledge the call of the company.

THE VISITORS

Mr. W. H. Coles proposed the toast of 'The Guests and Kindred Societies.' He had a special word of welcome to the clergy present, to Mrs. Hughes, Dr. Neil Smith and his singers. He regretted the absence of Mr. T. Taffender, due to the illness of his wife, but was pleased to have with them the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. Stan Mason) and Mr. F. J. Cullum, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. They had also with them Mrs. Lock, president of the Ladies' Guild, and representatives of the Kent Association, the Suffolk Guild and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (Mr. A. Bennett).

Mr. F. J. Cullum replied on behalf of the Kindred Societies and also Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World.' The latter said Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, because of the profit of £857 on 'The Ringing World,' was going to Chelmsford as merry as Old King Cole. They all knew how the rhyme went:—

Old King Cole was a merry old soul

And a merry old soul was he.

When faced with the facts

Of his income tax.

He called for his fiddlers three.

The fiddlers were the other three members of the committee. Any profit accruing would be devoted to a better 'Ringing World.' There would be more 20-page issues and more illustrations.

At the conclusion of an enjoyable evening Mr. A. A. Hughes proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Bishop of Kensington, for his address at the service and for presiding at the dinner; Rev. R. Deasy, Vicar of Harrow Weald, for conducting the service; the Rector of Bishopsgate (Rev. H. H. Treacher), for allowing the function to be held at St. Botolph's; the president, for the use of St. Giles' bells; and the Rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, also for the use of bells; Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, for his help with the service, and to the choir; Dr. Douglas Hughes, for demonstrating the Carter ringing machine; the artists—Mrs. A.

A. Hughes and her accompanist, Mrs. T. J. Lock; Mr. D. J. Neal and his singers, and finally the dinner committee—Messrs. E. H. Kilby, C. F. Neal, T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner (and after the last named's death Mr. W. N. Genna) and F. W. Goodfellow (secretary). There were also the voluntary helpers—Miss Dorey, Miss Newcombe, Messrs. C. Slade and D. Smith.

THE COMPANY

Others present were, in addition to the top table: Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Beck, Rev. R. Deasy, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Tyler, Rev. C. E. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Burkinshaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blagrove, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Darmon, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Goodship, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Goatham, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. S. Honor, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Impey, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Leversuch, Mr. and Mrs. R. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. and Mrs. E. Southgate.

The Misses Brown, J. Barbrook, F. Clayton, D. Colgate, S. H. Doray, R. M. Foreman, H. Iddles, J. Neal-Smith, M. Prockson, E. M. Ricketts, J. Rowe, M. Skinner, C. Townley, Westcott, Wilcockson (2) and Mrs. Prockson.

Messrs. A. Bennett, Bloomer, A. Burkinshaw, J. Chilcott, Canham, G. Ellis, H. J. Eldred, D. Fowler, Foster and F. A. Finch, L. Grice, J. Grice, A. Herbert, Lewis, C. E. Lankester, J. R. Mayne, J. Maltby, D. J. Neal-Smith, D. Pickett, W. Prockson, G. Pratchett, F. C. Price, B. Rose, J. Sansom, C. E. Slade, G. Spencer, D. Smith and S. Warwick.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

THE annual meeting of the Guild was held on Whit Monday at Teignmouth, the South Devon resort, for the first time in the Guild's 83 years of existence. About 80 ringers attended from all parts of Devon, and ringing at the two towers before mid-day was followed by a service at St. Michael's, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. D. E. Hood). The lesson was read by the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) and the sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. B. Andrews. The Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, another member, was the organist. The preacher's subject was the purpose of bells, and he traced the change from the secular outlook of the 17th and 18th centuries to the proper purpose of today of ringing for the worship of God. Worship was inevitable to the early disciples, but how can we recapture their thrill, except by joining in the fellowship of the Christian family with the Church as our spiritual home?

The service and the subsequent luncheon were honoured by the presence of the chairman of the Teignmouth U.D.C. and Mrs. Rowe, and at the meeting which followed the annual report was presented. It contained appreciative reference to the work done by the late secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor, who died in October as a result of an accident early in the year. Reference was made to the first peal of Surprise Major rung by a band resident in Devon.

Membership had increased by 25 to 582, and the accounts were shown to be in a satisfactory condition, though the treasurer drew attention to the laxity in payment of subscriptions. The rules were amended, making March 31st the

date by which the treasurer should receive the proportion payable by the Branches.

Holsworthy was chosen for next year's annual meeting, and some discussion took place as to whether it should include a lunch or a tea and whether it should be on Whit Monday or on a Saturday. This subject was left for discussion by the Branches so that the committee would be in a position to make a decision when it meets early next year.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox; general secretary, E. M. Atkins; general treasurer, W. Simmonds; peal secretary, N. Mallett; librarian, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

The bells at St. Michael's are probably the nearest ringing ring to the open sea, and they were heard to advantage by the crowds which thronged the promenade and beach in the glorious weather which persisted all day. Ringing continued till 6 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

It is six years since the Liverpool Branch have visited St. Luke's, Farnworth (Widnes), as for a time the bells have been unringable. They have now been recast and the tower restored. On Whit Saturday, members enjoyed ringing on the bells, and the warmth of the welcome extended by the Vicar, organist and local ringers could not have been surpassed. In his address the Vicar said five of the bells were originally cast in 1718 by R. Sanders and a treble added in 1789.

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American servicemen at Lakenheath, Suffolk, have promised to give a new £250 bell to the village church of Eriswell, which has associations with North America going back to the 1700's. This will make another 4-bell tower in Suffolk. American personnel contributing £1 will be able to sign an official scroll which will be retained as an historical record.

We are delighted to report that Mr. G. H. Myers, of Plymouth, who will shortly be celebrating his 86th birthday, is making excellent progress after his emergency operation for appendicitis.

After 29 years Mrs. R. Wratten made a welcome return to peal ringing at Burmarsh on June 15th. Better known to ringers in the '20's as Miss Rose Thomas, her name appears on numerous peal boards in the Ashford district.

After losing three peal attempts during a visit to Hampshire during Whit week, six Somerset ringers thought of joining 'The Rabbits' Association.' These thoughts were dispelled by a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Lymington (see this issue).

The peal rung at Great Bentley, Essex, was arranged as a youngsters' peal, all the band being under 18, but circumstances prevented this and Mr. A. E. Leggett and the conductor's parents stood in at the last moment; the youngsters being 15, 18, 16, 15 and 17 years respectively.

Difficulties of getting a representative Cumbrian band to ring a peal at Brampton are emphasised by the fact that three members had to travel over 100 miles. This was the first peal by a resident band since 1954, and the ringer of the treble was the first Brampton ringer to take part in a peal for the Association.

BELFRY

GOSSIP

A most successful weekend from a ringing point of view was arranged by Miss Hilda G. Snowden at Chelmsford during Whitsun. The bells in every tower included in the programme were kept busy most of the time. Miss Snowden arranged for Central Council representatives and friends 14 peal attempts, and of these ten were successful. The peals lost were two London Surprise and one each of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Lincolnshire Surprise. Thank you, Hilda.

For his 80th birthday, Mr. Walter J. Newnham rang his first peal of Major at Cheshunt (see page 391)—a fine performance.

Mr. Ray Idle, who is coming home from New Zealand to Northants, met Mr. Victor Sheppard at Cape Town. Unfortunately there was no time to assemble the band for a ring.

Bells will be heard prior to the evening service on July 7th from St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, to be conducted by the Rector, the Rev. John Waddington, assisted by the Rev. Christopher Tubbs.

It has just been disclosed that while waiting for the happy event, Mr. Robin G. Turner called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor 'in hand' on the morning of his wedding day (May 4th).

The peal of London S. Major rung at Willesden on Thursday, May 23rd, 1957, and reported in 'The Ringing World' issue dated June 7th, should be credited to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

The bells of Liverpool Cathedral will be broadcast individually on Saturday next between 5 and 6 p.m. Mr. E. L. Humphriss will ring each bell individually hand and back. The Bourdon will be rung first, followed by 11, 10, etc., and 12th last.

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BROADCASTING — DEBATE AND GUIDANCE TO RINGERS

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

Firstly, we would clear up a point regarding the broadcasting of bells in the Republic of Ireland, whose territory covers the eastern and southern Districts of the Irish Association. During the year, the General Secretary of the Irish Association made the point in 'The Ringing World' that no mention was made in our report of the broadcasting of bells in Southern Ireland. In consequence of this, contact was made with Radio Eireann, and we were assured that church bells were rarely broadcast, but that in future information of any bell broadcasts would be passed to us. We regret to say this has not happened. There have, we understand, been numerous occasions during the past year when bells have been on the air in Southern Ireland, and Radio Eireann has, to quote the annual report of the Irish Association, continued to show its interest in bells and bell-ringing. In Northern Ireland there is a very good arrangement between the B.B.C. and the Irish Association by which the Northern District Secretary is always consulted by the B.B.C. when any bell broadcast is being contemplated.

