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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

First of the new Guilds to be admitted to the Central Council at the conclusion of the last war was the Universities' Association. It was a proud moment for Miss Marie R. Cross at Birmingham County Hall in May, 1945, when she, as the accredited representative of the Universities' Association was received into the comity of ringing organisations that constitute the Central Council. The election was unchallenged. Those who have directed the affairs of the Central Council know full well the value of the two parent University Associations of Oxford and Cambridge. The desire for a common association that embraced not only these venerable scholastic heritages, but the new seats of learning like Birmingham, Reading, London and Bristol was very genuine, and the sponsors knew full well that before long they would be privileged to make an important contribution to the welfare of the Exercise.

Emerson, in his essay on Carlyle, wrote: 'If a scholar goes into a camp of lumbermen or a gang of riggers, those men will quickly detect any fault of character. Nothing will pass with them but what is real and sound.' The simile is apposite when applied to ringing. From the University Guilds and Associations much is expected by the territorial bodies, and those two ancient societies with the tradition of the Exercise in their very marrow. The critics watch them especially on such matters as handling and striking, and apprise the value of their organisation by the individual's efficiency. There are two great channels of usefulness. The first is in the recruitment of men and women to whom the Exercise can look for its potential leaders, whether in the humble parish belfry or in the affairs of Guilds. The other direction is in scholarship and research into the higher branches of bell ringing.

Until this week the peal book of the Universities' Association had not many pages filled. In 1944 there were peals of Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major and Kent Treble Bob with two peals in hand. Last year seven peals were recorded, of which the most noteworthy were Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters. The Association have just concluded a ringing week attended by 45 members with headquarters at Canterbury, during which time 11 peals were rung. The achievement of the tour was the peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral. The average age of the band was 25, and Mr. John L. Spice, the conductor, pertinently asks if this is

a record. The average age would have been nearer 21, had not three members of the band been in their thirties.

There were other good things during the week, as our peal and news columns show. The greatest, however, as we mentioned last week in connection with another Kent tour, was the friendship engendered. Some 50 towers were visited, and the ringing on these occasions was not confined to gowmsmen, but other ringers participated. The 'Universities' are imbued with the right spirit, and we feel convinced that they will prove an influence for good.

TEN BELL PEALS

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

*MARGARET D. TELFORD (Somerville) 2	†DEREK P. JONES (St. Edmund Hall) 6
†ANNA SELLORS (Lady Margaret Hall) 2	†ALAN WHITE (Lincoln) 7
*WM. L. B. LEESE (St. John's) 3	†H. PETER RAYNOR (St. John's) 8
*BETTY SPICE (Somerville) 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG (Keble) 9
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE (Queen's) 5	JOHN E. SPICE (New College) Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE. * First peal of Treble Ten on tower bells. † First peal of Royal on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Treble Ten. First tower bell peal of Royal for the society.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ...Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
*MISS MARY ELKINS ... 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 3	E. DENNIS POOLE	8
FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
THOMAS PRICE ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	Tenor

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD. * First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.
ALFRED H. PULLING ...Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
HAROLD A. MAY ... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*ALAN HOUGH ...Treble	JOHN BRAWLEY ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 7
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by GORDON A. OLLIFFE.

* First peal, age 15. First of Triples as conductor. Rung on the 'Margaret' eight.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Wigan Branch.)

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
ALBERT PARKER ...Treble	STANLEY MAJOR ... 5
RICHARD FORSHAW ... 2	SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 6
SYDNEY CLOUGH ... 3	*THOMAS MARSHALL ... 7
JOHN ERRINGTON ... 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by S. FORSHAW.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
*PETER T. FISHER ...Treble	WILLIAM F. SHERATON ... 5
ROBERT BELL ... 2	JOHN A. BROWN ... 6
†MISS MARGARET FIDELL 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
WILLIAM SHERATON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by D. A. BAYLES. * First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Irene Craig and the Rev. W. Bentley, curate of the parish.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Aug. 8, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.	
*P. WRIGHT (University) Treble	BETTY SPICE (Somerville) 5
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 2	†H. PETER RAYNOR (St. John's) ... 6
JULIA M. PRESTON (St. Anne's) ... 3	ALAN WHITE (Lincoln) 7
†JOHN V. LONSBROUGH (Keble) ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE (New College) ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. ‡ First peal of Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 9, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.	
WALTER C. MEDLER ...Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN. Rung to welcome Christopher George Sayer, son of the ringer of the fifth.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's peal. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ...Treble	FRANK HICKS ... 5
ERIC A. DENCH ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. C. S. Turner on his wedding.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.	
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	KEITH WHITTLE ... 6
MRS. C. W. PIPE ... 3	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

**BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PERSHORE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*WILFRED W. RING ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
PERCY PAGE 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 6
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 3	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal on eight. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung at first attempt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

**AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
*MISS E. LAYTON ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD A. NODS ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 6
*EDWIN S. SMITH ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Treble Bob

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 3	JAMES HIGGINS ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIES ... 4	MARK ROSIER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES HIGGINS.
First peal as conductor, age 15. Rung as a wedding compliment to Major Martin Ogle, only son of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Ogle, of East Ilsley, and Miss D. Helena Tholen, who were married recently at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore.

SIX BELL PEALS

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 4, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD... 4
*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* 75th peal together.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN... 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
*THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

CARBROOKE, NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 5, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. J. FINCHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	C. J. BURNS ... 4
G. W. SMITH ... 2	T. A. A. POTTER ... 5
*F. C. JOHNSON ... 3	L. W. HOUGHTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

PASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 7, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. G. W. WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	H. C. READ ... 4
ERIC DURRANT ... 2	W. C. MEDLER ... 5
*R. C. FRANCIS ... 3	G. BAILEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal on six bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET.

A PEAL OF NEW LONDON COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size d5 in C.

ALAN WHITE (Lincoln) ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE (New Col-lege) ... 5-6
WM. L. B. LEESE (St. John's) ... 3-4	JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Somerville) ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted JOHN E. SPICE.

