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THE ANALYSIS

Five columns in this issue are occupied by printing the analysis of peals rung on tower bells during 1946. The space is not wasted. Tabulated in this fashion, it is possible for the practised eye to discern the trend of change ringing. The year 1946, with 1,795 peals, of which 1,555 were on tower bells, was a good ringing year and compared favourably with pre-war peal ringing. It marked a great advance on 1945, when the aggregate of peals was 1,304, with 1,126 on tower bells. The year was not only a good year as regards the number of peals but also as to the quality. There was an adventurous spirit afoot; a desire for variety in more difficult methods which was an encouraging sign.

More peals were also rung on higher numbers of bells. While in 1945 only nine peals of Maximus were scored, the number reached 15. Particularly praiseworthy was the work of the Leicester Guild with six peals of Surprise Maximus. In regard to Cinques, St. Martin's Guild stand pre-eminent with 12 peals of Stedman out of a total of 39. Cinques rung in 1945 were only 24 peals against 42. Peals of Royal showed a marked increase from 37 to 68. These peals were divided among 32 Associations, compared with 17 in 1945. Caters, however, still hold an unchallenged popularity in 10-bell towers with 86 peals. In this class of ringing the Worcestershire and Districts with seven peals head the list.

The most impressive thing about Major ringing was the big increase in Surprise peals. Of 676 peals, more than 40 per cent., or 282, were in Surprise methods. The previous year the total was 156 out of 464. Surprise peals were in 19 different methods, as against 14. Conspicuous is the list of the Kent County Association, with 14 peals of Cambridge and peals in 13 other Surprise methods. Double Norwich, with 115 peals, an increase of 21, was rung by 33 different Associations, compared with 21 in 1945. This method was most popular in Lancashire, with 16 peals. A similar honour is also held by Lancashire with regard to Treble Bob methods; in fact, peal ringing advanced considerably during the year in this Association. Peals of Plain Bob were almost stationary, numbering 137. With the desire for higher methods, Triples with 238 peals were only eleven more than in 1945, and it is in the Southern Counties that the desire for this class of ringing is most strong. Guildford head the list with 22 peals, followed by Oxford Diocesan

Guild 20 and Kent 17. Grandsire Triples show a decline from 146 to 127 peals.

Roughly, 22 per cent. of the peals recorded were Minor, the total being 339 against 177. These were spread among 41 different Associations, and there is no question that the number of first peals was as great as in any year. Six-bell ringing is very strong in the agricultural Guilds—Lincolnshire, Oxford, Chester and Salisbury, all being prominent. There were two peals in 25 methods from the Chester Diocesan Guild which have been dwarfed by the performance of 1947. While there was little change in the number of Doubles peals, 94 against 89, the enthusiasm of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild with 18 peals calls for special mention.

The Kent County Association have the distinction of being at the head of the table with 125 peals (14 in hand), their total having been swelled by some successful tours. Other leading Associations are Lancashire 103 (4 in hand), Leicester 97 (32), Oxford Diocesan 96 (3), Yorkshire 92 (1), Lincoln 90 (15), Chester 83 (7), Middlesex 76 (39), Essex 70 (28), Norwich 69 (3). Last year the pride of place was held by the Midland Counties with 93 peals. This Association has been divided into three, and Leicester with 97 peals, in gaining third place, have had a very busy year.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 8
*HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... 4	LEONARD TUFFREY 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.
* 200th peal. The conductor's 100th peal on twelve bells, 100th peal with Albert Walker and his 100th peal for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL... Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.. 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4	WILLIAM T. POWELL 9
*KENNETH W. KNOWLES. 5	JOHN LUCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters on a working bell. A farewell peal to Miss Kathleen Hartill in appreciation of her work connected with St. Giles' Church.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS... Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	†G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 8
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE. 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman Caters and first on ten tower bells. † First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
MISS EDNA F. BEDFORD 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Cambridge.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK J. SOUTER ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
MRS. P. A. CORBY... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.

*PATRICK CROSS ... Treble	BERTRAM C. HINES ... 5
HARRY TURNER 2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 6
PETER J. EVES 3	JOHN STICH 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS . Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal on eight bells. In memoriam the Rev. Viner George Ballance, Vicar of this parish, who died on July 26th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes, AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 2	JILL POOLE 6
COLIN HARRISON 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER... 7
*JOHN P. FIDLER 4	*PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by P. J. STANFORTH.
* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major and first of Major as conductor.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*MISS M. FLACKETT ... Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
ARTHUR PEAKE 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 6
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 7
*REGINALD ROWLEY ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. G. CARTLIDGE.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

NORMAN V. HARDING ... Treble	MISS PATRICIA HOLMES... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS 6
*MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (13) 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
†WALTER LEE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
* First peal in Kent Variation. † First peal of Treble Bob.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Mary on August 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Cassells 1, R. Lathbury 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, R. Saunders 4, W. D. Smith 5, T. G. Miller 6, E. V. Blake (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Christopher J. Green, chorister at the above church.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEO. E. W. GRIFFITHS... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY O. BAKER 5
JOHN W. BEST 2	JAMES WEBB 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
DENIS MADDOCK 4	PERCY SWINDLEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb.

