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THE MIDDLESEX

This week in the ringers' calendar the place of honour is occupied by the Middlesex Association, with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of its foundation. The most significant part of the title of this Association is the tailpiece added in 1903—'the London Diocesan Guild'—and this at times is apt to be overlooked. The Bishop of London, the Association's patron, spent Saturday afternoon with his ringers and gave to the proceedings the spiritual atmosphere of 'diocesan' rather than the territorial or secular side of a county Association.

Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, the Association's Secretary, during the festivities gave an historical sketch of the birth and growth of the Association during the past 50 years, recalling to mind the names of those who by their labours and enthusiasm had developed its work and added to its prestige. He was not speaking about unknown personalities, as no fewer than eight of the nine surviving foundation members were present. That nine out of 338 should still retain membership after 50 years is an added evidence of longevity associated with ringing. The Middlesex 'Die Hards' extend beyond the narrow confines of its famous regiment.

In his speech Mr. Turner regarded Mr. Wm. Pye as 'perhaps the most outstanding practical ringer of this century.' He was elected a member in 1899 and was Master from 1910 until his death in 1935. A prolific peal ringer, his enormous total included 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major at Hornchurch, 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, and first peals of London and Bristol Major on handbells. Altogether he rang 1,114 peals for the Guild, of which he conducted 859. As a memorial to him, the bells of St. John's, Leytonstone, were augmented from six to eight through the combined efforts of the Middlesex and Essex Associations.

There were other names mentioned by Mr. Turner with affection: Mr. C. T. Coles; Mr. A. T. King, who had the vision of the London Diocesan Guild; Mr. F. A. Milne, first hon. treasurer and one-time president; and his special friend, Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, of whom the Association's secretary wrote a special memoir in 'The Ringing World' recently. To the Middlesex Association we would quote from Proverbs, 'Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.' The present leaders of this Association have been sharpened by great men in different spheres of ringing, and by maintaining the best of these legacies an illustrious future is assured.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDK A. H. WILKINS <i>Treble</i> 2	*FREDK. A. COLEY ... 6
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 3	FREDK. J. SOUTER ... 8
FREDK. A. FINCH ... 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 9
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRED E. COLLINS.

* First peal of Royal.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

ALFRED BRIGHTON ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	*ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 8
*N. G. HOLLINGWORTH... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 5	SQUIRE CROFT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS KIRK ... 5
PATRICIA HOLMES ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 30, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST FLETCHER ... 5
ED. C. GOBEY ... 2	*DENNIS CARLISLE ... 6
WILLIAM SIMPSON ... 3	GERLING RIGBY ... 7
PHILIP L. PARROTT ... 4	ED. F. GOBEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ED. F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal for the Association. In memoriam Mr. Charles Hutchinson, an old member of the local band.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 21½ cwt.	
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	†ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 7
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 4	CHRIS. F. BLISSETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD F. WOOD ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*PETER DAVY ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
MRS. P. A. CORBY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*STANLEY GILBERT ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE W. FISHER ... 5
*PETER BORDER ... 2	FRANK W. LACK ... 6
JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	HERBERT FIELDS ... 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Major.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD EVANS ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY DANIELS ... 5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	GEORGE CASE ... 6
WILLIAM JONES ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 7
WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

A welcome to the Rev. J. R. Lawton.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PENN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*KENNETH CHILTON ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN F. THIRST ... 5
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 2	CYRIL TABERNER ... 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	HARRY GRIFFITHS ... 7
ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal of Major and first in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WALTER ALLMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells and for the Association.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE BEENEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
WILFRED BOOTH ... 2	RONALD W. PANKHURST 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	*BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First eight-bell peal.

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NORTH MIMMS, HERTS. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5096 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including Bertie A. Cornell, Leslie T. Hansell, Mrs. T. J. Lock, Frank Reed, William J. Arnold, Charles F. Sayer, Ernest C. S. Turner, and Denis A. Bayles.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER. * First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Major.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Stedman Triples peal, including Rev. C. D. P. Davies, George R. Newton, Arthur Pritchard, F. Hector Bennett, and Thomas W. Hesketh.

* First peal in the method.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the Kent Treble Bob Major peal, including Sydney Flint, Thomas S. Horridge, James Taylor, James Marsh, Thomas Hammond, William H. Deacon, Arthur Mawdsley, and Joseph Ridyard.

To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Golden.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Miss Lorna Briggs, Sydney Jessop, Leslie Squires, Arthur Mackears, John Cragg, Harold Harper, Frank Dewey, and Bernard Dalton.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and the wife of the conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes, AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; Middletons'. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Table listing names and parts for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including George Saunders, Donald Jennings, Philip Chalk, Claude Snowden, Ronald Suckling, Harry Millatt, Joseph Jennings, and Ernest Bright.

* First peal in method. In honour of the 952nd dedication festival, FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Bob Major peal, including Josiah D. Harris, Ernest A. Jurd, Aubrey D. Mills, Alexander Page, Harold A. Nobes, Stanley E. Cook, William A. Theobald, and John H. Hunt.

* First peal. In memoriam Frederick S. Bayley.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Superlative Surprise Major peal, including William Rogers, Mrs. P. A. Corby, Arthur S. Richards, Douglas Watson, Thomas E. Sone, William A. Kitchenside, Alfred W. Durham, and Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Superlative 'inside.' In memoriam J. A. Hart.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 8 Hours and 25 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 14144 CHANGES; Tenor 15½ cwt.

Table listing names and parts for the London Surprise Major peal, including George W. Creasey, Charles McGuiness, Kenneth W. Mayer, Kenneth S. B. Croft, John A. Freeman, John Walden, Jack L. Millhouse, and John Freeman.

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN, Umpire: Harry Withers.

This is the longest length yet rung in this method. The longest length by all the band and for the Guild.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Yorkshire Surprise Major peal, including Frank H. Hicks, Arthur S. Richards, Reginald E. Lambert, Douglas Watson, Thomas E. Sone, Robert T. Lambert, Alfred W. Durham, and Philip A. Corby.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 150). Conducted by P. A. CORBY. * 150th peal. † First peal in the method. 150th peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Stedman Triples peal, including George A. Newton, Leonard Trevor, C. Henry Webb, Walter P. Whitehead, John W. T. Taylor, John Thompson, William A. Stote, and Albert E. Barley.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Ashtead Surprise Major peal, including Douglas Watson, Mrs. P. A. Corby, Alfred W. Durham, Reginald E. Lambert, Frank H. Hicks, Thomas E. Sone, Robert T. Lambert, and Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method. † 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 6, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Cambridge Surprise Major peal, including Johnson's Variation of Middletons', Jack L. Millhouse, John Walden, Charles McGuiness, Raymond F. Smith, Sydney A. Chambers, Harold Marcon, Jack F. Hodson, and Jack Bray.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. N. Daniels, on his appointment to Gainsborough.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and parts for the Grandsire Triples peal, including Parker's Twelve-part, Ernest A. Mann, Frank E. Mitchell, Miss Joyce England, Wilkins Massey, George H. Humphries, Frank G. Oakshott, Frederick E. Collins, and Frederick J. Mann.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

