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FIRST PEAL AT ST. BEES

THE prevalence of ringing tours this year inspired one of our readers to recall a peal rung at St. Bees, Cumberland, during a tour arranged by Mr. Frank Bennett and the late Mr. W. H. Fussell. At this ancient priory church, dedicated to St. Bega, an Irish saint who founded a small nunnery here *circa* 650 A.D., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on August 9th, 1933. Those taking part were:—

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES GEORGE <i>Tenor</i>

The belfry is unlighted by either niche or window of any kind and there is no artificial lighting. It was only possible to attempt the peal after a friend had obtained some super candles. These were fixed on a wooden cruciform shaped holder, which was set on chains in the centre of the floor. The peal was well on the way when one of the candles was displaced, probably by the vibration, and threatened to set fire to the belfry. It was an occasion for quick action. Mr. James Simpson, whilst sticking to the tail end of his rope, made a dash and succeeded in extinguishing the offending flame.

This was not the only cause for the band being a little edgy. A convention of the directors of the famous theological college was also booked to take place the same afternoon, and the college is directly across the road. Although permission had been obtained to attempt the peal, the band was apprehensive of interference. Every moment 'shattering knocking on the door' was expected. Nothing happened, however, and the peal, an excellent one, was brought round in 3 hours and 9 minutes.

Full of interest is this old priory church, much of which is of Norman and Early English styles of architecture. The original chancel was a very noble edifice, *circa* 1200, and ranked high among contemporary buildings, not indeed for its size or delicacy of workmanship, but for beauty and design. When the priory was dissolved the whole church was unroofed and became an utter ruin. The tower fell, crushing the east wall of the south transept.

About 1611 the need of a parish church seemed to have been felt. The chancel was left in ruins. Through it the parishioners went, entering the church through the east tower arch. A wall was run up one bay from the west end, and the holy table was there placed. The necessary building was done in a rude but substantial way, the old domestic buildings serving as a quarry.

The church thus reversed remained in use until about the beginning of the last century, when the altar was moved to the eastern end of the nave and a diminutive chancel formed for it by an alcove. Restoration on a big scale took place in 1855 to designs by Mr. Butterfield, by which the transepts have been included in the body of the parish church. Those who rang the first peal at the Priory Church of St. Bega have certainly memories worth cherishing.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WEEK

The following peals were rung for the Cambridge University Guild during their Ringing Week in Manchester:—

MANCHESTER.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT ST. THOMAS' RECTORY, LOWER CRUMPSALL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. R. ST. J. SMITH (Sel.) 1-2 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) 5-6

C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... 3-4 | B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (Trin.).

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

R. LEIGH (St. Cath.) ... Treble | C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... 5

REV. R. ST. J. SMITH (Sel.) 2 | B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 6

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) 3 | REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) 7

G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 4 | P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24 cwt.

P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) Treble | REV. R. ST. J. SMITH (Sel.) 5

G. DODDS (Emmanuel) 2 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) 6

REV. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 3 | C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... 7

*B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 4 | REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) Tenor

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) Treble | B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 5

REV. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 2 | P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) ... 6

R. LEIGH (St. Cath.) ... 3 | REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) 7

G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 4 | F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Contains 22 course ends 4-6-8s and 22 5-7-8s or 6-7-8s.

MANCHESTER.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATING,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. HAYNES (St. Cath.) Treble | *REV. E. BENSON (St. C.) 5

*P. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 2 | *B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) 6

C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.) ... 3 | G. DODDS (Emmanuel) 7

*R. LEIGH (St. Cath.) ... 4 | REV. R. ST. J. SMITH (S.) Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by P. K. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE ... Treble | ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6

HOWARD HOWELL ... 2 | P. GEORGE GOLDR ... 7

ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3 | DAVID HINGLEY ... 8

*MAURICE G. TURNER ... 4 | GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 5 | *FRED BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

HERBERT C. READ ... Treble | PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 6

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 2 | GEORGE SAYER ... 7

ARTHUR G. BASON ... 3 | ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 8

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4 | GEORGE BAILEY ... 9

*BRIAN AUSTIN ... 5 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Treble | REGINALD W. REX ... 6

MRS. ALBERT DISERENS ... 2 | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7

CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 3 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 8

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 4 | RICHARD WHITE ... 9

WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5 | FRANCIS A. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

COTTINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble | RONALD H. DOVE ... 5

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | JOHN G. HOBSON ... 6

JAMES BULLOCK ... 3 | JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... 7