The first peal in the method.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun. and Mon., Aug. 11 and 12, 1946, in Two Hours and

Twelve Minutes,

AT ROPER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 7 in C.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2	P. WILLIAMSON (Trinity) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	A. E. WILKINS (Trinity) 7-8

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

This peal contains 60 short and two long courses.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT ROPER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

*R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 1-2	P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 3-4	*G. DODDS (Emmanuel) 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD (MAGD.). Conducted by C. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on handbells.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE OAKS, THEOBALD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	*GEORGE W. CECIL ... 7-8
†RAYMOND OVERY ... 9-10	

Composed by J. ROGERS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First ten bell peal 'in hand.'



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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK

All peals are for the Universities' Association.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

V. J. BENNING (Lon.) ... <i>Treble</i>	*ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 5
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 2	*REV. A. THURLOW (Cam.) 6
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 3	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 7
†P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Cam.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor, for the association and on the bells. † First peal in the Surprise method.

WALMER, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

WM. L. B. LEESE (Ox.) <i>Treble</i>	REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE
*JOAN HOULDSWORTH (Ox.) 2	(B'ham) 5
*P. M. J. GRAY (Lon.) ... 3	*G. DODDS (Cam.) ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS (Reading) 4	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 7
	J. C. SIMPSON (L'pool.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in method for the association and on the bells.

THROWLEY, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

A. E. WILKINS (Cam.) <i>Treble</i>	C. W. WOOLLEY (Cam.) 5
*H. VON DER HEYDE (Ox.) 2	DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON
ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 3	(Lon.) 6
*R. CLOUSTON (Lon.) ... 4	V. P. BENNING (Lon.) ... 7
	REV. A. THURLOW (Cam.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
* First peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 10, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

MARIE R. CROSS (Reading) 1-2	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) ... 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 3-4	REV. M. MELVILLE (B'ham.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
First handbell peal as conductor.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET, KENT.

On Wed., Aug. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

A. E. WILKINS (Cam.) <i>Treble</i>	*REV. A. THURLOW (Cam.) 6
*BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 2	*ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 7
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 3	†P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 8
*GEOFFREY DODDS (Cam.) 4	REV. C. E. WIGG (Ox.) 9
†R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 5	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor and first peal of Royal on tower bells for the association.

CANTERBURY, KENT

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JULIA M. PRESTON (Ox.) ... 1-2	WM. L. B. LEESE (Ox.) ... 5-6
MARGARET L. TUTT (Ox.) ... 3-4	DOROTHY RICHARDSON (Lon.) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM L. B. LEESE.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*W. L. B. LEESE (Ox.) <i>Treble</i>	ALAN WHITE (Oxford) ... 5
DOROTHY T. RICHARDSON	P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) ... 6
(Lon.) 2	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 7
†IAN FULFORD (Bristol) ... 3	V. J. BENNING (Lon.) ... <i>Tenor</i>
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 4	

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal of Triples on tower bells. † First peal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sat., Aug. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C.

C. WOOLLEY (Cam.) <i>Treble</i>	*†D. P. JONES (Ox.) ... 7
JEAN SOUTHERST (Ox.) 2	†ALAN WHITE (Ox.) ... 8
MARIE CROSS (Reading) 3	REV. M. C. MELVILLE
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) ... 4	(B'ham.) 9
*G. DODDS (Cam.) ... 5	P. WILLIAMSON (Cam.) 10
*†R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 6	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 11
	*H. P. RAYNOR (Ox.) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques. First tower-bell peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

HERNHILL, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

HILDA STOBBS (D'ham) <i>Treble</i>	GEOFFREY DODDS (Cam.) 5
*JULIA M. PRESTON (Ox.) 2	†H. P. RAYNOR (Ox.) ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST (Ox.) 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Cam.) 7
JOHN F. MOOK (Cam.) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Cam.) <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal in the method.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*REV. M. C. C. MELVILLE	JOHN E. SPICE (Ox.) ... 5-6
(B'ham) 1-2	MARGARET L. TUTT (Ox.) 7-8
BETTY SPICE (Ox.) 3-4	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method on handbells. First handbell peal in the method for the association.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Sun., Aug. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT ROPER HOUSE, ST. DUNSTAN'S STREET,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN DOUBLE REVERSE, HERWARD, PERSHORE, DOUBLE OXFORD AND DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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QUARTER PEALS

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Robinson 1, A. Gane 2, H. V. Sear 3, J. Meager 4, R. Cadamey 5, F. Sear 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, H. Pearson 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Reader, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, who was interred in Bletchley Churchyard.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, NORTHANTS.—On August 6th, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 240 Stedman, 240 London, 240 St. Simon's, 120 each Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): Eddie Robinson 1, George Care (conductor) 2, Miss D. C. Osborn 3, Eric Nobles 4, John Fitzhugh 5. First quarter-peal of Doubles in seven methods for ringers of 2 and 3.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On August 11th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: Alfred Hawkins 1, Miss Stella Davis 2, Miss Joan Mathews 3, George Stocker 4, Mrs. Cyril Pearce 5, Reginald W. Rex 6, Cyril Pearce 7, George Davis (conductor) 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Stephen on August 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Howard 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, L. Croft 3, E. L. Miles 4, W. J. Ellis 5, C. Potheary 6, H. G. Andrews 7, R. Sanders 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On August 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, W. Fright 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George 4, J. Willis 5, E. J. Walker 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. Furringer 8. Rung for the installation of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On August 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Wade 1, Miss M. Gann 2, D. Stainsby 3, C. Wade c, W. A. Holmes 5, A. Hall 6, A. I. Holmes (conductor) 7, F. W. French 8. First quarter Kent Treble Bob for ringer of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On August 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Creed 1, S. Higdon 2, H. J. Sanger (conductor) 3, J. Metcalf 4, H. Smith (first quarter in the method) 5, R. G. Beck 6, J. T. Dyke 7, H. Lintern 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On August 4th, 1,280 Bob Major: L. Ainger 1, George Green 2, Ian Halls 3, P. Felton 4, H. Carter 5, W. Barrett 6, Percy Green 7, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (conductor) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On August 14th, at St. Ippolyt's, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, A. C. Harris 2, L. R. Runnacles 3, E. W. Winters 4, J. North 5, A. E. Symonds (conductor) 6. First quarter for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Sunday, August 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Begrie 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, E. Pratchett 4, L. A. Reece 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (first as conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On August 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Izzard 1, C. Izzard 2, A. Waller 3, A. Ford 4, L. Turner 5, M. Stephens (first quarter as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 2.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on August 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. E. Lankester 1, Mrs. M. Hodgson 2, G. A. Parsons 3, L. H. Bowler 4, A. Cutler 5, J. H. Botham 6, T. G. Francis 7, T. J. Lock (conductor) 8.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On August 15th at the Parish Church of St. Matthias, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Percy J. Smith 1, Edgar C. Barber 2, Henry Chance 3, John Wall 4, Ernest E. Barber 5, Charles J. Camm 6, Henry Dew (conductor) 7, Frank Hill 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled after the interment of Albert (Bob) Richings, aged 84 years, and one of the ringers since the bells were installed.

