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LAMBETH

THERE have been a number of references in 'The Ringing World' to the Lambeth Conference. Peals have been rung in honour of the visit of overseas Bishops, and in various centres ringers have had the privilege of displaying their art to Bishops not familiar with the English tradition of change ringing.

This big conference has concluded, and the Bishops have published their findings in the form of an encyclical letter which they ask should be read in every place of worship in the Anglican Communion on October 10th. Some might justly ask what this has to do with bellringing. The answer is that as bellringing is recognised as a service to the Church, so those who participate are servants of the Church, and as such the pronouncements in the Lambeth letter are of vital importance.

'There is no place in the Church for those who will not try to honour the obligations of membership,' states the encyclical. 'We thankfully recognise how many do so honour them, how great is the zeal of many of our younger people, and how much is owed to the witness of faithful congregations and to other office bearers. But all must take their full share.' The Bishop of Monmouth, in an address to Welsh ringers, put his finger on a point which is of much concern when he remarked that it puzzled him greatly why we, who spend so much time and energy in our ringing, should turn away from the service for which we ring. It is possible that the experience of the Lambeth discussions was uppermost in his mind.

One noticeable thing about ringers is the large number of happy marriages of husbands and wives finding a common interest in the service of ringing. 'We should not forget that faithful and happy marriages still far outnumber those that fail,' states the letter in urging a firm stand by members of the Church by word and example to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond and to counteract those influences which tend to destroy it. Familiar, as all ringers are, with wedding bells, the public proclamation of such an act is, in our opinion, an added seal to the marriage contract, and we trust that this traditional practice will long continue.

This column is not the place for any dissertation upon the relationship of Church and State or Marxian Communism. We would, however, conclude with the pertinent observation that 'a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.' To possess much and to strive to possess more, states the letter, has been the cause of great evils and will continue to breed envy, hatred and strife under any economic system. The happiness that is to be found among many ringers is surely based on making other things than the quest of riches the main object of life. Perhaps the greatest contribution that we ordinary folk can make is in trying to bring the example of Christ into our everyday life. True, there will be many failures, but a courageous effort is well worth while. It is by the faithful discharge of the duties which men owe—to God by uprightness of life, to society by honest work, and to each other by bearing one another's burdens—that we shall leave this world as a better place than we found it.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

WILLIAM TILLET ... Treble	*ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS... .. 8
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE 10
FRANK L. FISHER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6	ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. In memoriam Mr. William P. Garrett. Tenor 32 cwt.

LINCOLN.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER IN THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. E. DAVIS ... Treble	CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 9
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 10
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES ... 5	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 11
*PETER N. BOND ... 6	THOMAS BEVAN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.
* First peal of Cinques. In memoriam James E. Bailey. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

SIDNEY BRIGGS ... Treble	W. NORMAN PARK ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*BERT SUTTON 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN W. WARD 8
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
RONALD H. DOVE ... 5	LEONARD RODMELL ... Tenor
	FRANK BRAITHWAITE

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Congratulatory peal to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor on the birth of a daughter. Tenor 64 cwt.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*A. HAROLD WORBOYS... Treble	LEONARD J. FOX 6
JOHN CHILCOTT ... 2	JOSEPH H. BOOMSMA ... 7
THOMAS G. FOX ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 5	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.
* First peal. For H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 18th birthday. Tenor 31½ cwt.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 18½ in E flat.
*E. JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	‡DAVID E. PARSONS ... 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 2	§TOM PAGE 7
†GILLIAN R. BRITAIN ... 3	§JOHN H. HUNT 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 9
FRANK E. DARBY ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of London Royal. ‡ First peal of London. § First peal of Surprise Royal. A birthday compliment to Charles H. Kippin.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

BETTY SPICE Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... 6
JAMES BENNETT 2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	‡JACK DAFTERS 9
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First ten-bell peal. Tenor 30 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER... 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church and the Festival of St. Alphonsus. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. THOMAS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	CHARLES CAMM 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 3	ERNEST CUBBERLEY ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS. Middleton's.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	JOE C. WALLIS 5
LEONARD MANNERING ... 2	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 6
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
FREDERICK G. HOGAN ... 4	FRANK THWAITES Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD. Holt's Original.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 5
HILDA M. STOBBS ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL ... 3	JOHN WORTH 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.



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ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE W.M. STEEL ... Treble	THOS. W.M. STRANGWAY ... 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... 2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH ... 6
JOSHUA WORMALD ... 3	PERCY MASSAM ... 7
WILLIAM WARD ... 4	HARRY HOMER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOS. W. STRANGWAY.
The ringer of the third was elected a member of the Association prior to the start of the peal. Tenor 13 cwt.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*LESLIE PRESTIDGE ... Treble	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... 5
†RODERIC J. LEES ... 2	HARRY GOODMAN ... 6
*WILLIAM DAVIES ... 3	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 7
HENRY HUBBALL ... 4	JOHN GOODMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. To celebrate the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Tenor 15 cwt.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. SALMONS ... Treble	TOM PAGE ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
MISS NELIA LEAHY ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
*MISS HAZEL DALE ... 4	EDWARD C. WHEELER ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.
* First in the method. Rung to celebrate the 18th birthday of Princess Margaret. Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt.

QUORNDON LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
*FRANK K. MEASURES ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOS. H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal as conductor.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