In England, the B.B.C. have broadcast a considerable number of rings of church bells prior to Divine Service. The standard of ringing has varied from quite good to very poor. The broadcasts which seem to have caused most comment were the Christmas ones. That from Banstead was very well received, but the Christmas round-up of bells suffered much unfavourable comment. Judged from the angle of faultless ringing, we are bound to agree that the general standard was not good, but contrariwise, judged from the angle of what was heard generally throughout the country, and contributed by the mass of regular service ringers, it was probably fairly average. There have been more letters on this subject in 'The Ringing World' recently than on any other subject, and if it does no more, it does at least emphasise our point in previous reports that ringers should be most careful when asked to ring for broadcasting not to attempt anything they cannot do well. To quote our first report: 'The most important point concerning all broadcasting in which ringers take part is that the highest possible standard of performance should be aimed at. The ringing of good rounds is much to be preferred to poor change-ringing.' As far as the B.B.C. are concerned, we are informed that so often the selection of towers is decided on the basis of where engineers can combine these with other duties.

Apart from ringing in connection with services and the like, there are occasions when bells form a background to plays and other productions of the B.B.C. Generally speaking they are fairly accurate technically from our point of view. There are times, however, when this is not so. Two such were the productions 'The Lark' and 'The Nom de Plume,' featuring M. Voltaire. In both these, English bells were heard in French scenes. We took the opportunity of bringing these mistakes to the notice of the producer of the programmes. The errors were admitted and the reason given for them was that although the Effects Library had several recordings of French bells, the need for them arose in such a way that they could not be obtained in time on either occasion. We took the opportunity of bringing our Committee and its purpose to the notice of the departments concerned, and were duly thanked for our interest and offer to be of assistance in the future.

Several very interesting items were televised with reference to bells rather than ringing; these included the excellent item from the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and the casting of Bow Bells at the Whitechapel Foundry in the presence of the Lord Mayor, the Rector, churchwardens and the Masters of some of the Livery Companies. Each bell was named, the second being named Fabian by the Master of the College Youths.

Finally, it has been suggested that we might press for a television interlude dealing with ringing, the suggestion being that photographs of some famous church with its bells as the background music might be suitable for Sunday evenings. We have put forward to the B.B.C. a previous suggestion regarding the Interlude, without success, but we may in time be able to achieve something on these lines.

H. J. SANGER, Convener,
J. T. DUNWOODY,
G. E. FEARN,
A. A. HUGHES,
A. G. G. THURLOW.

Mr. H. J. Sanger moved the adoption of the report and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded.

THE DEBATE

Mr. C. W. Roberts congratulated the committee on an excellent report. The Christmas Day broadcast, he said, was not representative of the change-ringing of the country. Twelve-bell ringers were represented by a very poor band. He would like to thank the Editor for the firm way he wrote when he said that ringers on the air were just as liable to criticism as other performers. Criticism did tend to raise the standard, and that was what they wanted to do in the matter of broadcasts. He thought there should be a selection between the B.B.C. and the ringers to see that only the best was put on the air.

Mr. Cecil E. Pipe supported Mr. Roberts' point of view.

Mr. Harold Pitstow felt the committee should take up the criticism with the B.B.C. They gave the bells very little time, and while ringing took place made announcements. Their ringing should be given just as much fair treatment as the organ.

Mr. G. W. Jeffs said he was going to make the same point.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said in the early days of broadcasts on 2LO the bells were put on for ten minutes and the announcing was done by a ringer. He wondered if it would be possible to negotiate with the B.B.C. for the announcements to be made by a ringer.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood: Anybody who thinks he can influence the B.B.C. is a bit of an optimist. After the Christmas broadcast I conferred with Mr. Sanger and asked if his committee, which is supposed to have a liaison between the Council and the B.B.C., had been approached, and his reply was that they had not. I did not suppose the B.B.C. would be inclined to. I suggest the Council should send a strong condemnation to the B.B.C.

Mr. A. D. Barker: As a very near neighbour of Mr. John Snagge, I will see that whatever is decided is conveyed to him.

The Rev. R. S. St. J. Smith said he had heard it suggested that when ringing was broadcast a select band should ring and the local ringers ousted. In his opinion the ringing should be typical of the church it came from, and he would say that any pressure from the Council otherwise would be over his dead body.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I do not think anyone has suggested ousting the local band

but what I think is contemplated is to choose a tower where the ringing is what most people would call respectable.

The Rev. R. S. St. John Smith: I have heard it suggested by a member of the Council.

A member commented that the B.B.C. selected towers where the parson could preach a good sermon.

Mr. T. J. Dunwoody said that as regards Northern Ireland the B.B.C. did consult them. Since 1946 Northern Ireland had established a liaison with the B.B.C. The decision as to whether certain bells were to be broadcast often rested with the incumbent and not the B.B.C.

Mr. R. G. Blackman thought that the real solution was to provide good ringing in all parish churches on a Sunday.

Replying to criticism, Mr. Sanger said where ringers rang Sunday by Sunday they expected to be in the band to broadcast from their tower. He thought that the answer was that ringers should look to it themselves and see that they improved the standard of ringing generally.

The report was adopted. The committee was re-elected with Mr. H. J. Sanger as convener.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The Committee are pleased to report an increase of peals rung both on tower- and handbells during the year 1956. There was a grand total of 2,366, with 2,192 on tower bells and 175 on handbells—an increase of 65 on tower bells and 64 on handbells.

The analysis shows as follows:—

| | Tower Bells | Handbells | Totals |
|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Maximus .. | 18 + 1 | — | 18 |
| Cinques .. | 37 | 3 + 3 | 40 |
| Royal .. | 116 + 35 | 8 + 2 | 124 |
| Caters .. | 70 + 15 | 9 + 6 | 79 |
| Major .. | 857 + 30 | 59 + 27 | 916 |
| Triples .. | 217 - 9 | 9 - 9 | 226 |
| Minor .. | 640 - 22 | 69 + 40 | 709 |
| Doubles .. | 236 + 16 | 18 - 5 | 254 |
| | 2,191 | 175 | 2,366 |

The Leicester Guild has maintained its position as the leading peal producer, with the Oxford Guild moving up to second place, displacing the Lincoln Guild, which has fallen to eighth place. Third place has been taken jointly by the Kent C.A. and the Norwich D.A.

The first six places are as follows: Leicester Guild 172, Oxford D. 121, Kent County 117, Norwich 117, Yorkshire 114, Winchester and Portsmouth 113. (The Winchester and Portsmouth has moved up the list mainly by the efforts of the Minor handbell band.)

No peals were recorded by the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, the National Police Guild, the Scottish Association, Sheffield and District and the Swansea and Brecon.

There were two outstanding performances on tower bells—a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Leicester Guild, in which one ringer rang an inside pair of bells and conducted the peal; and a peal in 64 Minor methods by the Yorkshire Association. The same Association (Yorks) also rang a peal in 55 Minor methods on handbells.

It is very pleasing to note the increase in the number of peals rung on handbells, though more lasting results might be obtained if the 'centres of industry' could be more widespread.

W. AYRE (Convener),
K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
H. MILES.

Mr. Walter Ayre moved and Mr. H. Miles seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to. The committee was re-elected.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN RINGING

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE

A survey of the news cuttings that have come to us during 1956 indicates no lessening of the public interest in bells and no reluctance on the part of the Press to print articles and notes on ringing.

Among the smaller feature articles we have been given some interesting photographs of ringers' gatherings. The Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Yorkshire Association and the Kent County Association were among the Societies whose annual dinners were recorded in local papers, and 'The Herts Advertiser' photographed the handbell ringers at the Hertfordshire Association summer festival. The bells of St. Andrew's-the-Great, Cambridge, and the heavy ring at Brailes, Warwickshire, were both shown on the ground, while 'The Western Gazette' depicted the unique 'maiden' bell at Broadwindsor. The 'Aldershot News' provided a charming little picture of Mr. Denyer's girl ringers at St. Michael's, Aldershot, and 'The Railwaymen's Guild' pictured so sturdily in the 'Crewe Chronicle' would seem to be laying and ballasting their track very successfully in preparation for their first excursion into the world of ringing. We wish them a full train and a clear road.

One striking feature of the year's publicity has been the Royal Academy picture, 'The Bell-ringers,' by Mr. J. A. Cleeland, who based his work on the ringing at Liverpool Cathedral, and spent many hours making preliminary studies in the tower.