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' on August 13th, 1,440 Bob Minor, fully muffled: R. C. Sharpe 1, R. Heath 2, S. Howlett 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, S. Forwood 5, A. Beale 6. Also at All Saints' on August 18th, 720 Bob Minor, half-muffled: R. C. Sharpe 1, R. Heath 2, S. Howlett 3, J. A. Acres 4, S. Forwood 5, A. E. Austin (conductor) 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late F. C. Turner, a former ringer at All Saints' and St. Mary's, Newmarket, who died on August 9th.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—On July 28th, at Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. G. Nash 1, W. Nash 2, W. J. Bowden 3, A. R. Lawrence 4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5, A. White 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, J. Bennett 9, A. W. Coles (conductor) 10. Also rung as an 86th birthday compliment to David Wright, a regular service ringer at this church.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—On August 15th, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10½ different six-scores): Miss F. A. Miller (first quarter-peal, double handed) 1-2; J. G. Nash (conductor) 3-4, H. Miller 5-6. Rung as a 'welcome home' to F. T. Miller.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On August 8th at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Bob Minor: Percy C. Bonnett 1, Marjorie Watson 2, Pat Gilbert 3, Ralph Chapman 4, Cyril Prindiville (conductor) 5, Cyril A. Bennett (first quarter) 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard on July 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Chapman 1, E. L. Miles 2, L. Croft 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. Potheary 5, J. W. Welbourne 6, H. G. Andrews 7, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On August 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hull 1, D. Loxton 2, W. Marsh 3, H. Smith 4, J. Metcalfe 5, G. Grinter 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, R. Field 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Slough is to have two trebles, augmenting the peal to a ring of ten.

A novelty is provided with this issue by the publication of a crossword for ringers. Does this appeal to them?

Never write out your peal until it is rung. One eminent conductor has vowed never to tempt Providence in this way even with what he thought was a cast iron band.

Miss Stella Wickens is not the only 15-year-old conductor. The Oxford Guild have one in James Higgins, who conducted his first at East Ilsley, Berks.

Peal ringing has been booming this month, almost up to pre-war standard. We hope gradually to reduce the arrears without cutting down the pages of other reading matter.

Birmingham ringers' visit to the B.B.C. studio should forge a valuable link in connection with future broadcasts. What is wanted is a bellringing consultant available for the B.B.C. and film companies.

Any party of ringers wishing to include Slough (tenor 17½ cwt.) in their outings will be made welcome by Mr. E. H. Preston, steeple-keeper, any Saturday. Applications for bells should be made to Mr. W. Birmingham (captain), 6, Cranbourne Road, Slough, or to Mr. Preston, 54, Diamond Road.

'The Ringing World' is not a newspaper but a periodical as regards the Paper Controller. We do not share in the additional paper allocation next month, but anticipate having some good news at an early date. Will readers who do not file their copies share their 'Ringing Worlds' with colleagues in the belfry?

August 31st, 1912, is the date of the record handbell peal, a 19,738 of Stedman Caters at Guildford in 9 hours 32 minutes. Although the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8 (Arthur F. Shepherd and James Hunt) have passed on, we still have in our active ranks the other three members of the band, viz., Alfred H. Pulling, William Shepherd and Frank Blondell.

Mr. W. R. Loveridge, late of Bletchley, Bucks, has been transferred to Amsterdam, Holland. He will always be pleased to see any ringer who may be visiting Amsterdam and can always be contacted at the British Consulate, Heerengracht 460. Last week there were 2,000 English visitors at Amsterdam on exchange visits, and he feels sure there may be an occasional ringer who might like to know about the bells of Holland.

Is this new in the annals of ringing? A father and his five sons ringing 1,260 changes of Doubles, consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. This took place at St. Andrew's, Allensmore, Herefordshire, for the morning service on August 11th. The ringers, who are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, stood as follows: W. H. Young 1, L. D. Young 2, T. H. Young (conductor) 3, A. J. Young 4, P. H. Young 5, V. G. Young 6. They rose the bells in peal, rang the changes and lowered in peal without a halt.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL RINGING WEEK.

The annual ringing week of the Universities' Association was held at Canterbury from August 9th to August 19th, and was attended by about 45 members. As usual, peal attempts were almost entirely confined to the two week-ends, and of 13 tower-bell attempts seven were successful; details of these appear in the appropriate place, together with reports of four handbell peals.

During the week the main occupation was practice ringing at towers in the surrounding district, about fifty of these being visited altogether; members had the pleasure of ringing with a number of ringers from various parts of Kent and from more distant places. Because of the large numbers, the party generally divided into two sections for part of each day, but there was sufficient talent for each section to ring Surprise Major.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise; nine Surprise Major methods were practised, namely, the standard four, together with Yorkshire, Rutland, Ealing, Norfolk and Glasgow. Other methods rung were Hereward and Carshalton Bob Triples, Dorchester Bob Major, Isleworth Bob Royal and Yorkshire Royal.