PETER CHILDS <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD C. THRIFT 5
ALBERT BARTHOLOMEW 2	LEONARD DAY 6
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 7
DAVID POPE 4	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 115).
Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Haley's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE <i>Treble</i>	PHILIP WALKER 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER. 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 6
EDWIN G. MOORE 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER... .. 7
JAMES HIGGINS 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS.. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part peal. Tenor 9 cwt.

*VICTOR M. RUSSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. ROUSE 5
EDWARD B. SMITH 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 6
*LEONARD E. SHARPE ... 3	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY 4	RONALD G. BUGG <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal on eight.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT <i>Treble</i>	THOS. W. HAMMOND 5
ROBERT GREY 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 6
JOHN LUNHAM 3	GEORGE SKELLAND 7
THOS. S. HORRIDGE 4	WM. H. DEACON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.
For the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Horrridge.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

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

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
A birthday peal for W. A. Oldfield.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALICK CUTLER <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT W. COLES 5
ALFRED J. HOUSE 2	MAURICE HODGSON 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	LEONARD H. BOWLER 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and example of J. Armiger Trollope, for some years Editor of 'The Ringing World.' 'Requiescat in Pace.'

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 58 lb. in D minor.

MICHAEL J. FOSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL J. BURNS 5
GEORGE A. SPARKS 2	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 4	GEORGE SAYEK <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Hugh McMullan, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft 1929-40 and president of the Association 1937-40. Also in memory of J. Armiger Trollope, who rang his first peal on tower bells at this tower on June 8th, 1893.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, LONDON, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*GEORGE LEDSHAM <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
*MARGARET L. TUTT 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
FREDERICK A. FINCH 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
A thanksgiving for the life and work of J. Armiger Trollope, who died on August 8th, 1947, aged 71.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. IYDDIARD 5
BETTY SPICE 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6
*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN 7
*GILBERT E. PLATER 4	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal in the method. To the memory of J. Armiger Trollope.



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SIX BELL PEALS

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

CLIFFORD IZZARD	Treble	*C. HENRY HARDING ...	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 50th peal together.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARWENNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

GEORGE VINNICOMBE ...	Treble	ALAN J. HICKS	4
*LEONARD C. DUKE	2	*ROBERT J. HICKS	5
CHARLES E. TAYLOR	3	*ALFRED E. HAM	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells and by the regular Sunday service band. In honour of the patronal festival.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JOSIAH MORRIS	Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ...	4
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ...	2	A. NORMAN GEARY	5
RONALD RUSSELL	3	ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

For the institution and induction of the Rev. A. W. McCandless, A.K.C., as Vicar of Billesdon.

MAULDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP	Treble	CYRIL A. PRINDIVILLE ...	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	C. HENRY HARDING	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

First peal as conductor.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*MISS ROSSA LAMB (15) ...	Treble	RONALD LUNN	4
*JOHN LINSAY	2	FRANK LAMB	5
ROLAND HIRST	3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

* First peal.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5003 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DENNIS RANDALL	Treble	DAPHNE J. WEBB	4
JAMES F. HALCHLEY	2	RONALD G. BECK	5
FRANK J. HAZZARD	3	*HUBERT GODFREY ...	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN W. SMITH	Treble	JOSEPH PRENTICE	4
DAVID E. SMITH	2	JOHN N. LINDON	5
WILLIAM H. HAYES	3	*HUDSON BERRILL	Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 16, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
*JACK HUNT Treble | FRANK A. PENN 4
MRS. F. A. PENN 2 | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 5
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ... 3 | LEONARD CAVE Tenor
Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.
* First peal.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Tues., Aug. 19, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.
*CHARLES BROWN Treble | †FREDERICK W. STOKES.. 4
+MISS BETTY BROWN 2 | KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5
*JOHN E. COOK 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor
Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
‡ First peal of London Surprise Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING ROOM,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.
GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2 | ALBERT WALKER 5-6
*DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... .. 7-8
GEORGE E. FEARN 9-10
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor size 17 in A.
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 1-2 | CHARLES MARSHALL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... .. 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Witnesses: PETER J. H. SMALL and J. MORRIS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., Aug. 10, 1947, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 39, WENTWORTH PARK AVENUE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY... .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
+MISS EVELYN FLETCHER.. 5-6
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
IN THE BELFREY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | JOHN THOMAS 7-8
MISS MARGARET ROWLAND 9-10
Composed by W. KENT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Thomas. Rung with alternate six courses in the Titlums and Handstroke home positions.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 108, SHIPHOKE ROAD, RUDHEATH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
DAVID VINCENT 1-2 | JOHN WORTH 5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3-4 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7-8
Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—At St. Nicholas' Church on August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Toms 1, W. Trevett (first quarter inside) 2, R. Trevett 3, J. Hayne 4, H. Ford (conductor) 5, A. Ellery (first quarter) 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. G. Beale (an old ringer) and Mrs. Beale.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On August 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. W. White 1, A. Roberts 2, J. W. Taylor 3, C. Aylett 4, T. Hastings 5, G. Gardner 6, C. H. Webb (conductor) 7, A. Barley (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the octave.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On August 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Jurd 1, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 2, L. P. Cook 3, Miss M. D. Pilcher 4, S. E. Cook 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, F. W. Burnett 8.