Among other feature articles, Mr. Peter Bond's touring band attracted the attention of the 'Evening Telegraph,' which commented on ringing at Louth; and in July, Christina Allen in 'The Sunday Mercury' discoursed at length on the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild and its ringers ancient and modern.

The full-scale articles cover much of the usual ground, but a good variety has appeared in both the English and the Irish Press. From America, Mr. E. A. Barnett has received an account of the change-ringing machine under construction by Dr. Walker, some notice of which has appeared in the Los Angeles papers. Chester D. Clark's article in 'The Rotarian' gave the history of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, and provided much interesting and little-known information concerning this historic relic. 'The Ringing Isle,' by E. R. Yarham, in 'The Christian Herald,' contains references to Bow Bells and to bell inscriptions, but the article lacks distinction. The same may perhaps be said of Trevor Holloway's essay 'Bells' in the August number of 'The Musical Times.' This gives a fair statement of the origin of bells and of bell-founding, but the paragraphs on change-ringing seem to lack authority and contain some errors and loose statements. Similar faults may be found in Tom Ingram's 'The Praise of Bells' in 'The Radio Times' of December 21st, a topical article accompanied by an unfortunate photograph which gave a somewhat grotesque representation of ringing posture. In contrast, 'The Bexhill Observer' for December 22nd portrayed the ringers at St. Peter's in more conventional attitude, and the text of the article was thoughtfully expressed.

Some well-written and painstaking essays

come from the Irish Press. An account of Dublin bells by Leo Francis was enfolded in the title 'Christmas Bells' in a December number of the 'Dublin Evening Press,' and in 'Ireland's Saturday Night' a reporter described a visit to Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan, at the close of the year. The 'Belfast Telegraph' published a short thesis by P. G. Dymond, 'The Oldest Bell Foundry in the World,' in which the author listed some of the Whitechapel bells found in Ireland; and Andrew Phelan's 'The Appeal of the Bells' in the 'Irish Independent' gave a wide survey of bells in Ireland, with some rather meagre references to change-ringing. The outstanding contribution from the Irish Press (and possibly from all sources) was 'The Art of Carillon Playing,' by Staf Gebruers, and published in the 'Cork Examiner.' It provides an excellent and informative essay on how a carillon is constructed and played.

Perhaps the most important bell-ringing publicity of the year was that accorded to synthetic bells and recordings, and in view of the growing danger of such devices it is comforting to have found portions of the responsible press ready to emphasise the undesirability of sham forms of worship. At Chesterton, in Staffordshire, and at Whitehaven, in Cumberland, faculties were granted for the installation of apparatus to simulate the sound of bells being rung, but in each case the Chancellor said that he agreed only with the utmost reluctance. In the Chesterton case, both 'The Daily Mail' and 'The Birmingham Post' gave full publicity to the expressed views of the Advisory Committee that such ringing was a sham, and in Cumberland the Chancellor expressed his firm conviction that only the personal contribution of the ringers constituted a true act of worship.

The matter was taken further at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association, where the Archbishop of York, in a stirring speech, called imitation ringing 'one of the most bogus frauds of Christendom.' Dr. Ramsay's remarks were widely reported, and 'The Bradford Telegraph,' in an article that would seem to us to summarise public opinion on the matter, said of bell ringing: 'It is in itself an act of worship—the raising of a hymn of praise. . . . The bells must ring out again, but their song must come from the hands and hearts of men, not from the mechanical lungs of an ecclesiastical juke box.'

We feel that the above comments are of too much importance to be omitted from this Report.

Works on bells and ringing published during the year have been few in number. The subsidiary ringing periodicals, 'The Irish Bell News,' 'The Ringing Towers,' from Australia, and 'The Belfry,' the quarterly of the Maidstone District, all continue to provide admirably for intimate local needs. From America each issue of 'Overtones' brings to us evidence of the extraordinary growth of handbell ringing in the United States and of the manifold transactions of the American Guild of Bell Ringers.

Of books and booklets there are but three. 'Resurgam,' edited by Mr. Kenneth S. B. Croft, M.A., gives the story of St. Mary's Church, Southampton. 'Beginners' Plain Bob' is another of Mr. A. Waddington's beautifully artistic productions, providing an approach to

the method as helpful and attractive as the author's 'Beginner's Grandsire.'

Mr. Ronald Dove has given us a second and excellent edition of 'Church Bells of Britain,' and one can only join with the writer of the foreword to this remarkable work and 'marvel at the amount of time that must have been involved in compiling all these methodical classifications.' We feel that the Exercise is greatly indebted to Mr. Dove for a book that should find its place on every ringer's shelves.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD,
FRED. E. DUKES.

The report was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Edgar Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes. The committee was re-elected, with Mr. Edgar Shepherd as convener.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The records of ancient Peal Boards, bound in two volumes on the loose-leaf system, were presented at the meeting of the Council held in Leicester last year, and formally handed to the Librarian. They may now be borrowed in the usual way.

The Committee would like to emphasise, however, that although these records are now housed in the Council's library, they are not considered as being complete. On the contrary, there must be many more ancient boards awaiting discovery, and it is only by the co-operation of the Exercise in general that the record can be completed. Details of any Boards prior to 1825, together with the approximate size and condition, will be welcomed. We should like to make a special appeal to the 'tower-grabbers' to be on the look-out for these interesting records.

J. W. CLARKE.

Mr. Walter Ayre moved the adoption of the report, and said the volume containing the records was open to inspection. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded. The committee was re-elected with Mr. J. W. Clarke as convener.

METHODS COMMITTEE

Satisfactory progress has been made on producing completely new books on Minor methods and Triples methods, but it has not been possible to complete the work in its entirety. With regard to Triples methods, unless the Council instructs us to the contrary, we are proposing to include Single Hunt Pure Triples methods and Two Hunt symmetrical methods. All of the former and the majority of the latter do not conform rigidly to the Council's decisions, but we suggest that they be included because of the limited number of methods available as compared with Major methods.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD,
F. NOLAN GOLDEN,
CHARLES H. KIPPIN,
C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who moved the adoption of the report, said his committee had not gone as far as they hoped. There were 17 Single Hunt Pure Triples methods and 13 two-hunt Symmetrical methods that they proposed to include.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected, with the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener.

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BUSY YEAR FOR BELL RESTORATIONS

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the year the work of the Committee increased considerably. Fifty-five enquiries were received; eleven of these were dealt with by correspondence, the remainder by personal inspections and reports. The work of each member is appended.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has dealt with three enquiries in Cheshire. In one he was successful in opposing the sale of five bells, and these are now stored in the church for future use. His other two enquiries related to repairs, and he reports that his advice has been carried out satisfactorily.

Mr. F. E. Collins has been consulted regarding restoration work in seven towers in the counties of Cornwall, Essex, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Warwick. He reports that the enquiries included repairs, augmentations, structural safety and sound modification, and that in each instance his advice has been well received and followed up.

Mr. J. Freeman has been asked for advice in one tower in Lincolnshire, and he reports that his recommendations have been carried out satisfactorily.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has given advice on the structural safety of one tower in Warwickshire and on the restoration of its bells. The work has not yet been taken in hand.

Mr. W. Osborn has been consulted in 18 instances in Somerset and Wiltshire. With the exception noted below his advice has been followed and work is in hand, or completed. In six towers he advised on rehanging; in nine towers on repairs; he dealt successfully with problems of sound control in two towers; in two towers he advised on recasting and in another on augmentation. The above-mentioned exception was a proposal to sell five bells and install Constant Martin equipment, which he strongly opposed; the result is not yet known.

Mr. F. Sharpe dealt with 25 enquiries in Berks, Bucks, Derbyshire, Hants, Herts, Kent, Norfolk, Oxon, Rutland, Suffolk and Warwick; two were acute problems of tower oscillation; one has been satisfactorily overcome, the other is not yet in hand; two involved problems of sound control; he advised on recasting in five towers and on augmentation in another. In 13 towers he advised on rehanging, and the remainder of his enquiries related to repairs. He gave two series of lectures on bell towers and bell-hanging at the York Institute of Architectural Study, and many others to diocesan authorities.

During the year the Committee lost through death its oldest member, Mr. E. A. Young. In the past he had been a most active member of the Committee, and he was formerly in great demand when advice on the architectural problems connected with bell-hanging was needed.

FREDERICK SHARPE, F.S.A., A.I.O.B.

(Convener).

J. W. CLARKE.

F. E. COLLINS, M.J.Inst.E.,

J. FREEMAN.

E. H. LEWIS, M.A.,

W. OSBORN.

Moving the adoption of the report, the president said Mr. Osborn had been very busy in the West Country and had opposed a suggestion to sell five Bilbie bells, where they wanted to install one of those wretched recording things. He asked that the Rev. J. G. M. Scott be added to the committee.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in seconding, asked how the committee was getting on with the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches, now Dr. Eeles was dead.