Members of the association had the privilege of ringing a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral for matins on Sunday, August 11th, and joined with members of the Cathedral band in ringing for matins on Sunday, August 18th. On Sunday evening, August 11th, Mr. Gerald H. Knight (the Cathedral organist) gave a most interesting talk on the functions and work of the Royal School of Church Music (at whose headquarters the party was staying), and on Wednesday morning (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter) a Corporate Communion was held in the Eastern Crypt of the Cathedral; this took the form of a Sung Eucharist. The singing was by the members present, and the officiating priests, servers and organist all came from the ranks of the association.

An informal concert formed a happy conclusion to a most successful week; among the guests were Messrs. Unwin, Luck, French and Small, of the Canterbury Cathedral band, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Spice. Instrumental, vocal and humorous items made up the programme, and some tune ringing by Mr. and Mrs. French and Mr. and Mrs. Luck was especially appreciated.

The best thanks of the association are due to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and the various incumbents for the use of their bells, to all the steeplekeepers and tower secretaries who made ready their towers and met the party, and not least to Mr. B. J. Luck, without whose care in oiling and greasing the Cathedral bells the peal of Stedman Cinques would have been a far more difficult task.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

More than 150 members and friends representative of 30 towers were present at the quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Loughborough on July 27th. Good use was made of the bells of All Saints' Parish Church and the Foundry.

The Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Ven. W. J. Lyon) conducted the service at All Saints', and in his welcome spoke of the pleasure of seeing so many ringers in Loughborough, where bellfounding had been carried on for more than 150 years. He hoped they would enjoy ringing on what they in Loughborough considered was the finest peal of ten in the country.

Tea had been arranged by the ladies in the Fearon Hall, Mr. C. Harrison announcing that it had been provided by Mr. Denison Taylor, who was unfortunately unable to be present. The president (Mr. H. J. Poole) expressed the members' thanks to him for his generosity.

Among the business transacted was the report of the Central Council representatives on the Norwich conference with reference to the change in 'The Ringing World.' A proposition was put forward that wherever possible when a service was held at a ringers' meeting a collection should be taken for the Bell Restoration Fund. Melton Mowbray was chosen for the next meeting.

The President announced that the following week Mr. George S. Morris was leaving Leicester and was joining Mr. W. Powell in business at Lyme Regis. They were sorry to lose one of the best heavy bell ringers in the diocese and wished him every success in his new venture. They would all be pleased to see him whenever he was in Leicester. Mr. Morris, in replying, thanked the members for their good wishes and told them if they were ever in the vicinity of Lyme Regis he would make them very welcome.

MELTON DISTRICT AT BOTTESFORD.

Bottesford, the most northerly tower in the Leicester Diocese, attracted about 50 ringers representative of 22 different towers on August 10th. Ringing started at 3 p.m. and tea was served at the Rutland Cafe.

In a welcome to the ringers the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, spoke of the pleasure of seeing such a good gathering and so many visitors. He commended the enthusiasm of the members of the Melton District and their officers.

The following towers were represented: Asfordby, Bottesford, Kirby Bellars, Melton Mowbray, Somerby, Waltham, Leicester, Anster, Birstall, Billingborough, Caythorpe, Ellesham, Suffolk, Pokingham, Grantham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Heydour Handsworth, Hull, Newark, Silk Willoughby and Thrumpton. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Twyford.

HOME TRUTHS TO B.B.C.

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS VISIT STUDIO.

On July 18th the bells of Birmingham Cathedral were recorded by the B.B.C. and subsequently broadcast to Birmingham, U.S.A., in an 'exchange feature' programme between the two cities.

On Thursday last, about twenty members of the St. Martin's Guild met at the Birmingham Studio at the invitation of the B.B.C. officials, who had organised the programme, to hear the recording of the complete programme.

Of local interest, this was much enjoyed by the 'Brummies' present; but the really interesting part for ringers was yet to come. The whole of the record of the Cathedral bells ringing Grandsire Caters was then played, and the ringing was pronounced to be up to Birmingham standard!

After that we heard Lavenham bells; and then followed the most miserable assortment of records of so-called bell-music that it would be possible to collect. We were told that these badly recorded specimens of poor change ringing were sometimes used as effects. We sincerely hope that the B.B.C. will destroy them, now that they have at least one good one. The officials, we must admit, were a little apologetic about them, but we are certain that they did not know why they liked our recording better. This proves that the B.B.C. needs educating in matters pertaining to bells.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Master to the officials, who had gone to so much trouble to search the files for recordings of bells, especially for our entertainment.

The visit concluded with an interesting trip round the studios. The party felt that it was time well spent, as at least two programme directors have learnt the importance of using care in the selection of bell-music for broadcasting.—G. E. F.

OBITUARY

MR. CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER

Quite a gloom was cast over the Devon Guild when it became known that Mr. Christopher R. Walker, of Kingskerswell, had met his death under tragic circumstances. He was found dead at the foot of the tower of Highweek Parish Church on the morning of August 17th with severe head injuries, and it was presumed that he had fallen from the top of the 50ft. tower.

Mr. Walker, who was 55 years of age and an accountant by profession, came to the Newton Abbot area from Dover in 1926, and he had been a very active member of the Mid-Devon Branch ever since. He was an excellent ringer, having taken part in a number of peals of Double Norwich Court and Oxford Treble Bob Major in Devon and Somerset, amongst these being the first resident peals which were conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley.—A. L. B.

Tribute to Mr. Walker's ringing in Kent comes from E. B., who writes: "Mr. Walker was a good ringer and conductor, especially with Stedman Triples. For some years after the 1914-18 war he lived at Dover, where he did good work in the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association. He was a Freemason and a member of the Sanctuary Lodge No. 5358, and took part at very short notice in a Masonic peal of Stedman Caters at Wimborne Minster in August, 1937, which Mr. F. W. Perrens conducted."