BARWELL, LEICS.—At St. Mary's on September 21st, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: A.C.2 R. Coleman (first quarter on working bell) 1. A. Hough 2. H. Duncombe 3. W. P. Whitehead 4. A. A. Lucas 5. C. R. Belton (conductor) 6. G. P. Garner 7. R. Pickering 8. Also 1,280 Bob Major: T. C. Belton 1. A. Hough 2. A. A. Lucas 3. H. Duncombe 4. H. Knights 5. T. K. Deacon 6. G. P. Garner 7. C. R. Belton (conductor) 8. First quarter in method for 2 and 4.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 27, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.)
GEORGE DARBYSHIRE ... Treble | *DAVID STEEL ... 4
WILLIAM POTTS ... 2 | WILLIAM PERKINS ... 5
EDWARD STEELE ... 3 | JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... Tenor
* First peal of Minor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.
MISS NANCY M. EVANS ... Treble | A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 4
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2 | DAVID SMITH ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor
Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt
ARTHUR YOUNG ... Treble | *FRANK BUTLER ... 4
*WILLIAM MEASURES ... 2 | ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 5
P.S. FRED BISHOP ... 3 | JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal.

BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; five of Old, Norfolk and April Day; six of Plain Bob and nine of Grandsire; 41 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
*HARRY HALL ... Treble | +GEORGE SAYER ... 3
+FREDK. W. MIDDLETON 2 | +F. CHARLES GOODMAN... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal in eight Doubles methods. First peal in more than three methods on the bells.

LUDGERSHALL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
JACK MUSSELL ... Treble | *RONALD MARLOW ... 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 2 | FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
PETER ANGER ... 3 | LESLIE A. PAGE ... Tenor
Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

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

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.
*MYRTLE CASS ... Treble | ERNEST GARDNER ... 4
CHARLES W. DENYER ... 2 | ERIC T. LEE ... 5
+EDNA P. DENYER ... 3 | THOMAS E. DENYER ... Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*MISS JUNE DEAR ... Treble | JOHN CHURCH ... 4
MISS DAPHNE HARE ... 2 | GEOFFREY MAYES ... 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... 3 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor
Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of Union, St. Simon, April Day, Plain Bob, eight of Old, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.)
GEORGE F. SUGG ... Treble | RONALD G. BECK ... 3
VICTOR SAVAGE ... 2 | FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Tenor
Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal on the bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.
*CHARLES H. BLAKE ... Treble | LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS... 2 | †ROBERT G. FISHER ... 5
+CEDRIC F. W. PHILOPO 3 | HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor
Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor.

MARTIN, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*FREDERICK INGALL ... Treble | JACK H. HODSON ... 4
CYRIL W. H. SPEED ... 2 | HARRY CARTER ... 5
AMOS INGALL ... 3 | MOSES BILLINGS ... Tenor
Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three of Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.
MRS. F. BEER ... Treble | JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... 4
HARRY PURCHASE ... 2 | GEORGE SPARKES ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3 | EDGAR QUICKE ... Tenor
Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

A farewell to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 3, 1947, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4
*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON... 5-6
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on handbells.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 5, 1947, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT 16, COLESHILL ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2 | WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 7-8
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
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On Sat., Oct. 4, 1947, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2 | *ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal in the method 'in hand' for the Guild.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS. — On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Davis 1, C. Smith 2, L. Green 3, C. Perry 4, R. W. Rex (conductor) 5, R. Long 6.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Gardner (first quarter) 1, S. H. Wood (first in method) 2, E. R. Rapley 3, L. Jupp (first in method) 4, R. V. Johnson 5, E. T. Exeter 6, E. H. Knapp 7, A. E. Laker (conductor) 8.

BANSTEAD.—On Sept. 28th, 1,312 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise: H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 1, Margaret Pitstow (first quarter of Spliced inside) 2, Jill Brittain 3, H. Cheesman 4, D. N. Layton (first quarter spliced) 5, N. Hobden 6, A. J. Adams 7, A. E. Cheesman 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, a quarter-peat of Double Norwich C.B. Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, R. Buckland 2, A. Bridges 3, D. Lamb 4, J. Howard 5, J. Harrison 6, W. Edwards 7, W. Redrup 8. First quarter-peat in method for 3 and 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Hooper 1, Miss M. Bennett 2, F. Skidmore 3, F. Sampson 4, A. C. Baker 5, V. Lucas 6, E. J. Ridler (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. First quarter in method 2 and 6.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Best 1, J. Daniels 2, Miss B. Adlam 3, G. Evenden 4, Miss F. Child 5, A. Butler 6, W. Shute 7, H. Mitchell (cond.) 8. First quarter-peat 1, 2, 4. First quarter Major 3 and 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's Church on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): D. Chatfield 1, D. Wilden (first quarter of Minor) 2, A. C. Philpott 3, Miss B. Philpott 4, A. E. Butler 5, P. J. Small (cond.) 6.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Crocker (first quarter) 1, R. Lathbury 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 4, R. Andrews 5, W. Goldstone 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Purchase (first quarter) 1, R. Posnett 2, K. Curtis 3, W. Butler 4, F. Rolfe (first as conductor) 5, S. L. Posnell 6. First quarter of Minor by all and by a local hand.

QUARTER PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 5th, 1,290 Bob Royal: J. Holloway 1, H. Edge 2, H. F. Holding 3, W. Holding 4, W. Kerr 5, R. T. Holding 6, T. Lamb 7, R. D. Langford 8, J. W. Edge (first quarter as cond.) 9, G. Packer 10.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,290 Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Kelly 1, D. Blows 2, J. Armstrong 3, J. Fleetwood 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, F. Funnell 6, A. C. Chaplin 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 3, 4, and first in method as conductor.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Samways 1, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 2, E. T. Groves 3, H. Smith 4, H. Vine 5, T. Mullins 6. First quarter by 1 and 6 and first inside by 3.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Cass 1, A. J. W. Appleton (first quarter Doubles) 2, J. O. Glanville 3, T. M. White 4, E. T. Lee (cond.) 5, A. D. Howard (first quarter) 6.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sept. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Pinchbeck (first quarter) 1, S. Proctor 2, H. Thorpe 3, P. Turner 4, W. Thorpe 5, C. Glenn (conductor) 6, C. Blakey 7, F. Proctor 8, T. Hall 9, R. Pick 10. First quarter on the new bells.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Miss Enid Brown (first quarter) 1, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 2, G. Spencer 3, T. E. Gardner 4, D. Dodson 5, Denis Dodson 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: E. Woodall 1, J. H. Cox 2, H. Shilcock 3, Molly Tromans 4, A. H. Harris 5, L. Clissett (first of Major) 6, H. G. Bird 7, T. Greenhall (conductor) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Griffith (first quarter) 1, J. Carrott 2, T. McDougal 3, Miss J. Peacock (first in method) 4, J. Fowler 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, J. Groves 7, F. Freestone 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, J. R. Mayne (first quarter in method as conductor) 2, P. Beedie (first quarter in method) 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. Wenban 6, G. Hughes 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chambers (first quarter) 1, H. Chambers 2, G. Le Marquand 3, J. J. Mawby 4, J. Skerritt 5, B. Lewis 6, A. Bigley (first in method as cond.) 7, S. Foskett 8.