BAMPTON, OXON.—On August 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, C. J. Gardner 2, E. J. Berry 3, A. G. Wells 4, H. W. Bishop 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, J. Durham 8.

BRISTOL.—On August 14th, in the belfry of SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on handbells, 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss A. Brown 1-2, E. J. Brown (conductor) 3-4, T. Harris 5-6, R. Bryant 7-8, R. C. Seager 9-10.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.—On August 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Pawley 1, J. R. Flint 2, J. A. Flint 3, G. R. Ball 4, W. R. Drury (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. E. Carr 6. Rung for the feast of St. Mary.

EDENHAM, LINCS.—On August 16th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1,280 Double Norwich: C. Scott 1, A. Mackers 2, H. M. Day 3, C. Wade 4, A. Holmes 5, W. Holmes 6, J. Cragg 7, G. W. Creasey (conductor) 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On August 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor (720, 300, 240): F. Cooner 1, R. Elliot 2, L. Paice 3, W. Jones 4, P. Mason 5, W. J. Parker (conductor) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's on August 17th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: S. Ansell (first quarter) 1, L. Lewis 2, A. Smith 3, H. Weaver 4, P. Blackman (conductor) 5, I. Harris 6. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, the Rev. Roy McKay, and his family from Switzerland.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On August 10th, 1,260 Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, W. Gorringe 3, M. Cloke 4, A. Kemp 5, L. Jarvis 6, L. Pope 7, S. G. Waters (conductor) 8. Also 1,260 Bob Major: N. Rummery 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, Mrs. C. Hannington (first quarter Major) 3, M. Cloke 4, A. Kemp 5, L. Jarvis 6, L. Pope 7, S. G. Waters (conductor) 8. In honour of the church's patron, St. Lawrence.

HINDON, WILTS.—On August 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Phillips 1, A. Woods 2, C. Fry 3, G. Webb 4, J. H. Webb (conductor) 5, Jim Snook 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On August 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Wilkins 1, A. Heywood 2, D. Cox 3, W. Lee 4, A. G. Jones 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. F. G. Biggs.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On August 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. G. Jones 1, A. Heywood 2, A. Newton 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. Cox 5, P. Newton 6, W. Lee 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Double Norwich to be rung by the regular Sunday service band.

IRCHESTER, NORTHANTS.—On August 21st, at the Church of St. Katharine 1260 Stedman Triples: B. Austin 1, Miss E. Walklate 2, G. F. Watson 3, P. J. Chapman 4, C. W. Bird 5, E. E. Whitmore 6, B. P. Morris (first as conductor) 7, H. Pettitt 8. First quarter-peal in method by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORD.—At Roystone on August 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles and 540 Bob Doubles: E. Freeman 1-2, M. Stephens (conductor) 3-4, C. Izzard 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by all the band.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On August 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Andrews 2, S. Smith 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Dent 6, M. T. Symonds 7, L. Pryke 8.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.—On August 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Webb 1, A. E. Barlow 2, R. J. Jackson 3, C. Underwood 4, E. C. Turner 5, F. K. Measures 6, E. W. Tipler (conductor) 7, A. J. Timson 8.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At the Church of All Saints, Boyn Hill, on August 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Holmes 1, Mary Elkins 2, G. Martin (conductor) 3, T. Goodchild 4, J. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, E. Eldridge 7, C. K. Lewis 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On August 5th, at St. Giles', 1,260 Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire, 240 April Day, 60 Stedman: E. Nobles 1, J. Dunkley 2, G. Parker 3, F. Benfield 4, W. R. Hammons (conductor) 5. First quarter of Doubles in four methods by all.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, August 17th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. H. Lawrence 1, Miss M. D. Pilcher 2, E. A. Jurd 3, J. H. Hunt 4, S. E. Cook 5, H. A. Nobles 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

ROSS-ON-WYE.—On August 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Hart 1, R. Poston 2, A. Hazelden (first inside) 3, P. Bird 4, C. W. Munday 5, W. Poston 6, W. T. Poston (conductor) 7, J. J. Webb 8.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.—At the Abbey on August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Grundy 1, T. H. Foster 2, H. S. Morley (conductor) 3, E. Storr 4, A. Cryer 5, W. A. Hudson 6, F. Terry 7, R. Moate 8. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Many will doubtless endeavour to cap Mr. Eric Nobles' oddity of ringing from a chair. From Somerset comes the story of the treble rope being so long that the sally nearly reached the floor. A youthful performer was equal to the occasion and rang it while kneeling on a hassock. He was able to control the bell perfectly in this posture, but nearly hanged himself with the superfluous rope when standing up.

