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LEICESTER

A triumph of organisation was the Leicester Diocesan Guild festival. The event attracted a most representative gathering from all parts of the country and also from Ireland, and for entertainment, both as regards ringing and hospitality, nothing was left undone on the part of those who planned the occasion.

And for the secret. Leicester Guild owes its success to a perfect understanding with the clergy from the Bishop downwards. Immediately this confidence is achieved a Guild will make progress. Ringing as work of the Church was the theme of the address by the Bishop of Leicester; when this is recognised a hallowed responsibility will be behind the changes. On both sides—clergy and ringers—there are individuals who classify ringing as purely an exercise or art and nothing more. When the spiritual dedication of ringing is recognised then our Guilds will flourish.

Is this compatible with peal ringing? Perhaps the best answer to this came from the Bishop of Leicester. When does ringing cease to become a clash and a clang and become perfect harmony? Every change ringer knows that perfection will only be reached by the thoroughness acquired through peal ringing. The Bishop and other speakers expressed their congratulations to Mr. Ernest Morris on having rung one thousand peals. The recognition of the peal as a standard is pleasing, and while in the distant past such a performance had its roots in the secular side of ringing and still is largely associated with pleasure, yet the training has an ultimate spiritual objective in the service of the Church.

Now the message of Leicester is clear and emphatic. With the recognition of ringing in the service of God there is an accompanying corollary. That recognition must extend beyond the mere act of ringing: there must be that personal relationship between the ringer and his Maker. The familiar words of Psalm 150, 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals; Praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals,' so often sung or read at ringers' gatherings, are shallow and hypocritical if the recognition of His service is absent in the act of ringing.

The Leicester festival of ringers was a prelude to a big diocesan festival in commemoration of the 21st anniversary of the founding of the See of Leicester in its present form. The anniversary is not to pass by informally as the ticking off of another year on the calendar, but to be commemorated by an act of personal rededication by

all churchworkers. And let it be known far and wide: Leicester ringers are counted among the churchworkers and individually will be associated with this great spiritual act.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7 |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8 |
| FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9 |
| HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10 |
| HENRY H. FEARN ... 5 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 11 |
| WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6 | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs. Oct. 9, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

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| J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF... Treble | CLEMENT GLENN ... 6 |
| *T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... 2 | †JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7 |
| T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 3 | J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8 |
| HAROLD PAILING ... 4 | T. VERNON JENNISON ... 9 |
| KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5 | FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* 800th peal, and rung on his 80th birthday. † First in method.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

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| ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble | ARTHUR WIGGINS ... 6 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2 | EDGAR HUMFREY ... 7 |
| REGINALD W. REX ... 3 | H. GEORGE FOXELL ... 8 |
| WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 4 | WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 9 |
| CHARLES PULLEN ... 5 | PERCY J. DYKE ... Tenor |

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| RODERICK W. CROUCHER Treble | FREDERICK SOUTER ... 6 |
| HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2 | JOHN E. FOWLER ... 7 |
| *SQUIRE CROFT ... 3 | FRANK V. GANT ... 8 |
| SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 4 | FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 9 |
| ROY BROWN ... 5 | JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor |

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 27½ cwt.

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| H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble | FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 6 |
| MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 8 |
| JOHN CHILCOTT ... 4 | JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NETHERSEALE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. W. Washbrook's No. 1. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| GEOFFREY WM. HAIR ... Treble | JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5 |
| GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 2 | BARNABAS G. KEY ... 6 |
| FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7 |
| ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4 | WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOVENY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

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| ALBERT E. LAKER ... Treble | LEONARD STILWELL ... 5 |
| EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 | FRANK H. HICKS ... 6 |
| FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 3 | C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7 |
| HAROLD A. MAY ... 4 | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.
First peal in the method by the Association, on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part, No. 5. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM HENLEY ... Treble | GEORGE GILBERT ... 5 |
| *MISS PAT HOLMES ... 2 | *GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6 |
| *MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 3 | *CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 7 |
| *MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD ... 4 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal in the method.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

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| JACK MUSELL ... Treble | LESLIE A. PAGE ... 5 |
| HERBERT ABRAHAMS ... 2 | FRANK L. HARRIS ... 6 |
| PETER ANGER ... 3 | LEONARD HARRIS ... 7 |
| *RONALD MARLOW ... 4 | EDWARD J. DOEL ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples. Farewell peal for H. Abrahams, who is joining the Forces.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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| JOHN WORTH ... Treble | JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5 |
| JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 2 | JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 6 |
| JOHN THORPE ... 3 | JOHN AMBLER ... 7 |
| JOHN W. SYKES ... 4 | JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

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| GEORGE L. GROVER ... Treble | WILLIAM DEAN ... 5 |
| *JAMES H. COOKE ... 2 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6 |
| *CHARLES C. HULSE ... 3 | JOSEPH GODDARD ... 7 |
| †ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 4 | FRANK T. PARRY ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 20 cwt. | |
| GEORGE A. PARSONS ... Treble | ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 5 |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... 2 | GEORGE CHARGE ... 6 |
| MISS M. A. PROCKSON ... 3 | † JOHN G. NASH ... 7 |
| *ARTHUR F. LANCASTER... 4 | † ALFRED H. RUSSELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal. In memoriam Charles Potheary.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F. | |
| *GERALD L. BALL ... Treble | JOHN H. BAYLESS ... 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 6 |
| CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3 | REDVER F. ELKINGTON... 7 |
| E. CHARLES TURNER ... 4 | WILLIAM BRIGGS ... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

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| *STANLEY SLANEY ... Treble | F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 5 |
| J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 2 | HAROLD KENT ... 6 |
| *W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3 | *HARRY MORGAN ... 7 |
| ARNOLD HILL ... 4 | HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

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| *MISS DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble | HENRY O. BAKER ... 5 |
| † R. GORDON CORBY ... 2 | JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6 |
| JOHN W. BEST ... 3 | PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7 |
| GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 4 | HARRY PYE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 768 London, 1,824 Bristol and 1,248 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt.