NEWMARKET, CAMBS.—On Sept. 24th, on handbells, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Heath 1-2, A. F. Austin (conductor) 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, S. Forwood 7-8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sankey 1, W. H. Curson 2, G. A. Patrick 3, H. Carter 4, J. Quimby 5, H. C. Adams 6, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kingston 1, J. Ribbans 2, R. J. Andrews 3, J. B. Hessey 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, W. A. Goldstone 6. First quarter in method by 1 and 2.

PLYMOUTH.—On Oct. 5th at St. Andrew's, 1,257 Stedman Caters: G. H. Myers 1, A. S. Weatherly 2, R. J. Southwood 3, J. H. Tippett 4, A. W. Myers 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, D. F. Wheeler 10. First quarter Stedman Caters by 2, 3 and 4.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Brasier 1, L. W. Rogers 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, R. Mitchell 4, F. Hammond 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, E. Bishop, sen. 8. A compliment to the tenor ringer on reaching the age of 82.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Oliver 1, F. Bennett 2, J. O. Glanville 3, H. A. May 4, R. Walker 5, B. Grover 6, G. Grover (conductor) 7, R. Wallis 8. First on eight for 1 and 8, first of Triples 3, first in method inside 6.

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The Editor congratulates the Exercise on its enthusiasm for quarter-peals, over 100 having been received during the past 10 days. Priority will be given to first quarters and very special occasions. Limitation of space will mean non-publication for some old friends to make way for the new.

Mr. Nolan Golden completed his 100th peal tower in Norfolk on October 4th at Besthorpe. The contract for the new ten at Roker, Sunderland, has been placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

Will 'Cams,' Ely, who wrote on 'Teaching by Film,' please forward his address to the Editor?

Two peals are being attempted on November 8th to the memory of Gabriel Lindoff—at Leiston, arranged by Mr. Nolan Golden, and at St. James', Bristol, arranged by Mr. A. J. Corrigan.

Good news of progress to hand from the Cheltenham Branch, who, in addition to the usual weekly practices at the various towers, have a special practice of Double Norwich on Wednesdays.

By the peal of Stedman at Wem, Mr. Arthur Pritchard has rung 100 peals for the Shropshire Association. The only other peal of Stedman on these bells was rung on March 11th, 1916, conducted by C. R. Lilley. This was before the bells were rehung.

Half-muffled 'touches' lasting an hour were rung at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on October 14th by ringers from Streatham, Mitcham, South Croydon and the local band as a mark of respect to the late Charles Potheary.

Mr. C. Popple (aged 66) rang his first quarter at St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, Lincoln, on September 30th. Thirteen months ago he rang his first course. It was of Plain Bob, the ringers being C. Popple 1, G. A. Melton (first away from treble) 2, W. S. Hill 3, C. Jeffery 4, V. Briggs 5, H. R. Hurst (conductor) 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. Weatherby writes that he made the journey by plane to Victoria, B.C., to meet Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes, and rang Grandsire, Bob Major and Stedman at Christ Church Cathedral. Another letter from Mr. A. C. Limpus tells of Mr. Hughes' visit to the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, B.C., where ringers from far and near gathered to welcome him.

Mr. James Marsh has completed 50 years as a service ringer at Christ Church, Aughton Lincs. He is not too old to enjoy a peal.

Mr. Jack F. Hodson has now 'circled' St. Giles', Lincoln.

Youth were performing at Warkton, Northants, with a four-method peal of Doubles. Very creditable!

Mr. H. Balcomb, of Appledore, Kent, is searching for eight bell tunes, either songs or hymns. He would like to know where to send for them. His bells are in C.

Three young ringers participated in the peal of Cambridge Maximus on October 2nd at Leicester, one, Mavis Whitehead, being under 14. The peal was Sidney O. Cheney's 100th.

An illuminated address, in recognition of 50 years' service as foreman of the local band, has been presented to Mr. Josiah Nicholls by the ringers of All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, Beds. Mr. Nicholls, who retired owing to ill-health, was made hon. foreman.

Any ringers who are members of the craft and would be interested in the formation of a Masonic lodge for ringers are asked to communicate with Mr. Raymond Philpott, 2, Church Street, Leatherhead. Mr. Philpott also enquires if a peal has been rung by Royal Arch Masons.

Miss Pamela A. Martin, who started her peal ringing career with one of Minor in seven methods at Ansley End, Herts, had previously never rung a longer length than 720 Plain Bob. Writes Conductor Walter Avre: 'She had nearly as many blisters as I had when I rang my first peal, but rang excellently.'

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JUBILEE OF THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

BISHOP OF LONDON AND RELIGIOUS INTENTION IN RINGING NINE FOUNDATION MEMBERS
HONOURED AT FESTIVAL DINNER.....HISTORICAL SKETCH BY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

IN the historic Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met on Saturday in honour of their jubilee, to remember those who during the past 50 years had given service to the Association and to pray for blessing on future activities.

Patron of the Association is the Bishop of London (Dr. J. W. Wand), and he attended to preach the sermon. He based his address on St. Luke's life—as evangelist, physician and artist, and it was, said the Bishop, on the art side that St. Luke touched them. Bellingring might be a different kind of art to that of a painter, but it was in its effect a very gracious art. It was in some respects the most typical English art—change ringing was a typically English pursuit, and the sound of changes being rung was part of the typical sounds of the countryside. He recalled the hearing of the bells across the Lincolnshire wolds and at Oxford, where on most evenings bells were rung from tower or steeple, sounds which one loved. In Australia one of the things he missed most was the bells. In his diocese of Queensland there was only one ring of bells, at Maryborough, where it was possible to keep up the art of ringing.

In ringing they had an art and skill which had contributed to religious endeavour. Not always on the part of ringers was there a good religious intention behind their ringing, but they should remember that with a religious intention the beauty of their art was enhanced a hundredfold. If religious intention was there then there was strength, beauty, truth and goodness. It was that beauty that it was their privilege to preserve, and in preserving that they were adding something to the totality of their life. Remember—

A thing of beauty, is a joy for ever;
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Percival Gough, and the lessons read by the Rev. J. D. Richards.

THE DINNER.

The president (Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane) presided at the jubilee dinner, held at Slater's Restaurant, the Strand. He was supported on the top table by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. L. Cockey, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lock, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roberts, Mr. W. Pickworth.

Others present were the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Richards, the Rev. P. T. W. Tranter, the Rev. P. Gough, Mr. and Miss Prockson, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. and the Misses P. and E. M. Goodfellow.

Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mrs. Lera, the Misses R. M. Davies, E. K. Fulton, F. Clayton, D. and M. Lidbetter, D. A. Bird.

Messrs. W. J. Bowden, J. Bennett, R. Sanders, J. E. Miller, S. Wade, W. H. Joiner, B. Newson, W. H. Oram, H. C. Chandler, W. Lewis, H. G. Hart, G. R. Goodship, E. B. Hartley, G. A. Parsons, F. Miller, A. J. W. Hughes, C. W. Ward, F. A. Barker, B. F. Tubb, P. Blake, E. Pratchett, W. Baldwin, R. Wenban, W. Wenban, R. H. Begrie, R. Newman, L. H. Bowler, A. Cutler, E. Kilby, T. G. Bannister, W. Honor, F. Blondell, F. G. Baldwin, H. W. Impey, R. G. L. Kilby and T. W. White.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey said the Church to-day was subject to great criticism, mainly from those who did not attend, who emphasised



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Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

failures and ignored good points. The frequent criticism heard was, 'I am not good enough and they who go are not as good as they ought to be.' The Bishop of London said recently at a gathering he attended, 'The Church is a school for sinners and not a synod for saints.' It was a helpful thought.

The Rev. Percival Gough, Vicar of Acton, in reply said he looked forward to the time when spiritual things in the Church would be free from secular control, and that eventually after an interval the Church would come back to the State and exercise that proper influence.

The toast of 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild' was proposed by the Rev. J. D. Richards (St. Botolph's), who said it was a great thing to have reached 50 years. Their association was started by keen churchmen, so it was right and proper that they should have a fair sprinkling of clergy present.

CHARACTERISTICS OF RINGING.

There were certain characteristics about people who were enthusiastic about bellringing. One was a tremendous sense of brotherhood and good fellowship. Bellringers could always walk into another tower and be immediately welcomed and made one of the family. Another characteristic was their tremendous enthusiasm and sense of duty. It was like a disease—a kind of 'bug' that was caught by association with ringers. John Bunyan had it and his writings tell how he tried to resist it.

That afternoon he had a very great privilege of unveiling a memorial in the form of chiming apparatus at St. Botolph's Church to an old friend of theirs, Jim Davis. He was a man who made St. Botolph's a great ringing centre. In 1933 31 peals were rung in that church and many ringers rang their first peal with him. In association with him were men who made the Middlesex—William Pye, C. T. Coles and J. A. Trollope.

Concluding, Mr. Richards said the very activity of bellringing was of worship and giving glory to God and proclaiming the gospel. Their ringing should always be a glorification

of God and they should never forget that theirs was one of the oldest methods of propaganda of the Church.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the association's secretary, in reply, said before 1897 there were two relatively small associations operating in Middlesex. The first was the Middlesex Association, established in 1889. Bands affiliated to this association were Barnet, Edmonton, Edgware, Finchley, Gospel Oak, Hadley, Hampstead (St. Stephen's), Hendon, Southgate, Stoke Newington, South Mimms and Tottenham. The second was the South and West Middlesex Guild, established in 1894, to which the bands at Acton, Ealing (St. Mary's and Christ Church), Staines, Hillingdon (St. John's and St. Andrew's), Harmondsworth, Heston and Isleworth were affiliated.

These two societies did not remain independent for very long; in 1896 the committee of the Middlesex Association approached the other committee with a view to uniting both organisations as districts of a Middlesex County Association. Behind these negotiations was Mr. A. T. King, the secretary of the Middlesex Association. His ambition was to form a Guild embracing all change ringers in the London Diocese. The first step was the amalgamation of the two independent Middlesex societies. It required the greatest diplomacy to overcome the objections, mostly based on misconceptions. On Whit Monday, 1897, these two associations were welded into one, a condition being that the two district secretaries should hold the office of secretary of the new association jointly and that each district retained a percentage of members' subscriptions for its own use. When the first report was issued the membership numbered 338, with 23 affiliated towers: to-day it was 846 with 48 affiliated towers.

In 1903 with the approval of the Bishop of London the words London Diocesan Guild were added to the title. Again objections had to be overcome. Some little feeling, which, however, was destined to be but of a transient nature, was expressed on the part of some of the older London ringing societies to the effect that the Middlesex had ignored their existence. Needless to say, they were never actuated by any such feelings. Membership of their association was, and they hoped always would be, compatible with membership of the older societies, to one or other of which very many of their members deemed it an honour to belong. This recognition by the Bishop of London as the Guild for his diocese had undoubtedly a great and lasting effect upon the history of the association, and only a man with an infinite amount of tact and good judgment such as Mr. King had could have overcome the difficulties of the first few years.

Outstanding personalities of the Middlesex Association recalled by Mr. Turner were Mr. F. A. Milne, hon. treasurer from 1897-1929; Mr. W. Pye, Master from 1910-1935; Mr. C. T. Coles, secretary from 1910-1945; Mr. W. H. Hollier, secretary of the South and West District and founder of the Peal Boards Committee of the Central Council; Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president from 1930-1946, historian and editor of 'The Ringing World.' All these men offered them a challenge to follow their example. He hoped at their centenary a further record of service comparable with that they were remembering to-day would be recalled.

Prevented by illness from being with them that day was the Rev. E. R. Moore, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Mr. W. G. Wilson, who was at present in Clare Hall Sanatorium and would be pleased to hear from his old friends, and Mr. J. Herbert, of Twickenham. He was sure they would like him to write to each of

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Truro Diocesan Guild

Sixty members attended the Penzance Branch meeting at Zennor on October 4th. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and call changes were rung on the six bells (tenor 12 cwt.). The Rev. F. R. S. Byfield (Vicar) gave the address at the service, and welcomed the members to Zennor, saying he hoped it would not be another 17 years before they came again, the last time being in 1930.

Tea was served in the schoolroom. At the business meeting Miss Eileen Symons (branch chairman) presided. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Camborne was accepted. Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram also gave a pressing invitation to visit Manaccan and St. Anthony, but it was agreed to make a visit to those two delightful parishes later next year. The Rev. A. S. Roberts (branch secretary) thanked the Vicar and his lady helpers.

The Vicar announced that he hoped that the returned six bells with the addition of two trebles at Towednack would be dedicated on Nov. 15th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Northern District held their first meeting at Norton, where the ring has been augmented from three to eight, on September 27th. Fifty ringers attended, representing 20 towers. The service was conducted by Canon J. H. Bailey (Vicar), who in his address said that four of the new bells were given, and the other was subscribed for by the parishioners of Norton.

The ringers were the guests at tea of the Norton band. The president of the Association, Mr. L. Fidler, congratulated Canon Bailey on now having a ring of eight. The work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. A.E.S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A pleasant meeting was held at Wimbledon on September 27th, where over 56 ringers, representing 24 towers, assembled. A service was held, and the Vicar (the Rev. Norman Hook) gave a short address.

