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THE VOICE OF SARUM

To hand this week is the sixtieth report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild embracing the year 1945. It is more than a report in the ordinary sense; it could well serve for ringers in Wessex as a Guild compendium. That production on such an ambitious scale can be accomplished so soon after the war with the many restrictions on printing is a feather in the cap of the Salisbury Guild.

A diamond jubilee is a justifiable period of retrospect. During this period the Guild has had only eight masters, viz., the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill (1884-98), Mr. H. H. Palaret (1898-04), Capt. Acland (1904-10), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (1910-13), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (1913-19), Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth (1919-23), the Rev. R. H. Grundy (1923-40), and the present holder, the Rev. C. C. Cox. Continuity in the conduct of Guild affairs is to be found in the unique service record of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who has been secretary and treasurer since 1913, while his membership of the Central Council dates back two years previously. The Guild operates through eight branches, viz., Salisbury, Devizes, Marlborough, Calne, Dorchester, Wimborne, West Dorset and North Dorset.

Clerical interest has always been a strong feature in Guild affairs. The Rev. C. Carew Cox in his Master's notes presents this visionary picture: 'It is too much to expect, perhaps, that the Bishop of the Diocese should be seen often at our annual meetings or in our belfries, but, who knows, there may come a day when more of our Bishops are practical ringers. I know the ranks of clerical ringers are increasing, and among them may well be potential Bishops. In the dim future the records of a peal rung entirely by Bishops may not be improbable!' Bishop Lovett, at the end of his episcopate, paid a graceful tribute to his ringers, writing: 'I shall never forget the welcoming bells of the village churches. They ring in my ears, when I allow myself to recall the happy Sundays when I travelled up and down . . . and came within sound of the Belfry again.'

One of the happiest phases of the report is that all branches testify to a vigorous revival of activities in the belfries and a gratifying influx of young members of both sexes into the ranks of the Guild, while the peal records give proof of the good work done by instructors. This influx is the voice of Sarum to the Exercise, and all the time young people are attracted to our belfries there is no danger of this ancient English art of change ringing dying out.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

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| CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... <i>Treble</i> | WALTER TOMLINSON ... 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... 2 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 8 |
| ALBERT WALKER ... 3 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9 |
| FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4 | JACK BRAY ... 10 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 11 |
| GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 6 | JAMES BENNETT ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
This is the 100th peal rung in the tower.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... <i>Treble</i> | *HERBERT C. JILLINGS ... 7 |
| *FREDK. A. J. STEWARD ... 2 | SHELFORD SPARROW ... 8 |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3 | FRANK FISHER ... 9 |
| MRS. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4 | CECIL W. PIPE ... 10 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11 |
| HARRY LISTER ... 6 | *OLIVER G. BARNARD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal on twelve bells. A birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle, who entered his 96th year the previous Wednesday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 2, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| Pitstow's. | JACK F. HODSON ... 5 |
| *JEAN METHAM ... <i>Treble</i> | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6 |
| CYRIL WARD ... 2 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3 | SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... <i>Tenor</i> |
| *NOEL E. CHAMBERS ... 4 | |

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Rung for the patronal festival.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| *CHARLES WARD ... <i>Treble</i> | HARRY PARKER ... 5 |
| †DENNIS MADDOCK ... 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6 |
| *ALBERT BELLINGTON ... 3 | WALTER ALLMAN ... 7 |
| GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4 | CECIL RADDON ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by W. NICOLL. Conducted by H. PARKER.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Sept. 13, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| H. BAKER ... <i>Treble</i> | JOHN BEST ... 5 |
| JAMES WEBB ... 2 | *JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 6 |
| MISS N. M. BIBBY ... 3 | GEORGE H. RANDLE ... 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4 | PERCY SWINDLEY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
* First peal of London.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th the observation).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

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| *MISS S. MOTTISHAW ... <i>Treble</i> | ERNEST COOPER ... 5 |
| MISS L. MOTTISHAW ... 2 | †MRS. I. SOMERVILLE ... 6 |
| *MISS NORAH HOLMES ... 3 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7 |
| MISS L. MOTTISHAW ... 4 | BEN BIRKETT ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal. † First in the method.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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| WILLIAM SHERATON ... <i>Treble</i> | SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 5 |
| *WILLIAM F. SHERATON ... 2 | ARNOLD W. BRUNTON ... 6 |
| ROBERT BELL ... 3 | DENIS A. BAYLES ... 7 |
| JOHN A. BROWN ... 4 | JOHN H. MASTERS ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

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| *GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i> | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5 |
| *FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2 | †WILLIAM E. COURT ... 6 |
| †RONALD F. CONSTANT ... 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7 |
| GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 4 | ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Compared by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Kent. ‡ First peal of Major.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *GEORGE F. NEWTON ... <i>Treble</i> | *JAMES W. KNIGHT ... 5 |
| JOHN ANDERSON ... 2 | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6 |
| *MISS M. FIDELL ... 3 | ROLAND PARK ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4 | W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

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| JAMES MARSII ... <i>Treble</i> | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5 |
| *MISS JOAN WEBSTER ... 2 | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6 |
| *MISS MARJORIE WEBSTER ... 3 | RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7 |
| GEORGE LEDSHOM ... 4 | THOMAS ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells and first in the method.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 30 cwt.

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| DENNIS MADDOCK ... <i>Treble</i> | REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 5 |
| *ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6 |
| WALTER ALLMAN ... 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7 |
| HARRY PARKER ... 4 | *LEONARD BRADBURN ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.
* First peal.



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SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| ALBERT WALKER Treble | FRANK E. PERVIN 5 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON 2 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 3 | ALBERT W. COLES 7 |
| LESLIE W. MORRIS 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

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| RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble | FRANK E. PERVIN 5 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 2 | ALBERT WALKER 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| ERNEST H. MASTIN ... Treble | CECIL V. EBBERSON 5 |
| T. REGINALD DENNIS 2 | HARRY L. MARTIN 6 |
| WALLACE W. COUSINS 3 | CLAUDE COUSINS 7 |
| REV. JOHN P. PELLOE 4 | RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by REV. JOHN P. PELLOE.
A farewell peal for the Rev. J. P. Pelloe, chaplain to the Bishop of Ely, before his departure to Wisbech.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 80 lb. in B.