PHILIP H. SPECK ... 4 | THOMAS SOUTHWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF NEW LONDON COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble | GEORGE SAYER ... 5

HENRY TOOKE ... 2 | PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 6

NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3 | CHARLES H. MOORE ... 7

BRIAN AUSTIN ... 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method, No. 31 in the Central Council Collection. Composition, a six-part, contains 6th extent in 5-6 at course-ends.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... Treble | DENIS MADDOCK ... 5

JOHN SCOTT ... 2 | REGINALD W. WORRALL 6

*MISS ELIZABETH MORTON 3 | *A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 7

*DAVID SMITH ... 4 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Little Bob. First peal of Little Bob as conductor. First peal of Little Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Tenor 14 cwt.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble | JOHN BURLES ... 5

EDWARD J. BEER ... 2 | WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6

ALFRED G. HILL ... 3 | ALAN HALL ... 7

*GEORGE THOMPSON ... 4 | GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAIN. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. In memoriam James E. Bailey.



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AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HERBERT C. READTreble	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 5
JACK KING 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 6
WALTER C. MEDLER 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
BRIAN AUSTIN 4	GEORGE SAYERTenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETTTreble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
ALBERT E. WHITING 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
WILLIAM J. BUTON 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

W. E. MAULDENTreble	*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE 6
WILLIAM J. BUTON 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* 150th peal together.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR ...Treble	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 5
*FREDK. G. FRETWELL ... 2	*SIDNEY H. JONES 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	†JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE 4	ERNEST MORRISTenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. First in method as conductor.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM DUMBARTreble	FRANK LITTLEFAIR ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY 2	ERIC BRUNTON 6
LEONARD SCHOLES 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
WILLIAM PROCTER 4	CHARLES CLEGGTenor

Composed by GEO. R. NEWTON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
In memoriam Isaac Whalley.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

EDGAR BECKETTTreble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 5
WALTER C. MEDLER 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
HERBERT C. READ 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
CHARLES H. MOORE 4	GEORGE SAYERTenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original	Tenor 16 cwt.
*LEONARD M. JONES ...Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	JOHN T. WILLIAMS 6
†BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	TREVOR M. RODERICK ...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell.
The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN W. TAYLOR ...Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... 2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	†JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* 100th peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 21 cwt.
FREDERICK SHERATON ...Treble	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 6
JOHN A. BROWN 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 4	ADAM DEASTenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR BELLAMYTreble	*ARTHUR GIBBS 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE... 6
ENID WATSON 3	†WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 7
ALBERT WILSON 4	‡CHARLES UNDERWOOD...Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by E. E. WHITMORE.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's 12-part (7th the observation).	Tenor 18 cwt.
*DENNIS AIREYTreble	†RONALD AIREY 5
THOMAS COOKE 2	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 6
†GORDON WALFORD ... 3	‡JACK R. WORRALL ... 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 4	§JOHN G. WERRELL ...Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples * inside.
‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples and of Triples as conductor. § First peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY PAGETreble	THOS. CULLINGWORTH... 5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 6
WILFRED W. RING 3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD... 4	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD...Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...Treble	*WILLIAM J. CROSS ... 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	*EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 6
*ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 3	*KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 7
*JAMES W. BARBER ... 4	GEORGE F. BURTON ...Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE F. BURTON.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his engagement.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES SHARPLES ...Treble	RICHARD BLAKEY 5
JAMES LITTLEFAIR 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
FRANK LITTLEFAIR 3	LEONARD SCHOLES 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	ERNEST J. GOWERTenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. SHARPLES.
A compliment to Rev. J. Dodd, who has completed 21 years as Vicar.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 59 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.	
Mrs. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	† HAROLD SPENCER ... 5
Mrs. C. GLENN ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
* JACK R. WORRALL ... 3	BERT SUTTON ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	EDWARD HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First of Triples in the method. † First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* PAUL BIRKETT ... Treble	* HARRY WILD ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	ALFRED SMITH ... 6
† VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 3	† WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
GORDON BENFIELD ... 4	* SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. * First peal of Surprise as conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.	
* MISS MAUREEN MABBUTT Treble	Mrs. G. E. WATSON ... 4
RONALD NOON ... 2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 5
* CHARLES W. PARTRIDGE 3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal of Minor.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM RANFORD ... Treble	C. WILLIAM NUTT ... 4
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	ROLAND E. LEWIS ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.	
MISS VERA DRAPER ... Treble	JACK POUNDS ... 4
MISS MARY ACKERS ... 2	ROBERT CRITCHLEY ... 5
CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. R. Critchley.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.	
* JOHN SPICER ... Treble	* HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 4
* CHAS. H. J. GRAVETTE ... 2	† STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
* L. FRANK BAKER ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON,

* First peal of Large Bob. † 25th peal.