The president replied that since the death of Dr. Eeles they had been left very high and dry, and he thought it was a bad thing. It would

be far better to work in conjunction with that body as they had certain decided views on bell hanging, and sometimes they were not those of the Council. He suggested a joint meeting between the two bodies.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said he believed a member of the Council sat on the Board of the Central Council. Could he not exert his influence?

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow: I am having the president of the Central Council to preach, and we shall have lunch together. He promised to do what he could.

Mr. W. Osborn said he was pleased to tell the Council that they were successful in stopping the destruction of these five old Bilbie bells. He had been there twice and met members of the Church Council. One lady said she had heard chimes on the Continent, in Belgium, and how much she liked them. 'He went to a lot of trouble to explain the difference and that there would be disappointment if these bells went. The Advisory Committee of the Bath and Wells Diocese, of which he was a member, refused the sale of the six Bilbie bells and ordered that the bells should be chimed until there was sufficient money for them to be rehung.

The Rev. A. H. Roberts asked how far the members who made the inspections were in touch with the Advisory Committees. He hoped those who made inspections would get in touch with Advisory Committees, as it sometimes happened that the advice of the Towers and Belfries Committee was directly opposite to that given by the Advisory Committee.

As to Cornwall, he thought that their restorations were carried out properly. Only three weeks ago he had £500 given to him to complete his tower at Carbis Bay. He hoped that they would be able to build a tower which would be quite ideal.

The president said most of the reports on towers go to the Diocesan Advisory Committee. He thanked the members of the committee for their good work. The committee was re-elected.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Progress has been made with the collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques. In response to the request for compositions a few have come in, including a very valuable contribution of peals by the late F. G. May. The senders are thanked. Still more compositions are needed, however, to make the collection truly representative. So far no peals by the following composers have been received:—

F. H. DEXTER, A. KNIGHTS, N. J. PITSTOW,
F. PITSTOW, G. LINDOFF, J. D. MATTHEWS.

The Committee would be grateful if anyone having compositions by any of the above would send them, to enable the work to be completed.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Convener),

A. J. PITMAN,

C. W. ROBERTS.

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

The president said Mr. Woolley was not now a member of the Committee.

Mr. C. W. Roberts, presenting the report, said he wanted to make the collection as representative as possible and to include peals of each type. He hoped by the next Council to have the draft prepared, and then the collection could be considered for printing.

Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded and the report was adopted.

The secretary said the Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and the re-election of the committee, with the exception of Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Mr. G. E. Feirn was elected to the committee in his place and Mr. W. E. Critchley appointed as convener.

NEW METHODS OF 1956

RECORDS COMMITTEE

The Committee beg to report the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1956:—

- Jan. 7. 5152 Frolesworth S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
- „ 14. 5040 Dacorum Imperial Bob Major. Hertford County Association.
- „ 18. 5184 Gressenhall Delight Major. Norwich Diocesan Association.
- „ 21. 5120 Hampton Imperial Bob Major. Chester Diocesan Guild.
- „ 21. 5024 Heythrop S. Maj. Oxford D. Guild.
- „ 25. 5024 Glenparva S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
- *Feb. 5. 5056 Bishopsdale College Bob Maj. Oxford Diocesan Guild.
- „ 9. 5184 Hendon S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
- Mar. 7. 5056 Hungarton S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
- * „ 10. 5056 Overton S. Maj. Winchester and Portsmouth D. Guild.
- „ 28. 5038 Ingarby S. Maj. Leicester D. Guild.
- *Apr. 14. 5040 Cobham S. Royal. Guildford Diocesan Guild.
- * „ 19. 5088 Jedburgh S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
- „ 21. 5088 Dunmow S. Maj. Essex Assn.
- * „ 21. 5152 Sibsey S. Maj. Lincoln D. G.
- * „ 26. 5152 Northill S. Maj. Bedfordshire Association.
- * „ 28. 5088 Northamptonshire S. Major. Peterborough Diocesan Guild.
- *May 19. 5056 Billingham S. Maj. Lincoln Diocesan Guild.
- „ 19. 5120 Wem Imp. Bob Maj. Shropshire Association.
- „ 24. 5024 Norton S. Major. Middlesex County Association.
- „ 30. 5152 John o' Gaunt S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
- June 7. 5056 Finchley S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
- „ 27. 5152 Knossington S. Maj. Leicester Diocesan Guild.
- July 7. 5019 Little Grandsire Caters. Hertford County Association.
- „ 12. 5088 Ripon S. Major. Middlesex County Association.
- „ 21. 5072 Gadebridge Imp. Bob Major. Hertford County Association.
- Aug. 4. 5088 Chester Imp. Bob Maj. Chester Diocesan Guild.
- * „ 6. 5056 Totternhoe S. Maj. Bedfordshire Association.
- * „ 25. 5152 Southport S. Maj. Lancashire Association.
- *Sept. 1. 5056 Fordcombe S. Maj. Kent C. A.
- „ 15. 5024 Ripplesmere S. Maj. Oxford Diocesan Guild.
- Nov. 22. 5088 Teddington S. Maj. Middlesex County Association.
- Dec. 12. 5040 Mulbarton Bob Triples. Norwich Diocesan Association.
- * „ 29. 5040 Gainsborough S. Royal. Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.

* No particulars have been sent regarding method or composition.

E. K. FLETCHER.
L. K. MARSHALL.

Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mrs. Marshall seconded the adoption of the report.

The president emphasised the importance of Associations sending in methods or compositions rung.

The report was adopted and the committee re-elected.

SEARCHING FOR OLD MEMBERS

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

An inspection of our record books at the time of preparing this Report shows that out of the total of the elected members to the Council, 346 are now known to be deceased. This number includes the late Mr. N. E. Snow, who was the last survivor of those present at the Council's first meeting at Easter, 1891. Of this number, many of the biographies are complete and are included in the Album which is exhibited today.

Since the meeting at Leicester in 1956, deaths of the following past members have become known:—

F. G. May (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association). Died July 2nd, 1956. Attended 6 meetings.

E. A. Young (London County Association). Died July 23rd, 1956. Attended 31 meetings.

N. E. Snow (North Lincolnshire Association). Date of death not yet known. Attended 3 meetings.

Rev. F. L. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild). Died December 24th, 1956. Attended 24 meetings.

Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association). Died November 6th, 1956. Did not attend a meeting.

F. O. Moule (Norwich Diocesan Association). Died July 23rd, 1914. Did not attend a meeting.

W. Gordon (Chester Diocesan Guild). Died June 21st, 1915. Attended 3 meetings.

J. S. Rumming (Salisbury Diocesan Guild). Died in Australia, 1945. Did not attend a meeting.

Rev. N. E. Hope (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association). Died January 26th, 1957. Attended 1 meeting.

C. H. Harding (Bedfordshire Association). Died February 23rd, 1957. Attended 7 meetings.

H. J. Mansfield (Essex Association). Died March 4th, 1957. Attended 6 meetings.

E. C. S. Turner (Middlesex Association). Died April 2nd, 1957. Attended 16 meetings.

T. G. Bartlett (Devon Guild). Date of death not yet known. Did not attend a meeting.

R. Narborough (Peterborough Diocesan Guild). Date of death not yet known. Attended 8 meetings.

The little band of past members of the Council who are over 90 years of age has now been joined by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, who was recently visited by Mr. J. W. Raithby. We have also heard from Mr. C. Willshire, who is well.

Following the discussion which took place at Leicester concerning our 'unknown' class, the Committee made a determined attack on this problem. First a list of these persons was compiled and then names from this were circulated to secretaries of the Associations who elected them, or in a few cases to others who might be able to help. The results, though not yet by any means complete, soon convinced us that the information we seek can be collected if we can contact the right people. However, we are still left with a few names of people about whom no information can yet be obtained and these are listed in the Album as was suggested at Leicester.

It is obvious from what has been reported that we have had the assistance of many people, both of the Council and outside of it. We offer our thanks to all of them. To include them in this Report would only result in a long and perhaps monotonous list of names, so one or two are given to illustrate the whole. Mr. R. H. Dove has found an old group photograph which contains a portrait of the late Mr. T. Lockwood, a past member of the Council who died 45 years

ago. It is to be restored and we are promised a copy. Mr. J. W. Raithby has not only given us the date of death of the late Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths, but also put us in the way for completion of his record. Mr. S. H. Symonds has obtained for us the date of death of the late F. O. Moule by applying to Mr. Moule's former employers.