A frequent saying of Mr. William Robinson, sexton and verger of Ambleside, Westmorland, who had dug 600 graves in his time, was, 'Nobody will ever sweat to dig a grave for me.' They did not. He was cremated at Blackpool. A memoir of this well-known Lancashire ringer appears in this issue.

Birmingham ringers were surprised recently to find in 'The Birmingham Mail' a photograph taken in the belfry of St. Martin's of Mr. Albert Walker, with Mr. George Swann and Mr. Frank Smallwood. The occasion merited a picture, for it was Mr. Smallwood's 100th peal on 12 bells, his 100th peal with Mr. Walker and his 100th peal for the Guild.

Seven members were ringing their first quarter of Grandsire at St. Nicholas' Church, Ash, near Canterbury, on August 17th, when the bells were half-muffled for the unveiling of the memorial to the fallen, 1939-45. The exception was W. Bottrill. The band was Miss E. J. Holman 1, A. C. Gambrill 2, Miss D. M. Jenner 3, J. D. Ogilvy 4, W. Bottrill 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells (conductor) 7, A. Kemp 8.

Enjoying her honeymoon this week near Sandown, Isle of Wight, is Miss Mary H. Cole, daughter of Canon and Mrs. Cole, of Oatlands Vicarage, Weybridge. Miss Cole was married to Mr. L. F. Hoppood last Saturday. She is to make her new home at Isleworth, Middlesex. The best wishes of her many ringing friends are extended to her in her new life.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Four peals were rung to the memory of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, Mr. C. W. Roberts, the Master of the Middlesex Association, conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Willesden, and the secretary of the Association that at Acton, which was a composition of Mr. Trollope's. The third peal was at Norwich and the fourth at Bromley, Kent.

It was at St. Peter Mancroft that Mr. Trollope rang his first peal on tower bells on June 8th, 1893, he having been elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association the previous year. Mr. Nolan Golden called this peal of Bob Major, 5,248 changes, the composition containing the extent of the combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 7648's and 7468's at course-ends. An attempt for a peal of Caters two days previously was lost after an hour's ringing owing to the tenor rope breaking.

Stationed at Gaza, Southern Palestine, 19059349 L.-Cpl. Turner R., 201 Provost Company, R.M.P., British Forces in Palestine, is anxious to hear of any other Service ringers stationed in this area. He receives 'The Ringing World' weekly and would be pleased to pass on his copy.

Misfortune befel Mr. Tony Appleton, of Godalming, during a ringing tour in Hants, Dorset, Somerset and Wilts. Cycling down a hill near Melksham, he collided with a motor-car. His colleagues left him at Melksham Hospital, suffering from concussion. He has since recovered sufficiently to return home.

Mr. A. J. Pitman will be interested in the peal of Spliced Bristol, Cambridge, London and Superlative rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on August 15th. It was the peal we published on April 11th, and the conductor (Mr. J. C. E. Simpson) informs us that all the optional leads were rung as in Cambridge. A meritorious performance by a talented company.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS HONOUR JOHN HARDHAM

It will be remembered that in 1946 members of the Ancient Society of College Youths kept green the memory of Benjamin Annable, who was Master 201 years ago. Annable was succeeded as Master by John Hardham, one of the members of his famous band. A happy suggestion by Mr. E. Alex. Young resulted in between 40 and 50 members of the Society visiting Chichester on August 9th to honour the memory of this famous Master of 200 years ago.

Perfect weather favoured the visitors, who were received by Mr. R. G. Blackman and the local Ringing Master, Mr. Falconer.

The bells at the Campanile were soon set going to well-struck touches in various methods up to London Surprise. Tea was served at the Tower Cafe and a distinguished company, including the Precentor of the Cathedral, the Mayor of Chichester, the president of the Central Council and the Master, secretary, treasurer and stewards of the Society, did ample justice to the good fare provided.

The company then adjourned to the Cathedral, where, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, the Rev. Brown-Wilkinson very graciously welcomed the visitors.