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| *REV. G. W. WILSON ... Treble | GEORGE BAILEY 5 |
| WALTER C. MEDLER 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 6 |
| HERBERT C. READ 3 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 7 |
| ERIC DURRANT 4 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Tues., Sept. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *JACK BRAY Treble | JOHN A. FREEMAN 5 |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | JOHN FREEMAN 6 |
| JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3 | HARRY MORGAN 7 |
| WALTER TOMLINSON 4 | †GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.
* 350th peal. † First peal of Bristol, also first peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Treble | †ARTHUR C. LANGFORD 5 |
| *HORACE E. LILLEY 2 | ‡EDMUND T. EXETER 6 |
| GEORGE W. CECIL 3 | ALBERT E. LAKER 7 |
| †ERIC H. KNAPP 4 | RAYMOND OVERY Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First eight-bell peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble | H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5 |
| HAROLD A. MAY 2 | RONALD J. C. HAGLEY 6 |
| NORMAN V. HARDING 3 | GEORGE GILBERT 7 |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4 | T. MARK WHITE Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

WAREFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

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| HILDA M. TAYLOR ... Treble | H. WILLIAM BARRETT 5 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING 2 | HAROLD A. MAY 6 |
| CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 3 | NORMAN V. HARDING 7 |
| GEORGE C. GOODMAN 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Treble | *BRIAN J. E. WHITE 5 |
| VERNON J. BENNING 2 | ALAN WHITE 6 |
| *EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7 |
| FRANCIS D. BISHOP 4 | GEOFFREY DODDS Tenor |

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

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| *STANLEY BONES Treble | *GEORGE SAUNDERS 5 |
| ALBERT CATTERWELL 2 | EDWIN JENNINGS 6 |
| RONALD SUCKLING 3 | ROBERT YOUNG 7 |
| *PHILIP A. F. CHALK 4 | *HAROLD PARTRIDGE Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* First peal in the method.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 18½ rwt. in F.

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| *ALEX. T. WEEKS Treble | SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5 |
| STANLEY R. COCKELL 2 | HERBERT MARSH 6 |
| *HAROLD SMITH 3 | WILLIAM C. WEST 7 |
| ARTHUR J. WEST 4 | CYRIL GIBBONS Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.
* First peal of Triples.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *JOHN HILLMAN Treble | ERNEST J. GOWER 5 |
| *FRED LONGWORTH 2 | ALBERT MORLEY 6 |
| ARTHUR HATCH 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7 |
| JAMES BARNES 4 | FRED READ Tenor |

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Rung in connection with the peace celebrations.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.

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| ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... Treble | ARTHUR W. CHURCH 5 |
| *PETER J. EVES 2 | HARRY BRADLEY 6 |
| A. B. BARTHOLOMEW 3 | CHRISTOPHER F. JAGGARD 7 |
| †ARTHUR EDWARDS 4 | WALTER DORKING Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Fifteen different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.
*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT *Treble* | †STANLEY N. BRISTOW... 4
HENRY PURCHASE ... 2 | CLAUD W. J. TARR ... 5
EDGAR QUICK ... 3 | †HARRY COMINS ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE,
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford, three extents of Kent and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*DEREK PUGH ... *Treble* | JOHN ALWYN TAYLOR ... 4
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2 | HAROLD HAMER ... 5
ALLAN SMITH ... 3 | ALBERT HOYLE ... Tenor
Conducted by H. HAMER.

* First peal.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF B.V.M.,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
ARTHUR BELLAMY ... *Treble* | WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 4
STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 2 | WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 5
HARRY RICHARDSON ... 3 | ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Tenor
Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.

First peal as conductor.

MUNDFORD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... *Treble* | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4
CHARLES F. G. BANHAM... 2 | *CYRIL J. BERNES ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3 | GEORGE SAVER ... Tenor
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
WILFRID R. MORETON... *Treble* | *E. PETER ROCK ... 4
*JOHN D. ROCK ... 2 | GEORGE DAVIS ... 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... Tenor
Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method.

NEWTON ST. LOE, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.
*REV. B. RUSSELL ... *Treble* | MICHAEL POWELL ... 4
TREVOR HAYWARD ... 2 | SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5
†JOHN M. STALLARD ... 3 | KENNETH MEDWAY ... Tenor
Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.
JOHN W. TAYLOR ... *Treble* | LT. FREDK. H. CRAWLEY 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 2 | JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 5
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 3 | GEORGE GARDNER ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Surprise.

MONTFORD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.
*FREDK. BEDDOES ... *Treble* | TREVOR JONES ... 4
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 2 | JOHN F. BULLER ... 5
*MISS BESSIE CARTER ... 3 | *THOMAS DAVIES ... Tenor
Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. C. S. Woolam.

HANDBELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept 13, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 33, HARTINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3-4 | THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7-8
Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First handbell peal away from the tenors.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
MRS. E. A. BARNETT ... 1-2 | CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3-4 | EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8
Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* 500th peal (125 on-handbells).

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4 | *A.C.2 F. REED, R.A.F. ... 7-8
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand' and first of Stedman.

LIVERPOOL.

On Thurs., Sept. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 1-2 | JOHN E. SPICE ... 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 3-4 | *PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 7-8
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. No. 131).

* First handbell peal of Major and in the method.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 23, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT 4, FAIRLEIGH TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.
ALBERT ROUGHT ... 1-2 | JACK N. A. PUMPHREY ... 3-4
WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5-6
Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

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QUARTER PEALS

BRIDPORT, DORSET.—On September 9th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gunning 1, G. Davis 2, M. P. Moreton 3, J. T. Barrett (conductor, first quarter) 4, A. J. Scott 5, W. F. Moreton 6, J. L. Glyde 7, C. H. Lathey 8.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On September 11th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor (Central Council No. 144): Arthur J. Abrams 1, Eric Smith (first inside) 2, Wilfred E. Young 3, Stanley Murphy 4, Claude Gimbert 5, William Seekings (conductor) 6.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Holloway (Basingstoke, first quarter) 1, T. Elliott 2, H. W. Lloyd 3, J. Tudball 4, G. Maidment 5, I. Farmer (conductor) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Herod 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On September 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. V. Hare 1, H. Platt 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. C. Goby 4, F. Croft 5, E. W. Winters 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, G. Cherry 8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On September 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Andre 1, S. Ball 2, E. Jones 3, E. Warner 4, W. Packer (first quarter) 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8.