We end this Report with a word of welcome for new members who join the Council today. We hope they will fill in straight away as many facts as possible in the Biography Forms given to them, thus providing the necessary basis for a record which we or our successors will one day have to complete. Also, if these sentences should reach others who became members after 1935, of whom there are 76 who have not given the information we need, may we say 'Please collect a form and please fill it in.' We have no wish to bequeath to those who follow us the difficult problems which we have inherited from the past. A. C. HAZELDEN, Convener.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden moved the adoption of the report and said that since the Handbook had been compiled some of the information had changed. There was now only one of the 1891 Council they knew nothing about—Mr. A. E. Nunn, of the Kent County Association.

Mr. W. H. Viggers seconded and called attention to the need of another cover to the album of the biographies; that would cost £25.

TIME MARCHES ON!

Our next issue is the first of a new quarter. Subscriptions due should be renewed without delay. Please remit to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, near Truro, Cornwall. Rates: 3 months 7/6; 6 months 14/6; 12 months £18/-. New subscribers welcome.

The Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report, subject to two small corrections—the Rev. C. W. H. Griffiths died in 1936, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards attended 35 meetings and not 24. The report was adopted and the committee re-elected, with Mr. A. C. Hazelden as convener.

COMMITTEE FOR THE REVISION OF 'HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS AND BEGINNERS'

At its meeting at Leicester last year the Council agreed that the publication 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' should be revised, and appointed us to submit a draft of a new book. In the course of the discussion mention was made of the possibility of the preparation of a film or film strips, and at the two meetings we held in London we considered this matter also. We had in mind the conflicting opinions expressed at the Council meeting as to the need for a book for instructors and/or beginners. In this connection we would point out that the existing book undoubtedly owes a proportion of its sales to the fact that it has been advertised as 'Hints to Beginners,' whereas its full title is 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' and indeed it starts with the statement that it is 'addressed mainly to leaders of bands of ringers.'

It has seemed to us advisable to concentrate on a simple book for beginners. Whether there is a demand for a book for instructors we do not know, but it could certainly not be great enough to ensure a large sale and therefore a moderate price. To attempt to combine the two in one publication would increase the cost without a commensurate increase in sales, thus falling between two stools.

There is ample proof that, if written simply enough and if published at a very low price, there is a large demand for a book for begin-

ners. If the price is right then a large proportion of the sales will be block sales of 5 or 10, or similar numbers, to tower captains and instructors to pass on to their pupils.

We have accordingly prepared a draft of a booklet which has three parts to it:— (a) a description of a bell and how to ring it; (b) elementary change-ringing; and (c) the duties of a ringer. The possibility of having a number of full-page photographs, as in 'Hints, etc.,' is, we feel, ruled out by cost, but we have included small sketches to achieve the same end. This draft is still subject to revision and we would suggest that if, when completed, the draft is accepted, the Council should print a sufficient number (5,000 would not be too many) to make it possible to sell at a price certainly not above a shilling, and if practicable as low as sixpence a copy.

To avoid complicating what we regard as the major issue, we make no proposals about the preparation of a book for instructors or film strips or a teaching film about change-ringing, though one of our number considers that the Council's library should possess a good teaching film for loan to those interested.

We recommend that a book for beginners on the lines of the draft submitted be printed and placed on sale at as low a price as possible.

MARIE R. CROSS,
J. T. DYKE,
R. F. B. SPEED,
W. G. WILSON.

Miss M. R. Cross moved and Mr. W. G. Wilson seconded the adoption of the report.

The secretary said that the Standing Committee recommended that the report be accepted and that the committee be empowered to include such photographs and sketches as may be necessary, and that copies of the draft be made and sent to members of the Standing Committee to be returned in a specified time. They also recommended the re-election of the committee, with Miss Cross as convener.

The president: There is a crying and urgent need for it.

Mr. N. Chaddock asked if the proof could be made available to other members.

The president: I see no objection. Any comments would be welcome. The only thing is that Miss Cross wants the draft back quickly. It was suggested at the Standing Committee that the draft should be returned in three weeks.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood and Mr. Leslie Morris were both against circulating the draft to all members of the Council.

Mr. W. F. Moreton hoped that the committee in the future would be able to present some information as to a film strip on the teaching of ringing.

The report as amended by the Standing Committee was adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES

The Council agreed, on the proposition of the secretary, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, to the following alteration of rules:—

(a) To amend Rule 9 (Election of Officers) by inserting the words 'Vice-President' between the words 'President' and 'Hon. Secretary' where they occur.

(b) To amend Rule 11 (Committees), Clause (ii) (a), by adding at the end the words, 'and the Vice-President for the time being.'

(c) To amend Rule 14 (Procedure at Meetings) by inserting the words 'or Vice-President' after the word 'President' when it occurs.

STANDING COMMITTEE

As the result of a ballot the following were elected to the Standing Committee: Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, J. Freeman, C. K. Lewis, F. I. Hairs, A. H. Pulling, P. A. Corby, R. A. Anderson, F. E. Dukes, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. A. Walker, J. T. Dyke and T. J. Locke. The unsuccessful candidate was Mr. P. J. Johnson.

(To be continued)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

FLAMING June was an apt description of the first day of the month, when the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Rushden.

Being the first time the meeting had been held on a Saturday, it was approached with more than usual interest. It proved to be very successful, from the ringing arrangements which were carried out by Mr. A. Bigley, the Wellingborough Branch Secretary, and his committee, right on to the local details at Rushden, where the service and tea took place. Mr. L. Priestley made himself responsible for these, and the smoothness which attended each phase of the afternoon was particularly evident.

Owing to the proximity of business premises to the Church of St. Mary, ringing was allowed for only one hour before the service at 3.30 p.m., which was conducted by the Rector (Rev. I. E. Douglas-Jones). The resident organist and choir were in attendance and lent a striking dignity to the Guild office.

The Guild Master (Mr. B. P. Morris) read the lesson, and the Rector's address was based on the words 'I am the Lord thy God.' He urged ringers not to be so engrossed in the art of ringing that it became more important than what it represented—service to Almighty God.

During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the entrance to the chancel by Messrs. A. Bigley, J. Skerritt, E. E. Whitmore and P. I. Chapman.

Tea was served in the Institute by St. Mary's catering committee, a body of about a dozen ladies, whose efficiency was matched by the very substantial meal. About 150 almost filled the room, among them being visitors from the Ely Diocesan Association and the Bedfordshire Association. The visitors were given the opportunity to ring at St. Mary's while the business was in progress, when the Guild Master presided.

A NEW PRESIDENT

The president, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton, who had graced that office since 1943, had tendered his resignation, and the chairman took this opportunity to refer to his interest in the Guild over a long period. Two nominations had been sent in—the Rev. G. F. Hales, of Green's Norton, and the Rev. Canon G. F. Turner, of Rothwell. The result of the ballot proclaimed Canon Turner elected.

The Master (Mr. R. P. Morris) in his report wrote: 'I need hardly remind ringers that Sunday service ringing is their first and foremost duty, and I do appeal to all ringers to be loyal to their respective bands. There have been one or two instances that have come to my notice of bells having been rehung but are either unmanned or silent. If this state of affairs persists, can it be wondered that Parochial Church Councils are loath to devote money for bell restoration schemes?

The general secretary (Mr. G. W. Jeffs) reported that the number of young members to be seen at meetings augured well for the future. The influx that year was good and went far towards balancing the loss of those who had lost interest. Membership was approximately 80 honorary and 1,060 ringing members.

The decline in the number of peals rung in 1956 might be regarded by some with despondency, but this view would not be shared by all. Out of a total of 39, three firsts for the Guild were rung, and one of them the first in the method. The number of first peals meriting certificates was 17, and three new conductors came to the fore.

A Guild committee amendment to rule, to raise the maximum amount which may be made at any one time to any tower, from the Bell Restoration Fund, from £20 to £30 was ap-

proved. The following grants were then also approved: £30 each to Yelvertoft and North Luffenham, both of which are major restorations, and £20 to Ringstead, where the ring of six is to be rehung.

Members were reminded that the summer festival would take place at Green's Norton on Saturday, September 7th, when the Bishop of the Diocese would be present.

A well deserved and heartily acclaimed vote of thanks to all those concerned in the day's proceedings was moved by Mr. E. Nobles and seconded by Miss S. Collins.

Afterwards members dispersed again to ring at the 12 towers which were open until a late hour.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD

In the passing of Mr. John Crawford, of Epsom Common, the Surrey Association has lost a vice-president and Epsom a link with the past. The tower of Christ Church was completed in 1887 and in 1890 the bells were hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A local band was formed and Mr. Crawford was the last survivor of this original band. He rang his first peal on the bells in 1893. During his life he rang 41 peals for the Surrey Association, the last being in 1929.

During the war he lost his sight and took little active part in ringing thereafter. With the revival of ringing after the war, the Surrey Association made him a vice-president in acknowledgment of his services, which office he held for the 11 years to his death at the age of 86.