HONINGHAM NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
SIDNEY MARSHALL ... Treble	EDWARD BARKER ... 4
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight extents each of Accrington Flace Bob, Flace Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, six extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob (four callings in each method). Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in A.

* DEREK WHITFORD ... Treble	† RICHARD BLAKEY ... 3
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ... 4

ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.	
* DENNIS AIREY ... Treble	† RONALD AIREY ... 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	† THOMAS COOKE ... 5
DENIS A. FRITH ... 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer. First peal on the bells.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	RONALD KENRICK ... 4
MARGARET RIDWAY ... 2	JOHN HALE ... 5
THOS. S. HORRIDGE ... 3	* WM. H. DEACON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

* 50th peal. Rung for the wedding of the Rev. Derek Garland.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.	
* MISS MADELEINE OUGH Treble	* RONNIE JAMES ... 4
* MISS PAULINE COLLIER ... 2	RONALD D. AIREY ... 5
* MISS MARY REED ... 3	† DENNIS R. AIREY ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. AIREY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt.	
* EDWARD W. COLLEY ... Treble	CHARLES E. EDWARDS ... 4
EDWARD HILL ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 3	* JOHN COLLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal.

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.	
* REG. HOLMES ... Treble	FRED MESSENGER ... 4
* MRS. NEAL ... 2	ERNEST CADLE ... 5
FRED ABSOLOM ... 3	HARRY SNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED MESSENGER.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. Fred Absalom, who was married in this church.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 4
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT 2	TREVOR A. CROSS ... 5
* ERIC NAYLOR ... 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

* First peal of Minor.

OTTERS^{HAW}, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

DAVID SLEET Treble	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	HAROLD A. MAY 5
GEORGE L. GROVER 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven methods.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON...Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 4
*MRS. EDITH OVENS ... 2	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
†SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR 4
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 2	ALFRED J. HINDE 5
*MARGARET BEAMISH ... 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First in four methods. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of two esteemed Guild members, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinde, of Bulkington. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge and 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD W. STEWARD ...Treble	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 4
*GEORGE W. PIPE 2	*ARTHUR C. BUTTON ... 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 3	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal in four methods. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

HANDBELL PEALS

SEDGEBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT AUBYNS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 18 in G.
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4 | THOMAS W. LEWIS 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 150, MONKS ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor size 13 in E.
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2 | *KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN 3-4 | *JOHN WALDEN 7-8

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' as conductor.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*RONALD H. BULLEN ... 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
†MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First handbell peal away from the tenors. † First handbell peal on an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal 'in hand.'

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the
year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

A Cheshire - Yorkshire combination have had an enjoyable week in Somerset. Fourteen peals (all Surprise) were rung. These included Cambridge Royal at Wells Cathedral, where the tenor was turned in by Messrs. James C. E. Simpson and John Worth. This is the heaviest peal of Surprise Royal yet rung. Bristol Surprise Major was rung at Sherborne Abbey with John Worth on the tenor.

The band in the peal at Northfleet, Kent, on August 28th, represented eight towers in North Kent.

Owing to catering difficulties, the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association has been postponed from Oct. 2nd until Oct. 16th.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Cefn Coed on August 7th was the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, not the Rev. I. J. Richardson as stated.

To assist those ringers who wish to attend the Ladies' Guild meeting at North Mimms on September 25th, the 340 Welwyn Garden City bus is an hourly service, leaving High Barnet Station at 10 minutes past each hour.

The peals of Superlative Surprise Major at Framsden, Suffolk, Cambridge Surprise Major at Helmingham and Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, were especially arranged for Messrs. Pearson, Pritchard and Speake, of Wolverhampton.

It is not often one hears of the bells being the oldest part of a church. But Braunston, Northants, where a peal was rung recently (writes Mr. P. Amos), has this distinction. The bells were all cast by Briant, of Hertford, in 1811. The church was built in 1849, and is said to be the third one on the same site. St. Michael's, Stamford, has a similar record: bells all dated 1762, and the church built 1836, but for several years these bells (6) have been unringable.

BELFRY GOSSIP

One hundred years ago on September 4th, 1848, Thurstans' Five-part peal of Grandsire Triples was first called at Hexham, Northumberland. To mark this anniversary, a band of ringers went to Hexham to repeat the performance, while another band rang the same composition at Irchester, Northants. An account of the Hexham peal attempts can be found on another page, and both peals are published in this issue.