The funeral took place at Highweek Parish Church on Wednesday, August 21st, when there was a very representative attendance. The officiating clergymen were the Revs. J. A. Durling (Rector), M. H. Needham (Ashburton), C. S. de Cerjat (Brixham) (where Mr. Walker had been doing organ duty), and W. R. D. Mills (Collaton St. Mary), chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild. The following members of the Devon Guild attended: Messrs. F. C. Smale (general secretary), A. L. Bennett (Mid-Devon Branch secretary), W. C. Wakley (Branch Ringing Master), A. Newman, J. E. Lilley, N. Coleridge, C. F. Austin, T. S. Collings, A. W. Searle, E. J. Ryall, H. G. Lewis, G. H. Myers and T. G. Myers. A wreath was sent from his colleagues, and after the service the bells were rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Mr. Charles Turner, captain of St. Mary's ringers, Dover, writes:—

"It was a shock to many ringers and friends to hear of the tragic end of Mr. Christopher R. Walker, who was found dead outside the belfry door of Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, Devon. Mr. Walker commenced his ringing career at Witney, Oxon, and came to Dover in the World War No. 1 in the Royal Engineers Territorials (London Electrical Company). He was afterwards on the Dover Municipal clerical staff.

"During his stay at Dover he took part in ringing on many notable occasions. He was one who rang for the landing of the "Unknown Warrior" on November 10th, 1920, from the torpedo destroyer, "Verdun." He conducted Thurstans' four-part peal, Stedman Triples, by the St. Mary's Society, on September 16th, 1925. A first-class striker, he was always willing to take part. He was worthy of his place in upholding the work of the old church bells. It was, indeed, a privilege to witness such enthusiasm."

CORRESPONDENTS' VIEWS ON TOPICS OF THE WEEK

Peal Ringing by Legislation

A MINISTRY OF CAMPANOLOGY?

Dear Sir,—Our thanks must be surely due to your correspondents, 'S. Truggler' and his supporters, for calling attention to yet another crime wave. Yes, peal ringing must be a great crime, for we are told that it serves no material purpose and causes gross interference all over the country with the holding of meetings where all the best of ringing takes place. 'The Ringing World' is rendering a great service in publishing each week a black list of offenders, prominently displayed following the leading article. Incidentally, here as with other types of crime, juvenile delinquency appears to be prominent according to many recent reports.

Your correspondents have effected the diagnosis, but have not prescribed treatment, so perhaps I may propound the solution.

The usual estimate of ringers in this country is about 40,000, and as the black list does not reach these alarming proportions we may presume that the majority are steady and upright ringers, attending church regularly and giving up all Saturday afternoons to attend meetings. It is up to these fine fellows, who also abstain from peal ringing, to press their local M.P.'s for the immediate formation by the Government of a Ministry of Campanology.

This Ministry would immediately introduce legislation to allow peal ringing only under licence MIN-CAMP/PR1. The number of licences would be strictly limited and application would have to be made on the prescribed official form MIN-CAMP/PR2. This form includes the following sections to be filled in regarding the proposed attempt:—

- (a) Tower (name of church, town and county), date, method, composition and conductor.
- (b) Name, address, telephone number and nationality of all ringers. (State bell each proposes to ring.)
- (c) Details of all peals previously rung by each person.
- (d) Details of all meetings, joint practices, etc., to be held within 100 miles' radius of the selected tower.
- (e) Details of church attendance of each ringer. (This is to be accompanied in each case by a certificate from the incumbent.)
- (f) Details of any guild office held by any of the ringers.
- (g) Whether the proposed band has ever rung a peal together before. (This will prevent the formation of cliques.)
- (h) Worthy objects for which peal is desired.

These applications would be dealt with by a National Board, consisting of worthy ringers free from taint of crime. (Care will have to be taken to exclude practically every member of the Central Council who would fail to pass this test.) Naturally most applications will be rejected and where licences are granted alterations can be made in method, composition, date, etc., and certain persons with black records forbidden to ring. In this latter case they will be replaced by government officials, who will be able to sabotage the attempt most effectively by failing to turn up. The whole scheme should lead to a substantial improvement if adopted and it is up to ringers to press their M.P.'s.

In conclusion, I hear that an outrage was perpetrated recently at Chester-le-Street, and I have to point out that any resemblance of my name to that of the conductor is more than coincidental!—Yours faithfully,
DENTS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

P.S.—Applications for peals to celebrate the end of the Paris Conference should be made immediately, as the granting of licences takes time.

A REPLY TO MR. GROOMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—Thank you, 'Ringing World,' for allowing a 'wider than Branch or Guild' free expression of opinion. With even my small knowledge of journalism, I give the 'R.W.' full marks for not allowing itself to be used for airing petty grievances. I certainly had no thoughts of sneering or being out for blood. Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., has missed—if not the sense—the spirit of my reply to 'S. Truggler.' I did not insinuate against my local officer; I definitely asserted (which I did to the officer personally).

The answer to No. 1 question appears to Mr. Groombridge, jun., too obvious for him to answer. I think Mr. C. Brett-Smith's answer to the second question is answered much nicer and fully supports my opinion.

I would ask Mr. Groombridge to meet some of us smaller fry before he condemns us, and look at ringing in its proper perspective: first and foremost, Sunday service ringing; second, peal ringing for the real pleasure of ringing, or some worthy object or occasion; then there will be no need for peal grabbing, and Mr. Groombridge knows as well as I do the thing I mean.

I have nothing whatsoever against peal ringing; I love 'The Bells.'—Yours sincerely,
W. FRANK STENSON.

North Col,
142, Minshull New Road, Crewe.

Ringling in Films

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. C. Cullen's letter regarding the Triples ringing, forming a background of a broadcast of 'The Brontës,' Haworth has a peal of six bells (tenor 12½ cwt.) and, although they are rung regularly, are not in very good condition. This latter seems rather a pity, as if a Yorkshire Association meeting were arranged here, ringers would have the additional attraction of being able to inspect the Old Parsonage, where the Brontës lived, which is now a museum.