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| W. H. J. HOOTON ... Treble | *THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 5 |
| PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2 | FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 6 |
| *FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3 | † MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7 |
| FRANCIS KIRK ... 4 | † HAROLD G. CASHMORE... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 150th peal together.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

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| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... Treble | GEORGE R. HANKS ... 5 |
| REGINALD POSTON ... 2 | † H. PETER ROCK ... 6 |
| *REGINALD T. JONES ... 3 | WILLIAM POSTON ... 7 |
| LESLIE EVANS ... 4 | ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

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

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

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| STANLEY ELSEY ... Treble | WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... 2 | ARTHUR ROLFE ... 6 |
| EDWARD BARKER ... 3 | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 7 |
| ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4 | CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Tenor 21 cwt. in F. | |
| *ALEC SWINFIELD ... Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5 |
| ALAN CATTELL ... 2 | JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6 |
| ERNEST F. PAYNE ... 3 | GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 7 |
| SIDNEY HARRISON ... 4 | † JAMES DEACON ... Tenor |

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Composition rung for first time.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

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| FREDERICK RICHARDSON Treble | CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... 5 |
| FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2 | *RONALD E. NORRIS ... 6 |
| EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3 | WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT 7 |
| FREDERICK A. CLUETT ... 4 | † HERBERT J. SMITH ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Norris, son of the 5th and brother of the 6th.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

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| ERNEST FLETCHER ... Treble | GIRLING RIGBY ... 5 |
| WM. H. KING ... 2 | *DENNIS CARLISLE ... 6 |
| R. ALLEN HICKTON ... 3 | *DAVID ANSTEW ... 7 |
| ED. C. GOBEY ... 4 | ED. F. GOBEY ... Tenor |

Composed by ED. C. GOBEY. Conducted by ED. F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time. To celebrate the wedding of Cecil B. Baker and Dorothy S. Parker.

BLAOKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble | ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5 |
| CHARLES W. BLAKBY ... 2 | FRANK HEYES ... 6 |
| THOMAS BARKER ... 3 | EDWARD IDDON ... 7 |
| FRED BROWNLOW ... 4 | HARRY ANDERTON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. ANDERTON.

First peal as conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| WILLIAM P. DEANE ... Treble | RICHARD D. LANGFORD 5 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2 | *FREDERICK PRICE ... 6 |
| *GEORGE A. PACKER ... 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7 |
| WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First of Cambridge Major as conductor.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat. Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| ARTHUR DICKERSON ... Treble | *ALBERT PEGG ... 5 |
| F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2 | GEORGE POYNTEZ ... 6 |
| CHARLES H. MOORE ... 3 | RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7 |
| THOMAS SIMMONS ... 4 | HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal of Kent Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble | CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5 |
| NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2 | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6 |
| WALTER ALLMAN ... 3 | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4 | JAMES C. F. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AD VINCOLA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

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| J. Thorp's. | Tenor 20½ cwt. | |
| MARGARET FLACKETT ... Treble | GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... | 5 |
| ARTHUR PEAKE 2 | *FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... | 6 |
| FREDK. WILSHAW 3 | *NEVILLE HOLLAND ... | 7 |
| REGD. PRESTON 4 | CHARLES H. PAGE ... | Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal of Kent Major.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... Treble | † DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... | 5 |
| * JOHN R. MAYNE 2 | CECIL C. MAYNE 6 | |
| * DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 3 | WALTER LEE 7 | |
| ROLAND BIGGS 4 | ARTHUR HARDING ... | Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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| JOHN ROWSELL Treble | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... | 5 |
| * GEORGE E. CRISP 2 | HARRY MARTIN 6 | |
| MANSFIELD GINN 3 | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... | 7 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4 | STANLEY E. DARMON ... | Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich on 'inside' bell. To commemorate the Ely Diocesan Association's jubilee.

SIX BELL PEALS

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 6, 1947, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Thelwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| EDWIN UPTON Treble | WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... | 4 |
| * PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 2 | HERBERT GATES 5 | |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3 | WALTER AYRE Tenor | |

* First peal. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 by Lindoff, 240 by Morris, 38 six-scores (12 callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

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| LESLIE EVANS Treble | † CYRIL JAINE 4 |
| * ALBERT E. DAVIES ... 2 | E. PETER ROCK 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER LAW ... 3 | ROBERT JENKINS Tenor |

Conducted by E. PETER ROCK.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten six-scores four times and one 240. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| BARBARA LONG Treble | * JEAN WARD 4 |
| JOHN BENNETT 2 | ALAN CATTELL 5 |
| MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 3 | † DENNIS KIRK Tenor |

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1947, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Norwich, Beverley, Suffert, York, Cambridge and London. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble | RONALD J. SHARP 4 |
| ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2 | C. HENRY HARDING ... 5 |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3 | WALTER AYRE Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung for the bicentenary of the Society.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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| Seven extents. | Tenor 7½ cwt. | |
| * L. PAICE Treble | † J. A. PARKER 4 | |
| R. N. ELLIOTT 2 | B. C. CASTLE 5 | |
| W. J. PARKER 3 | † D. MASON Tenor | |

Conducted by W. J. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A compliment to A. Collins, who joined the choir 50 years ago.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Oct. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of St. Simon's, four extents of Reverse Canterbury, eight extents of Plain Bob, six extents of April Day, ten extents of Stedman and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| * ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... Treble | * ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 4 |
| † GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 2 | † HOWARD HOWELL ... 5 |
| † CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3 | * ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal of Doubles in six methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

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| HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5-6 |
| CHARLES MARSHALL ... 3-4 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8 |
| JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10 | |

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

AT 110, NOEL STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 1-2 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6 |
| KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 3-4 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8 |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Birthday peal for Mrs. F. A. Salter.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1947, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

AT 32, KING EDWARD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor size 10 in A.

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| * LEONARD TREVOR 1-2 | THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6 | |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

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| P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 1-2 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 5-6 |
| PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 3-4 | * GEOFFREY DODDS ... 7-8 |

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Oct. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's, ten callings, sixteen 240's, three callings.

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| MISS JOAN BERESFORD ... 1-2 | DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3-4 |
| PETER BERESFORD 5-6 | |

Conducted by MISS JOAN BERESFORD.

Umpire: George E. Oliver.

First peal 'in hand' by all. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Beresford.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Aidan's on Oct. 6th. 2,520 Grandsire Triples: H. Nunn 1, Miss Longstaff 2, A. Ward 3, P. R. Addison 4, T. Cox 5, J. W. Addison 6, T. W. Dobson (conductor) 7, H. Tubb 8. Half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Durham.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Cooper 1, W. H. Johnson 2, Miss Lucy Mottishaw 3, P. Price 4, Miss V. Burton 5, Mrs. I. Somerville 6, Miss Laura Mottishaw (first as conductor) 7, B. Birkett 8. First on working bell for 4 and 5.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Brittain 1, P. Layton (first quarter in method) 2, Michael Layton (first quarter) 3, Winifred Adams 4, H. Smerdon 5, H. N. Pitsof 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, E. Woolloff 8.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 720 Kent T.B., 300 Oxford T.B., 180 Plain Bob: G. Mabbs 1, F. Cheal 2, B. W. May 3, T. Jull 4, W. J. Walker 5, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 6. For the wedding of the granddaughter of the ringer of 4.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Case 1, E. Evans 2, W. Sidwell 3, W. Jones 4, H. Daniels 5, L. Barry 6, T. Newman (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. For the induction of the Rev. J. R. Lawton.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, the Cathedral Dedication Festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Goacher (first quarter on eight bells) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Patricia Smees 3, Joyce Humphrey 4, W. R. Falconer 5, R. G. Blackman 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. F. Black 1, Doris M. Bolton 2, W. W. Wolstencroft (cond.) 3, E. Harding 4, M. Blencowe 5, E. J. Briden 6. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 5 and 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitty 1, W. Aley 2, V. Tipton 3, L. Cordell 4, W. Wheeler 5, W. Horsnell 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, L. Whitty 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 5th, 960 Little Bob and 300 Plain Bob: G. Dear 1, G. Mayes 2, J. Church 3, J. W. Gibson 4, G. B. Andrews 5, L. H. Bywater 6. A farewell to 4 and 5, of the R.A.F., who have given good service to Henlow tower.