The Mayor of Chichester, on behalf of the civic authorities, also welcomed them and paid a high tribute to John Hardham and the Society, of which he was Master and such a prominent member. The Master, Mr. G. W. Cecil, expressed the thanks of the visitors and called upon Mr. E. Alex. Young to say a few words about the purpose of the visit.

Mr. Young spoke of the sterling character of John Hardham, who was a native of Chichester. He came to London and founded a business in Fleet Street (just a few yards away from St. Bride's Church), which prospered and attracted many famous people to his shop, including the great actor, David Garrick. There was no picture of him which could give an idea of his appearance, but he pictured Hardham as a man of slight build, as he was inclined to ring at the front end.

Hardham was a great friend of the poor and very often he provided deserving cases with an annuity out of his own pocket. After making several bequests, he left the residue of his fortune—about £22,500—for the relief of the poor rates at Chichester. That was a



The College Youths at Chichester at the entrance to the Campanile. The Master (Mr. G. W. Cecil) is standing next to the Mayor of Chichester, who is wearing his chain of office. Mr. E. Alex. Young is on the extreme left and Mr. E. H. Lewis next to him.

very considerable sum in those days and would be in present-day values roughly about £100,000. Hardham was a man of very simple tastes and directed that not more than £10 should be spent on his funeral. Mr. Young mentioned that he had recently visited Hardham's shop and had purchased a supply of his famous snuff taken from the '37' box. The Mayor of Chichester tried this and pronounced it to be excellent. Photographs having been taken, a company of College Youths ascended the tower and rang a service touch of Stedman Triples: E. G. Fenn treble, W. H. Pasmore 2, A. A. Hughes 3, J. Waugh 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, E. H. Lewis 6, R. F. Deal 7, A. B. Peck tenor.

At the business meeting which followed, six new members were unanimously elected to the Ancient Society, and hearty thanks were accorded to Mr. Blackman for making such splendid arrangements for the comfort of the party.

Altogether a most enjoyable and successful gathering, and the visitors returned to London, Portsmouth and other places with happy memories of Chichester and John Hardham. J. F. S.

Copies of the photograph can be obtained if application is made at once to A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. Prices: 10 x 8, 4s.; 8½ x 6½, 3s.; 6½ x 4½, 2s.; postcards, 1s.

OBITUARY

DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE STALWART.

On August 11th, Lancashire lost one of its real backbone members by the death of Mr. William Robinson, of Ambleside.

In 1904 he was the pioneer in forming the Furness Branch of the Lancashire Association and its first secretary, a position he held for 15 years. He was a keen ringer and instructor.

His keen interest may be gauged from the following exploit—one of many. He followed a Rugby team, and when they visited South Lancashire he would be running about the field all the afternoon, have tea, then ring in a peal. The train service home was inconvenient, causing him several hours' waiting at Preston, and then it only took him to Oxenholme, whence he was faced with a '6 miles' walk home. This he did, and he was always in his place in the belfry at 10 a.m. He would attend meetings at Kendal and then walk the 14 miles to his home.

Mr. Robinson was the caretaker at Ambleside Church for 20 years, and his genial disposition to everybody, whether ringers or not, caused him to be well known. This was shown by the large attendance at the church on Wednesday prior to the cremation at Carlton, Blackpool.

Although the time of the service was inconvenient and such short notice, there were over 30 ringers present. These included representatives from the following branches, viz., N. Newby, Furness; John Woods, Lancaster;

William Taylor, Preston; Peter Crook, Bolton; and W. H. Trueman and his son, of Swindon, who were staying in the district.

He must have been well known to many ringers outside Lancashire, because Ambleside is a popular holiday resort and he always accompanied the members of the National Police Guild to their annual meetings.

He rang and conducted many peals, but his pet performance was a 720 Bob Minor, rung double handed and 'silent' in a train whilst returning from a monthly meeting with Alf Brighton and another.

A widow and son are left to mourn their loss. The son is a regular ringer at Manchester Town Hall.

At a meeting at Kendal on Saturday last the members stood in silence to show their respect. For the service and during the afternoon Ambleside bells were rung fully muffled.

MR. J. A. GODFREY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Arthur Godfrey, of Caythorpe, Grantham, and formerly of Gressenhall, Norfolk, on August 19th. He had been ailing since Whitsun, when he suffered an attack of bronchial pneumonia, from which he never fully recovered. He was 73.

Mr. Godfrey was for many years Ringing Master of North-West Norfolk, and he retained his characteristically keen interest in the activities of his numerous ringing friends right up to the time of his death.

AN OUTING IN WARWICKSHIRE

Ringers from Burford, Oxford, had their outing on August 9th. Departing at 8.50 a.m., the journey was made via Stow-on-the-Wold, and the descent of the steep hill into Broadway, in perfect summer weather, afforded a magnificent view of the landscape. The first tower of the day was Badsey, Worcs., where an hour's ringing on the pleasant toned eight was enjoyed by all.