The bells of Canterbury Cathedral were heard in the film, 'A Canterbury Tale,' also the picture showed the bells themselves as they were being rung down, and views through the louvres of the city below and the surrounding countryside. This picture was, of course, an English one, and if 'Devotion' had partly been shot around Haworth then possibly the bells of Haworth Church would have been heard. If Mr. Cullen would like any further information about Haworth I will gladly give him any help that I can.

Also may I say that it was very interesting to read the letter by Mr. A. C. Limpus on 'British Columbia Ringers at Vancouver's Jubilee,' as well as the recent letters from India, South Africa, Australia, etc. These show that ringers abroad take a keen interest in events taking place in the 'Ringing Isle.' I, for one, find these letters particularly informative and good reading. 'The Ringing World' is thus proving a link between ringers abroad and those in this country. We in England are lucky in having so many good peals and conductors, and anyone learning change ringing here has a tremendous start on anyone abroad. In conclusion, I hope that ringers abroad will keep up their correspondence which, to say the least, should have a stimulating influence on both sides.—Yours faithfully,
PAUL BIRKETT.

2, Brighthouse Road,
Queensbury, near Bradford.

HAWORTH BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I once again be permitted to make a reply, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to the above query? I, too, listened to the recent B.B.C. broadcast, 'The Brontës,' and noted, to my great surprise, that Haworth possessed a peal of eight bells. As this is not correct, I had pondered whether to take this matter up with the B.B.C. On second thoughts, however, I left the question alone, as I do not think it would have been needed.

In reply to Mr. Cullen, Haworth Church contains a peal of six bells with a tenor of 12 cwt., and if at any time he is visiting the Brontës district and wishes to ring these, a postcard to Mr. A. Bairstow, 33, Main Street, Haworth, will be favourably received.

I give the above information because at the present Haworth and Oxenhope ringers combine to ring at their respective towers on alternate Sundays. The bells are also in good enough trim to attempt peal ringing, and the Black Bull is still in existence.

WILLIAM AMBLER.

40, Littlemoor,
Queensbury, near Bradford.

LONG SERVICE IN BELFRY

203 YEARS AT CHATTERIS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your article, 'Long Service in One Belfry,' I should imagine this is far from a record. The following is a list of regular service ringers in our own local belfry: Percy Smith 55 years, Arthur Abrams 50 years, William Seekings 26 years, Dudley Paul 21 years, Wilfred Young 21 years, Stanley Murphy 21 years, and Eric Smith 9 years. It would be interesting to know of any ringer with more than 55 years' service in one belfry.—Yours faithfully,
S. MURPHY.

Chatteris, Cambs.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—My sympathies are with your correspondent who has raised the question of the terms used in the calling of Grandsire Caters.

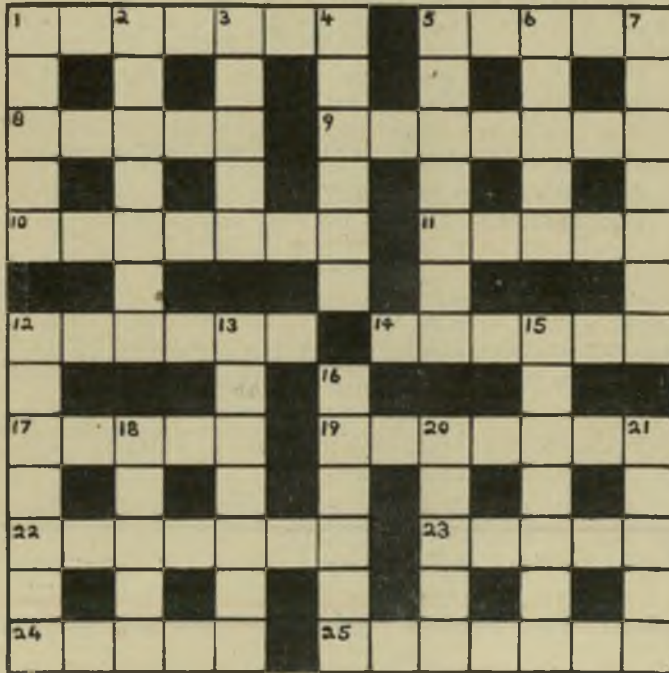
I had a very similar experience when I was asked to call a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. I found the notation used in my association reports was different to that used in the C.C. Collection and, like your correspondent, I had to prick out the figures to obtain a clear idea of the significance of the terms used.

It certainly appears that some explanation of the terms should be incorporated in the Collection, and also some attempt should be made to maintain consistency in the use of these terms in the C.C. Collection and in association reports and other publications.—Yours sincerely,
Dartford, Kent.

J. E. BAILEY.

RINGERS' CROSSWORD

By 'KEWSETT.'



CLUES ACROSS.

1. Can seem dangerous ringers (7).
5. Bobs have their points, and can do this for the trained composer (5).
8. One has to be this about one's striking (5).
9. Where St. Lawrence learnt his ABC (7).
10. A ringer, sent mad (7).
11. Two letters added make an animal (5).
12. These brighten the art considerably (6).
14. Incompetent (6).
17. Often used to describe noise made by a bell (5).
19. Useful when touring country churches in winter (7).
22. A single, and bobs at 5 and 6 (Stedman Triples) (7).
23. With only one eye, a visit would reveal such a view (5).
24. One must do this to procure new ropes (5).
25. There will be no ringing if this is so (2, 5).

CLUES DOWN.

1. An old-established founder (5).
2. Trips in a peal are liable to happen here (4, 3).
3. An attraction to a ringers' tea (5).
4. The stay of Exeter Cathedral tenor is so (6).
5. A beginner must do this to his wits! (7).
6. Matrimonial triples method (5).
7. Unless the beginners shine, the leading lights may start this (2, 5).
12. No dear, lose custard, there's a pest (7).
13. Lady ringers should attain this status (7).
15. A notice that should be in every belfry (5, 2).
16. Seen about the ends of a clapper, and elsewhere in a church (6).
18. Desirable at work, but not when a stay breaks (5).
20. When one is permitted to repeat a change (5).
21. Victorian fashions in the belfry! (5).