At the meeting the Rev. Norman Hook and Major K. E. Hart were elected honorary members. The following joined as ringing members: H. Cox, Miss E. Dearing, Miss A. L. Neale, T. Brownhill and J. Tompsett (all from Wimbledon). Christ Church, Mitcham, and St. Leonard's, Streatham, were open after tea.

MIDDLESEX JUBILEE.—Continued.

these on their behalf wishing them all a complete recovery (hear, hear).

'Foundation Members' were honoured on the call of Mr. W. H. Coles. There were nine members and eight of them were with them that evening, Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, unfortunately not being able to be with them. Those present were W. Baldwin (Barnet), Frank Blondell (Ruislip), Henry Chandler (Heston), William Honor (Hillingdon), J. Miller (Southgate), William Pickworth (Southgate), E. E. Patchett (Hendon) and S. Wade (Southgate). These veterans were honoured musically, and Mr. Coles added, 'We are proud to call them our ringing fathers.'

Messrs. Pickworth, Baldwin and Chandler replied.

The concluding toast was 'Thanks.' Mr. T. J. Lock mentioned in this the Bishop of London, their patron, for his kindness and interest in preaching the sermon; the Rev. E. R. Moore, the Rev. C. L. Parker, of Clerkenwell, for the use of the bells; their president (Preb. Cole Sheane); and Mr. C. Ernest Turner, upon whose shoulders the organisation of that function devolved.

The President, in reply, said it was a great privilege to be present on that jubilee occasion and also to see those foundation members who had stood by the Guild for half a century.

Pianoforte solos were played by Mrs. W. H. Coles, and there was handbell ringing by Messrs. C. W. Roberts, F. C. S. Turner, J. F. Smallwood, E. Kilby and F. W. Goodfellow.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD

*THE STORY OF A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

On Saturday, October 4th, 1947, the record length of 14,112 changes of London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1903, and conducted by William Pye, was surpassed when eight resident members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild rang 14,144 changes in the method in 8 hours and 25 minutes. Seven were from Lincoln Cathedral band and the treble ringer came from Sedgbrook.

At various times in recent years members of the Guild had expressed the opinion that since the longest composition of London Surprise Major had been produced by the Rev. H. Law James, sometime Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, it would be fitting if his peal could be rung by a Lincolnshire band. Nothing definite materialised until John Freeman decided that 1947 was the year for the attempt.

An ideal place for long peal ringing is Heydour, situated 'twixt Grantham and Sleaford. In late 1945 the old ring of five were augmented to eight and rehung on ball bearings. Coupled with this is the fact that there are only four houses in Heydour and two of these are an appreciable distance from the church. The Vicar, the Rev. C. N. Hodge, was interviewed and he readily gave his consent.

During the three months prior to August Bank Holiday much time was devoted to ringing London. Several ordinary peals were rung, and on July 5th the chosen band met at Heydour and rang 5,824 changes with the tenors parted for the greater part of the peal by way of rehearsal. A similar peal was rung at Washington on July 23rd. During this period several visits were made to Heydour, when worn ropes were replaced, others adjusted and a curtain fitted over the belfry window as a protection against the glare of the sun.

To all ringers, sooner or later, there comes a day when, while they do not make serious mistakes, they are not at their best. Such a day for the Lincolnshire band was August Bank Holiday. Perhaps it was the occasion—none had attempted a long peal before—but whatever it was, the ringing did not run smoothly and during the second 'schemozzle' of the day the conductor called 'Stand.' The attempt had lasted 6 hours and 36 minutes, and umpire Harry Withers reported that up to that point the course ends had turned up according to schedule, but in the opinion of the band and of those listening, the ringing was not good enough for a record attempt.

Several weeks elapsed, blistered hands healed, and all were ready for the fray again. October 4th was selected for a further attempt.

If August Bank Holiday had been a bad day, October 4th was a good day, for everyone was at ease and master of his job. The bells went into changes at 9.30 a.m., and at 5.55 p.m. the last bob at home brought the bells round, without any serious hitch occurring throughout the day. Mr. Harry Withers again represented the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham and acted as umpire.

The listeners volunteered to lower the bells, while the band put in some steady demolition work among various parcels of food provided by certain good ladies well conversant with the requirements of their menfolk after ringing peals.

The bells lowered, the food eaten, the treble ringer returned to Sedgbrook, while the Lincoln contingent returned to Lincoln, where they were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden. Followed some conversation, and then the party went to their various homes and so to what seemed a veritable heaven on earth, bed!

THE BAND.

Treble. George W. CREASEY. — Age 44. rung 87, conducted 25. A sound ringer on all numbers of bells—he has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus—and is quite capable of ringing 14,144 London Surprise on an inside bell.

2nd. Charles McGUINNESS. — Age 48, rung 203. Rang in the peals of Minor in 100, 102, 104 and 125 methods, and the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods. Also took part in the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Cambridge Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, London Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods and several 'firsts' in Major methods and 'in hand.'

3rd. Kenneth W. MAYER. — Age 31, rung 79. One of the wiser ringers who will not attempt to ring a method until he is absolutely sure of his ground. For this reason he only rang his first peal of London as recently as May this year. A safe ringer in all his peals, which have ranged from Minor to Cinques.

6th. Kenneth S. B. CROFT. — Age 25, rung 72, conducted 8. A past Master of the Cambridge University Guild, he rang his first peal on handbells in 1939. He has rung peals in a variety of methods, including the four standard Surprise methods.

5th. John A. FREEMAN. — Age 62, rung 178, conducted 98. Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and one of the Guild representatives on the Central Council. He is an excellent conductor on all numbers of bells. He called the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods and the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, London Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods, as well as a number of firsts for the Guild by resident bands. He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus for the Guild, a peal of Superlative Royal—the first for 100 years—and has called peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. The high standard of method ringing in Lincoln and district is entirely due to his untiring energy and leadership during the past 30 years.

6th. John WALDEN. — Age 55, rung 173, conducted 10. Took part in the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods and the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, London Surprise Major, Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods, Cambridge Maximus, Superlative Royal and a number of firsts for the Guild by resident bands.

7th. Jack L. MILLHOUSE. — Age 31, rung 219, conducted 61. It is doubtful if any Guild possesses a more enthusiastic ringer. He took part in the peals of Minor in 100, 102, 104 and 125 methods, the Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods and the first peals for the Lincoln Guild of Spliced Surprise Major in 4, 6 and 10 methods and various plain methods. He called the first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major for the Guild, and has called peals of London Cambridge and Superlative.

Tenor. John FREEMAN (conductor). — Age 28, rung 124, conducted 60. The subject of this sketch entered the field of ringing on a high plane, for at 16 he rang and conducted his first peal, one of Stedman Cinques. He has called most of his peals from working bells, including London Surprise Major, at the age of 17 and, more recently, a peal of Stedman Cinques in short courses throughout—only the second ever rung. He took part in the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods.

The band wish to place on record their appreciation of the readiness with which the Vicar of Heydour, the Rev. C. N. Hodge, gave his permission for the two attempts to be made, the co-operation of the local ringers, and to Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham, for solving the problem of finding a suitable umpire.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD.