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

*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... Treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
MISS MARY ELKINGTON ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
RICHARD J. WARRLOW ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
†J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 4	HARRY BOSWELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*SAMUEL PINDER ... Treble	W. NEVILLE BROWN ... 5
W. PERCY WHITEHEAD ... 2	†R. WINFIELD CARLISLE ... 6
†W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
†R. EDWARD CARLISLE ... 4	‡PATRICK PRESTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PERCY WHITEHEAD.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. A compliment to R. Edward Carlisle, 25 years in the choir at this church.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
MADLINE M. CROFT ... Treble	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 2	JOHN CRAGG ... 6
*P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 4	CHARLES E. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Three-Part, No. 8.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	†BRIAN AUSTIN ... 5
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 7
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. In honour of Princess Margaret's official coming-of-age.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASEMORE.
In memoriam William P. Garrett. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, FYLINGDALES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	*PHILLIP H. SPECK ... 5
MRS. C. GLENN ... 2	BERT SUTTON ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 7
JAMES BULLOCK ... 4	JAMES A. PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.	
ERIC T. LEE ... Treble	DAVID GALLOP ... 5
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 6
ALAN J. BUTLER ... 3	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ... 7
*GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 4	ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of major. First peal by the Society of Roving Ringers.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*MISS MURIEL REAY ... Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 2	JOHN ASHCROFT ... 6
FREDERICK BROWNLOW ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
*MAJOR CROOK ... 4	JOHN HY. HAMER ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to the daughter of the tenor ringer.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Variation of Thurstans'.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	FREDK. A. SALTER ... 6
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 3	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 7
*HAROLD J. ROBERTS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.
* First peal of Stedman.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... Treble	WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 6
REV. F. F. RIGBY ... 3	THOMAS WITTS ... 7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 4	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Irregular Five-part (C.C.C. No. 30). Tenor 15 cwt.	
*MISS MARY HOWELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 5
RAYMOND OVERY ... 2	†JAMES H. LILLEY ... 6
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 3	HORACE E. LILLEY ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETS ... 4	KENNETH SNELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. The first peal in the method by all. Understood to be the first in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt, 5 lb. in A flat.	
MISS MARGARET FIDELL... Treble	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
MISS JOYCE P. GAYMER... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 7.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	BURLEY MORRIS ... 6
*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*EDWARD A. DIXON ... Treble	†E. THOMAS ELLENDER... 5
WILLIAM A. TERRY ... 2	†FREDERICK A. RYE ... 6
CHARLES TURNER ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
†STANLEY G. WHITE ... 4	†JOHN RUSSELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Major. Tenor 19½ cwt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 4	†C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Bristol. † 450th peal. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Treble	CYRIL CROSTSWAITE ... 5
THOMAS BARKER ... 2	JOHN CHARNOCK ... 6
*CHARLES SHARPLES ... 3	JOHN JACKSON ... 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. The first peal on the bells since recasting and augmenting to eight. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*ALBERT LAMBKIN ... Treble	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
HERBERT G. ANDREWS... 4	HARRY MULLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. In memoriam M. Smither.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
MARGARET BEAMISH ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

First in the method as conductor. A birthday peal for J. E. S. Moreton. Also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Rev. F. S. and Mrs. Herbert. Tenor 14½ cwt.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HAROLD G. BLICK ... Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 2	THOMAS YEOMANS ... 6
ERNEST STITCH ... 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 4	ROBERT E. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal. Holt's Original. Tenor 17 cwt.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HORACE A. WRIGHT ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOSS ... 5
*RONALD G. BUGG ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... 7
HARRY J. MILLATT ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (C.C.C. 164). Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First in the method. Tenor 9 cwt.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*MRS. S. B. MARCHANT... Treble	†COLIN F. MILLS ... 5
†EDNA M. SILLS ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 6
*ANTHONY V. KEMP ... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... 7
*WALTER C. GOSLING ... 4	FRANK BOORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples and in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt, 1 qr. 16 lb.	
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	JOHN W. BEST ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 6
JAMES S. WEBB ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	HARRY PYE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 21 cwt.	
*SIDNEY A. WHITE ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	†EDWARD A. DIXON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5
P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 2	*JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* Hundredth peal together. First peal in the method by all the band in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.—On Aug. 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. G. White 1, R. White 2, Miss N. Honey (first on 10 bells) 3, H. C. White 4, F. Messenger 5, F. A. White 6, A. R. Pink (conductor) 7, F. C. White 8, G. Hollifield 9, R. Sargent 10.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Aug. 31st, 1,260 changes of Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Hammons 1, Miss M. Valentine (first of Minor) 2, R. Finch 3, S. M. Ruddlesden 4, S. Earl 5, E. Nobles (conductor) 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. McGinlay (first quarter) 1, E. C. Pearson 2, H. G. Lawn (first of Triples) 3, W. J. Cross 4, J. W. Barber 5, G. F. Burton 6, E. E. Pearson (first as conductor) 7, J. S. McGinlay 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Walker 1, F. E. Pervin (conductor) 2, T. H. Reeves 3, H. Withers 4, J. Eaton 5, J. Harvey 6, J. N. Lindon 7, G. Chaplin 8. Rung for the christening service of the conductor's great-grandson.

HOYLANDSWAINE, BARNSLEY.—At the Church of St. John, on Aug. 25th, a date touch of 1,948 changes of Oxford: B. Broadhead 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, K. H. Wood 5, N. F. Moxon (conductor) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on Sunday, Aug. 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, C. Young 2, H. S. Peacock 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

LEYTONSTONE, E.L.—On Sunday, Aug. 8th, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. A. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. W. Furbank 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. Wilmington 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith 8.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. James on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jefferies (first quarter) (age 13) 1, I. Palmer 2, C. E. Jefferies 3, Miss N. Gardner 4, D. Gardner 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, A. Rodway (first quarter) 8. In memoriam A. E. Young.

NORWICH.—At St. Giles' on Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Becc 3, N. Golden (conductor) 3, A. G. Bason 4, G. Sayer 5, A. J. E. Smalls 6, E. H. Finch (Stapleford, Camba, first quarter Grandsire Triples) 7, H. C. Read 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.—On Aug. 29th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peat of Double Norwich by: A. Lawry (first in method) 1, J. D. Harris 2, J. W. Meade (first in method) 3, F. A. Burnett 4, S. E. Cook 5, W. Tate 6, R. E. Turner 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday, Aug. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Harris 1, D. Reed 2, B. Tiller 3, R. Tiller (first quarter in method) 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, R. Marlow 7, W. Cheater (conductor) 8.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: E. A. Knight 1, A. Bellamy (first as cond.) 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, W. A. Wilson 5.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6 callings), St. Dunstan-Doubles (four callings): C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, Group Capt. T. V. Lister 3, F. Chamberlain 4, H. Ball 5, A. Hale 6, E. Margrett 7, F. Bullock 8. 7.6.8 covering.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Goodger 1, Miss M. Baker (first 'inside') 2, Miss V. Wallis (first as cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, C. Mills 5, M. Usmar (first quarter) 6.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Aug. 21st, 2,560 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. R. Newton 1, T. Hammond 2, J. Horridge 3, A. Mawdsley 4, R. Kenrick 5, T. Hesketh 6, J. W. Grounds 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and the 21st birthday of R. Kenrick.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wells (first quarter) 1, B. W. Aldridge 2, D. Beveridge 3, R. Johnson 4, A. Grove 5, A. G. Hill 6, F. A. Coley (conductor) 7, C. Dann 8.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

By kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Lamb, Dean of Bridlington, and the ringers of Bridlington Priory, the Beverley and District Society held their monthly meeting at Bridlington on August 14th. The eight bells were rung to all the standard methods, and a fine touch of Stedman Triples preceded the service, which was conducted by Canon Lamb, assisted by the Rev. George Storer, Vicar of Hutton, Cranswick.