LEYTONSTONE, LONDON.—On September 2nd, 1,280 Bob Major: G. L. Joyce 1, W. R. Killingback (first quarter) 2, A. W. Brighton 3, C. N. Austin 4, G. Dawson 5, E. W. Furbank 6, W. Gant (conductor) 7, E. D. Smith 8.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On September 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Hill 1, G. Wilkinson 2, J. Hughes 3, T. Edwards 4, Edgar Sharratt 5, A. Rider 6, Edwin Sharratt (conductor) 7, D. G. Davis 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine's on September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Swinfield (first quarter) 1, S. Harrison 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, S. Burton 4, W. H. Clarke 5, J. Bramley 6, G. Oliffe (conductor) 7, J. Deacon 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. D. W. Kenney and Miss Ella Thorrel, both ringers at this church.

LUTON, BEDS.—At St. Mary's on September 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Newman 1, A. King 2, A. J. Smith 3, A. Davis 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, J. Wing 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—At St. Nicholas' on September 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Harding (conductor) 1, F. Slatford 2, Ron Harding 3, E. Hitchins 4, L. Hitchins 5, Roy Harding 6.

PENTRE RHONNDA.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Edwards (first quarter) 1, J. Lovett 2, T. Page (conductor) 3, W. Page 4, J. Evans 5, W. J. Cross 6, F. Lasbury 7, W. Roberts 8.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On August 28th at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lilian M. Dare 1, W. Howarth 2, H. Barlow 3, B. Thorpe 4, J. Bastow 5, C. Platt 6, V. Sykes (conductor) 7, J. T. Walmsley 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Gladys Wolstencroft to Mr. Ernest Samford.

PIMLICO, LONDON.—On September 8th at St. Gabriel's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Green 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. W. Ottley 4, R. H. Begrie 5, H. W. Rogers 6, J. Bullock 7, H. G. Andrews 8.

PURTON, WILTS.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Mills 1, Miss M. Booker 2, R. Shailes (conductor) 3, F. Sorsby 4, G. Webb 5, C. Shailes 6.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On September 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Roland Kendall 1, Arthur Skelton 2, Clifford Ellison 3, Edgar Drake 4, Paul Birkett 5, Albert V. Pickles 6, William Ambler 7, Sam Longbottom (conductor) 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On September 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Naylor 1, T. A. Cross (first quarter inside) 2, G. A. Naylor (conductor) 3, F. G. Southgate 4, F. J. Cheal 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Hollands 7. Rung with tenor covering after meeting short for Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. Spice, of Tunstall.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Smith 1, John E. Manners (first quarter, age 13) 2, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 3, C. E. J. Watt 4, W. M. Greenway 5, G. F. Capeling 6.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On September 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Barraclough 1, J. Hall 2, H. Ludkin 3, Miss Mary Walshaw (first quarter as conductor) 4, W. Kerr 5, F. R. Harris (first quarter) 6, H. Walker 7, R. Edwards 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On September 8th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. E. Bish 1, A. Miller 2, S. Jessop (Boston) 3, C. W. Denyer (Aldershot) (conductor) 4, T. W. Wellbourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman 7, S. Howard 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Pritchard 1, L. Barry 2, G. Latham 3, B. Latham 4, R. J. Thain 5, T. Witts (conductor) 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On September 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. J. Hector 1, G. H. Harding 2, J. J. Pratt 3, C. Butcher 4, J. Francis 5, W. H. Coles 6, F. Corke 7, E. Parker 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, W. R. Baxter 10. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer's grandson, who was married the previous day.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On September 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: A. Howell 1, G. Latham 2, L. Barry (conductor) 3, T. Pritchard 4, R. J. Thain 5, R. Sharpe 6.—On September 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, G. Latham (conductor) 2, B. Latham 3, F. Garland 4, R. J. Thain 5, L. Cardwell 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

No subscription, no 'Ringing World.' Just a reminder to those
who forgot to send their quarterly subscriptions.

Another milestone passed! Edwin A. Barnett rang his 500th peal
at Crayford on September 16th. Congratulations!

Now who is 'S. Truggler's' Guild secretary? Why has he been
silent all these weeks?

November 1st is the day they elect new Mayors. It is also the
day 'The Ringing World' can take new subscribers. Canvass your
friends.

Suffolk is to have another ring of ten. The order has been given
for two new trebles to be added to the ring of eight bells at the
Parish Church, Mildenhall.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Helens on September
16th. There are asterisks against the names of three of the ringers,
but no explanation. We are not good at guessing footnotes!

Sgt. J. N. A. Pumphrey has been repatriated from the S.E. Asia
Command. He took part in a welcome home handbell peal at
Aylsham, Norfolk.

The peal rung at Ibstock, Leicestershire, on September 14th, was
arranged for the 20th anniversary of Ronald H. Dove's first peal,
which was rung on these bells, and three of the original band took
part. It was his 225th peal, also 25th with Mr. Ernest Morris, who
called his first peal there.

Apropos veterans in the belfry, Mr. P. D. Wenham, of Uford
Park, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, writes: There is a board in the
tower of Woodbridge, Suffolk, which reads: 'Andw. Fosdike went
up and down this tower 7 times in 27 mins. in the 69th year of his
age. March the 15th, 1753.' Those who know Suffolk towers commend
his agility.

Twelve of the sixteen ringers at Burford (Oxon) hold additional
offices in the church. The foreman and deputy foreman are members
of the choir, also representing the Church Council and Friends of the
Church respectively. There are three servers and choirmen, one
choirman, one sidesman, two choirboys, the organ blower, the verger
and the organist. Is this a record for at least variety of offices?

Sixty-four years ago Mr. A. J. Abrams learnt to ring on the treble
at Gestingthorpe, Essex. He was back on this bell on September
18th, when he rang a peal of Cambridge Minor to celebrate his 77th
birthday. Mr. Abrams has a chance to rival Mr. James George, who
rang two peals when he was 81.