Stratford-on-Avon was reached shortly before noon, and after more ringing in this spacious belfry the party adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where an excellent lunch was served.

The next tower to be visited was St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters were the popular methods on this fine ring of ten. The writer also had the privilege of playing on the magnificent organ at this church. The coach was again boarded, to reach Leamington Spa a few minutes later, where the bells were soon set going to the standard methods, and the ringing on this delightful eight was a pleasure to all.

Tea was found in this town, which afforded a rest and put everyone in form for the last tower of the day—Southam. Arriving here at 6.30 p.m., the party were met by the Vicar, who extended a welcome to all, and ringing took place in various methods, including Double Norwich, and Spliced Stedman and Erin Triples. B. S. N.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG ON TOWER BELLS DURING THE YEAR 1946

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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*London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge, †Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, ‡London and Cambridge.

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ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS (cont.)

LETTERS More Oddities

Dear Sir,—Mr. Eric Nobles' memory must be very short about his illustrated oddity of ringing from a chair, or he would remember ringing with myself and others at Oundle last Boxing Day, where the treble man has to look up at the person on the 2nd, who rings from a similar contraption (only with no chair back to it), and the fourth ringer has to look up at the person on the 3rd, who rings from the stone steps as you enter the belfry. Between the 2nd and 3rd is the clock case. The ropes fall in a more or less half-circle.

There is also an oddity at Saddington, Leicestershire, where the 2nd ringer of the five has to stand on a stone platform above the level of the others to ring. When I got the ban removed on the ringing of Kelmarsh bells on December 14th, 1944 (and Mr. Frank Tysoe will bear me out), to try them we had to borrow four ropes from Bromham. One of these was very short, and the ringer had to stand on two hassocks mounted on top of a wooden form about 4ft. above the others. The bells had not been rung for 15 years owing to a dispute with the late Rector. Kelmarsh bells are now ringing once again. They are an interesting ring of six, all by Edward Arnold, 1774, tenor 9½ cwt. Shortly they are to be put on ball bearings, and contributions to the Rector, Canon Cattell, would be welcomed. About £230 is required.

Northampton. P. AMOS.

P.S.—The church is a gem well worth pausing to visit by tourists. From 1812 to 1945 it had only three Rectors—George Hanbury, 1812-1862; Richard Dalton, 1862-1902; James Clifford Wall, 1902-1945. I am trying to find out where the longest ministry was held. So far Marston Trussell, Northants, has it, in John Whyte, who was Rector 61 years, from 1561-1622. Do any of your readers know of a longer ministry?

CHAIR AT GRAVESEND

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Nobles likes to come to Gravesend on any wet Thursday, we have a leaky steeple which will enable him to ring the 2nd from a chair.

The 2nd at Swanscombe has a disconcerting habit of wrapping its rope round the clock, which it hurls across the chamber. The tenor of Orsett, Essex, has the oddity of lowering itself in the middle of a touch.—Faithfully yours, F. A. CLUETT.

164, Parrock Street, Milton-next-Gravesend.

ERIN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—The peal of Erin Triples published in last week's 'Ringing World' is simply the original peal produced by Mr. J. W. Parker, with the omitted single transferred from the second to the twelfth course of the part.

Variations of ten-part peals of Erin Triples on the twin bob plan are confined to alterations of the positions of these omitted singles and corresponding inserted courses, and the transference of some or all of the two-bob courses from 3-4 to 5-6.

The number of these variations is strictly limited, and, in fact, they have already been worked out theoretically. So I fear there is no hope of further compositions being produced on this plan. Even six and three-part peals have been pretty well worked out.—Yours faithfully, E. S. POWELL.

East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under Ham.

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Table with columns for Association, 25 Methods, 15 Methods, 14 Methods, 11 Methods, 10 Methods, 9 Methods, 8 Methods, 7 Methods, 6 Methods, 5 Methods, 4 Methods, 3 Methods, 2 Methods, 1 Method, TOTAL, Tower Bells, TOTAL, Handbells*, GRAND TOTAL.

*Includes Guild of Clerical Ringers 1, Scottish Association 1

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

NEW MASTER OF THE WIGAN BRANCH.

The Wigan Branch at their monthly meeting at Halsall on August 9th received the resignation of their Ringing Master, Mr. A. Parker. Mr. J. Booth was elected as his successor. Mr. G. Cudwell (churchwarden) presided, and thanks were expressed to the Vicar, who conducted a short service and gave an address to the ladies who waited at table and the local ringers.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. Rounds were rung for the very junior members, the youngest being nine years old. About 30 members were present.

ANOTHER BOUQUET, MORTON!