QUARTER PEALS

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—At St. Mary's Church on Oct. 5th, 1,376 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: F. Tarlton (first quarter) 1, C. J. Baker 2, E. Fletcher 3, F. W. Shaw 4, E. C. Gobeys 5, H. Beardsey 6, E. F. Gobeys 7, D. H. Anstey (first as cond.) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, Miss J. Mattinson 2, S. Smith 3, E. Ambrose 4, M. T. Symonds 5, L. Offord 6, R. Clouston 7, L. Pryke 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, T. Pink 3, Miss V. Hunwicke (first inside) 4, Miss P. Jackson 5, C. Ward 6, W. Langley 7, D. Tinsley 8.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Tibbotts 1, Miss H. Prescott 2, Miss A. Tibbotts 3, Miss D. Smith 4, R. Smith 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5, and first by local band.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Tribe 1, C. West 2, J. Etherington (cond.) 3, F. Ashby 5, J. Booker 7; covers, G. Orchard 4, A. Dummer 6, G. Waller 8. All Sunday service ringers.

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

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church on Oct. 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: E. G. Moore 1, Miss M. L. Tutt 2, W. F. Judge (cond.) 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, P. K. Williamson 5, N. I. Allnatt 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, A. R. Pink 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Gooing (first quarter Grandsire) 1, P. North (first quarter Grandsire inside) 2, Mrs. T. C. Ryder 3, A. White 4, L. Fields 5, C. R. Wright 6, A. Firth (cond.) 7, T. C. Ryder 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,280 Superlative: E. Bishop, jun. 1, Mrs. P. A. Corby 2, D. Watson, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. A. Kitchenside 5, S. T. A. Russell 6, P. A. Corby 7, W. Rogers (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 4 and 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: B. E. Cornell 1, Mrs. T. J. Lock 2, L. T. Hansell 3, T. J. Lock 4, D. A. Bayles 5, A. Day 6, W. J. Arnold 7, L. A. Goodenough 8, R. F. Ewer 9, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 10. First quarter of Cambridge Royal by 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and first of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Burrows (first of Treble Bob) 1, D. A. Bayles 2, C. F. Saver 3, R. W. Darvill 4, W. J. Arnold 5, T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 6.

STEPNEY.—On Oct. 5th at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Boomsma 1, C. W. King 2, G. J. Boomsma 3, T. G. Fox 4, L. J. Fox (cond.) 5, R. N. Stedman (first quarter) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' on Oct. 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss F. L. Wright 1, R. Lees 2, G. C. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, D. H. Watson (first in method inside) 5, A. Whatmore (cond.) 6, R. Smith 7, E. A. Turner 8. A 21st birthday compliment to G. C. Cookson.

TREETON, YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 720 Cambridge Minor, 720 Kent Minor: J. Brothwell 1, Mildred Turley 2, W. H. Taylor 3, F. Cardwell 4, J. H. Brothwell 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6.

YARNTON, OXON.—On Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 180 of Grandsire and 120 each of Antelope, Union, Reverse, St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Norfolk and April Day: L. Poulton (first quarter in 10 methods) 1, G. Aston 2, H. Floyd (cond.) 3, W. Durham 4, J. Green 5, G. Charlett 6.

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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.*

Congratulations to Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., who rang his 800th peal on his 80th birthday. He rang three handbell peals in the past month to bring off this unique double.

Those attending the Aldershot meeting are asked to note the alteration in the time.

The peal at Dilhorne, Staffs, reported in our last issue, was conducted by Mr. J. G. Cartledge, of Cheadle.

There has been a change in the Mastership of the Oxford University Guild. Mr. W. F. Moreton, who has gone down, has been succeeded by Mr. C. J. Dickinson (Magdalen).

We have had a cut in our paper allocation which will necessitate pegging our circulation. Any additional copies for the time being will be very limited.

The overwhelming success of the Leicester festival was marred by the failure to secure the peal of Yorkshire at Loughborough. After more than two hours' ringing, the conductor expressed his dissatisfaction by setting his bell. Expert ears outside regarded the striking as good.

'Birthday presents are difficult to buy these days, so here's a nice idea for country folk—a quarter-peal of country bells to bring pleasure and ring on in the mind for a twelve-month.'—'The Woman' gives this delightful thought in a special article. If this form of gift becomes the vogue, the Editor trusts that it will not be necessary to insert every quarter-peal.

Stafford ringers celebrated the 70th birthday of their head ringer, Mr. J. Warrilow, by a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples on Oct. 15th. The band was R. W. Lander 1, H. Bayley 2, J. Warrilow 3, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 4, A. E. Garbett 5, J. J. Taylor 6, E. Vaughan 7, F. Eley 8.

BELFRY GOSSIP

After the Frederick peal comes the John peal from Penistone, Yorks. Just before the war an all Yorkshire John peal attempt conducted by the late John Flint, came to grief three courses from home. Enough Johns were not available in the Yorkshire area, so John Worth, from Macclesfield, and John Aubler, from Pudsey, participated.

Mr. John E. Bibby rang his 50th peal this year at Frodsham, Cheshire, on October 14th.

The quarter at Fulmer, Bucks, on Oct. 6th, was the first by Mr. E. J. Briden's youthful band with the exception of veteran E. Harding, 79, and was due to the patient coaching of Walter W. Wolstencroft.

Mr. Edgar Humfrey celebrated the 60th anniversary of his first peal by calling a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Laurence's, Reading. Now over 77, he has been a service ringer for nearly 60 years. In his first peal at Drayton, Berks, he rang with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook.