Mr. F. G. Baldwin, Ringing Master of the South and West District,
Middlesex County Association, has been subject to a certain amount
of 'leg pulling' on our account. At a recent meeting at Cranford
confusion arose between his name and that of Mr. F. J. Bedford,
which gave the erroneous impression that Mr. Baldwin had acted
as Master before being a member! Our apologies.

The history and records of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths
have been lost. Mr. J. H. Beacall, churchwarden, of Flery Beacon,
Painswick, Glos., appeals for any help in tracing back the 260 years'
history of this society. His greatest hope is that the minute books of
the society will be found in someone's lumber room.

MR. CHURCHWARDEN DARK AND THE RECORD PEAL

A Rector's Viewpoint

Dear Sir,—While thanking you for inserting Mr. Dark's letter, I must differ from him when he says that such a feat cannot be considered 'elevating.'

Ringing is as much a part of the service of God as is organ playing. Some prefer one and some the other. Both require skill which takes long to acquire; and both are arts which are difficult for outsiders. One requires one skilled man: the other requires as many men as there are bells.

On the other hand, bells need not, and should not, annoy anyone. This is a matter for the churchwardens. Has Mr. Dark done all he could to render the bells under his care less annoying than they need be? All exits for the sound should be blocked for about 6ft. above the bells. And 'silencers' should be fitted for all feats above one hour in duration. Neither of these necessary fittings need be very costly.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Uford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

THE MESSAGE OF BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dark, in his letter contained in your issue September 20th, does not tell us whether he represents the Vicar or the people.

I have read his letter very carefully more than once, and am still confused or maybe bewildered by his remarks. Remarks I must class them as rather than ordered reasoning. He rambles over such a wide field, from pole squatting to the emptying of churches. One could destroy his thesis point by point, but that would be uncharitable. Instead I would ask Mr. Dark to give much greater thought not only to bellringing, but to what bellringing stands for, what it represents, and what message it conveys to the majority of laymen.

Obviously Mr. Dark does not enjoy the sound of church bells even when properly rung unless perchance they are being used to remind his own particular flock of their duties. I submit, sir, that the ringing either for services or for peals may remind thousands that there are other elements in their lives, apart from secular enjoyment.

I do know that the bells of the parish church with their constant message are very dear to the real parishioner, whether in his own parish or elsewhere.

I ask Mr. Dark not to imagine that all ringers have taken up the exercise for the purpose of recording feats of endurance. Far be it from them any such intention. I believe that the great majority of ringers have a deep sense of their responsibility and glory in the fact that their ringing is a form of service, neither distasteful to God Himself nor to those who have Him in their thoughts.

Among the many millions who hear various peals there are no doubt some who through lack of understanding may not appreciate their appeal; but there is a great multitude to whom those bells convey a message, however slight. A company Christian by baptism, who seldom if ever enter a place of worship, yet who, hearing the tintinnabulation of the bells, turn their thoughts first to the Church, and instinctively to Christ the head of the Church, and who knows what may be in a man's heart.

Is there a churchman or churchwarden who would cast his shadow to prevent such a thought? Shame on you, Mr. Dark, for your slight endeavour to belittle any instrument used in the service of God to His honour and glory. Your letter is not in keeping with your office.

Watford.

'NON-RINGER.'

SOMERSET WRITES TO MR. DARK

Dear Sir,—You mention that your friend says that the Oxford peal was a wonderful feat of endurance, also that it would encourage other ringers to strive for perfection. Is that not what man has been doing through the ages? Is not one of the highest ideals in human nature to reach perfection or in other words to hitch his wagon to a star? Even in man's pastimes (billiards, football, etc.) does he not strive for perfection? What standard should we have reached in any direction had we not been encouraged by the examples of others?

I note that you think that lengthy ringing may not further the mission of the Church, but rather the reverse, even to the extent of keeping people from the Church. Surely our religion is very shallow if we allow such a thing as this to keep us from our Maker. You state that you have not much knowledge of bellringing. I would suggest that should you make a study of that most interesting and ancient art, then you might feel less irritated when you hear the wonderful variety of combinations of musical sounds that can be produced with ten or even eight bells.—Yours faithfully,

Douling, near Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

J. A. SMITH.

A QUESTION

Sir,—Churchwarden Dark is obviously so much 'in the dark' as regards ringing in general that his letter cannot be replied to, but as he accuses ringers of keeping people away from church I should like to ask him just one question, 'How many people have been kept away from church through the unpopularity of church officials, and through the attitude of the parson towards the social side of church life and also by the form of service used in churches?'

Burgess Hill, Sussex.

F. I. HAIRS.

Mr. Dark Returns to the Fray

Dear Sir,—The ringers' point of view, as expressed in your reply to my letter is interesting, and I would that more lay churchfolk see it. Many would, however, find your argument that the secular ringing, the pastime as you call it, is at least on an equal footing with liturgical ringing, a novel theory. Bells are associated, in the minds of churchpeople, with the worship of Almighty God; they were provided first and foremost with this object in view; I have never heard of anyone donating bells for any other purpose. Secular campaniles, as at Manchester Town Hall, come in a different category.

Your suggestion that the science of change ringing contributes to the standards of service ringing is open to question. In those areas where method ringing is not adopted there is striking as good if not better than in a large proportion of the half-pull belfries, and good call-changes sound as attractive to most churchpeople as good change ringing. No, I cannot see that long peals have been of benefit to the Church.

Ringers are privileged people, in that the instruments or tools needed for their pastime are provided and ready for their use with little or no effort on their part; their primary object should be liturgical ringing every time, with their secular hobby taking second place.

In conclusion, I would say that while change ringing is indistinguishable from the simpler ringing in the minds or ears of most people, there are plenty of us who are capable of appreciating the 'music' of your pastime. Many years ago I decided that two methods appealed to my ear more than others, and although I still know nothing of the manner in which they are produced, I can immediately recognise the Stedman principle, and Plain Bob. I can enjoy Stedman as rung by learners, but it takes a good hand, ringing the major method, to make it pleasurable to me.—Yours faithfully,

S. V. DARK.

Wells Road, Bristol.

CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PEALS

Sir,—Your editorial in this week's issue gives much food for thought. One must agree with it in its entirety, but a deaf ear cannot be turned to the type of person as Churchwarden Dark. He turns up from near most churches with a ring of bells, and although steps are being taken to prevent a 'disturbing' effect upon the uninitiated ear, there are many rings which are noisy in the vicinity of the church. There are a number of people whose nerves have not been improved during the war years. I like to ring a peal as much as anybody, but I either choose the place, time or the occasion for which the peal is rung.

What other steps could be taken to eliminate these complaints? Perhaps if the 'Conditions required for peals,' as published in the Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' were revised, much could be done, and I would suggest that the minimum number of changes be altered to 2,500. As the rules stand, only the persons who possess brain and brawn are capable of peal ringing. The reduced number of changes would give an opportunity for both brain and brawn. There would be nothing to prevent the record makers carrying on as now.

I am the last man to suggest a reduction in 'standards,' but are our 'standards' up to date? The present ones served their purpose well in 1891 and 1892, when the number of the higher methods was very limited and the number of changes was the primary consideration, but what is the state of the Exercise in 1946? A large number of Surprise methods, splicing, etc. What is going to be the trend in the future 5,000's or methods? Let us cater for the future. Advantages of the reduction would be many. The older members who still retain their mental faculties but are physically worse would still enjoy peals (not all men are James Georges or Richard Whites). The 'youth' as much talked about at Norwich would be brought in, 2nd and 3rd could be cut out of 6ths place in Treble Bob methods. The public would not be subjected to a (to some of them) disturbing discordance. Members would have opportunities to ring peals during the evenings without having to carry on until a late hour.

In my travels I have seen peal boards recording half-peals; they must have had similar thoughts. Then again, look through the columns of 'The Ringing World' and notice the increased popularity of quarter-peals.

PETER CROOK.

203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

SCARCELY AUDIBLE

Dear Sir,—No doubt everyone agrees on the value of criticism, but for goodness' sake let it be based to some extent on truth. Mr. Dark's words 'to inflict such a row upon the innocent inhabitants of Oxford' are ridiculous. Has he ever been to Oxford and heard our Cathedral bells? On August 24th they were scarcely audible from the street side of Tom Tower—less than 200 yards away. More than 99 per cent. of Oxford's citizens must have been innocent of the fact that the bells were being rung at all.

A pity Mr. Dark is so much in the dark regarding the true state of affairs.

'INNOCENT CITIZEN.'

Oxford.

Letters on Other Topics

S. TRUGGLER SUMS UP

Dear Sir,—Probably Mr. Theobald's very reasonable letter can be treated as the last contribution to the correspondence prompted by my letter to you and published on August 9th.

The literary attempts of some of your correspondents are enlightening enough and need no criticism from me to enable your readers to form fairly accurate opinions as to whether the writers favour putting self or service first.

The only persons other than myself who have any clue to my identity are you, Mr. Editor, and my general secretary, and why, therefore, I should be accused of washing any Guild's linen in public is beyond me, otherwise the points made by your correspondents are clear to me—alas, only too clear in some instances!

It may interest your readers, however, to know that S. Trugger is not really a struggler in the ringing sense. As a matter of fact, I am a fairly accomplished peal ringer.

Further, my general secretary (who prides himself on being blessed with a sense of humour and free from fanaticism) saw and approved my first letter before it was published, and we both agreed it would be interesting to hear the views of your readers on the points raised.

We have met again, summed up and arrived at the following conclusions:—

(a) That Guild officers should be free to ring in peals which clash with meetings of their Guild, provided the peals do not detract from the attendance at and usefulness of the meeting; and

(b) That Guild officers should at all cost avoid becoming members of small cliques formed within their Guild.—Yours, etc.,
S. TRUGGLER.

WHY ROUNDS?

Dear Sir,—The art of change ringing consists in being able to ring a bell in three distinct times, quick, medium and slow.

If learners are given a good amount of dumb-bell practice and methods learnt on handbells rung single-handed, I see no reason why they cannot be put straight into changes on an inside bell with tenor turned. I have done this myself and I have seen them ring 720 Bob Minor on an inside bell, unassisted, within a month of first ringing open.

I have also taught more than one call change ringing band (which is only glorified rounds) change ringing, and to be candid I prefer to go to the local schoolmaster and inform him I want six or eight smart lads between the ages of 12 and 14.

To get the best effect (outside) on six, eight or ten you must turn the tenor; to ring her behind is only one step higher than call changes. In concluding, I would like to say cut out rounds and save valuable time.
B. T. JEANES.

Riverside, Bridgwater, Somerset.

JUST COUNT!

Dear Sir,—Count the ringers who took part in the 1914-18 war. Count the ringers who are and were professional Service men and women—and again, count the ringers who served in this war—and you'll find nearly everyone in the Exercise is eligible for membership in the Ex-Service Guild. I myself see no use for its formation.—
Yours truly,
PATRICIA HOLMES.

Northwood, Middlesex.

P.S.—And in reply to Mr. S. V. Dark, if you are a God-fearing churchman, it will take more than the bells to keep you out of church. In these days when roaring airplanes, screaming traffic, yelling radios, football crowds and speedway meetings are tolerated, it seems impossible that our ears will be violated by the ringing of church bells.—P.H.

A CONTRACTING TENOR

Dear Sir,—I have rung two peals at Christ Church, Cathedral, Oxford. On October 1st, 1892, I rang the fourth to a peal of Stedman Triples in 3 hours and 22 minutes, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. This peal was rung on the back eight and the tenor was given as 42 cwt. On September 22nd, 1900, I rang the 10th to a peal of 5,021 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 31 minutes, conducted by C. F. Winney. The tenor was then given as 31 cwt. Both these peals were splendidly rung and without the slightest trip. The tenor in the record peal is now 30 cwt. Which is correct? I congratulate the whole band in ringing a satisfactory record peal of Stedman Cinques, but I give the Southwark band credit for ringing the false peal without the slightest trip whatever. In the ringing of the two peals at the Cathedral not one of us noticed any difficulty in the hum of the tenors and ventilation or anything else to prevent us from ringing excellent peals.
JAMES GEORGE.