In his address, Canon Lamb said he was glad to welcome the Society again, exactly a year after their first visit. He was pleased to know of their continued progress. His message to all bellringers was one of commendation for their ministry, and for the inspiration of the message the bells send to all people.

Handbells were rung at the service during the singing of the 150th Psalm, and before the business meeting by: Mrs. Glenn 1-2, C. Glenn 3-4, T. Taffender 5-6, and L. Rodmell 7-8, to touches of Grandsire Triples. A good tea was enjoyed by the party of seventy in the Church Institute.

Mr. G. Williams presided at the business meeting, supported by the committee, and he gave a welcome to visitors from London and Hartlepool, and he also extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Glenn on their recent marriage. The secretary's report of the annual meeting held at Beverley on July 10th was approved, and the next meeting was arranged for September 11th at Barton-on-Humber.

Mr. D. Meadley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Lamb for the use of the bells and for his inspiring address, to the Rev. Storer, the organist, and the local ringers for the efficient arrangements. Two new members were elected. There was more ringing until 8.30, when the thirty from Beverley, Kirk Ella and Hull were soon on their way home by bus.—A. E. S.

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year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
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death in 1942.*

The writer of the Truro
Guild history, published
in this issue, the Rev. A.
S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, has the good
wishes of all ringers. To-day, September 10th,
is his birthday! Is this a double excuse for
celebration?

Will the ringer who submitted the peal of
Stedman Triples on August 21st at Old Bas-
ford, Nottingham, please send his name and
address to the Editor?

Mr. C. T. Andrews, of Melksham, informs
us that W. Pye's band did not ring Cam-
bridge Royal. The only Maximus previously
rung has been Plain and Kent.

Mr. Herbert Barlow has now rung peals
from 6 bells to 12. He has been a member
of the Lancashire Association since October,
1898, and his first Minor peal was on August
28th at Rochdale.

Mr. Jim Shepherd, of Swindon, who has re-
cently been in hospital, is back in ringing
circles again, and was among those who at-
tended the meeting of the West Dorset
Branch, Salisbury Guild, at Powerstock, last
Saturday.

Three generations of the Jefferies family
ring at Mangotsfield, near Bristol. Mr. J. G.
Jefferies has his two sons and two grandsons
all ringing with him. One of the family, 13-
year-old M. Jefferies, rang his first quarter on
September 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, ably
guided by grandfather, the conductor.

The peal of Superlative Surprise Major on
August 2nd at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Clap-
ham, London, celebrating the centenary of the
church, is worth noting. It was the first peal
of Surprise on the bells and the first peal on
them for nearly 40 years. The last was a
peal of Stedman Triples, called by the same
conductor, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender.

BELFRY GOSSIP

It's a small world. Mr.
A. J. Hughes, of Bangor,
sends the following: When
I was staying recently with my daughter at
Bradford, the next-door neighbour came in and
found me making a lot of sums (Stedman
Caters). After convincing him it was change
ringing, he said he had had 'one of those
chaps' with him in India—he was in the Dur-
ham Light Infantry—but he couldn't think of
the name of the chap. I suggested some, and
then we found his man in the peal columns
of 'The Ringing World.' Yes, it was Pat
Cannon. The neighbour's name, Eric Proctor.

John A. L. Thompson, who scored his first
peal of Bob Minor at Exhall, Warwickshire,
on August 28th, has now rung peals of Plain
Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

Will the next book be '1066, ad infini-
tum'? Mr. Ernest Morris has now rung 1,066
peals, the total being reached on August 25th
at Leicester. 'And all that' is met by the
fact that it was rung non-conducted and
silent, and is the first non-conducted peal for
all the ringers and for the Leicester Guild.

'The Society of Roving Ringers' has been
formed by the tourists who have been on
holiday in Devon during the past fortnight.
Membership also embraces those who took part
in their tour last year. The Society rang its
first peal at Broadclyst the average age of the
band being 18 years 6 months.

Four members of the Board of Trade staff
—Maurice Hodgson, Edwin J. Lindley, E.
Maurice Atkins and Alfred H. James—rang
a peal of Plain Bob Major at H.M. Patent
Office, Board of Trade, on August 26th. The
conductor, Mr. Atkins, wonders how many
other peals have been rung by ringers ex-
clusively from a single Government depart-
ment. He would also like to know of any
other ringers on the Board of Trade staff.

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THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

BY THE REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

OCTOBER 8th, 1947, was the jubilee of the foundation of the Truro Diocesan Guild, which is now in its fifty-first year. On this day in 1897 a meeting was held at Truro Cathedral, then without nave, western towers or bells, under the presidency of Bishop Gott, who in his charge to the diocese in 1894 had devoted a section to bells and ringing, and had urged the formation of a guild. At that time only two towers were affiliated to any guild, and they were St. Mary's, Penzance, and Gulval, which were linked to the Devon Guild.

Mention of these two towers brings into this early picture the name of Dr. John Symons, who was much concerned with ringing at these two towers, and who had called the first peal ever to be rung in Cornwall in 1883, at Penzance, which was Grandsire Triples. Ringing progress in Cornwall has always been helped from outside the diocese, and the things that make history in the Truro Guild prove the value of ringing tours and the encouragement they give.

Prior to this first meeting there had been a peal attempt (Superlative, which lasted two hours) at Kenwyn Church by a touring band, among them being the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Oxford Guild) and the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who did so much for ringing in Devonshire. The Oxford and Exeter Dioceses, therefore, had an influence in the formation of the Truro Guild, for both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Kelly gave their advice, and Dr. Symons urged the formation of the Guild.

In 1898 'The Constitution and Rules of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers' appeared, having been printed in Plymouth. The first festival was held at Verran (six bells), the tower of the first secretary, the Rev. (afterwards Canon) J. A. Kempe, in 1898, which was attended by seven bands of ringers, and indeed it was a full day—Holy Communion 8.30 a.m., luncheon 1 p.m., special ringers' service 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., harvest thanksgiving service 7 p.m., with ringing by the various bands the whole while between each. The day was a Tuesday.