From Lichfield comes news of the Beresford family. Joan and the two 13-year-old twins have rung their first peal in hand as a birthday compliment to their mother. 'The striking was regular and good throughout,' comments the umpire. Last Sunday the twins rang a course of Stedman Caters with two noted handbell ringers—Mr. H. J. Poole and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

The peal of Grand sire Triples at St. John's, Leicester, on October 11th, is a new irregular 12-part by Brian D. Price. It was rung at the second attempt, the first failing at Syston through a clapper breaking after 2 hours 50 minutes. It was the 100th peal of Grand sire Triples by Ernest Morris, who has called peals in this method containing the least number of calls—90 J. J. Parker's One-part; and 340 by A. J. Pitman.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD'S FESTIVAL

RECORD GATHERING OF REPRESENTATIVE RINGERS BISHOP'S TRIBUTE TO HIS RINGERS.....
COMPANY OF 1,200 AT FESTIVAL DANCE

Probably the largest gathering of ringers since the end of the war was the Leicester Diocesan Festival, held at Leicester last Saturday. The representative character of the gathering was a tribute to the popularity of the Guild's president (Mr. Harold J. Poole) and his officers.

A programme to delight a ringer's heart had been arranged. In the morning a number of peals were planned, the afternoon was devoted to ringing in Leicester's well-known towers and a service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop gave an inspiring address. The festival dinner was followed by a dance in the city's largest hall. For non-dancing handbell ringers a room was set apart for their enjoyment.

THE SERVICE.

A congregation approaching 400 attended the service in the Cathedral Church. The Provost (the Very Rev. H. A. Jones) conducted the service, and the address was given by the Bishop of Leicester (the Right Rev. G. Vernon South).

'The bells are like the heralds; they proclaim great events,' said the Bishop. That week they would be rung to proclaim the 21st anniversary of the restoration of the ancient diocese of Leicester. Bells were so fully Christian; they had never been commercialised. The great crash and clash of the bells was brought into perfect harmony and obedience by the still small voice which called the changes. They had a simile in the confusion in the world to-day. If only the nations would say, 'Christ is King,' and bring Him into everyday affairs, life would be so different from the discontent prevailing to-day.

THE DINNER.

There was a company of 270 at the dinner held at the Bell Inn. The Bishop presided, supported by the president (Mr. Harold J. Poole), the Provost (the Very Rev. H. A. Jones), the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Mr. Ernest Morris. Representative guests present included Mr. A. B. Peck (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. T. Dyke (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Miss F. Steele (Bedfordshire Association), Mr. E. Lindley (Cambridge University Guild), Mr. W. Lancaster (Derby and District Association), Mr. J. W. Price (East Derbyshire and Notts Association), Mr. C. A. Bassett (East Grinstead and District Guild), Mr. J. Armstrong (Essex Association), Mr. W. Ayre (Hertfordshire Association), Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association), Miss I. B. Thompson (Ladies' Guild), Mr. W. H. Shuker (Lancashire Association), Mr. F. J. Hannington (Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. T. J. Lock (Middlesex County Association), Mr. J. W. Cotton (Midland Counties Guild), Mr. H. G. Jenney (National Guild of Police Ringers), Mr. C. Burns (Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. W. Carnwell (North Staffs Association), Mr. W. Hibbert (Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. F. Judge (Oxford Society), Mr. E. E. Whitmore (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. J. F. Harvey (St. Martin's Guild), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. Pritchard (Shropshire Association), Mr. G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. T. Groombridge (Southwell Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. D. Collins (Stafford Archdeaconry), Mr. D. Cooper (Surrey Association), Mr. G. Williams (Worcestershire and Districts Association), Mr. L. W. G. Morris (Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mr. J. Bray (Lincoln Diocesan Guild). Those present also included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Provost submitted the health of the City of Leicester, recalling that for 700 years the church which was now the Cathedral had been closely asso-



MR. HAROLD J. POOLE,
President, Leicester Diocesan Guild

ciated with the city. He always thought of the city as combining the attractions of a very long tradition with the efficiency of a modern outlook.

The Lord Mayor (Ald. W. H. Smith), in his reply, recalled his first association with ringing when as a boy he rang the bell at a mission church at Narborough.

The toast of 'The Diocese' was submitted by the Chief Constable of Leicester (Mr. Oswald J. B. Cole), who traced the development of the diocese from 713 A.D., and when it once extended from the Trent to the Thames. To-day, he said, there was a tendency towards materialism instead of looking towards the things spiritual. There was a great need for the rededication which was being associated with the 21st anniversary celebration, and he believed that bellringers were looked on as some of the most earnest churchworkers to be found in the diocese.

'A LONDON SURPRISE.'

In his reply, the Bishop of Leicester said he was a suffragan bishop of London before he came to Leicester, and his arrival at Leicester was 'a London Surprise' (laughter). Calling attention to the forthcoming visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the start of the anniversary celebrations, the Bishop mentioned that the Primate was born in a Leicestershire parsonage and received his early education in a Leicestershire school.

As a diocese they were proud to have Mr. Harold Poole, their president, as a lay canon and to congratulate Mr. Ernest Morris upon ringing his 1,000th peal.

What really was the diocese? He would describe it as a household of faith—a collection of men and women who had faith in God and faith in Christ the eternal Son of God. Secondly, the diocese was the Christian home of all sorts and conditions of men. When they drank the health of the diocese he asked them to say, 'Hold on to the faith and be strong, and may its love, beauty and strength put heart into people who are losing heart, and put courage into a world that is in need of hope.'

The health of 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. G. W. Hunt, who said that in Mr. Harold Poole they had a Christian

gentleman, and they were all delighted when it pleased the Bishop of Leicester to confer on him the rank of lay canon not only for his services to the Church, but to his profession. Never was a better officer in the courts or one who would try to help mankind than the president. The Guild also had that wonderful ringer in Mr. Ernest Morris, who along with 15 others had completed 1,000 peals and had written a classic on bellringing.

Mr. Hunt also mentioned three of the young ringers of the Guild who had rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—Mavis Whitehead, aged 13, Alan Cattell (16) and Kathleen Tilley (18). Last and not least he would mention Jill Poole, who had been secretary for their ringing festival and whose ringing performances were known not only in the diocese, but wherever ringing took place in the British Isles.

THE HUMBLE MESSAGE.

'You can't all be Surprise ringers, and those who rang in country towers with five or six bells ringing standard methods should not be discouraged; their message was just as sincere as the great peal from a cathedral tower.' He hoped the bells they rang with such enthusiasm would bring the message of God to men and that they would try to build a new foundation of peace for all times.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, who was coupled with the toast, in reply, said they had been told the Diocese of Leicester was celebrating in the very near future its coming-of-age, and those responsible for the activities of the diocese and its spiritual welfare were looking back on the first 21 years with a certain amount of gratification and satisfaction. While they could not put the clock back, it was just as well to reflect from a ringing standpoint where they were. Twenty-one years ago there was no Leicester Diocesan Guild; they were then part and parcel of the Midland Counties Association. Twenty-one years ago Fred Dexter was in full blast in Leicester, and those who knew Fred Dexter would appreciate that remark, and appreciate what he did for ringing.