Birmingham.

WATFORD BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—I think many who tuned in at 9.30 on Sept. 22nd will wish to congratulate the Watford band, not only on striking on a higher plane than the usual run of broadcasting, but also on getting an uninterrupted hearing even if it was a bare two minutes. It would be interesting to know if our committee have succeeded at last, or if Watford were more successful in making a stand than was Nottingham earlier in the year.
T. GROOMBRIDGE.

Nottingham.

National Police Guild

ANNUAL MEETING: A GREAT REUNION.

The annual meeting of the National Police Guild was held in London on September 21st.

Lunch was taken at the Euston Tavern and 97 participated. Mr. H. Dalton, newly promoted Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, presided, and was supported by Mr. E. G. Fenn, of the College Youths. Among the many visitors was that old stalwart and keen supporter of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. The annual meeting is unique as being representative of all parts of the country, and many attended from points far removed from the Metropolis.

Insp. H. Poole, Leicester, the president of the Guild, welcomed the visitors and guests and congratulated Mr. Holton on his new promotion. Mr. Dalton responded and welcomed the Guild to London and also expressed his pleasure and surprise that so many members of the police were so enthusiastic bellringers. Mr. Fenn also suitably replied.

The business meeting followed. Among apologies for inability to attend was one from the Chief Constable of Leicester, vice-president of the Guild, and ex-Supt. F. R. Williams, of Manchester, whose absence was due to indisposition and to whom wishes for a speedy recovery were voiced. Fourteen new ringing members were admitted and two life members—Sir Charles Chillum, of Obeverell Magna, Devizes, and the Chief Constable of Birmingham. Insp. Poole addressed the meeting and congratulated those who had been promoted and those who had completed their period of service and had retired. He spoke of the good fellowship created in the Guild. There are now 113 ringing members and four life members, and a useful balance of £11 3s. was in hand.

Insp. Poole was unanimously re-elected president and ex-Sgt. H. G. Jenney secretary. Ringing took place at five towers, including St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. It ranged from Grand sire to Cambridge Royal and Bristol and was like the curate's egg. The breaking of a rope early on at St. Martin's put an end to any twelve-bell effort. Ex-Sgt. Lawrence, of Hatfield, and Supt. Hilton, of Dorking, kindly offered to obtain and present to the Guild an insignia of office for the president.

A very enjoyable day concluded with a social evening at the Euston Tavern, when expressions of thanks were given to P.O. Prior and others of the Metropolitan Police who had worked hard to ensure the success of the visit to London, to the ringers who had joined in, and the incumbents and towerkeepers at the churches visited. Crowded befrieries were the order of the day.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

Forty representatives attended the first meeting of this society at the Y.P.I., George Street, Hull, on September 7th, when the proceedings were carried on with great enthusiasm under the genial chairmanship of the president (Mr. G. F. Williams).

After the business meeting the company were entertained to a knife and fork tea on the invitation of the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, who with their hon. secretary, Miss Irene M. Lidgley, carried out all arrangements.

In the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Canon Boreham received the society and his encouraging message will long be remembered. Ringing followed, touches being rung of Grand sire, Caters, Triples and Doubles and Bob Major. Everybody present rang.

RING OF TEN AT WATFORD

On September 17th, the augmented ring of ten at Watford Parish Church was rung for the first time. The trebles were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and are a worthy addition to the fine eight, tenor 24 cwt., recast at Croydon in 1919.

In the presence of a large assembly of ringers and friends, the Vicar (Canon A. St. John Thorpe) stated that the formal dedication by the Bishop of St. Albans would take place on October 27th. After prayers by the Vicar, the ten bells were rung to the great delight of all present, an ambition of long standing at last being realised.

An enjoyable practice followed, the methods rung being Grand sire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal. As the B.B.C. were re-laying a service from the church the following Sunday (September 22nd), the Watford ringers can claim a unique distinction in that their first effort at service ringing on the ten was broadcast. Particulars of the new bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Given by Mr. F. M. Pearce, of Watford, as a memorial to his late wife, suitably inscribed. Weight, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Second.—Incorporated in the church war memorial, the greater part of the cost already defrayed by subscriptions from townspeople, churchwardens and ringers. Weight 5 cwt. 7 lb.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

An extra meeting was held on September 7th at Barnham Broom. A number came from several places to this tower, which is seldom visited by the association. Usual and unusual methods were rung on this pleasant minor five. After a nice tea at the Rectory, a short business meeting was held, at which the following were elected members, subject to confirmation at the next quarterly meeting: Mr. Arthur Buck (Barnham Broom), Mr. Arthur Allen (Runhall), and Mr. Bertie Hammond (Honingham).

BY CAR AND COACH

A DAY IN BRISTOL.

Burford ringers had a day's ringing at Bristol on September 14th. The journey was made by coach and a halt was made at Tetbury, where the fine ring of eight were set going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Bristol was reached at noon, and the first tower was St. Stephen's, where Grandsire Caters was the popular method. The party then adjourned to the Crown and Dove for an excellent lunch, at which they were honoured by the presence of the Rev. Mr. Patterson, Vicar of St. Thomas', who takes a keen interest in bellringing.

After lunch at All Saints', some difficulty was experienced by the 'stouter' members in ascending the tiny iron stairway. The fine ring of eight was good compensation together with the welcome by Mr. Wood, secretary of the Bristol Association.

St. Thomas' was the next tower on the programme, and though (as the Vicar had warned us at lunch) they were 'men's bells,' most of the ringers tackled them and several touches were brought round.

The last tower was St. Mary Redcliffe, to which every member of the party had been looking forward, and ringing on the very fine peal of 12 was a great joy to all. A short break was made at Chipping Sodbury on the homeward journey, where those who were not too tired ascended the tower for half an hour's ringing on the heavy six. B.S.N.

BIRMINGHAM'S OUTING.

On September 14th a group of Birmingham ringers and friends had a most enjoyable trip. Leaving the city by motor-coach and skirting the edge of the Black Country, we passed picturesque Bridgnorth, high up on its ridge overlooking the beautiful valley of the Severn, arriving at the old and historic church of Much Wenlock about 2.30. Here the local ringers had all in readiness, and the beautiful and well-going peal of eight, several of which were by Rudalls, were soon going to London.