Ringers from various parts of Surrey were at his funeral at Christ Church, Epsom, on June 14th. Mr. F. E. Collins, the Master, represented the Surrey Association. Mr. W. Parrott, the District secretary, represented the District, and Mr. F. Oakshott, the local captain, represented the Christ Church ringers. Among the wreaths were tributes from the Surrey Association and the Christ Church ringers.

After the service a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung on the half-muffled bells by the following: F. Oakshott (Epsom) 1, J. T. Symonds (Ashted) 2, Mrs. H. Oatway (Croydon) 3, C. Parks (Croydon) 4, W. Parrott (Epsom) 5, A. Harman (Dorking) 6, F. E. Collins (Croydon, conductor) 7, H. V. Young (Leatherhead) 8.

DEDICATION

MEMORIAL TABLET TO GEORGE L. JOYCE

On May 11th 50 members of the South-Western District of the Essex Association, together with friends and family of the late George L. Joyce, gathered together at Ail Saints' Church, Chigwell Row, for the dedication and unveiling of a tablet, which has been erected in the tower, commemorating the first peal ever rung of Spliced Surprise Minor in 22 methods, and as a lasting memorial to G. L. Joyce, who arranged and conducted the peal.

At the time this peal was rung, Spliced Surprise was in its infancy. George Joyce, in conjunction with A. G. Driver, was a pioneer in composition of this type of ringing. Many ringers will remember several articles on this subject which appeared in 'The Ringing World' from the pen of 'Minor Mania,' a nom-de-plume which he adopted.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar of All Saints (Rev. T. H. Furneaux), and the unveiling was performed by Mr. E. J. Butler, who was a member of the band which rang the peal. Mr. E. D. Smith, the only other surviving member, was also present. Members of the family of George Joyce present included Mrs. Joyce and his son, Malcolm.

After tea, tribute was paid by the Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) to Mr. Joyce's ability as a composer and ringer, and also for his sterling work, mostly behind the scenes, on behalf of the Association. Mr. E. J. Butler, who was for 25 years secretary of the South-Western District, also paid tribute and recalled those happy days he spent with the Leytonstone band, and how George Joyce used to keep them on their mettle. His was the driving force behind all their achievements. It gave him great pleasure to be back in his old district again and meet old friends.

Mr. Malcolm Joyce, on behalf of his mother, thanked the Association and all present for their tribute to his father, and asked them not to forget other stalwarts of the Leytonstone band of that time, namely Messrs. G. Dawson, W. Miller, J. Moule, A. Prior and W. Theobald, who had now passed on.

The Vicar expressed his pleasure in being able to welcome the Association to Chigwell Row and to share in commemorating one who no doubt did a great deal for his fellow men.

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LETTERS

PEALS OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir.—In answer to Mr. E. A. Bennett's challenge, and for the interest of other members of the Central Council, I quote the following:—
'The Ringing World,' No. 513, Vol. XVI, Friday, January 14th, 1921, page 15: A peal of Plain Bob Major for the Kent County Association, on Saturday, December 18th, 1920, at Holy Trinity, Dartford.

It was the first peal as conductor by Thomas Groombridge, jun.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR D. BARKER.

Slough.

SINGAPORE CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir.—I was very interested to read Mr. C. Michael Orme's letter ('R.W.' page 351) concerning the bells of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Singapore.

While I was in Singapore just over a year ago, I visited St. Andrew's and obtained permission to see these bells. I took measurements of the tenor, and at the time estimated its weight as 18 cwt., approximately.

The founders of this maiden octave are John Taylors (1889). I do not know if they hung them or whether local labour was used.

I understood the dedication of the tenor to be St. Andrew, and not St. Audrey, but I may be mistaken on this point. I cannot remember all the dedications of each bell, but some of them are: St. Thomas, St. Peter, St. Luke, St. Bartholomew, St. John and St. Andrew. The remaining two escape my memory at the moment.

These bells, if hung for ringing, would make a splendid octave. Incidentally, I was told the tower was unsafe to take a swinging peal. This may be appreciated as there is an archway in each of the four walls at the base, and a tall spire surmounting the tower.

The Cathedral Church celebrated its centenary last year. Even before 1856 a previous church (though smaller) stood on the same site, which was especially reserved for a church by the founder of Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles. It had only a short life of about 20 years, being struck by lightning twice in four years.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. PERRY.

Clare, near Sudbury.

FOUR-BELL TOWERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Dear Sir.—Here is a complete list of 4-bell towers in Lincolnshire up to 1935.

Asgarby (near Sleaford), Bassingthorpe-cum-Westby, Baumber, Belton by Doncaster, Long Bennington, Great Cotes, Corby, Edlington (rehung 1902), Faldingworth, Glenham, Goxhill, Grasby, Haconby, Harrington, Healing, Heighington, Hougham, Ingoldmells, North Killingholme, Kirkby-cum-Osgodby, Langton-by-Wragby Leasingham (recast 1617!), Leverton, Lincoln, St. Mary-le-Wigford, Orby, Scotter (rehung 1880), Scremby (cast 1739-40), Springthorpe, Stainby, Stallingborough, Stamford (St. John-the-Baptist and St. George's), Sutton-on-Sea, Tealby (rehung 1924), Tetney, Waddingham, Walcot, Welby, Westborough, Wapload Drove (in a small turret, rehung 1887), Wootton.

I would not like to say how many of these bells are ringable, but if anyone is searching for new names for methods, they certainly have some good ones here!

I would be very pleased if anyone could tell me about the bells at Gate Burton, Lincolnshire; there is no reference to them in Dove, but they are given by a usually reliable source as being six steel bells.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Rochdale Branch Outing

The place chosen for this year's outing on May 25th was Shrewsbury; and after collecting the Shaw, Oldham and Manchester contingents, we settled down for a pleasant drive through Cheshire, to the usual accompaniment of handbells. This year we had two sets of handbells, one at the front and one at the back, and the experts who sat in the middle tell us that it sounded to them like the bells of Jerusalem.

By the time we reached Crewe we were ready for the coffee which awaited us. Mr. Langford and his ringers gave us a great welcome at Christ Church, Crewe, and we thoroughly enjoyed this Gillett ten (20 cwt.), although we were not yet used to ringing together. So great had been our welcome that we were not surprised to find that the locals seemed loath to let us go. They put every obstacle they could in our way—milk carts, cars, vegetable wagons and playstreets—to mention just a few; but we finally got away by the clever stratagem of leaving by the same road as we entered.

At Whitchurch, where we were welcomed by a local ringer, we found that these bells were for the more experienced. The less experienced after the initial pull to 'grab' the tower, spent their time looking round the lovely old church and trying to extract the name of the restaurant from the organisers.

After a good lunch, we felt well equipped to tackle the reputedly difficult ten at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. Our hopes proved too optimistic and we did not do ourselves justice on these bells. However, our spirits rose as we neared St. Chad's, to hear our 'youngsters' ringing some good call-changes on the lovely 12. We found these bells more to our liking and had a very enjoyable time on them. Mr. Bennett asked if we would overstay our time a little so that the curate and his bride would hear the bells as they returned from their honeymoon. To this we readily agreed, and a good touch of Stedman Triples on the back eight closed ringing here.

After a substantial tea we found ourselves a little behind schedule for the first time in the day. However the drive to Market Drayton was accomplished in good time, to the accompaniment of tunes on the handbells by two of our visitors. Our driver, who throughout the day had become more and more convinced of our madness, succumbed to 'the complaint' and supplemented the tunes with a horn obligato. After stopping at the wrong Drayton we arrived at St. John's, Market Drayton, where the ringing was mixed. We left Market Drayton to the accompaniment of a good touch of York-shire by the local band and friends.

The drive home was uneventful by ringing standards. We left our Bolton friends two-and-a-half minutes to catch the last train and were just relaxing in the knowledge that all was well when the coach took a dive to the nearside and clouds of smoke billowed from the seized brake drum. However after various telefonings a replacement coach was obtained and we were all driven safely home.

Methods rung during the day ranged from Cambridge through most standard methods to rounds a persistent cry of 'Duffield' being ignored by our Ringing Master, to whom we extend our very best thanks for his organisation and diplomacy throughout the day. We would also like to thank all the clergy, ringers and others who made this day possible and enjoyable, not least of these our driver, whom we so affected with our madness that he offered to take us again next year!

E. H.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Shirley Miles (first quarter) 1, R. Playford 2, Wilma Hobden (first quarter) 3, J. Hobden 4, F. Welland (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6.

WEDDINGS

At Chepstow

On June 8th the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Chepstow, of Mr. David J. King, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. King, and Miss Jacqueline S. Evans, only daughter of Mr. C. Evans.