Mr. Charles E. Edwards has now completed the 'circle' at Cound, Shropshire, tower.

Three ringers in the peal at Great Crosby, Lancs, have now rung Oxford from Minor to Maximus. They are Messrs. W. H. Deacon, R. Kenrick and T. S. Horridge.

The Universities' Ringing Week at Chester was highly successful. Three peals and two quarters were rung. The story of the week will appear in our next issue.

The peal at Gressenhall on September 5th was the first scored by a lady on the bells since they were rehung in 1881, Mr. L. W. Houghton, of Thetford, Norfolk, informs us.

Mr. Charles Sharples, who conducted the peal of Plain Bob Major at the Church of Emmanuel, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, on September 5th, called his first peal there 50 years ago.

A member of the band who rang a peal of Whitminster Surprise Major at Rolvenden, Kent, on Sept. 4th Mr. Peter D. Huckstepp first handled a bell rope in February this year and has made remarkable progress since.

Mr. F. I. Hairs informs us that the last peal at St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Clapham, previous to the peal of Superlative Surprise on August 2nd was one of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late Harry Mance in 1910. Mr. T. H. Taffender's Stedman Triples was rung two years previous to this. In all five peals have been rung in this church.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

THIS Association was established in February, 1824, in the reign of George IV., and derives its original name (The St. James' Society) from the fact that its early meetings were held at the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell, in which parish its headquarters remained for some time. These were then moved to Christ Church, Southwark, and again in 1839 the headquarters were moved to the Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand. After 102 years in this headquarters the famous building was ultimately destroyed by fire during the London blitz of 1941. Shortly after this catastrophe, news was received, with great regret, of the passing of our Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of St. Clement Danes, followed soon afterwards by the announcement of the death of his wife, Mrs. Pennington-Bickford.

Instituted originally as a minor, or auxiliary, society, where aspiring candidates for the two great companies of ringers, the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths, might meet for instruction in the noble art of change ringing, the structure of the society gradually developed to the Association as it is known to-day. By virtue of its use as a common ground where proficient from both of the great companies can meet and ring peals together, many remarkable performances are recorded in the peal books, the following being a few examples:—

12,096 Grandsire Caters at Fulham in 1837, this being, at that time, the longest number of changes ever rung by one set of men; 7,325 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in 1837; 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, in 1848; 7,127 Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes, in 1852; the first peal of Surprise in the Metropolis, being 5,600 of Superlative Surprise Major, at Bethnal Green, in 1850; 5,040 Grandsire Triples at Prestbury, Gloucestershire, in 1886, being the first peal in which the seven working bells were rung by priests of the Church of England; and 5,011 Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch by six fathers and six sons in 1928. Regarding performances on bells retained in hand, the two following will be of interest, particularly as they were rung so soon after the establishment of the Association and performed by leading members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Youths: 5,014 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours 28 minutes at the Whittington and Cat, Bethnal Green, being the first peal of Stedman Cinques on bells retained in hand:—

Henry Haley	1-2
John Cox	3-4
George E. Ferris	5-6
Matthew A. Wood	7-8
William Cooter	9-10
James Dwight	11-12

5,040 Stedman Triples. Brooks' variation of Thurstans' Four-part, in 2 hours 41 minutes, at the Whittington and Cat:—

John Cox	1-2
William Cooter	3-4
Henry Haley	5-6
Matthew A. Wood	7-8

This peal was rung non-conducted, no sign or signal being made throughout and performed in the presence of competent judges who pronounced it a masterpiece of handbell ringing.

All peals rung by the Association are recorded in professional illuminated

writing and are contained in four volumes of leather bound peal books. The current volume of these is always available for inspection at the annual general meetings of the Association.

EXPANSION OF SOCIETY.

In the autumn of the year 1903, the St. James' Society was still doing good work for London change ringing, but the altered circumstances which a period of close upon 80 years had brought to pass called for serious action by the Society. The following main considerations were then advanced in favour of expansion of the Society:—

(1) When the St. James' Society started on its career, and for many years afterwards, London ringers lived within a comparatively narrow circle, and the ordinary meetings were sufficient to enable members of both the old companies to meet together, but, by 1903, the expansion of London and the suburbs had resulted in the ordinary meetings being quite insufficient for social intercourse amongst the members of the London Exercise at large.

(2) No body similar to the County or Diocesan Associations, formed for the promotion of belfry reform, and the higher interests of the Exercise, existed to operate

over the whole of the Metropolitan area.