Then back to Bridgnorth, where we were met by our good friend Mr. Thomas, who had kindly made all arrangements for ringing at St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, and for tea. Both churches stand high up on the ridge of the old town. The former, the old parish church, with its massive tower, is built, unfortunately, of a soft red sandstone which doesn't wear well. Both the going and the tone of the sixth were not too good, but the ringing chamber is fine and spacious and beautifully kept, and some good touches in various methods were brought round. Then came an adjournment to the King's Head for a much appreciated tea, concluding with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas before going on to St. Mary's. Here is a very good light eight which should be ideal for peals, and we had another good time with a really well-struck touch of Stedman as a finale. H.

O'ER 'THE GREEN HILLS OF SOMERSET.'

Trowbridge Parish Church ringers decided to have an afternoon's outing by motor-coach in Somerset on September 14th. At Frome they were met by Mr. W. Flower. To reach the ringing chamber we had to go through the body of the church, and this magnificent old building, which dates back to the 11th century, filled us with amazement. The bells (tenor about 30 cwt.), a fine peal of eight, were soon in motion and an hour's ringing was much enjoyed.

Our next objective was Ditchat. Nature itself gave us her best on the journey, and on the crest of one of the many hills the sun burst through the heavy clouds for a brief spell and those 'green hills of Somerset' were turned to gold. On reaching Ditchat Mr. H. Lintern was there to welcome us and took us to the Green Tree Hotel for tea. We then made our way to the tower and had another hour's ringing on one of the finest peals of eight (tenor 24 cwt.) we have ever rung on.

Our last tower was Evercreech and there we saw a specimen of one of Somerset's magnificent towers. Another hour's ringing on the bells, a peal of eight (tenor about 1 ton) brought our ringing to a close. The ringing throughout had been of a very high standard and the various methods rung were conducted by Messrs. Harding, Hector, Baxter, Parker and Miss Clevelands. E.P.

ST. LEONARD'S, EYNSHAM.

On September 21st, a party of ringers from Eynsham, with fellow ringers from some neighbouring villages, and friends, visited Old Windsor, Windsor, Slough and Maidenhead. They were met at Slough by Mr. Birmingham, who had very kindly made arrangements beforehand for ringing at the four above-named towers, tea being had at Slough. All ringers taking part in this outing (Eynsham's first) had a thoroughly enjoyable day. C.G.C.

SLIMBRIDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A series of interesting towers were selected by the Slimbridge Church ringers for their outing. By 9 a.m. the party had reached Nailsworth, a church which is a perfect gem of beauty, and the bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Minor. Ringing also took place at Tetbury (where the party was met by Mr. Broom), Malmesbury Abbey (a real treat), Chippenham St. Paul's, Devizes, Swindon, Highworth and Lechlade. The arrangements were made by the captain, Mr. H. J. Hobbs, and there was handbell ringing between the various stops. H.J.H.

OBITUARY

MR. H. FISHER, CHORLEY.

With the passing of Mr. H. Fisher, of Chorley, on September 25th, the Parish Church belfry has lost a most conscientious and regular service ringer, who until his health failed rarely missed ringing for service. He had been a member of the Lancashire Association since 1921, but never attempted a peal, although he had rung several quarter-peals. The funeral was at Chorley Cemetery on Sept. 28th.

On Sunday the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled. At morning service, 560 Grandsire Triples: K. Blackledge 1, T. Barker 2, F. Rigby (conductor) 3, T. Lofthouse 4, A. Rigby 5, H. Southworth 6, J. H. Gartside 7, H. Marsden tenor. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: K. Blackledge 1, F. Rigby (conductor) 2, T. Lofthouse 3, A. Rigby 4, H. Southworth 5, J. H. Gartside 6, H. Marsden 7.

THE MIDDLESEX AT TWICKENHAM

When the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association met at Twickenham on September 21st it was decided to send the congratulations of the association to Mr. A. Harding on completing 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Mary's, Faling. The president (Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane) presided, and the confirmation of the election of two new members—Mr. W. Simmonds, of Hershaw (life) and Miss Sheila Harris, of Isleworth (ringing)—was agreed to. The next meeting was fixed for St. Stephen's, Faling, on October 19th, with an evening meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 28th.

Ringling was under the supervision of Mr. F. G. Baldwin (Ringing Master), methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, with plenty of rounds for learners. The president conducted the service. He was thanked by the secretary, as were Mr. and Mrs. Lovell for providing tea.

Towers represented were Cheltenham, Chiswick, Faling (St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Ewell, Gospel Oak, Hillingdon (St. John's), Holloway, Kensington, Lowestoft, Reading, Richmond, Twickenham and Widford.

THE LADIES' GUILD

EASTERN DISTRICT AT STOWMARKET.

The Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild met at Stowmarket on September 14th, when 15 members, including the general secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher), Mrs. Cotterell, of Bradford, and Mrs. Massey, of Epsom, were present.

Ringling ranged from rounds and call changes to London Surprise, and included two good courses of Bob Major by a band of ladies, the 24 cwt. tenor being rung by Miss H. G. Snowden.

Tea was served in the Church Hall to a party of over 40, and afterwards votes of thanks were given to the Vicar, the Rev. Hinde, to Mr. O. G. Barnard, who had been so helpful in arranging the meeting, and to the ladies who served tea.

At the business meeting it was reported that the district was showing signs of reviving. Five new members were elected, viz., Mrs. Belts and the Misses Jenvey, Orford, Good and Freer. These brought the total of paid-up members to 27. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Sudbury on November 30th, and the following one at Beccles.

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OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — Autumn meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak Parish Church, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 4.45. Short service at 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Epsom St. Martin's (10), on Oct. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Capitol Cafe.—A. H. Smith.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Great Barton (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Own arrangements for tea.—A. Gillings, Hon. Dis. Sec., Horringer.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Southern District.—Barnsley and Doncaster Societies' joint meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea, 5 p.m., in Hagenback's Cafe.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Slaugham, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Tea 4 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—Mossley, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Thame, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Badger, Lloyds Bank, Thame, Oxon.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business in Reading Room.