The success of any ringing guild or association depended on co-operation with the Church authorities, and they in the Leicester Diocesan Guild were very fortunate in that matter. Without the co-operation of the incumbents they would be helpless. They provided them with the bells and they were very happy and getting a great encouragement from those responsible for the government of the diocese.

Mr. Poole also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see so many of his friends from other associations as guests that day. It did show what appeal the Leicester Diocesan Guild made to the Exercise.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS GREETED.

The Bishop of Leicester gave the toast of 'The Visitors' and had a special word of welcome to Mr. George Williams, of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who was no less than 90 years of age.

Mr. C. Harrison, in presenting the toast of 'The Ringing World,' expressed appreciation of the work of the Editorial Committee in placing the journal in a sound financial position.

The Editor, Mr. T. W. White, in reply, called attention to the fact that the circulation had reached a higher figure than in any period of the paper's history and that circulation had to be pegged. With a waiting list of subscribers it would mean those who did not pay their subscriptions promptly on the appointed day would find that their copy had been allocated to a new reader. He also replied for the visitors and thanked the president and the Guild for their generosity and congratulated Miss Jill Poole on her ability in undertaking the secretarial work for such a large venture.

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Malmesbury Abbey Bells

Malmesbury Borough Council at their October meeting passed the following resolution: 'That the Council considers the unnecessary and prolonged ringing of the Abbey Church campanile to be a public nuisance to the inhabitants of the built-up area surrounding, and recommends to the Parochial Church Council that in future these bells be rung for not more than 20 minutes on any day for any purpose, except on Sundays, and then for recognised periods only.'

The mover of the resolution, Ald. Hodge, said: 'Last Saturday we had a gang from Bristol and Gloucester, who exercised their peculiar hobby for five and a quarter hours and made the town a perfect bedlam with their cacophony. Why should private individuals have to interfere with law-abiding citizens? Why they cannot stick to something like darts and dominoes, goodness knows.'

Cler. F. Taylor, one of the Abbey bellringers, claimed that the bells were 'part and parcel of the church service.' 'The new bells,' he said, 'if and when they are put in—'

'God help us if they ever are,' interjected Ald. Hodge.

Cler. Taylor continued: 'When the belfry is bricked up in a proper manner the bells will not be heard by those living nearby.'

Cler. Taylor explained that the bells now were not properly tuned and said he appreciated the nuisance they caused.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

A very enjoyable meeting was held on Oct. 4th at the ancient Parish Church of the Royal Borough of Sutton Coldfield. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Boggon), who, in his address, first gave the members a hearty welcome to Sutton Coldfield.

The Master, Councillor Paddon Smith, presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: E. J. Lindley (Epsom), G. Dodds (Isleworth), George W. Fletcher (Caister-on-Sea), A. Timmins (Quinton), T. J. Lock (North Mimms), all as life members; and D. Nock (Erdington) as an ordinary member. It was decided to hold the next bi-quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Knowle, and the next quarterly meeting, being also the annual meeting, at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on January 3rd.

After some discussion as to the possibility of holding the Henry Johnson Dinner next March as usual, it was unanimously agreed on the proposition of the treasurer, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker, that the secretary be instructed to make the best arrangements possible to hold the commemoration dinner on March 6th, 1948.

Mr. G. F. Swann congratulated Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd on his recent publication, 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters,' the method and its proof. It was a useful little book and a welcome addition to odd bell methods. He commended it to the members and it was agreed that a copy be included in the Guild's library.

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THE DANCE.

The concluding event was the dance at the De Montfort Hall, the largest hall in the city. Here the Ambassadors Band played for a company of 1,200 people. Tune handbell ringing by the Beltonians, conducted by Mr. S. Harrison, was a popular interlude. The Bishop of Leicester attended the function and chatted freely with the guests.

On Saturday morning an outing to the Loughborough foundry was arranged. Three peals were rung during the morning, viz., Grandsire Triples at Anstey; Kent Treble Bob Major at South Wigston; and Stedman Triples at Wigston Magna. Peal arrangements were made by Mr. Ernest Morris.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER.

The tenth annual dinner on October 4th broke all attendance records, when for the first time the gathering was held in the Guildhall, Worcester. The Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt.) presided, supported by the Mayor of Worcester (Mr. W. R. Amphlett), the Rev. J. T. Davies (Rector of Halesowen), the Rev. J. G. Jefferies (Badsey), the Rev. A. M. Moreton Jackson (Leigh), Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. S. T. Holt (Master) and Mrs. Holt, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson.

All parts of the diocese were well represented and visitors were present from Bilston (Staffs), Terrington St. John (Cambs.), Newport (Mon.), Newbury, Bromyard and Nottingham. Just before dinner a message of apology was received from the clerical secretary, the Rev. H. Hartley, who with Mrs. Hartley was prevented from attending through indisposition.

Following the honouring the loyal toast, Mr. J. R. Newman proposed 'Church and State.' Ringers, he said, were churchmen. Through the bells they prompted others to remember and tried to attract them to the Church. They were also citizens of the State, and both Church and State needed help, for both had big duties. With each individual doing a little to help, the difficulties would lessen, and, he concluded, might they soon be solved.

The Rev. J. T. Davies, who first replied, referred with pride to his own noble church, the bells and his local band at Halesowen. Ringing was essentially an English craft, for there was nothing like it elsewhere in the world. Religion and ringing had much in common, for both had a humble origin. He expressed the hope that the voice of the bells would again mean something in the life of the country and then there would be a return to religion and to God.

The Mayor, who replied for the State, mentioned that he was a member of the Cathedral voluntary choir and had also a connection with ringing through his mother's family—the Hintons, of Bristol and Worcester.

'THE ASSOCIATION.'

The toast of honour was entrusted to the Master, Mr. S. T. Holt, who said that in peal ringing the Association had, during the past two years, almost reached its pre-war efficiency. That was a cause for some satisfaction, but, generally speaking, no great strides were being

made in the local bands. Worcestershire always had been self-supporting, and they had even provided several for export, as quite a number of well-known ringers had learnt their ringing in the county. He appealed to each tower to maintain its band at full strength.

In reply, Mr. J. D. Johnson said he could never understand why it should be looked upon as the perquisite of the general secretary, but his first duty was the very pleasant one of asking the Mayor to accept their sincere thanks for the use of the Guildhall that evening. It was a worthy setting for their record gathering, and they felt they had the privilege of meeting in the most beautiful hall in the most beautiful county in England.

The Worcestershire Association had much of which to be proud. They were one of the very few associations annually to print their reports during the war; they were the first of the territorial associations to revive their dinner since the war, and they had not yet had to consider raising their subscriptions. It was still eighteenthence, and to-day they were stronger financially than ever before. They had their problems, but these had always been with them, and they were no more acute now than in the past.