This was rung at King's Norton by the St. Martin's Guild on May 11th, 1903, in 8 hours and 40 minutes, by Harry Chapman 1, George R. Pye 2, William Short 3, Gabriel Lindoff 4, Ernest Pye 5, William Keeble 6, J. Motts 7, William Pye (conductor) 8. Umpire, H. Withers, who took down every lead as rung.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE CHESTER.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has lost a valuable member through the death of Mr. George Chester, who was a member of the old North Lincolnshire Association and later a foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

In the early part of the century he was a member of the band at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, which at that time included such men as Gabriel Lindoff and Arthur Craven, and later joined the Cathedral company, acting as secretary for a number of years.

He represented the Guild on the Central Council for many years, was secretary for the Lincoln District of the Northern Branch, and treasurer of the latter up to the time of his death.

Several ringers and friends, old and young, attended the funeral service at St. Michael's Church on October 9th, and at St. Nicholas' Cemetery, where he was laid to rest.

THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

The funeral service for the Rev. E. S. Powell, M.A., took place at Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset, on October 2nd. The service was conducted by Preb. E. V. Cox, the Rev. A. T. Stevens (Shepton Beauchamp) and the Rev. D. Ballard (Stoke-under-Ham).

The coffin was borne to the grave by six ringers—Mr. V. J. Farthing (Montacute), Mr. R. Beale and Mr. W. Marks (Shepton Beauchamp), Mr. H. Pester, Mr. H. Warr and Mr. J. Drew (Stoke-under-Ham).

The bells were rung half-muffled before the service by the local ringers and open after the service, when visitors to the tower included Preb. E. V. Cox, who succeeded Mr. Powell as president of the Devon Guild; the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis; Mr. J. T. Dyke, general secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary, Ilchester Deanery; Mr. W. J. Osborne, Galthampton.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and from the Peterborough Diocesan Association, of which Mr. Powell was Master for many years.

In his memory 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Thrapston on October 9th by A. Bellamy 1, A. Gibbs 2, B. J. Stubbs 3, W. Copperwheat 4, G. W. Jeffs 5, W. J. Whitmore 6, H. Richardson 7, E. E. Whitmore (conductor and present Master of Peterborough Diocesan Guild) 8.

At Stoke-under-Ham, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on October 12th, 'in grateful appreciation of his help to local ringers,' by D. Pester 1, W. Warr 2, J. Drew (conductor) 3, H. Pester 4, H. Warr 5.

MR. T. L. SPARROW.

The death occurred at Stowmarket on Oct. 5th of Thomas Langford Sparrow, aged 62. He had been ill for about eight months, bearing a very painful complaint with great patience and fortitude. He leaves a widow.

Except for a break in the 1930's, when he lived at Dagenham and rang with the Dagenham and Hornchurch companies, Tom Sparrow had been associated with the Stowmarket band for over 40 years. With his brothers Shelford and Walter, he learnt to ring at Great Finborough, where their boyhood was spent, and it was always a delight to see them displaying their skill, acquired at an early age, on handbells. The last occasion was only a few weeks ago, and it is interesting to record also that Tom's last touch on tower bells was on April 21st, when, ill as he was, he struggled up to take part in the celebrations for the comming-of-age of Princess Elizabeth. He loved bells and he loved talking about ringing, which, next to his work, was practically his only interest outside his home.

Although competent in many methods, he had rung only about a dozen peals, his chief interest being in service ringing and practices, at which he could always be relied on to turn up, however adverse the weather.

At the funeral service on October 9th, the Vicar of Stowmarket made reference to his long and faithful service to the church. Several ringers were present, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Miss J. Freer, O. G. Barnard, H. D. Lister and C. Cracknell. In the evening a quarter-peal was rung on the tower bells with half-muffled clappers.

MRS. S. R. E. PIPE'S PEALS

A particularly varied list has Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe in her 200 peals.

Maximus; Superlative 3 (conducted 1); Cambridge 11 (1); New Cambridge 2, Rochester 1, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1, York 2, Kent T.B. 3, Double Norwich C.B. 1, Little Bob 1.

Cinques; Stedman 2.
Royal; Rochester 1, Cambridge 5 (1), Yorkshire 1, Kent T.B. 2.

Caters; Grandsire 1, Bob Caters 1.
Major; Superlative 13 (4), Cambridge 26 (6); London 7 (1), Yorkshire 3, New Cambridge 2, Bristol 3 (1), York 1, Pudsey 1 (1), Spiced S. Major 4 methods 2 (1), Kent T.B. 11 (3), Oxford T.B. 3 (1), Double Norwich 6 (1), Bob Major 9 (2).

Triples; Stedman 3, Grandsire 5.
Minor; 7 methods 13 (1), 6 methods 1, 5 methods 4, 4 methods 16 (4), 3 methods 10 (3), 2 methods 2 (1), Cambridge 6 (2), York 1 (1), Kent T.B. 2 (1), Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Double Court 1, Bob Minor 7 (1).
Bob Doubles 1.
Total: 200 (conducted 40).

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Rollleston-on-Dove, former home of the Moseley family, was visited by the Guild on October 11th, when the titbit was Grandsire Doubles by five young ladies, assisted by a male member on the tenor.

Mr. W. H. Curson presided at the business meeting, when Mr. A. E. Greening (Rollleston) was elected a member. 'Continue your ministry of ringing out a challenge to the world' was the theme of the address of the Rector (the Rev. F. Abbott) at the service.

Suffolk Guild at Sudbury

A very enjoyable meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Sudbury on October 4th, when about 40 members and visitors attended. Ringing commenced at St. Gregory's, when the standard was indifferent owing to bad handling. It is regrettable that so many young ringers will not let their arms rise above their faces at back stroke, thus losing control of their bell, which results in bad striking and loss of a definite beat.

A ringer visiting a strange tower and finding extra long tail ends can judge with a fair amount of certainty that ringing is not of a high standard.

By 3.45 Superlative was suggested and tail ends were heightened by at least a foot and an almost perfect course was rung. Stedman and other methods followed until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made for tea, which was greatly enjoyed by 30.

Very little business was transacted, but following the question from the general secretary of 'Any complaints,' a member thought it very regrettable that services were not held at Suffolk Guild meetings except at the annual general. This matter will no doubt be raised again at a later date.

The General Secretary said he viewed with alarm the small number of young people entering the Ringing Exercise, and he made an appeal to every individual to find at least one young person to take up ringing.

It was agreed the next general meeting be held at Bury St. Edmunds on November 29th.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Harold Herbert for acting as chairman, to the Rectors for the use of the bells and Mr. Archie Fitch for arranging tea were accorded. Further ringing took place at St. Peter's and All Saints' until a late hour. C.W.P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District attracted a gathering of 100, representing 26 towers, to the cathedral city on October 11th. The Rev. C. Magraw conducted the service at St. Alphege's, and a collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £2.