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the youngsters who rang the peal of Minor at Morton, Derbyshire, on August 1st, and wish them progress in the future. In the aftermath of war years we are sadly in need of new young blood in the Exercise, and the more enterprising young people we get such as these the better. In these days when amusement is 'laid on tap,' so to speak, it is gratifying to see at least one band of young men providing their own, and one which can be of service, and calling for real effort, team spirit and a fair amount of sacrifice.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Peterborough Training College.

Norwich Diocesan Association

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. J. LEE.

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at Norton Subcourse on August 9th, and was attended by 46 members. Ringing started early in the afternoon and was carried on till late in the evening, various minor methods being rung to suit all comers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Morris). Tea was held in the Church Hall and the business meeting followed.

The chairman, Mr. H. J. Eldred, invited Sir Edmund Bacon to take the chair. He was supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), Messrs. H. J. Eldred and J. Harwood (branch sec.). Also present were Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary, Central Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild) and Mr. H. Tooke (secretary, North Norfolk). John Ward, Percy Charles Punnett, Fred Charles Elke and Hilda Taylor were elected members of the Association. It was decided that Blofield be the venue for the next meeting, October 11th.

The President (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) referred to the distinguished services rendered by Mr. W. J. Lee, who recently retired from the chairmanship of the branch, and of his long service as an officer. On behalf of the members he presented him with a cheque and wished him many more years to enjoy his ringing. Mr. Lee appropriately thanked the president and members for their kindness.

Members attended from Beccles, Bergh Apton, Caistor-on-Sea, Fornsett, Gorleston, Haddiscoe, Loddon, Mulbarton, Kessingland, Norton, Norwich, Reedham, Saxlingham, Thurlton, Terrington St. John, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, Raveningham and Somerleyton.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT

BRIDLINGTON PRIORY VISITED.

A record attendance of about 80 accepted the cordial invitation of Canon J. W. Lamb to the Society to visit Bridlington Priory Church on August 9th. The bells are a musical ring of eight, with tenor 26 cwt., and their go is all that can be desired. The service took place at 275 Stedman Triples, conducted by the Ringing Master (Lieut. Clem Glenn, R.N.), was well performed.

Canon Lamb conducted the service and gave a most interesting address. Special buses had been chartered to convey the company to a cafe, where full justice was done to the tea.

At the business meeting the president (Mr. G. F. Williams) was chairman, supported by Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), Mr. Clem Glenn, Mr. A. H. Fox, Canon Lamb, the Rev. G. S. Storer and Mr. A. E. Sellers, secretary.

Elected as honorary life members were Mrs. A. E. Lamb, Mrs. Albert E. Sellers and Canon J. W. Lamb.

Burstock was selected for the October meeting, and Mr. D. A. Fewster promised to try and make the arrangements. Barton-on-Humber is the venue for the meeting on September 13th, when two splendid light rings of eight will be available and the Society will be joined by Lincolnshire friends.

Thanks to Canon Lamb and local ringers were voiced by Mr. A. H. Fox, president of the Eastern District. At the ringing which followed the first touch of Double Norwich by members of the Society was accomplished.

MARRIAGE OF LIVERSEDGE RINGERS

The wedding took place at Liversedge Parish Church on Friday, August 22nd, of Mr. Gilbert Jones and Miss Hilda Paver. Both are ringers at Liversedge Parish Church and are members of the Yorkshire Association and the local ringing associations of Yorkshire. Curate Mr. Child performed the ceremony.

The Liversedge ringers and friends from Batley, Birstall, Earlsheaton and Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, rang the bells before and after the service. The reception was held in the Parish Church Institute. The honeymoon is being spent in Devon.

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MARRIAGE

JONES—PAVER.—On Aug. 22nd, at Liversedge Parish Church, Yorks, Gilbert Jones, of Hightown, Liversedge, to Hilda Paver, of Cleckheaton. 1866

RETURN THANKS

Mr. William Hart, 17, Powis Square, Brighton, wishes to thank all who sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes at the passing of his brother, Keith. 1865

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YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Birstwith (8 bells), Sat., Aug. 30th.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 1787

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Western Division.—Meeting, Prittlewell (10), Sat., Aug. 30th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay (8) from 7.30 to 9.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath. 1840

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and **GUILDFORD GUILD** (Farnham District).—Combined meeting at Yateley on Sat., Aug. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5. Hawley and Sandhurst bells available after tea. 1831

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech District.—Newton-in-the-Isle (6), Sat., Aug. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food.—W. Buckenham, Marham. 1849

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting, Assington (6), Sat., Aug. 30th, 3 to 7.30. All Saints' (8), Sudbury, available 7.30 to 9. Own tea. Buses from Sudbury. Alight Boxford Corner.—A. Fitch. 1845

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Monday, Sept. 1st, 7.15, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, a practice meeting; everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 1869