Both are very faithful members and ringers at this church. The bride holds the office of secretary to the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and of the South Wales Branch of the Ladies' Guild. Mr. King is the present Ringing Master of the Monmouth Branch.

Canon Ernest Evans (Vicar) officiated, assisted by the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Vicar of Llanarth and treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of ivory brocade with a shoulder-length veil, held in place by a coronet of pearls and orange blossom. She carried a posy of pink roses. She was attended by Miss L. Brookes and Miss P. Jones, who wore blue nylon over stiffened affeta, with headresses to match, and carried posies of cream roses.

The best man was Mr. Mervyn King, brother of the bridegroom, and the duties of usher were carried out by Mr. John Morgan.

The reception was held at the Beaufort Hotel, Chepstow, attended by 50 guests. Included among these were ringers from a very wide area.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. King left for Chelmsford to attend the annual meeting of the Central Council. Mrs. King is one of the two representatives for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. Following this, their honeymoon was spent in London.

At Haslemere

The wedding was solemnised by the Rt. Rev. B. M. Dale at the Church of St. Bartholomew, Haslemere, on June 15th, between Miss Margaret L. Bowden and Mr. Brian L. T. Toms. The bride was given away by her father, who is secretary of the tower.

After the service: 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by Janet Miles 1, A. Queen 2, John McDermott 3, Eve Pearson 4, Mary Cox 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett (conductor) 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8.

The many friends of the happy pair, together with the local ringers, were entertained at the wedding reception at St. Quentin's, the home of the bride's parents.

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ENGAGEMENT

LAYTON—FLOYER.—The engagement is announced between Denis Noel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Layton, of Banstead, Surrey, and Margaret Alison, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Floyer, of Heswall, Cheshire. 470

MARRIAGE

KING—EVANS.—On June 8th, 1957, at St. Mary's, Chepstow, Mon, by Canon E. P. Evans and Rev. I. J. Richards, David John King to Jacqueline Susan Evans. 450

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Western District secretary's address is now Mrs. J. Good, 83, Leys Road, Bennetts End, Hemel Hempstead. 481

APPEAL

£450 is needed to restore the bells of St. Lawrence Church, Mereworth, Kent. Donations will be gratefully received by the ringers. Please send donations to Miss P. J. Butcher, Herne Pound, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth, Maidstone, Kent. 460

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MISCELLANEOUS

TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.—Sunday ringing at St. Michael's on the sea front at 8.15 p.m. for the 9 p.m. holiday-makers' service during the summer, in addition to the normal ringing at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. 455

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—The practice at St. Mary's, Washington, is now on Thursdays, 7.30 to 9 p.m., instead of Tuesdays as before. —J. E. Young, Sec. 490

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, June 29th, St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, S.W.1. 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, secretary. 441

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, June 29th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 435

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Sturry, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Petham, Saturday, July 27th.—B. J. Luck. 396

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing in the evening. Nearest station, George Lane, South Woodford (Central line). Buses to Gates Corner. 412

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Windsor, Saturday, June 29th, 3 p.m.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 436

SAFFRON WALDEN.—The 334th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service 4. Lunch (3s. 6d.) 1. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Ninety already coming. Twelve-bell ringing guaranteed.—L. E. Pistow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. Phone: 2074. 397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Yateley on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 433

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 1st, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 464

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The meeting will be at Turvey on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hilson, The Post Office, Turvey, Beds.—Phyllis Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 491

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Burton Dassett on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring your own tea, as none is available in the village.—H. M. Wind-sor, Dis. Sec. 446

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Ely Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Burwell (8) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Secs. 453

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 480

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Moreton, near Ongar (6), on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 429

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, High Easter (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. Cars will meet the bus service at Pleshey White Horse and take members on to High Easter. 429

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Camp, Sparrows Nest, Thorley, Bishop's Stortford.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 463

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ardeley, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Ardeley House Garden Party. Special method, Killamarsh T.B.—E. Ruck, Dis. Sec. 449

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenterden on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss V. Relf, No. 3 Bungalow, Shrubcote, Tenterden.—C. T. H. 438

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, July 6th, at Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells available—10 a.m. to 12 noon: All Saints', Gosforth (10); SS. James and Basil, Fenham (8); St. Stephen's, Scotswood Road (8); 2 to 3 p.m.: St. John's, Grainger Street (8); 2 to 3.30 p.m.: Newcastle Cathedral (12); evening: Cathedral (12); St. Mary's, Gateshead (8). Service 3.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tea 4.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. 376

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk on Saturday, July 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying by July 3rd Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowsley Road, Ormskirk.—M. E. Ridyard. 487

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Joint meeting with Rutland Branch, Peterborough Guild, at Somerby, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. P. A. Corby, 11, Bowley Avenue, Melton Mowbray. 492

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Halton-Holgate, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in School Room 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 1st, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 479

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 468

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Draycott-le-Moors, Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 3rd, to F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 484

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—By-meeting, Norton Sub-course, Saturday, July 6th. (Note change of venue.) Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15

p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Raveningham bells (5) will also be available. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 3rd, certain, please, to Mr. G. G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—P. G. W. Newstead, Branch Sec. 443

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 477

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, July 6th. Tea and meeting at Rectory. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please, to the Rector, the Rev. R. Nazer, Stoke Albany Rectory, Market Harborough, Leics. Wilbarston bells (5) available in evening.—S. R. Collins, Hon. Branch Sec. 452

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock, Saturday, July 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. Witten, 4 John Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 472

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by July 3rd.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. Phone: SPR 1025. 430

ST. PETER'S, WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—Restoration of bells. Dedication by Bishop of Dorchester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 6th. Teas on Vicarage lawn. Ringing till 9 p.m. No. 4 bus from city centre, travelling north. 476

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bradford-on-Avon. Christ Church (8), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea to S. Cockell, 19, Craybourne Road, Melksham, Wilts. 451

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Harthill, Saturday, July 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Rev. J. Bishop, The Rectory, Harthill.—J. Seager, Sec. 485

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Nottingham District) and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Notts.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall. 456

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting. Worth (6), Saturday, July 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own tea—no facilities available.—I. Butcher. 456

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bournemouth on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available: Christchurch Priory (12) 10.30

to 11.30 a.m., Bournemouth, St. Peter's (8), 2.30 to 3.30 and 7 to 9 p.m., Bournemouth, St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 7 to 9 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall, near St. Peter's Church, 4.15, followed by business meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.—J. A. C. King, Gen. Sec. 445

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at York on Saturday, July 6th. Service in Minster at 4 o'clock with procession to the bellfounders' window. Bells: Minster (12) 5 to 6.30 p.m., Acorn (6) 2 to 3.30, and York Institute of Architectural Study (6) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., and after meeting in Institute. Own arrangements for tea—numerous cafés in York. Subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 459

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham (8) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham, Bristol. 459

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S. W. District.—Quarterly meeting, South Weald, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Wood, 149, Woodman Road, Warley, Essex. 457

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Lacy 3 p.m., Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Reservations for tea early, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 478

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, to Mr. E. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead. No names, no tea.—J. Good, Dis. Sec. 482

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds. Saturday, July 13th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec. 465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, July 13th. Service at St. Mary's, Hinckley, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Bells: Sapcote (6) 1 to 2 p.m., Stoney Stanton (8) 1.30 to 2.30, Earl Shilton (8) 2 to 3, Barwell (8) 2.30 to 3.30, Hinckley St. Mary's (8) 3 to 4.30 and 7 to 8, Burbage (8) 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 10th, please, to C. R. Hayward, 6, Hurst Road, Hinckley, Leics.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 475

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hingham (8) (not Shipdham) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, please, to Mr. A. C. Haines, 9, Watton Road, Hingham. 486

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Banbury (10) on Saturday, July 13th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please notify H. L. Roper, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon. 458

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. V. A. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 473

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough on Saturday, July 13th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 471

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 10th to T. W. Lloyd, Wayside, Clive, near Shrewsbury. 488

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Loughton, Essex, Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, July 9th, without fail, please. All welcome. L.T. Central Line to Loughton.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 469

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss Burchall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark. Ossington available 3 to 4.30 and 6.30 to 8 p.m.—H. Denman and W. L. Exton, Dis. Secs. 461

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, July 13th. Bells 3 to 4 p.m. Service at Thames Ditton at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea there. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. F. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. Thames Ditton bells available after business meeting.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 447

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m. Business meeting in the Chapter House 12 noon. Luncheon in the dining hall of Christ Church 1.30 p.m. Tickets for the lunch (price 6s. each) must be obtained before Tuesday, July 16th, from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. List of towers to be published later. 439

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diamond Jubilee Festival at the Cathedral, Saturday, July 20th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Subdean; followed by tea (2s.). Ringers may climb the central tower, also view the plate and other treasures in the crypt. Other towers: Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), 5.30 to 7.30; Perranarworthal, Stithians and St. Erme (each 6). Replies by Tuesday, July 16th, to Rev. H. Trehwella, Crantock, Newquay. 462

Dr. Isobel C. Mitchell, of Woking, who became a member of the Horsell band a little more than a year ago, rang the treble to a quarter peal of Grandire Doubles for evening service on Whitsunday, at the first attempt. Dr. Mitchell would like to thank the ringers of Worplesdon, Guildford, Stoke and Horsell for the kind help they have so willingly given her, also to individual ringers who have helped her at meetings.