In proposing the toast, 'Kindred Associations,' Mr. B. C. Ashford referred to the fraternal side of ringing and quoted instances in the past where old bands did not even know the ringers in adjoining towers. To-day they not only welcomed visitors at such functions as this, but on all occasions.

Mr. F. Colclough (Dudley and District) replied, and said it was the second big surprise in his ringing career, as he had only been asked to speak that evening. He warmly thanked the Worcestershire Association on behalf of all the visitors.

The toasts were interspersed with a first-class musical programme and all items met with warm appreciation. The artistes were: Miss Molly Tromans (Halesowen band, violin selections with her sister at the piano); Mrs. H. Tamlyn (contralto) and Mr. G. J. Hemming (tenor), of Evesham, sang a duet and several solos; Eddy James, of the Cathedral choir (song); with tunes on handbells by Messrs. G. J. Hemming, J. Thomas and J. D. Johnson. A course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was rung by the Hinton band; P. Harris 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, J. Thomas 7-8, Miss M. Rowland 9-10; and two courses of Stedman Triples by the middle three and the addition of T. W. Leuss.

*ROYAL BIRTHDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 'name' peal at Beddington, Surrey, about which Mr. Fredk. E. Collins makes an enquiry, I rang in a 'William' peal of Kent Royal 5,000 changes, at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 16th, 1932. The ringers were: J. William Driver 1, William H. Wood 2, William H. Hewitt 3, William H. Hollier 4, William Welling 5, William E. Judd 6, William H. Fussell 7, William Henley 8, William Madgwick 9, William Bottrill 10. Composed by William Willson. Conducted by William Hewitt. This peal was arranged by W. H. Hollier to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 'peal of Treble Ten' rung at this church by 'Williams.' Mr. J. William Driver stood in at the last moment, I believe, owing to the indisposition of one of the original band.

In addition, I have taken part in the following 'William' peals: Double Norwich C.B. Major at Twickenham, Middlesex, on February 24th, 1934; Stedman Caters at Isleworth, Middlesex, on February 23rd, 1935; Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Ealing, Middlesex, on February 22nd, 1936. These later peals were all rung as birthday compliments to the late William H. Hollier.—Thanking you, yours faithfully,
W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD

On the day the Bury St. Edmunds District met at Horringer (October 18th), the local captain (Mr. J. A. Ford), his wife and family had sailed for Australia to start a new life. Mention of his departure was made by the secretary, who moved that in recognition of his services to the Suffolk Guild, Mr. Ford be made a non-resident life member. This was carried with acclamation.

The musical light eight were put to full use, and the Rector expressed the hope that other people had enjoyed listening to the bells as much as he had.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Eight teams entered for this six-bell contest at Kirkheaton on October 11th, and the decision of the judge, Mr. H. Roberts, was as follows: 1 Shelley (Oxford), 15 penalties, 56 faults, 71; 2 New Mill (Oxford), 94; 3 Meltham (Oxford), 97; 4 Silkstone (Plain Bob), 107; 5 Sandal (Oxford), 127; 6 Friezland (Oxford), 152; 7 Liversedge (Oxford), 162; 8 Huddersfield (Kent), 198.

Mr. Hoyle, of the Shelley band, said when they rang at Kirkheaton 32 years ago Shelley won the cup and there was still a member in the team to-day.

Tea was served by the local band and their wives, a company of about 80 attending.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED

The great scheme of recasting and rehangng the bells of Wakefield Cathedral was carried out through the generosity of the Mayor of Wakefield's 'Cathedral Bells' Fund and the Cathedral congregation. The dedication ceremony was performed on October 18th by the Bishop of Wakefield (the Right Rev. Henry McGowan, D.D.).

It was early in 1936 that the bells were condemned as being unsafe, owing to the serious oscillation of the massive wooden frame. At that time the Cathedral authorities were faced with tremendous financial commitments. The ravages of the death-watch beetle threatened the fabric and the necessary restoration work cost some £6,000. In addition the old Chantry Chapel on Wakefield Bridge was being restored, and it was, therefore, decided to defer the restoration of the bells. Nevertheless, a sum of £800 was collected; last year the Provost (the Very Rev. Noel T. Hopkins) decided that the time had come to launch the restoration appeal.

The then Mayor of Wakefield (Cclr. Mrs. Crow) readily consented to issue such an appeal for £4,000. Deep satisfaction was at once felt when the Provost made an offer of £1,000 as the Cathedral congregation's contribution. The appeal met with an overwhelming response and in the matter of weeks the fund had been oversubscribed.

The work of recasting and rehangng was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and they have given the Cathedral a truly magnificent ring worthy of the grand old building, which for many years has been the centre of religious life in the city.

The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

Treble: Dion, Elizabeth and Angela Bell, 1946. Recast 1947.

2nd: From the Deanery of Birstall. Harry Tavener Robinson, Canon and Rural Dean. Recast 1947.

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th: Recast 1947.

Semitone: Cast 1947.

7th: Recast 1947.

8th: The gift of the employees of E. Green & Son, 1946. Recast 1947.

9th, 10th and 11th: Recast 1947.

Tenor.—The gift of the Cathedral Congregation, 1946. Noel Thomas Hopkins, Provost. Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy house. Recast 1947.

Each bell also bears the mark of the bell-founders. The tenor weighs 35 cwt. 1 qr. and is in C. The light eight have a tenor of 14 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F. A 14th bell, a sharp seconded (F sharp) is shortly to be added, giving yet another light octave.

THE SERVICE.

The impressive service attracted much attention. The Mayor and Corporation, the M.P. for the City and many civic leaders were present. About 140 ringers from as far afield as London were admitted into the Cathedral, which was packed to capacity by Friends of the Cathedral. Outside some thousands of people were gathered in the streets waiting to hear the bells. Traffic had to be diverted from the centre of the city.

The service opened with the singing of Psalm 150, and the lesson was read by the Bishop of Pontefract. This was followed by the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. After prayers the familiar ringers' anthem, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was sung as a procession, which included the Bishop and the Mayor (Cclr. Harry Watson), went to the tower.

Here the Mayor asked the Provost's acceptance from the citizens of Wakefield of the

ring of bells and the clock with its chimes. The Bishop then dedicated the bells and sounded one of them ten times, once for each century of the thousand years which have recorded the offering of Christian worship in the ancient church of Wakefield. The concluding hymn was 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones.'

As the Mayor stepped from the west door the bells rang out to the opening course of Grand sire Cinques by the following: J. Ward 1, R. H. Dove 2, P. Woodward 3, E. Smith 4,



WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL CHURCH

E. Pickles 5, W. Walker 6, T. Duffin 7, F. Bennett 8, T. W. Strangeway 9, J. H. Kirby 10, J. T. Kirby 11, M. T. Lockwood 12. The tower was then thrown open until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Cathedral School.