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Three Guilds Combine at Aldershot

The Basingstoke Branch of the Winchester Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild joined the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild at Aldershot on August 17th, and the combination resulted in a most enjoyable meeting. Altogether 25 towers were represented, viz., Basingstoke, Liverpool, Clandon, Leatherhead, Epsom, Marple (Cheshire), Farnham, Overton, Merton, Yorktown, Bramley (Hants), Seale, Winchester, Farnborough (Hants), Pirbright, Brighton, Wolverton, Hurst (Berks), Binfield, Sherborne St. John, Sonning, Bentley, Selworthy (Somerset), Guildford and Aldershot. The Master of the Guildford Guild (Mr. A. Harman) supervised the ringing and everyone had a pull. At 4.30 a fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. D. P. Roberts, Vicar of St. Catherine's, Edge Hill, Liverpool, who, although visiting Aldershot in a ringing capacity, kindly stepped into the breach (at 15 minutes' notice), when it was learned that the priest who was to have conducted the service was confined to bed with a chill.

Tea was served in the Church Schools and 80 persons sat down. Mr. W. A. Dollimore (churchwarden) apologised for the absence of the Vicar and thanked Miss Fisher and her other lady ringers who had prepared and served tea under great difficulties owing to rationing. The Farnham district secretary welcomed the two visiting Guilds and also expressed personal thanks to Mr. Dollimore and the lady helpers for having made the meeting possible.

At the Guildford Guild business meeting, Mrs. Pascoe (Aldershot) was elected an hon. member, and Capt. J. B. Gardiner and Mr. Cyril Williamson, also of Aldershot, were elected as ringing members. It was announced that the next meeting would be at Yorktown on October 12th, and not in November as previously arranged. Mr. J. Chesterman, secretary of the Basingstoke Branch, thanked the other two Guilds for their welcome and hoped for a return visit to his branch next year. The Rev. A. Meyrick Johnson and the Rev. D. P. Roberts addressed the gathering and both kept everyone highly amused with tales of happenings they had experienced during their ministry.

The Ladies' Guild held their business meeting under the presidency of Mrs. Bruce, and 14 new members were admitted. Ringing, both handbell and tower bell, continued in the evening.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TESTING OF THE NEW TENOR AT CRANFORD

The handy little ring of six at Cranford, with a new tenor which has been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was tested by about 30 members and friends of the Middlesex Association at a successful meeting on August 17th. Ringing was kept going at intervals from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master). The many methods attempted or rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Original Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. A considerable number of learners were present and had plenty of opportunities in rounds.

The Rector, the Rev. Maurice Child, visited the belfry during the ringing, and welcomed those present, and was thanked for his never varying hospitality. A substantial tea was provided in the vestry, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Woodgyer and others.

Mr. W. H. Coles (vice-president) presided over a meeting, at which Mr. F. J. Baldwin, of Uxbridge, was elected a member. The secretary was requested to write a letter of condolence to the other vice-president (Mr. A. W. Coles) on the death of his mother. Thanks were voted from the members to the Rector and others for their hospitality, and Mr. Woodgyer was congratulated on ringing his first peal. The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on September 25th.

Following tea, there was handbell ringing in the churchyard, to the considerable interest of a number of visitors to the church and park.

Towers represented were Bishopsgate (St. Botolph's), Cranford, Faling (St. Stephen's), Fulham, Hertham, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's) and Uxbridge.

JOINT MEETING AT LEATHERHEAD

About 70 ringers attended the joint meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District, Guildford Diocesan Guild, at Leatherhead on August Bank Holiday. The bells were available from 3 o'clock. A very enjoyable service was conducted by the Vicar of Leatherhead, followed by tea, at which thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service and to the Leatherhead ringers for once again giving the party such an excellent welcome.

The bells were again available during the evening and good practice was had in a variety of methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal, London and Bristol Surprise Major. The ringing throughout the afternoon and evening was very good, and it was encouraging to see the number of young ringers who attended and to see the progress they are making.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On August 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Hodgson 1, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 2, L. H. Bowler 3, H. C. Collier 4, E. Lankester 5, J. H. Botham 6, F. H. Kilby 7, H. Kilby 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for ringers of 1, 4 and 8.

A MOTOR COACH OUTING

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Although Worcester Cathedral and district ringers left for their annual outing on August 10th in pouring rain, the weather in no sense interfered with a full programme of ringing.

Stroud, reached via Gloucester, was the first tower visited. Here the Vicar (the Rev. H. Williams) extended a cordial welcome, and an enjoyable hour was spent on the fine ring of 10 bells.

The route to Bath was through a lovely countryside. Through a little misunderstanding there was no one to meet them, but the use of a taxi brought smiling Mr. Prescott on the scene, and soon the Abbey bells were ringing to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Lunch was at West's Hotel, the party being joined by Mr. Prescott and another Abbey ringer.

At Trowbridge, Mr. Sam Hector and Mr. G. Harding were waiting for the party, and short touches were rung on these splendid 12. Time was short, and the party were soon on their way to Swindon. Tea was provided at the British Restaurant, with three Swindon ringers kindly acting as waiters.

Arriving at Christ Church, they were met by Mr. C. Gardiner and Mr. B. Kynaston, and an hour was spent on what is described as the finest peal south of the Thames.

Leaving Swindon, the journey home was by way of Cirencester and Cheltenham, arriving at Worcester 9.45 p.m.. Thanks were expressed to all who contributed towards making the day such a success.—A. E. H.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

MEETING AT BRADING.

A successful meeting of the Isle of Wight Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on August 17th at Brading, members being present from Newport, Cowes, Ryde and Brading, with visitors from Portsmouth, Dunstable and North Stoneham.