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(Continued from page 402)

THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER ON BELL-RINGING

Preaching at a service at an annual meeting of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, the Bishop is reported to have said that some strange ideas sometimes possessed the popular mind. Sometimes churchwardens thought that they had absolute control of church bells, sometimes the minister thought that he alone possessed the control over them, and sometimes the ringers themselves thought they had a right to ring the bells just when they pleased. It happened that four of the Canons on the Church distinctly laid down the law. . . . These were the 15th, 67th, 88th and 111th, and they showed that the minister and the churchwardens together were the persons who should determine whether on any particular occasion church bells should be rung.

SONNING DEANERY SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS

Herbert C. Sturges, of Wargrave Vicarage, one of the committee, writes expounding change-ringing and includes: 'All that the round-ringer does is simply to perform a full monotonous manual exercise, which makes no demand upon his brain, and as often as not drives him to the public house to drown his weariness, while the listener looks forward to the time when the bells will cease from troubling him. . . .

THE WORLD'S BIRTHDAY PEAL, RUNG AT CHRIST CHURCH, LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE

On Saturday, February 28th (1880), eight members of the Bradford St. Peter's contingent of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, rang at the above church in 3 hours 27 minutes, and in honour of the composer's 80th birthday, an extraordinary Date Peal, consisting of 5,884 changes in the Kent Treble Bob method. This peal was especially composed for the occasion by Mr. W. Sottanstill, of Sowerby, Halifax. The changes represent the number of year that have elapsed since man's creation . . .

RINGING AT ELECTIONS

We have received several letters from Conservatives and Liberals justly complaining of the prostitution of the bells of the Church on such occasions. We can only raise our voice against it, and trust that on any future occasion the authorities will be on the alert not to allow a repetition of such unseemly practice.

ST. MARY'S, DISS, NORFOLK (Tablets in the Belfry)

'On 26 March 1825 was Rung in this steeple 5024 changes of that Critical Peal Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours . . . The last peal on the old bells . . . Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs. On Jan. 6, 1834, was rung in this steeple a true and complete Peal consisting of 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob . . . in 3 hrs. 11 mins. . . . The first peal on the new Bells, cast by Dobson, Downham Market, 1832. Weight of tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. Key D.'

'THE "FIFTEEN" PUZZLE

A few months ago I saw a puzzle which, under the above name, after becoming a fashionable craze in America, is now rapidly being introduced into England. My excuse for mentioning this matter in your pages is that it is the *only form* in which I have ever met with the *in- and out-of-course changes* outside the science of change-ringing. The following brief explanation may be of interest to your readers. This puzzle consists of a box which contains 16

small wooden cubes, which are numbered on the top sides from 1 to 16. When the one numbered 16 is removed from the box, and the others placed in any indiscriminate order, the solution consists in shifting them about, without removing any one of them from the box, so that the cubes are at last arranged as here shown, the blank space being left in the bottom line.

As the order in which the cubes are originally placed happens to be *in- or out-of-course*, so the solution is possible or impossible. In the latter case the nearest approach is 13, 15, 14.

The amusing part of the matter is the amount of perseverance that has been displayed in America in endeavouring to overcome this latter difficulty, and I dare say the same amount of ingenuity will now be spent on it in England. For the first time, mathematicians—at least those in America—have become aware of the existence of this quality in the arrangement of figures which has for so long only been known to change-ringers. I may add that a simple form of the puzzle may be produced by cutting the necessary squares out of stout cardboard.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.
Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

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'Netta' wrote saying it was always possible to do the puzzle by shifting the box so the bottom and top become the sides.

Snowdon replies saying this will not do—it is contrary to an unwritten law of the game.

J. Drinkwater, of Sandhurst, Glos, points out that the number of positions that the 15 squares can be placed in are 1,307,674,368,000.

Jasper W. Snowdon has a letter published showing that he had received a large number of applications for 'Rope-Sight,' 'now (May 29th, 1880) out of print,' and asking ringers for criticisms so that he could consider them when preparing the second edition. He particularly asks beginners to let him know if passages in the first edition are not clear to them.

AT DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK

'The 8 bells of the above church (tenor 20 cwt.) having been rehanged by Messrs. Day and Son, were re-opened on Whit Monday (1880)

BELFRY-REFORM MEETING AT CANTERBURY

'A MEETING of gentlemen interested in the art of change-ringing was held in the chapter-house of the Cathedral on Tuesday, 18th ult. (i.e., 18th May, 1880) . . . to take preliminary steps to form an association of change ringers, the object of which would be to promote belfry reform, and encourage the revival of the ancient and noble art of change-ringing . . . The company included the Dean, the Mayor, the Bishop of Dover, Bishop Oxenden, Archdeacon Harrison, four other clergy and Col. Knight . . . 'A few ladies also were present. . . .

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE- RINGERS

'THE FIRST Anniversary Meeting of this Association was held at Writtle on Whitsun Monday. . . .

NOTES BY EDITOR TO CORRESPONDENTS

'REQUESTED in all reports—the weight of the Tenor and the County of the place.'

(I commend this (County of the place) to the Editor, 'The Ringing World,' as I am often fogged as to whether it is the north or south of England!—C. R.)

'RECEIVED ALSO.—J. R. Jerram (we cannot enter into local jealousies).'

'MESSRS. LLEWELLYN AND JAMES, of Bristol, wish it to be known that they have an order for a ring of six bells for a parish near Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales, but that the public subscriptions run short. Surely there is nothing uncommon in that! When the bells are set up we shall be pleased to report their opening, especially if done with a sacred service of dedication.—Ed.'

AT LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

'The 68th anniversary of these famous bells was held on Mon., 21st inst. (i.e., 21st July, 1880). . . . Ringing commenced early in the morning and the bells were rung by the different companies in good style until ten o'clock at night . . . Seventy-eight sat down to dinner . . . The tower is 145 feet high and 42 feet square. . . .

AT IPSWICH, SUFFOLK

'On Tues. evening, 6th inst. (i.e., 6th July, 1880), in commemoration of the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of the bells at St. Mary-le-Tower . . .

LIGHT BELLS v. HEAVY BELLS

'Sir,—The new system adopted by some bell-founders of putting an unusual quantity of metal into a bell of a given note has now been in vogue long enough to enable a comparison to be made between the old-fashioned and the new-fashioned bells. Those of your readers who have not paid attention to the point will be surprised to know that a firm which adopts the new style can put upwards of 30 cwt. of a bell which will give a note almost identical in pitch with that of a bell of the old fashion weighing less than 15 cwt. I have heard five or six of the new-fashioned rings, and I cannot find in them that decided superiority which they should show to make up for the vastly-increased expenditure of money, gear and tissue which their adoption entails. . . . Of course when a ring of twelve is required heavy bells are necessary; but those who have been at King's Lynn know that even a good C has been obtained from 30 cwt. of metal. On the other hand, for a village tower, nothing could be more satisfactory than the eight at Drayton, Berks. with a tenor less than 10 cwt. The conclusion seems to be that those who have adopted the new fashion are on the wrong tack, and the sooner they go about the better. WHY GIVE MORE?'

A SUGGESTION ABOUT TENORS

'Sir,—The present way of reporting the weight of tenors is most inaccurate and unsatisfactory. To take one example only: in "Church Bells" of 20 July, 1878, I was put down at 19 cwt.; four weeks later I was put down at 24 cwt.; and now, in the last number, at 26 cwt. At page 50 of that most useful book, the Change-Ringer's Guide, I am given as weighing 25 cwt., and at p. 84, 19 cwt. When the weight of a tenor is accurately known the report should take this form: "Ascertained weight of tenor—cwt." When the weight is not known, the diameter of the bell should be taken and the report should run: "Reputed weight of tenor—cwt.; diameter—inches." The last-mentioned particular would draw attention to any wild statement as to the weight. The weight of all bells in a tower ought to be neatly recorded on a board in the belfry. When new work is done in the tower, the opportunity should not be lost.

THE TENOR OF NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD.'

(To be continued)

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By DAVID W. BEARD

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