After tea ringing continued until 9 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Bob Minor to Stedman Cinques. Everyone present was delighted with the go and tone of the bells. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were represented by Messrs. Paul Taylor and J. P. Fidler, and Messrs. William Potts, who were responsible for the clock and chimes, by Mr. R. H. Dove.

A set of new chimes had been composed for the Cathedral by Sir Walter Alcock, lately organist of Salisbury Cathedral. They are unusual in that the quarters strike upon 12 bells, including the flattened sixth, and the fourth quarter's chimes lead to the striking of the tenor bell.

PAST HISTORY.

The first reference to Wakefield Cathedral bells was made in 1552, when, according to a survey, there were five great bells. In 1639 the bells were rehung. In 1704 three new bells were obtained, and in 1739 all the bells were hung in a new frame by James Harrison, of Barrow-in-Lincolnshire.

A new ring of eight was decided upon in 1778, and these were supplied by Messrs. Pack and Chanman, of Whitechapel, at a cost of

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John H. B. Hesse

WRINGTON, SOMERSET. Oct. 18th.

Intimate friends of the late Major Hesse have assembled in the ringing room of the belfry here to-day for the dedication of a plaque erected to his memory. It is inscribed as follows:—

To the memory of John Harley Bridges Hesse, a lover of bells and ringers, who died at Wrington on 18th October, 1946, aged 74 years. He was devoted to this tower, and its bells were his constant care. It was largely through his inspiration that in 1911 the old six bells were increased to the present peal of ten.

The mural tablet, which is of bronze with lettering in relief, has been given by his close ringing friends; a general appeal for subscriptions was not made. Among those present were Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse (widow), Peter and John Hesse (sons), Mrs. John Hesse, Mrs. E. D. Marshall (sister), Preb. A. J. Hook (Master, Bath and Wells Association), J. T. Dyke (general secretary), Rev. Arthur Talbot (Rector of Wrington), R. Beck (Chilcompton), Major J. H. Cann (Kilve), E. G. Caple (Clevedon), C. W. Denyer (Aldershot), C. H. Dobbie (Teddington), Stafford Green (Lyme Regis), E. E. Hardwick (churchwarden), W. H. Kingcott (steeplekeeper), H. W. Knight (tower captain), Mrs. H. W. Knight (tower secretary), A. R. Macdonald (Parkstone), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), A. Reeves (Bristol), H. Sanger (Evererech), F. Skidmore (Bristol), E. J. Taylor (Tiverton), L. R. G. Taylor (Salford), W. H. Thompson (Poole) and members of the Wrington company of ringers.

The dedication, by the Rector, was in the following words: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Immediately following the dedication, a peal of Stedman Caters (Louis Head, 5,019 changes) was rung in three hours twenty-five minutes by the following: S. Green 1, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 2, A. E. Reeves 3, H. Sanger 4, C. H. Dobbie 5, E. J. Taylor 6, H. W. Knight 7, W. H. Kingcott 8, J. T. Dyke 9, R. Beck 10.

During the peal, the remainder of the company assembled at the Golden Lion Hotel, where they were guests of Mrs. E. D. Marshall and Mrs. J. H. B. Hesse at tea. Later, the Rector, on behalf of Mr. Knight, thanked all subscribers; also Prebendary Hook for composing the wording on the memorial; Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was unable to be present, as he was on his way home from America, for getting the tablet made, and finally their hosts.

When the peal was over, the ringers were also entertained, and handbell ringing rounded off a memorable day. E.G.C

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£124 6s. 9d., together with the metal from the old bells. The new tenor weighed some 24 cwt. Thirty-eight years later it was resolved to recast these bells and add two new ones to make a ring of 10, with the tenor weighing 31 cwt. in D flat. This work was entrusted to Messrs. Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel. In 1882 two trebles were added, but these did not prove satisfactory.

OBITUARY

MR. T. W. GILMOUR.

The Lancashire Association, particularly the Liverpool Branch, has sustained a great loss by the death of one of its oldest members, Mr. Thomas W. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour died on October 11th and was buried at Sefton on Wednesday, October 15th. The bells of Sefton were rung by some of his old ringing friends. An impressive service was held at St. Peter's, Aintree, which was the parish in which Mr. Gilmour and his family resided. The Vicar (the Rev. W. K. R. Strickland) gave an appropriate address.

Tommy Gilmour, as he was affectionately known, became a member of the Lancashire Association upwards of 50 years ago, and in his early days was taught by the late Mr. Charles E. Wilson at the Church of St. Mary, Walton-on-the-Hill, where one of the finest six-bell companies in the country was then to be found. Mr. Gilmour was one of this band until 1919, when he became a member of the St. Nicholas' company and rendered valued service there for many years. He was an excellent ringer and striker on all numbers of bells.

The destruction of St. Nicholas' Church with the taking away of the bells from that tower was a great grief to him. Another sorrow was the loss through fire of the peal boards and records that were in the tower of St. Mary, Walton-on-the-Hill. Among these records were the ringing of 720's in the 41 Surprise Minor methods and the silent peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. Mr. Gilmour had rung many peals, but latterly he was more fond of short touches and an occasional quarter-peal.

MR. FREDERICK C. LAMBERT.

The Suffolk Guild has lost an old and very valued member by the sudden death of Mr. Frederick Charles Lambert on October 20th at the age of 78.

A ringer from the age of 10, he had been district secretary of the Halesworth Branch since the Guild's formation, and his work as instructor and conductor and local ringing organiser will be sadly missed.

Mr. Lambert was an authority on records of smuggling on the East Coast, and on the River Blyth and the Suffolk dialect. He was regarded as Halesworth's historian.

The Rector (the Rev. C. D. Hulbert) officiated at the funeral service on October 23rd and mentioned Mr. Lambert's service to the church as clerk and verger for 35 years as well as a bellringer. There was a large congregation and fellow ringers rang handbells at the graveside and the Parish Church bells half-muffled in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL TO MR. W. J. NEVARD.

In the presence of a large gathering of ringers, a memorial tablet to Mr. W. J. Nevard was dedicated in Great Bentley Church on October 11th. The tablet was erected by the Essex Association; it is of bronze and black engraved letters, and has been placed inside the nave near the entrance.

Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, Master of the Association, performed the dedication, and afterwards spoke of the sterling qualities of character of the late Mr. Nevard. The Vicar (the Rev. G. Colley) added his tribute in the course of his address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 5s.