At the business meeting which followed tea at the White Swan Restaurant, the healthy state of the district was shown in the secretary's report, which stated that there was an attendance of 69 at the eight meetings during the year.

Re-elections were: Chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell; secretary, Mr. B. J. Luck; Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Port; district representatives, Messrs. H. R. French and J. W. Unwin. Two new members were elected. Deal was chosen for a quarterly meeting with Faversham for a by-meeting in December. It was announced that Dover bells will shortly be reopened after overhaul.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The first meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Stanton on October 4th, when representatives of ten towers spent an enjoyable afternoon in this Cotswold village.

With the Rector (the Rev. R. Milburn Crowe) in the chair, members discussed the possibility of forming a new branch to comprise the Winchcombe Deanery, or of transferring certain towers to the Tewkesbury Branch. Group Capt. Lister was in favour of the transfer, but found no support, and as there were only 18 members in the area at present, it was decided to leave the Cheltenham Branch as constituted.

The bells of Buckland were put to good use in the evening, the party being strengthened by members from Dumbleton. The members from Childswickham showed good progress, being able since the last meeting to ring Stedman. C.R.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

MEETING AT MORETONHAMPSTEAD.

There was only a moderate attendance at the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch meeting at Moretonhampstead. The bells were kept going to Grandsire methods during the afternoon, after which the party adjourned to Marley's Cafe for tea, where they were joined by the Rector (the Rev. M. G. Leadbitter).

After tea ringing took place at Highweek Church, where touring ringers joined in. Here Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Minor and Major was rung.

MEETING AT HALWILL.

The North-Western Branch held a meeting at Halwill on October 4th and some 35 members and local ringers attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Fowke (Rector), assisted by the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman of the branch). Tea was provided by the ladies connected with the local band, and all enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon. Votes of thanks to the Rector, organist and the ladies were passed, and four new members from Pyworthy were elected. The ringing included rounds, call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

It may be added that in reply to a recent letter in 'The Ringing World' on 'propaganda,' that the Devon Guild and its branches are ever insistent on creating happy relations with call-change ringers and bringing to their experience the merits of change ringing. They do so by meetings and by ensuring that the ringing of changes is good so that the round ringer can admire the striking and rhythm.

P.C.S.

Ringers' Outings

FARNHAM DISTRICT AT CROYDON.

Arranged primarily for young ringers and recruits, nearly 50 members and friends of the Farnham District of Guildford Guild had a visit to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston personally conducted the party round the foundry, and great interest was taken in the work in hand, which included a ring of eight for Buckland Monachorum, Devon, and rings of six for Cranham, Glos., Poughill, Devon, Send, Surrey, and Towednack, Cornwall. The party also visited the clock room, where hundreds of clocks, mostly of church tower pattern, are repaired or made.

An excellent tea was served in the works canteen under the supervision of Mrs. C. F. Johnston. The Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) expressed the indebtedness of the party to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston for their hospitality and invitation to visit the works. In reply, Mr. Johnston recalled that he was present at Guildford in 1928 when that Guild was formed and he wished it continued success.

Ringings afterwards took place at Croydon Parish Church and Banstead.

ANSTHEY VISIT LINCOLN.

St. Mary's, Anstey, Leicestershire, visited Lincoln on September 27th. At the Cathedral they were met by Mr. J. A. Freeman and some of the Cathedral band, who assisted in the ringing of Stedman Cinques, Triples, Cambridge Major and Bob Royal. Afternoon ringings were at St. Peter-at-Gowts and on the homeward journey at Harmston and Leadenham.

HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Five churches, including one cathedral, in Essex were visited by Hatfield College Youths on September 27th. Ringing took place at Hatfield Broad Oak, Chelmsford Cathedral, Felstead, Braintree, Thaxted and Stanstead (where the bells are hung anti-clockwise). The Rector (the Rev. Griffins) accompanied the Youths, and at the lunch at Chelmsford thanked the ringers for their good work. Mr. A. Lawrence, the captain replied and welcomed the North Mimms ringers to the party.

THE COTSWOLD COUNTRY.

On September 13th, the St Ambrose Guild, Bristol, and friends had an enjoyable outing in ideal weather to Stroud Valley, Cheltenham and Evesham, returning via Chipping Campden, Chedworth and Cirencester, a round trip of 140 miles through some of the most delightful country. Ringing took place at Evesham, Chipping Campden and Chedworth.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

Preb. G. W. Saunders, who presided at the meeting at East Coker on October 4th, attended by about 30 ringers, referred to the loss sustained, not only by the branch but to the whole Exercise, by the sudden death of the Rev. E. S. Powell. The loss would also be felt by the local clergy, whom he had so willingly assisted during his residence at Stoke-under-Ham. The meeting stood in silence for a few moments, and the secretary was requested to send a message of sympathy to Mrs. Powell.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Ivor G. Sanders) and organist for the service concluded the meeting.

MEETING AT KEWSTOKE.

Nearly 100 members, believed to be a record, attended the meeting of the Axbridge Deanery at Kewstoke, ringing being under the leadership of Mr. G. Prescott (Ringing Master).

Mr. I. J. Burrough (Mark) presided at the business meeting, when tributes of respect were paid to the memory of Mr. Ralph Popham (Mark) and Mr. G. Masters (Uphill).

The Vicar (the Rev. R. Knight) conducted the service, and the tea produced a profit of £2 13s., which was divided between Yatton and Evercreech Bell Restoration Funds.