TO OVERCOME PRIZE RINGING.

These festivals were held each year, and a carefully prepared programme drawn up with each band of ringers attending being allocated a certain time for ringing. Such a method had to be, for there was little or no change ringing, except what a 'special band' could do, and the whole object of the Guild was to overcome the prize ringing which was then rampant throughout the county, and which still does exist in East and South-East Cornwall; there is, however, none in the western half of the county.

Prize ringing generally has succumbed to the progressive influence of the Diocesan Guild, and the fact of its diocesan status. Although money prizes are still given, the area in which prize ringing still operates has gradually diminished. There was an agreement between towers in a certain area not many years ago that money prizes should be given up, and this brought into being the Mid-Cornwall Association as a branch of the Diocesan Guild. At this branch's festivals certificates are awarded to those bands which attain a certain standard of striking. Some such local effort was made at Lanlivery in 1911 after there had been much disagreement over money prizes.

The following elaborate invitation to take part is of unique interest:—

'To the Ringers of the Tower of Gentlemen, An Open Competition in the Art of Round Ringing will be held in the Tower of Saint Dunstan, Lanlivery, on S. Dunstan's Day, May 19th, 1911. The Prizes will be: 1st A Certificate that—in the opinion of the Judges—the *Set* named therein were, individually and collectively, worthy to be considered MASTER RINGERS of the Order of

S. Dunstan; 2nd, COMPANIONS of the Order of S. Dunstan; 3rd, BROTHERS of the Order of S. Dunstan; 4th and following, Certificate of ability to ring a good Round Peal to all who satisfy the Judges. A ribbon embroidered with 8, 6, 4 or 2 Bells will be given to each successful competitor as a token.

'The Rules will be according to Ancient Custom, provided that Ringers be certified by the Captain of their Tower as Bona Fide Operative Ringers who have rung for service during the past year. The names of intending competitors must be sent in to us on or before 10th May. No entrance fee. Donations to defray expenses will be received by Mr. W. H. Rundle, Lanlivery. Hoping to meet all our old friends and enjoy a quiet day, We are, Gentlemen, Yours fraternally, BENJAMIN ROSKILLY, Capt. W. H. RUNDLE, Vice-Capt. and Treas.'



MR. W. H. SOUTHEARD,
Master of the Guild.

Such a gathering as this was outside the Diocesan Guild, but it is the kind of thing that helped some to give up their old ways.

The first printed report appeared for the year 1902, and in this it is shown that there were 13 towers in union with the Guild. The 1947 report shows 65 towers in union, and 13 under the Mid-Cornwall Association. A total of 78. The purpose of affiliating towers, and so accepting all the members of such towers as members of the Guild, has been kept up and found generally successful as it keeps the tower, and ringers too, sacred from prize ringing.

DR. SYMONS' WORK.

The general history of the Guild shows what a tremendous amount of pioneering work had to be done by a few, and in this Dr. Symons, who died in 1944, was one of the few practical ringers to do it. He was successively Master and President of the Guild, and it is now proposed to place a bell to his memory at Madron Parish Church when the present six are augmented to eight.

His daughter, Miss Eileen Symons, the present president of the Guild, has loaned me some of his books and papers which show his immense interest in bells and everything pertaining thereto, for many cuttings have been preserved, details of all the bells of Cornwall

were kept almost up to date, letters from various ringers of bygone days, and one which shows that even in his surgery he was studying method ringing many years ago. It reads: 'Dear Dr. Symons, Kindly send me another Bottle of the Sleeping Draught. Yours truly . . . Feb. 10th, 1881.' This short request is written on a double sheet of note-paper, and on all four sides there are closely written details of how to ring Grandsire Doubles and Triples.

Dr. Symons worked with four secretaries, first, Canon Kempe, and then with Canons H. H. Mills and H. R. Jennings, and with the present secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who has provided Cornwall with two sixes—at Zennor and Crantock. When Dr. Symons became president in 1930 he was succeeded by Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, who was followed in 1938 by Mr. W. H. Southeard, of Truro, who is the present Master.

Method ringing is still only found at a few centres, and generally it is confined to the standard methods. The greatest problem is to provide instructors, and their work is made harder by the fact that few towers have any tradition of change ringing. However, progress during the second half of the fifty years is most evident, and again touring bands have done good in that they have inspired enthusiasts to emulate their successes.

One of the greatest works for the Guild has been done by Mr. C. E. Lanxon, the present peals secretary, who collected and wrote up all the peals rung for the Guild, having just passed the 150 mark. Previously no proper records had been kept. The first peal for the Guild was not rung until 1907, and this was at Emmanuel, Plymouth. The same year a touring band rang six peals, and this inspired peals at Kea and Kenwyn, both near Truro, where locals with the help of visitors rang eight peals of Grandsire Triples between 1909 and 1911. Dr. Symons took part in some of these.

There were some three or four more up to 1913, but the war had its effect and no more were rung until 1926—a space of 13 years. In this year a touring band rang the first peal of Royal (Kent T.B.) at the Cathedral, and this inspired some locals who got to work, and with the help of Plymouth ringers in the next year, 1927, fourteen peals were credited to the Guild. I find my name in twelve of these.

The first peal on eight by all Cornish ringers for the Guild was at Penzance in 1933, fifty years after Dr. Symons' peal there, and the first on eight for the Guild by a band from one tower was at Lanhydrock in 1934: the band was from the Cathedral. Both peals were Grandsire Triples and I had the honour of conducting both. The greatest achievement so far was the peal of Bob Royal at the Cathedral in the Jubilee Year, but the peal was rung for the Diamond Jubilee of the Cathedral, and the credit goes to Mr. C. E. Lanxon, who is the first Cornishman to conduct a ten-bell peal. Mr. Lanxon, too, is the only Cornishman who has called one of his own compositions, this being Bob Major at Roche: on this occasion we rang two peals by beginning with Stedman Triples in the morning at Lanivet, but several visitors were in both peals.

A summary of the peals shows that during the first 25 years of the Guild's life 19 peals were rung, and local members took part in seven of these. During the last 25 years 134 peals have been rung and resident members have taken part in over 100, and it is now the custom to ring peals without outside help. It is fitting that the greatest number of peals at one tower has been rung at the Cathedral, 15 in all, with the neighbouring towers of Kea and Kenwyn claiming ten each.