The light eight at Great Bentley, which were relung in 1937 at the expense of Mr. Nevard, were rung before and after the service. Fifty ringers sat down to tea in the chapel hall. Thorington bells were also available.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringling in a variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise and a touch of Stedman Triples by a band of ladies made the joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild at Banstead on October 4th most enjoyable. Mr. H. N. Pitslow was thanked for the arrangements.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The old church of All Saints, Burstwick, in the heart of Holderness, was the venue for the October meeting of the Society, a cordial welcome being extended by the Society by the Vicar (the Rev. R. George), who conducted the service.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. Williams, the resignation of Mr. Clem Glenn as Ringing Master on leaving the district on release from the Services was received. The meeting decided to hold the resignation over to the next meeting in the hope that he might return to the district. Mr. Len Daggitt was appointed Deputy Ringing Master.

A lively discussion followed the committee's recommendation to hold combined practices. A request from Bridlington Priory for tuition received favourable consideration. New members elected were Messrs. W. H. Anstead and J. W. Procter (Hessle) and N. Logan (Patington). The November meeting will be at Cottingham. Ringing was in the four standard methods.

MARRIAGE OF MISS LANGDON

Miss Audrey Langdon and Mr. William Hughes were married at All Hallows', Tottenham, on October 18th. The service was fully choral, the Vicar officiating, assisted by the curate. The bride was in white satin and carried red carnations and was attended by three bridesmaids and a 'junior miss', all wearing pale blue taffeta and carrying posies of multi-coloured flowers.

As the bride and bridegroom came down the aisle the eight bells of All Hallows', manned by friends from a Holloway tower, rang out in Grandsire Triples. At the reception the Vicar of Tottenham proposed their health. The honeymoon is being spent in the Isle of Wight.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.

On October 4th, a party of 59 spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening in Loughborough. The first objective was to visit Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s Bell Foundry, where Mr. Harrison conducted a tour of the foundry, which proved to be very interesting. The bells at the Foundry Campanile were rung, and, owing to their lightness, were rather tricky to handle and caused much amusement, although a few touches were brought round.

The second place visited was Loughborough's War Memorial Carillon, and it was agreed by all that a high standard of craftsmanship had been bestowed on every detail. A special recital had been organised.

A high tea was served at Kynoch's Cafe. Mr. S. Millward proposed a vote of thanks to the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. Nobles) for arranging the trip. In reply, Mr. E. Nobles thanked Mr. Harrison for conducting the tour of the foundry. An hour's ringing was enjoyed at the Parish Church on the fine ring of ten.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Luton District held a very successful meeting at Leighton Buzzard on October 18th. About forty ringers visited the tower and a large variety of methods was rung. A strong party from Blechley enabled the light ring of eight at Linslade to be opened for ringing.

Mr. Head was in charge of the catering arrangements and provided the party with a first-class meal. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Dunstable in November.

CLAVERTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 5th, 1,299 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1, J. Marsh 2, C. Jones 3, E. Drew 4, A. Thirst 5, F. Hinton 6, A. Pearson (cond.) 7, F. Bennett 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Duffel 1, W. Woodward 2, J. Meakes 3, K. Seymour 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

BOULSOVER. — On Sun., Oct. 19th, 1947, at Lynton Nursing Home, Bexhill, to Joan, wife of Rev. Philip J. Boulsover, a son (John Crispin), a brother for Cecilia Joy. 2180

FOR SALE

FIFTY HANDBELLS, by John Taylor, Loughborough; 4 octaves chromatic, from number 25G, 3 baize covered tables, handbell music for 8 to 10 ringers; best offer over £160.—Jones, 35, Beaufort Road, Clifton, Bristol. 2204

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

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, Pontyprrd, Glam. 2171

MISCELLANEOUS

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION IN GOOD TIME.—Delight Ringers' Record Books would make ideal presents for your ringing friends.—Details and sample sheets from William H. Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 2150

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

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK. — Dedication ceremony arranged for Sat., Nov. 1st, postponed. 2200

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Rusper, Sat., Nov. 1st, 3. 2173
SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOC. and DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Chesterfield District.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield Parish Church, Nov. 1st, 3. Tea probably arranged.—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

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD (Farnham District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District).—Combined meeting Aldershot (8), Sat., Nov. 1st, 2.30. Tea 5. Service 7.15.

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. Tea 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

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Mon., Nov. 3rd, 7.15, a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth; everyone welcome.—H. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec. 2202

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

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 8th, at Sawbridgeworth. Bells (8) 3. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea not later than Nov. 4th to G. Radley, 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts. 2187

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Shireoaks, Sat., Nov. 8th. Tea only for those who notify Mr. H. Hall, Measham House, Shireoaks, by Nov. 4th.—H. Denman. 2186

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Cottingham, St. Mary's, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 3s. All notify W. Lawson 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, Thursday morning, Nov. 6th.—Albert E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 2185

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Nov. 8th, 3. Tea at Mrs. Pollard's 5. Names by Nov. 6th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells. 2184

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at Newhey, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bring food; cups of tea provided in the schoolroom. All ringers welcome.—I. Kay, Hon. Sec. 2182

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting Woolton, Sat., Nov. 8th. Tower open 3. Service 5. Tea provided. Please send names to Mr. T. W. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, Liverpool.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 2199

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch.—Practice meeting at Kirby Lonsdale, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Important: names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, not later than Nov. 5th. 2197

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Bi-quarterly meeting at Solihull, Sat., Nov. 8th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 2198

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Preston Branch.—Meeting Broughton, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley. 2181

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. David's, Brecon, on Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Nov. 4th to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 2189

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting Tempsford, Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells (6), 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 2190

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's, Sat., Nov. 8th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, by 6th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 2192

DERBYSHIRE ASSN.—Ilkeston District.—Breaston, Nov. 8th, 3. Names for tea to W. S. Spencer, Roker, Wilsthorpe Road, Breaston, by Nov. 5th, please. 2193

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), Sat., Nov. 8th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea following. Please send names to H. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, by Wed., Nov. 5th.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 2201

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting Farnsfield (5), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3.15. Bring food. Buses from Newark, Nottingham, Mansfield, Retford.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 2188

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.—Quarterly meeting Penhow, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Business to follow. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Buses quarter to the hour from Newport.—F. J. Hannington. 2183

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—A Guildford District meeting will be held at Old Woking on Sat., Nov. 15th; usual arrangements. Cups of tea only provided. Names please, by Nov. 10th. Nominations for district officers for 1948 must be made at this meeting.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 2195

HERTS COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Sat., Nov. 15th, 3. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 11th.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 2194

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting Walton-on-Thames (8), Nov. 15th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nominations for district officers for 1948. Notifications for tea to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2191

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Wickwar (6), Sat., Nov. 15th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 11th.—H. V. Robinson, Station Road, Wickwar. 2203

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