NORWICH ASSN.—West Norfolk Branch.—Carbrooke, Saturday, Oct. 5th. No business. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. C. Johnson, Carbrooke.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough (6), Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards, St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

WISBECH ST. PETER'S.—Commencing Saturday, October 5th (and until further notice in these columns), a ten-bell practice will be held on the first Saturday in each month from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Harry Means, Melbourne, 56, Queen's Road, Wisbech, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Hindley (8), Sat., Oct. 5th, 2.30. Tea at local cafe. Look up Double Norwich and Cambridge. Help the learner.—N. Heaps, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Swanage, Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2.30. Tea at the Oriental Cafe, 5.—A. Philips, Hon. Branch Sec.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—The new ring of 8 bells (Messrs. Taylor & Co.) will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Welcome to all from all parts. Week-end accommodation: Hendra's Hotel, Karenza Hotel. All G.W.R. main line trains serve Carbis Bay.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, The Parsonage, Carbis Bay.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Honiton Clyst, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Oct. 7th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. Phone Budleigh 719.

KENT ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells: St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's 4.30. Tea and meeting. Nominations for officers and names for tea must reach me not later than first post Oct. 10th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Tuesday, Oct. 8th, for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Wroxton and Hanwell (5), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30. Service at Wroxton 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Banbury (10) later. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Yorktown (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea is being arranged. Notify for tea by Oct. 8th.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSN.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Oldswinford, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea. Business. Bring own eats.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Syston District.—Billesdon, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea uncertain.—H. Humphreys, Barkby Lane, Syston.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Chesterfield Branch.—Barlborough (6), October 12th. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIO. GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Oct. 12th, Husbands Bosworth, 3 to 5 p.m., Theddingworth, 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at Husbands Bosworth, 5 p.m., 2s. each, by Oct. 8th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Gt. Glenn, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Shenley (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson.

LADIES GUILD.—South Eastern Area (Kent and Sussex).—Meeting Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Nicholas', Brighton. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names by 9th to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill. Tel. Burgess Hill 3293.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Ringing at Cathedral, 3-4; Frindsbury, 2-3.30. Cathedral service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 3, High Street, Rochester. Ringing at Cathedral, Frindsbury and Chatham, after meeting. Names for tea must reach me by Oct. 9th latest.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Western District.—Meeting, Newburn, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea available.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea arrangements next week.—W. C. Hughes, 10, King's Avenue, Hemel Hempstead.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurston 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4.30. Cups of tea and meeting 5.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIO. GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Glasbury-on-Wye (8), Saturday, October 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 8th to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mrs. Haigh, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton, not later than Oct. 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting, Leyland St. James', Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting, West Huntspill, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. and SALISBURY GUILD.—Wootton Bassett (8), October 12th. Names for tea to L. A. Wilson, 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts.—W. B. Kynaston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 12th, St. Sepulchre's, Northampton. Names for tea to Mr. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, not later than Oct. 8th.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Hessle, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at New Cafe to all who notify by Oct. 9th, Mr. Pool, 6, Oaklands Drive, Swanland Road, Hessle.

ELY DIO. ASSN.—Hunts District.—Joint meeting with Biggleswade District, Beds, Gamlingay, Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker and C. Bell, Dis. Secs.,

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Holy Trinity, Blackburn, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—C. W. Blakey, Branch Sec., 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

OXFORD DIO. GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—Islip (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea please notify F. Sharpe, Branch Sec., Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Staverton (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. All requiring tea must notify early.—H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford.

CHESTER DIO. GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Runcorn, Sat., Oct. 12th. Advise Mr. R. Hulse, 97, Percival Lane, Runcorn, if requiring tea, not later than 9th inst.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSN.—Southern District.—Buckland, Oct. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; please bring own food.—Alfred Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cuckfield (8), Oct. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath.—C. A. Bassett.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined pactice, Cookham (8), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 5 p.m. Four tea shops near church.—T. T. Fowler, Branch Ringing Master.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 12th, at All Saints', Weston, owing to Twerton arrangements being cancelled at short notice. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath.

ESSEX ASSN.—N.E. Division.—Great Bromley (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Spread Eagle, 4.45 p.m. Bring own food and tea. Bus leaves Bromley at 6.30 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. for Colchester.—L. Wright, Hon. Dis. Sec., Park Farm Cottages, Shimpling, Bury St. Edmunds.

SCOTTISH ASSN.—Half-yearly meeting at St. John's, Alloa, Sat., Oct. 12th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

LINCOLN DIO. GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Branston (6), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30. Service 4.15, business meeting following, Names for tea by Oct. 9th to K. W. Mayer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice at Kendal Parish Church (10), Saturday, Oct. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, Westmorland, not later than Oct. 9th.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Branch.—Crowcombe, Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting, the Church Room, 5.—Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIO. GUILD.—South and West District.—St. Stephen's, Ealing, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Hope to arrange for cups of tea. M.C.A. reports ready. Evening meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon (10), Monday, Oct. 28th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 1, Listoke Edgehill Road, W.13 (Perivale 5320).

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Boreham, Saturday, Oct. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

SOUTHWELL GUILD and NORTH NOTTS ASSN.—Joint meeting, Newark, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; numerous cafes nearby. Meeting 5.45 to discuss formation of Newark District.—T. Groombridge, jun., and H. Denman, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIO. ASSN.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough (6), Saturday, Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Cups of tea, Greyhound, and meeting; bring food.—W. H. Marsh, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Haslemere, Saturday, Oct. 19th. Service 4.15. Tea only for those who send names by Oct. 14th, to A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford.

KENT ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Particulars next meeting.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** and **ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting, All Saints', High Wycombe, Saturday, Oct. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Oct. 19th, or make own arrangements.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will anyone who is coming up next term and who can ring or wishes to learn, please get in touch with me as soon as possible?—R. F. B. Speed, Caius College, Cambridge.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—It is proposed to put a memorial in the above church in memory of Petty Officer H. T. Chandler, Royal Navy, who lost his life while serving his country. All donations to Mr. T. Jones, 64, Headbrook, Kington, Herefordshire.

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