The bells were set going at three o'clock and a good order of ringing was maintained in the standard methods until five o'clock, when an adjournment was made for tea at the Temperance Hotel. Twenty-seven members and friends sat down to a good meal provided once again at the invitation of the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, the Ven. E. W. Hampton Weekes, who has consistently for many years been a good friend to ringers.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, presided over by the vice-president, Canon W. B. Hogg, of Newport, in the unavoidable absence of the president, Dr. J. B. Williamson, of Ventnor. Two new members were elected and arrangements were made to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ryde on November 2nd (the patronal festival of the Parish Church). The Archdeacon conveyed the appreciation of the Bishop of Portsmouth to the Guild for ringing on the occasion of his, the Bishop's, silver wedding anniversary. Thanks were accorded the Archdeacon for the splendid tea provided, and the meeting closed, members adjourning to the tower again for further ringing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Teynham on August 24th. Some forty ringers were present, and the six bells were kept going from early afternoon until 4 p.m., when ringing ceased for service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, who also gave a helpful address.

Owing to rationing restrictions members had to provide their own food, and in reaching the village schools for cups of tea they were agreeably surprised to find their food bags augmented with cakes, buns and sandwiches kindly provided by two lady friends, while one of the members brought a gas mask case loaded with tomatoes and cucumbers.

The Vicar was thanked for allowing the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the ladies also for attending to the ringers' wants at the tea table.

A ten minutes' walk back to the church for more ringing, a walk through plum orchards and hop gardens, each tree and vine laden; it was noticed that the former got 'finger blight' during the course of the evening, and not always through the attentions of the younger members.

Further ringing until 8 p.m. was enjoyed, the ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.—B. J. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A ringing meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on August 17th. Various methods to suit all comers was rung. Although a continuous rain fell all day, 25 members turned up from Beccles, Gorleston, Harwich, Lowestoft, Mulbarton, Norwich, Norton, Reedham, Somerleyton, Pakefield, Tessingland and Great Yarmouth.

The next East Norfolk meeting was decided for Acle on Saturday, November 9th if possible, and the joint meeting of Suffolk and Norfolk at Beccles, Saturday, September 28th.

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DEATH

PARK.—On Saturday, Aug. 24th, Margaret, dearly loved wife of George W. Park, 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington (mother of W. Norman and Roland Park).

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—Loughborough and Burton Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8), August 31st, 3 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Next meeting, Louth, Aug. 31st. Bells (8) 2.15 and after meeting. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Hanson's Cafe, Uppgate.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hatfield, Aug. 31st, at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley, 21, Askern Road, Bentley, near Doncaster.

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Upwell (6), Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring food; cups of tea at Five Bells Hotel.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Combined practice at St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Saturday, Aug. 31st, from 6.30 p.m.

CRUSADERS OF S.W. ESSEX.—Next meeting, Rayleigh (8), Aug. 31st, 3.30 p.m. Help given to any who want progress. Only ringing, with interval for cups of tea. Everybody welcome. Just come along and ask.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Salehurst on Saturday, Aug. 31st, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Aug. 31st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practice, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The next meeting will be held at Brighton, by invitation, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Ringing at St. Nicholas' 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's, 5.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Evers-Road, Reigate.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Rawmarsh (8), Sept. 7th, at 3 p.m. Cards to Mr. J. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by Wednesday, Sept. 4th, for tea. All welcome.—H. O. Chaddock, Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston-Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hungerford (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. H. Wardley King, Hungerford Vicarage, Berks, by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tea. Numbers by Sept. 3rd to D. T. Jones, 92, Bridge Street, Ledbury.

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Western Division.—A meeting at Roydon, Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Wheeler, Mill Street, Harlow Common, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, St. Mary's, Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Dedication of peal board. Bring food. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grajetown, Sunderland.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Twyford (6), Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Day Schools at 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. Roger Spencer, Twyford, Melton Mowbray.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury (6), Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Rich. D. Langford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Leicester District.—Ratby (8), Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—W. J. Root, Dis. Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—York, Sept. 7th. Minster 3 to 4, Bishophill 6 p.m. onwards. Members make own tea arrangements.—T. H. Foster.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Presteigne on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Joint meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—G. W. Steere and T. J. Lock, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—Monthly meeting, Sept. 7th, St. James' (10). Ringing to commence approximately 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.15.—C. H. Wood, Hon. Branch Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, St. Paul's, Bristol 2.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Balcombe, Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Laker, 2, Woodside, Balcombe.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Syston District.—The next meeting, Saturday, Sept. 7th, Rothley, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—H. Humphreys, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—N. Heaps, 24, The Crescent, Crossens, Southport.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Hurst (8) on Saturday, Sept. 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Tamworth, Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells 2.15 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d.), College Lane Schools, 5.30. Numbers by Monday, Sept. 9th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District (Northern Branch).—Meeting at Eagle (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th. Dedication of rehung bells. Service 3.30 p.m. Visitors to bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Stowmarket, Sept. 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to me, without fail, by Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Royal Cottage, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

ESSEX ASSN.—Meeting at Felstead (8) on Sept. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—Henry A. Pratt, Hon. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSN.—Crawford Cup Contest, Ordsall (6), Saturday, Sept. 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. O. Street, 61, Cobwell Road, Retford, not later than 10th. Ringing after contest.—H. Denman, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at High Littleton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church House. Names, please, to Mrs. T. Kimber, Paulton Road, Hallatrow, Bristol, by Sept. 12th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Attenborough on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) at 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by important business. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 17th.—T. Groombridge, jun., 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Douglas Parish Church, Parbold Lane.—The ring of 6 bells have been rehung and two trebles added and will be reopened on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Blackburn will hold a dedication service at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome and tea will be served free in the Schoolroom. Admission by ticket only. Those wishing to be present should apply for tickets to Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold Lane, not later than Sept. 14th, as no tickets will be sent out after that date.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec.

TREDINGTON Church, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks.—The bells are to be rededicated on Thursday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will officiate. All ringers welcome.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Preliminary. Annual Dinner.—Worcester, Saturday, Sept. 28th. Tickets (5s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch or general secretaries. Accommodation strictly limited.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—At the request of the Guiseley company, the meeting fixed for Sept. 7th, has been postponed until October 19th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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