Quarter Peals

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rouse 1, L. Tibbetts (first inside) 2, H. Webb (cond.) 3, P. Baker 4, W. G. Folley 5, H. W. Webb 6.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 28th at St. Botolphs, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Freeston 1, Lorna Briggs 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freeston 4, D. White 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Petch 7, A. Flatters (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 28th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss Jean Brown (first quarter) 1, N. Brown 2, F. Arrowsmith (first quarter) 3, Miss Mary Elkins 4, C. K. Lewis 5, Miss Joan Morris 6, H. A. McKinnell 7, A. J. Brown (cond.) 8. First quarter inside 2 and 6.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Betty Palmer (first quarter) 1, R. O. Preston 2, F. W. Grocott, sen. 3, Mrs. C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, F. W. Grocott, jun. (cond.) 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hosgood 1, E. W. Biffin 2, C. Yates (first quarter inside) 3, F. Wills 4, R. Truman 5, C. Hosgood 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, H. Wills 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. M. Stepany (first quarter, age 12) 1, J. Goldsmith 2, F. H. Hicks 3, G. Beenvy 4, B. Stepany (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 5th at All Saints', 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss B. Denton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. E. Harris 2, E. Dodds 3, H. W. Rogers 4, D. Charnley 5, G. Dodds (cond.) 6.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Drayson (first quarter) 1, F. Gilbert 2, D. R. Reed 3, M. R. D. Harford 4, B. R. Tiller 5, C. W. Reed (first quarter as cond.) 6. Miss N. E. Stone afterwards rang her first quarter of Doubles.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Erin Triples: S. E. Cook 1, L. P. Cook 2, E. A. Jurd 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. Tate 5, J. H. Hunt 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, H. A. Nobes 8. First quarter in the method by all, in the county, and by the Guild.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: Miss Maureen Gooing (first quarter) 1, P. North (first quarter in method) 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, E. Liversidge 4, L. Field 5, G. F. Tuke 6, A. Firth (cond.) 7, T. Colin Ryder 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sutton (first quarter) 1, G. Halksworth 2, H. Spencer 3, H. Robson 4, W. H. Barker 5, H. S. Morley 6, Bert Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Chad's, 1,260 Bob Royal: F. G. Beddow 1, J. F. Butler 2, W. C. Brookes 3, A. E. Reeves 4, R. Pole 5, C. Barron 6, F. H. Bennett 7, G. Jones 8, W. Farmer 9, A. Pritchard (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal for 1, 2 and 6.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, Miss S. B. Ford (first in method) 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, J. B. Ford 4, W. Coles 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6, F. Corke 7, D. H. Pearce 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral on Sept. 29th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. G. Sayer 2, T. J. Lock 3, J. G. Blow 4, L. S. Hansell 5, D. A. Bayles 6, W. J. Arnold 7, R. F. Ewer 8, A. Day 9, E. Sprague 10, G. W. Debenham 11, B. E. Cornell 12. In memoriam Very Rev. E. L. Henderson.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Jude's, Randwick, on Sept. 28th, 840 Plain Bob Doubles. 240 Grandsire Doubles: Ray B. Altast (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Donelly (first inside) 2, N. Robinson 3, R. S. Rowe 4, J. Duncan (first as cond.) 5, W. Peverell (first quarter) 6.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Blackman 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, W. R. Falconer 3, Joyce Humphrey 4, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, W. G. Challen 6, M. Marshall 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

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HERTFORD.—Young professional man, change ringer (Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman), taking up appointment with County Council end of November, seeks congenial digs in Hertford.—Page, 13, East Street, Pontyprdd, Glam. 2171

MISCELLANEOUS

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY FOR THOUGHTS OF CHRISTMAS. Delight Ringers' Record Books would make excellent presents this year.—Write William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, for sample sheets. 2149

PUBLICATIONS

'College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World' Office, c/o The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, the method and its proof,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, 1s. (postage 1d.), from Hollebeke, Witley Avenue, Solihull, Birmingham. 1946

'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 52, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities; well illustrated with plans, cross-sections, and pictures. 'This is the best book of its kind that I have ever seen; please send three more.'—A reader's opinion. 2124

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Lewis-ham District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Erith, Sat., Oct. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

ELY ASSN.—Ely District.—Sutton (6), Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 2129

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Sat., Oct. 25th, at Codicote. Bells from 3. Tea 5.15.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 2131

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Hunts District.—A meeting at St. Ives, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec. 2123

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Cary Deanery.—Meeting Barton St. David, Oct. 25th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 2126

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Meeting at Westonzoyland, Oct. 25th, 3. It is hoped to arrange tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 2133

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting Sat., Oct. 25th, Old Windsor, 6.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 2137

ELY ASSN.—Wisbech Branch.—Hilgay (8), Oct. 25th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring food; cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 2153

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting Aston-on-Trent, Oct. 25th, 3. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—W. A. Parsons, Dis. Sec. 2152

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Ickleton (8), Sat., Oct. 25th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—At Exning, Sat., Oct. 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. (Please advise Rev. C. S. Scott, The Vicarage, Exning, Newmarket.) Business meeting 5.30. Newmarket All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available afterwards. All ringers and beginners invited to attend.—R. A. Wallis, Dis. Sec. 2145

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting Oct. 25th, St. Mary Quay, 2.30. St. Clement's 3.30. Tea Tudor Cafe 5. Business and election of secretary after. Other towers in evening.—C. W. Pipe. 2138

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—The 10 bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford (Rt. Rev. L. D. Hammond) on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at 11 a.m. Ringing until 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—F. A. Sedgwick, 10, Dam Street, Lichfield, Staffs. 2113

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Meeting Bucknall, Sat., Nov. 1st. Committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 2154

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Bletchley (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 5.—R. H. Howson. 2164

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Rusper, Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 2173

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Nov. 1st, monthly meeting SS. Philip and Jacob's. Usual arrangements.—C. H. Wood, Branch Sec., 1, Brunswick Street, Bristol 2. 2163

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Dalton-in-Furness Sat., Nov. 1st. Bells (10) available 2.30. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness, by Oct. 28th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 2175

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC. and DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield Parish Church, Nov. 1st, 3. Tea probably arranged; names to me by 29th.—Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. 2176

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Southern Branch.—Ringing practice meeting at Evesham bell tower, Sat., Nov. 1st. All ringers most cordially invited to this splendid ring of 10. Bells from 3. 2158

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—The ring of six, rehung and retuned, will be dedicated on Sat., Nov. 1st, at 3. Ringing afterwards. Please bring food; cups of tea provided. 2165

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Bishopsteignton, nr. Teignmouth (6), Sat., Nov. 1st. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. Phone 3121. 2160

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Bedford District.—Monthly meeting Wootton (6), November 1st. Bells 3. Tea 5. 2166

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting Rishton, Sat., Nov. 1st. Tower open at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 2174

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Boughton, Sat., Nov. 1st. Service 4.15. Tea provided.—R. S. Cowley, 83, Beech Avenue. 2172

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Silkstone, Nov. 8th, 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mrs. Cooper, Ring o' Bells, Silkstone, near Barnsley, not later than Nov. 1st.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2177

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Ormskirk (8), Sat., Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) to those who send their names to W. Pilkington, 5, Edgley Drive, Tower Hill, Ormskirk. Look up London, and come and help the learners in simpler methods. 2167

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD (Farnham District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Combined meeting Aldershot (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 30th to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 2169

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting Nov. 1st, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, 4. Nomination of officers. For members attending the 310th anniversary dinner at Pimms, Bishopsgate, on Nov. 8th, there will be ringing at Southwark Cathedral, 1.15 to 2.15, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, from approximately 3.30.—A. B. Peck. 2170

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Bushey (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Cups of tea only at Institute.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 2162

SOUTHWELL DIO. GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Basford St. Leodegarius' (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—T. V. Jennison, Dis. Sec., 7, Tettenbury Road, Basford, Nottingham. 2179

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Arborfield (6), Sat., Nov. 1st, 6-9.—B. C. Castle. 2157

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Malins Lee (6), Sat., Nov. 8th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—E. D. Poole. 2168

SALISBURY DIO. GUILD.—Calne Branch.—All ringers and friends of L. A. Wilson are invited to his jubilee meeting at Wootton Bassett (8), on Nov. 8th, which marks his 50 years' work among the bells and ringers of Wootton Bassett. Bells from 1 p.m. Please notify me for tea by Nov. 3rd.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 2156

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Willoughby (6), Sat., Nov. 8th. Names for tea to me not later than Thurs., Oct. 30th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 2161

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