The general condition of the bells in Cornwall is excellent, and the county has been a good

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FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Ringing To-day

BLACK SPOTS—SUGGESTED CAUSES.

Dear Sir,—The recent historical surveys of our great ringing associations which have appeared in 'The Ringing World,' particularly the more recent one of the Kent County Association, impel me to write. The surveys give some idea of the progress made in the art during the past 50 or 60 years, which from a peal-ringing point of view are undoubtedly remarkable. Very noteworthy progress in peals and methods rung has been made throughout the Exercise during the past 20 years. Can the same be said of Sunday service ringing?

The avowed aim of the fourteen Associations to which I belong are roughly similar:—

- (1) The maintenance and encouragement of service ringing in all the churches.
- (2) The cultivation of the art of change ringing.
- (3) Belfry reform—whatever that may mean.

During the 42 years of my ringing life I have at various times been resident in the areas covered by the Midland Counties Association, Middlesex County Association, London County and Bedfordshire Associations, and have always given precedence to service ringing. Further, I have had opportunity to visit on Sundays towers in Essex, Herts, Sussex and Surrey. I have for the past 18 months been a resident member of the Kent County Association (Canterbury District). My experiences prompt the questions: Why is it that local service ringing is so much better in some areas than in others? Is it to the credit or default of the County Association or Diocesan Guild that such marked differences occur? Do some Associations, in fact, give as much attention to this aspect of their work as their rules imply? Why, for instance, can Luton—who do not ring peals—ring excellent London Surprise, whilst Canterbury, a much older home of ringing, ring only bad Grandsire?

I am aware that many areas where the local bands reach a good standard owe the fact to having been fortunate in the past in that they have had the sustained assistance of enthusiasts who knew how to handle a bell properly and took pains to teach others to do so. I am convinced that this matter of proper bell control is the crux of all progress and good striking, and that many Associations do not fully realise the debt they owe to these strong men of the past who insisted on proper handling first. Again, do our Associations use their influence to the full to encourage the clergy to know something of the art and to encourage good ringing? Are some of our County Associations, in the light of present-day demands, too unwieldy to admit of proper instruction being given to recruits? Perhaps my friends of the Leicester Diocesan Guild could give some idea of the benefits or defects of the smaller unit.

The fact remains there are many black spots. Moreover they often exist within the areas of our largest and most peal-prolific Associations. The Kent County Association (Canterbury District) covers an area of some

30 miles' radius. It has in affiliation 51 towers—2 twelve, 1 ten, 18 eights, 21 sixes, 9 fives—all more or less in good ringable condition. It has some 200 members. There is no dearth of recruits. Yet it is the exception to ring even a passable touch in a simple method at either district meeting, practice or service. The number who can strike a bell properly are very few, and it is impossible to find a band for a standard method peal without seeking the aid of 'crack ringers' from North Kent, Ashford or Maidstone. Why is this? The recruits coming forward are in many cases left to the mercy of teachers who cannot themselves ring and never will. Towers are in the hands of so-called ringers who cannot even ring rounds, yet the clergy in their ignorance of ringing look upon them as efficient instructors. Such a state of affairs is not to the credit of an Association so influential as Kent County.

Perhaps a drastic pruning operation and replanting in good soil of the pieces lopped off would bring forth new life.

110, College Road, Deal, Kent. W. BOTTRILL.

HANDBELL TUNES

Dear Sir,—After reading Mr. J. M. Turner's letter of August 27th date, these lines came into my mind, which I address in respectful sympathy to Mr. R. Douglas (and other's):—

IF you've six men, all in one mind,
Who promptly meet,
None lag behind;
IF they can handle four bells each
And know their notes
(No need to teach);
IF each has rhythm, time and shade,
Can ring at sight
With no one's aid;
IF all know much, but little say,
Yet never sulk,
Who want no pay;
IF you've sharps and flats for every hymn,
If all are sound
And in good trim;
IF you've octaves four, not two—or one,
ALL TUNES ARE YOURS,
My lucky Son!

Yours faithfully,

69, West Street, GEORGE GRILLS.

Tavistock, Devon.

P.S.—IF Mr. Douglas will send me particulars of his bells, I will try to help him.

Dear Sir,—My late sister and myself attended at the Royal Hants County Hospital at Christmas time for many years and rang handbells in the wards, four in hand. When some tones, or three or four bells in the higher octave, were wanted, I could drop my four on a small table and pick up what was needed to continue the tune. We used to play Christmas hymns, carols, Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples, songs, etc.—a little different for each ward. We had no MSS. music. The ringing was in perfect harmony. One or two of the Winchester Guild officials would be able to vouch for this, being patients at the time.—Yours truly, G. NOICE.

6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

'NOTE THE NOTE'

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. B. D. Price's letter, I should like to point out that there is, in fact, no absolute standard of pitch. Present-day standards vary amongst themselves by as much as a semitone, while at the close of the seventeenth century a difference of six and a half tones existed between the 'Church pitch' of N. Germany and the Strasbourg Cathedral organ. Mr. Price's remarks seem to show that such inconsistencies may still be found in this country.—Yours faithfully,

25, Chudleigh Road, H. J. YARDLEY.
Erdington, Birmingham.

'The Tents of Wickedness'

Dear Sir,—Apropos the comment of the Bishop of Monmouth that ringers who spend so much time and energy in ringing should turn away from the service for which they ring, I feel that no ringer would deny that bands exist purely for the social pleasure of ringing. Those who have rung on Sundays in different parts of the country see desertion happen regularly. One of the worst cases of this the writer has seen was in a church in Cambridgeshire, where one has to make an exit up the centre and north aisles. Some of the ringers there did not even trouble to put a collar and tie on, and made their exit as one body during the first hymn. And one sees well-known bands going to a cafe for coffee after Sunday morning ringing.

Fortunately there are the loyal towers. How inspiring to have ten ringers for eight bells at 8 o'clock Christmas communion! And how deeply satisfying to ring Yorkshire, Cambridge and London Surprise and have a ringers' pew reserved in a packed church!

How many of us could truthfully say with the Psalmist, 'I had rather ring Grandsire Doubles in the House of my God than to ring Surprise Maximus in the tents of wickedness?'—Yours, etc., 'CAMPER.'

ST. COLUMB DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In the past the term 'method' as applied to Doubles methods has taken on a certain loose meaning which it would seem advisable to accept, having consideration for the achievements in the five-bell field. Records were set up, claiming that a number of different methods had been rung, and, as far as one can discover, no voice was raised in protest until Mr. Barnett happened to read an Australian paper.