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, DERBY.—Commencing Sept. 4th, ringing practice on Thursday instead of Wednesday, 7.30 to 9. Visiting ringers welcome. Standard methods.—George Freebrey, 76, St. Thomas Road, Derby. 1863

SURREY ASSN. (North-Western District) and **KENT COUNTY ASSN** (Lewisham District).—A joint meeting will be held at Beddington on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea 5.15. All will be welcome. Please notify Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, for tea, by Sept. 1st.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 1822

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting, West Stow (6), Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 1st to A. Gillings, Dis. Sec., Horringer. 1841

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Old Whittington, cup contest, Sept. 6th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring food.—H. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 1837

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Lambhurst (6) on Sept. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Break for tea 5, followed by business meeting. Please bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 1829

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Easton (6) on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Notify for tea H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1839

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Copdock (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 1835

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Sept. 6th. Bells 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 1847

LANCS. ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Christ Church, Aughton, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea in schools. Notify Mr. J. Lunham, 3, Primrose Cottages, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk. Make it a success. 1861

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Howden, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) from 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 2s. 6d. each for those who notify Mr. J. W. Thompson, 16, Northolmby Street, Howden, E. Yorks, by Wednesday, Sept. 3rd.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 1846

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting Balcombe, Sept. 6th, 3. Service and tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 1826

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Abbots Langley (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 3. Names for tea to C. Ridgeway, Marston, Abbots Langley, Herts. 1855

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Warfield (8), Sat., Sept. 6th, 6 to 9.—B. C. Castle. 1854

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting Old Alresford (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 2.30; also New Alresford (8). Service 4. Tea Village Hall 5. Names by Sept. 3rd to L. A. Tremear, The Dean, Alresford, Hants. 1854

NORTH WALES ASSN.—Meeting Rhyl, Sept. 6th. Service 3, followed by business meeting and tea Church House; Names by Sept. 2nd. Bells available: Rhyl (8) and Abergele (6).—W. Catherall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 1850

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Meeting Withington, Sept. 6th. Bells available 3. Cups of tea at 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1836

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Bidford-on-Avon, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Small charge for tea. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, by Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. 1858

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Sept. 6th, 2.30. Names for tea to Percy Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Gateshead, 8, by Sept. 4th.—Frank Ainsley, Sec. 1860

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting Balcombe, Sept. 6th, in conjunction with the Sussex Association (Northern Division) meeting.—Miss L. Skeet, 8, Cobbles Crescent, Crawley. 1827

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Peak Branch.—Tideswell (8), Sat., Sept. 6th, 3.15. Cups of tea only.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec., Darley Dale. 1875

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Kirkham on Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 1877

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Sept. 6th. Ringing at 3. Meeting in the tower at 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 1878

HEREFORD GUILD.—Combined practice will be held at Bromyard on Sat., Sept. 6th, at 5.30.—A. S. Tomkins. 1867

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Sat., Sept. 6th, 3.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 1872

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Netherbury (6), Sat., Sept. 6th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. 1882

ESSEX ASSN.—Reopening St. Barnabas', Great Tey, on Sat., Sept. 6th, 6. Free tea (4.30) for all ringers sending names not later than Sept. 3rd to Mr. J. W. Dyer, The Chase, Great Tey, Colchester.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 1881

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting St. Mark's, Glodwick, Sat., Sept. 6th. Bells 3. Cups of tea provided in school 5.15. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.—I. Kay, Sec. 1856

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Greasley, Notts, Sept. 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Ratcliffe, Post Office, Guiltbrook, by Sept. 3rd.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec. 1848

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Dunster Deanery.—Meeting Wiveliscombe, Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business to follow.—G. Stacey, Minehead. 1857

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. per head) to those who notify Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1868

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly, Llanbadarn Fawr (8), Sept. 13th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, Hon. Sec., 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 1853

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting Beccles, Suffolk, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, without fail by Sept. 10th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Sylvia R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1852

ESSEX ASSN.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting Harwich, Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Tea only for names received by Sept. 8th.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., Thorington, Colchester. 1859

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Sept. 13th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5. Will all requiring tea please send cards by Sept. 10th.—N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 1864

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Horsell (6), Sept. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify me by Tues., Sept. 9th.—F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 1873

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Otley, Sept. 13th. Tea, apply to Mr. G. Appleyard, 35, South View Terrace, Otley, not later than Sept. 6th. Bells (8) available 2. Tea 5. Business meeting 6.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 38, Littlemoor, Queensbury. 1880

ESSEX ASSN.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Sat., Sept. 13th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Sept. 10th, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 1876

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Barnsley on Sat., Sept. 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee meet 3.30 in vestry. Tea (3s. 6d. per head) served at 5 at Hagenbach's Cafe. Names to D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by September 16th. General meeting at Royal Hotel 6.—Leslie W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 1874

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