April Day (Grandsire single leads applied as bobs to Plain Bob), Old Doubles (Plain Bob with an 'extreme' bob) and Norfolk Doubles (Plain Bob using both 'ordinary' and 'extreme' bobs) are of considerable antiquity and have been rung over a long period of years in company with others like Fortune, Hudibras, Antelope and those intriguing extents called Jolly Dick and Jack o' Both Sides.

On April 30th, 1883, the Crettingham (Suffolk) men rang a peal of Doubles and the Norwich Diocesan Association noted 'the remarkable performance of the Crettingham Branch, who rang 5,040 changes on five bells in twenty-one different methods.' This peal included April Day, Old Doubles and Fortune, together with Gog Magog (which may have been what is so called in at least one district, the three-part extent of Grandsire produced by plain lead, single, bob, single).

It is therefore a little late in the day to castigate these Doubles methods and certainly illogical to suggest that peals containing these methods and others constructed on the same principle may not be used to break records. If, for example, April Day is a method—and a very large number of ringers has accepted it as such—then St. Columb is also a Doubles method. The object of all record-breaking is to surpass previous achievements performed on a certain basis, and Mr. Pink and his band are fairly entitled to claim that they have set up a record in ringing a peal in forty-two Doubles methods.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

KEEP TRYING

Dear Sir,—I'm glad to see that 'Nil Desperandum' is still trying. I also failed at the tenth attempt. However, for the eleventh I tried Superlative and rang in my best-struck peal yet, that of course being the reason for its success. I hope 'N.D.' will shortly have a similar success.—Yours sincerely,

Alsager. DAVID H. ANSTEY.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD—continued.

customer to the bellfounders. Of the forty octaves all are in good going order; only some two or three sixes out of about ninety are out of order, and these are to be restored, and several are awaiting augmentation to eight, a dozen or more fives are quite ringable. There is a love of ringing in Cornwall, and this keeps the bells in good order, and one must credit even prize ringing with doing this also, but the Truro Diocesan Guild was founded for the cause of the best and most progressive type of ringing, and in this it must be loyal to its founders.

SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 1 of Cambridge Surprise, 2 of Kent, 2 of Oxford Treble Bob and 2 of Bob Minor. Tenor 7 cwt.
 PETER BAKER Treble | TREVOR NEWBURY 4
 JOHN THOMAS 2 | *WILLIAM GODWIN 5
 MRS. J. THOMAS 3 | FRANCIS MILES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
 * First peal of Minor.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven extents in twelve methods, fifty changes of method: (1) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob, (2) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Double Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Single Court, (6) Reverse Bob, and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
 ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble | LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4
 *GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2 | *BERT GOGLE 5
 NOLAN GOLDEN 3 | GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
 * First peal in more than three methods on the bells.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven extents, three callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.
 HAROLD C. R. VINE ... Treble | FREDERICK DIGBY 4
 CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2 | H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 5
 WALTER H. POOLE 3 | WILLIAM E. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.
 *ERNEST W. T. GROVES Treble | FREDERICK DIGBY 4
 HUBERT SMITH 2 | HAROLD C. R. VINE 5
 H. DENNIS W. BISHOP... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. DENNIS W. BISHOP.
 * First peal.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
 CHARLES E. G. BANHAM Treble | LANCELOT LAWRENCE ... 4
 FREDERICK C. JOHNSON 2 | ALBERT E. DIXON 5
 *JOHN BARNES 3 | LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.
 * First peal, aged 14.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 *COLIN P. WALKER ... Treble | ALAN CATTELL 4
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2 | JOHN B. BENNETT 5
 ERNEST MORRIS 3 | *COLIN A. KIRK Tenor

Rung non-conducted and silent.
 Witness: JEAN M. WARD.
 * First peal. † First of Doubles. First non-conducted peal for all and for the Guild.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.
 JOHN E. S. MORETON ... Treble | W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 4
 L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2 | *HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5
 WILLIAM A. STOTE 3 | †JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
 * First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Consisting of three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob.
 GEORGE BROWN Treble | MISS BETTY MORELAND ... 4
 *HERBERT BARLOW 2 | ALLAN SMITH 5
 JAMES TAYLOR 3 | ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.
 * First peal of Minor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BLACKMOOR, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 LESLIE A. PAGE Treble | NORMAN A. ONER 4
 *GILBERT W. SAYERS ... 2 | CECIL C. WRIGHT 5
 ARTHUR H. FISHER ... 3 | EDWIN S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN S. SMITH.
 * First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5077 CHANGES;
 Tenor size 17 in A.
 W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 1-2 | *WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
 ERNEST MORRIS 3-4 | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8
 †FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
 * 100th peal together. † First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
 AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
 Tenor size 12 in F.
 ALFRED BALLARD 1-2 | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5-6
 THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 3-4 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
 AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6
 GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4 | *PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
 * First peal of Little Bob 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
 AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANGES;
 JACK L. MILLHOUSE 1-2 | *KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6
 JOHN FREEMAN 3-4 | ERIC A. DENCH 7-8
 †P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... 9-10

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
 * First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.
 THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | *W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
 * First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
 AT H.M. PATENT OFFICE, BOARD OF TRADE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 MAURICE HODGSON 1-2 | F. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
 EDWIN J. LINDLEY 3-4 | *ALFRED H. JANES 7-8

Composed and Conducted by F. MAURICE ATKINS.
 * First peal 'in hand.' All are members of the Board of Trade staff.

'Spliced'

The bells of Ash (Surrey) Church rang merrily on Sept. 4th, the occasion being the marriage of two bellringers, both members of the local company. The bride was Miss Jean Audrey Whelan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Whelan, 11, Grange Cottages, Ash, and the bridegroom Mr. Thomas Edward Denyer, second son of Mr. W. Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot. As the bride entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, the organist played Handel's Largo. The Rector of Ash (the Rev. W. M. Insley) performed the ceremony, and the two hymns were 'Come, Gracious Spirit,' and 'Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven.' The bride looked charming in a dress of white cloque with orange blossom wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of dark red carnations, later placed on her grandmother's grave in Ash cemetery. There were four attendants, Miss Rosemary Gilliam (bride's cousin) and Miss Rosamond Corden (friend), and two little girls, Miss Nancie Braff and Miss Josephine Whitford (bridegroom's nieces). The older bridesmaids wore blue taffeta with blue veil and feather headresses and blue lace gloves, and carried pink carnations, while the two little maids were in pink flowered dresses, poke bonnets and had posies of blue scabious. Mr. John M. Denyer was his brother's best man.

A reception in St. Peter's Hall was attended by 70 guests, and later Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Denyer left for their honeymoon at Ventnor (I.O.W.), the bride travelling in a tan silk dress with fawn coat and brown accessories. St. Peter's ringers rang touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Doubles as the bridal couple left the church, and as they were leaving for their honeymoon 'Spliced' Kent and Oxford and a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung. Among the many gifts received were a silver fruit basket from Ash bellringers, a tea set from St. Michael's, Aldershot, ringers, cutlery from Messrs. Stewarts (hairdressers), Guildford, the bride's former employers, and a clock and companion set from Messrs. John Drew (Printers), Ltd., where the bridegroom is employed as a compositor.

WEDDINGS AT DARLEY DALE

Romance thrives among the ringers of St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire. During August the church was the scene of two weddings. On August 12th, Mr. Ernest Paulson, eldest son of Mr. G. H. Paulson, of Darley Dale, married Miss Eileen Hayton, a nursing sister of Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale. The service was choral, and the bellringers rang an appropriate touch as the couple left the church.

The bells were also rung for the wedding of Mr. Denis Scott to Miss Marjorie Webster, also employed at Whitworth Hospital, both ringers at the church. The two couples received gifts from their fellow-ringers. Both bridegrooms belong to families who have put in long service in the belfry of St. Helen's Church.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley Guild was held at Clent on August 28th, when over 50 ringers attended. Many of the older ringers took the opportunity of having a chat with Mr. Will Short, who is now over 80 years of age.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the meeting followed with Mr. Short in the chair. It was decided to send a donation of £1 ls. to the J. W. Parker Memorial Fund.

A by-meeting was arranged for Bilston on Saturday, October 30th, and the next quarterly meeting at Rowley Regis on December 4th.

OUTINGS

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW RINGERS.

The ringers of Rushmere St. Andrew, Ipswich, combined with the ringers of St. Matthew's, Ipswich, and friends from other towers in the district, and had their first outing since the war on July 31st. It took the form of a tour of Essex by coach. Travelling via Colchester and Braintree, the first stop for ringing was at Stebbing (6), then calling at Ford End (6), and on to Little Waltham, where dinner was served. After ringing at the church, the next stops were at the round tower at Broomfield (6) and on to Springfield (6), Boreham (8), and on to Witham, where after tea a move was made for the last ringing at the Parish Church, Witham (8).

All agreed it had been a most enjoyable trip. The party, which included some of the ringers' wives, numbered 25. At Ford End was found the lightest ring in Essex, the tenor weighing only 4½ cwt. and treble 1½ cwt. They were a great contrast to those at Witham, with tenor of 18 cwt. During the day the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Treble Bob and Plain, also Bob Major, K.T.B. Major, and Double Norwich.

NORTON AND BALDOCK RINGERS' OUTING.

An August 28th a good number of ringers from Norton and Baldock, Herts, with friends from St. Ippolyts, Hotfold and Henlow, left for their first outing since before the war. First ring of the day was at St. Edmund's, Northampton, and St. Peter's. Lunch was arranged by Mr. Eric Nobles, who was also the guide. At the next call, Wellingborough, the first touch of Double Norwich came round well, and the party proceeded to Finedon. After tea came Raunds, the best ring of the day, and the last port of call was at Thrapston. The party's sincere thanks go to all who made this a most successful day.

SEAL CHART, KENT, RINGERS.

Folkestone was the destination of the ringers from St. Lawrence's Church, Seal Chart, Kent, when they went on an outing on August 7th, taking some friends with them. A stop was made at Sellenge on the outward journey, and at Charing on the return, for ringing, and they also rang at Folkestone during the afternoon. Thanks are due to all concerned for the use of the bells and the enjoyment of the outing.

WALKDEN, LANCs.

First post-war outing of St. Paul's, Walkden, was on August 14th under the leadership of Mr. J. Boyer. Ringing at St. Michael's, Middlewich, was followed by a tour around this interesting 17th century church, conducted by the Vicar's warden.

The Rector was waiting to welcome the party at St. Mary's, Nantwich, and explained features of this beautiful 12th century building. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and the evening was spent in ringing in the central hexagonal tower. The only disappointment of the day was the absence through illness of the captain, Mr. John Potter.

FIFTY GLORIOUS YEARS

In appreciation of 50 years' devoted service to the church and choir by Mr. G. Eastwood and to Mr. J. Cunliffe, who for many years was a member of the choir, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Doubles, 1,440 changes, was rung at the Church at St. Paul, Cross Hone, Todmorden, Lancs, on August 22nd. Taking part were Clarence Huxley 1, Robert Uttley 2, Jeffrey Plowes 3, Derck Sanderson, R.A.F., 4, Colin R. Milthorp, R.N., 5, and Cyril Huxley 6. The conductor was Derek Sanderson.

Devon Guild Special Meeting

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a special meeting at Newton Abbot on August 28th, when ringers came from Rochdale (Lancs), Honiton Clyst, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh and Paignton. The president, Rev. P. E. V. Cox, of Ottery St. Mary, and the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis, also attended.

The bells of Wolborough Parish Church were kept going during the afternoon, and the visitors later adjourned to Highweek Parish Church for a special service, which was conducted by the Rev. P. C. Young (Rector). The service having concluded, bars of flowers were laid on the graves of two colleagues, the late Mr. C. R. Lilley and the late Mr. C. R. Walker, by the president in Highweek Churchyard, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at each grave by: J. E. Lilley 1-2, A. L. Bennett 3-4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5-6, Rev. P. E. V. Cox 7-8.

Tea was at Abbot's Larder, Bank Street, and the visitors later moved back to Highweek Parish Church for further ringing. The methods rung throughout were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.—A. L. B.

JOINT MEETING AT REPTON

The joint meeting at Repton on August 21st of the Midland Counties Guild and the Derbyshire Association was attended, despite the heavy rain, by ringers from Derby, Alvaston, Ockbrook, Duffield, Ilkeston, Chellaston, Cheadle, Norton-in-the-Moors, Burton St. Paul's, Winshill, Ashley, Lullington, Overseal, Netherseale, Measham, Ticknall and Carmarthen, South Wales. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. Harcombe.

After tea in the Court House, Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the M.C.G., thanked the Vicar for use of the bells and the local people who had arranged the excellent meal.

During the afternoon and evening some good ringing was accomplished in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and an unsuccessful attempt at Duffield Major.

STANTON SURPRISE

By JOHN REEVES.

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, East Budleigh, Sept. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, Devon. 3981

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Hollingbourne, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. Note change of tower for this meeting from Ulcombe owing to condition of bells. 3925

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haworth, near Keighley, 'The Home of the Brontes,' on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions received and reports issued at this meeting.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. District Sec. 38. Littlemoor, Queensbury. 3972

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—G. C. Briggs, District Sec. 4029

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield, Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 4014

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington, Sept. 11th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4008

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following.—W. C. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 4026

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Adlington on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—W. H. Shuker, F. Dunkerley, Hon. Secs. 4033

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Saturday, Sept. 11th. Ringing 3-4. St. Mary's R.C., Clapham. Tea, Williams and Son, Balham High Road, 4.15-5. Business 5.15-6 in St. Stephen's Hall, Ravenwood Road. Ringing 6-8 Clapham Park. Warm welcome to all.—A. F. Udall, District Sec. 4000

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Worth (6), September 11th. Tea available Youles Bakeries, Three Bridges. Transport if possible, or L.T. bus.—C. A. Bassett. 4048

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD & SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Joint meeting at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6), four miles from Newark, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.15. Bring own food.—J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 4001

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Much Wenlock (Salop) on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Ringing at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must notify me before Wednesday, Sept. 15th.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4062

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Saturday, Sept. 18th. Northaw (6) 3 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Norfolk Surprise. 4024

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Committee meet in vestry 3. Service 4., followed by Association photograph outside church at 4.45. Tea 5 in St. Paul's Mission Church Room only to those who notify Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough, by Sept. 13th. Meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road Heaton, Bradford. 3977

OPEN RINGING DAY and Dedication of Peal Tablet, Moorside, Oldham, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, provided free. Notify Mr. I. Kay, 69, Firtree Lane, Bardsley, A.U.L., before Sept. 15th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. 4015

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea before the previous Thursday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4012

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern.—Annual meeting, Old Hill, Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4028

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Betchworth (8), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Holland, Oxted, Surrey, by Monday, 13th. 4027

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) and Elmdon (6), Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No ringing at Elmdon until after tea, approx. 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 15th, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street Hoddesdon, Herts. 3997

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—District meeting, Barton Stacey, on Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5, at the Plough Inn. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. C. King, 59, Western Road, Winchester, by Monday, Sept. 13th. 4003

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Payhembury, Sept. 18th. Service 4. Business and tea after. Names for tea by 15th to Rev. G. Ayre, The Vicarage, Payhembury, Honiton, Devon.—J. Arbury. 4034

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Upper Beeding (8), Sept. 18th, 3. Names by 15th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4037

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by Sept. 14th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury. 4042

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Hardingstoke, Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 4043

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Neston Parish Church (8), Sept. 18th, 3. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. J. Martin. 4041

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Dumbleton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to C. Haines, 41, Dumbleton, near Evesham, by Sept. 18th.—Charles Rouse. 4044

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Monthly practice meeting at Enmore, Sept. 18th, at 6.30.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4055

NORWICH ASSN.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Honingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Standing Committee meet 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall for all who let me know by Wednesday the 15th.—H. Tooke. The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4056

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—East Bridgeford (6). Invitation meeting, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.45. Plain tea at Mason's Arms, 5.30. Names to H. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Notts, by Sept. 13th. 4058

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Institute. All names to J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, by Tuesday, Sept. 14th.—Jill Poole, J. W. Cotton. 4046

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—The memorial to the late Mr. G. Tumber will be dedicated at Teynham on Saturday, Sept. 18th, at 6.30. Bells available to all from 5.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4054

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Weston-in-Gordano on Sept. 18th, 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4051

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston and Harborough Districts.—Joint meeting Sept. 18th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Swan, 31, Cossington Road, Sileby, by the 14th latest.—H. Morton, Dis. Sec. 4050

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Fontmell Magna, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 4060

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Walkern, Sat., Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4057

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room only for those who notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent, by Sept. 22nd. 4053

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly, Plympton St. Mary, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements. Names by Sept. 20th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 3980

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSN.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday, Sept. 25th. The bells of St. John's (8) and St. Stephen's (8) will be available from 2.30. Committee meeting in St. Stephen's vestry 3.45, followed by the service at St. Stephen's Church at 4.45. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the County Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle, at 6, price 7s. 6d. each. Will persons intending being present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4039

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Luton District.—Meeting at Aspley Guise (6), Sept. 25th, 3. Tea 5.—Valerie Willard, Acting Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4047

HEREFORD GUILD and SALOP ASSN.—Combined meeting, Cound (6), Sept. 25th. Teas to C. Edwards, Cound, Salop. 4045

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Meeting St. John's, Egham, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, limited to 40. Names for tea to Mr. R. Shepherd, The Forge, Limes Road, Egham.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4049

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly, Bottesford, Sept. 25th. Hourly bus service from Melton. Bells 1.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5, Rutland Cafe, for those notifying Mr. C. H. Jallands, Decorator, Bottesford, Nottingham, by 23rd.—W. A. Wood. 4038

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Burton-on-Stather, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5, moderate charge, but only for those who notify Mr. P. Barnes, Britannic, Burton-on-Stather. Scunthorpe, by Tuesday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 4036

(NOTICES—continued.)

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at North Mimms, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names, please, to Mrs. T. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, by Sept. 22nd. Train to High Barnet, thence 340 Welwyn Garden City bus to Corner Cafe, North Mimms.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4030

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow (6), on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells at 3. Tea 5. Please notify A. Gillings, Horringer, for tea not later than 22nd. 4061

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Cumnor, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify by the 21st.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 4002

ST. ANDREW'S, ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—The new ring of ten bells installed by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. All ringers are invited to be present.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, County Durham. 4040

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to the late Jasper W. Snowdon and past officers of the Association will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, when the chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. prompt by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc. Ringing arrangements later. As accommodation is limited to 90, early application is advised. Tickets (8s. 6d. each) on application with remittance to L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3978

ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—Dedication of the new ring of 10, tenor 22½ cwt., at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. Installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4059

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