(3) The permanent establishment of a periodical press for the Exercise had brought so many interesting subjects forward for the consideration of ringers that it was felt that opportunities should be given for scientific and other discussion at meetings of the London Exercise at large.

(4) It was made a fundamental principle that nothing should be done to impair the dignity or privileges of the two veteran London companies, the College Youths and the Cumberland Youths.

The expansion of the old St. James' Society into the London County Association of Change Ringers was accordingly effected in the autumn of the year 1903, in order to fulfil the requirements outlined.

That this important change achieved its object was shown by the many successful district meetings held in all parts of London during the next few years. The success, however, led to further and important changes, owing to the growing impossibility on the part of the officers to keep pace with the work involved by the change. At the annual meeting in 1911, therefore, it was resolved to divide the work of the Association by the formation of a Northern and Southern District with separate officers, but maintaining the headquarters as before at St. Clement Danes'.

A further improvement was thought desirable at the annual meeting held in 1929, when, the Lord Bishop of Southwark having given his consent, the name of the 'North Southwark Diocesan Guild' was added to the title of the Association.

A unique feature of each annual general meeting of the Association is the handbell contest for the 'Dawe Cup,' which was instituted to encourage the improvement of striking on tower bells.

The cup was presented to the Association in 1933 by Mr. Francis E. Dawe, and is competed for by association members. Each band entering for the competition must consist of members of any one particular tower in the area of the Association. The performance required of each band entering is to ring a specified number of rounds and a full course of any method on eight bells, the main consideration being correct and good striking.

THE MASTER'S CHAIN.

The late hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., who has held office of one appointment or another for 56 years is a prominent figure in the life and well-being of the Association. In addition to holding office in every position other than that of Master, he was the author of the design of the very fine certificate of membership and the designer and donor of the Association's chain of office as worn by the General Master.

The basis of the design of the certificate bears reference to the origin and change of name of the original society. In a central position the general view of London showing St. Paul's and Southwark Cathedrals is typical of the wide scope of the Association, while in medallions appear views of St. James', Clerkenwell, and St. Clement Danes' Churches. The mitres shown relate to the bishoprics of London and Southwark, in which the County of London lies.

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ST. CLEMENT DANES',
With St. Bride's and St. Paul's Cathedral in distance.

Sheffield & District Society

SIX-BELL COMPETITION.

Thrybergh Church was chosen for the annual six-bell competition. Its delightful ring, which has recently been augmented from five to six and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. J. Taylor, is all that can be desired.

As there were only three entries, each team succeeded in getting a place. Handsworth St. Mary's for the second year in succession were the winners of the silver cup, with Sheffield Cathedral second, and Whiston third. The winning team had a lady ringer, which is unusual for the competition, and consisted of Mrs. J. E. Turley, Messrs. J. Brothwell, W. H. Taylor, J. G. Brothwell, J. J. L. Gilbert and J. E. Turley. Mrs. D. Kelly and Mr. M. Fowler were judges. The test piece consisted of 360 changes, and a high standard of striking was attained by all three teams.

Thirty ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent tea, after which the Rector, the Rev. G. Kenneth Dixon, welcomed the Society on their first visit to his tower and invited them to come again. The bells were then available for open ringing until 9 p.m. The bright summer weather and pleasant surroundings and kind hospitality of the local people made the event a very enjoyable occasion. H. O. C.

GLoucester and BRISTOL ASSN.

With the help of visitors from Wrington, Guildford and Hereford, some good ringing was enjoyed at the meeting of the Gloucester Branch, Gloucester and Bristol Association, at Norton on September 4th. Methods included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, and several of the 24 members present rang their first touch in these methods, valuable progress being made.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. (continued).

Amongst the decorative accessories of the design are the emblems of St. James—the pilgrim staff and wallet—and St. Clement—the anchor and scallop shell. Also included are the diocese arms of London and Southwark and the county arms of Middlesex and Kent, also the shields for the cities of London and Westminster. The art of campanology is represented by the bells shown (one 'at hand' and the other at 'back'), while Science and Music are shown by the appropriate tablets and figures.

Reference is made to St. Clement Danes' by allusion to the world famous folk song with swags of handbells, oranges and lemons, also the signature E flat major which was the key of St. Clement's tenor and bells.

Finally the clasped hands and "three in one" with the monograms C.Y. and R.C. allude to the joint action of the two ancient societies, who in 1824 formed the St. James' Society and are, therefore, progenitors of the present London County Association.

After the original master's badge of office had been lost, Mr. Young designed the central star of the new emblem as similar to the old one as he could remember, and added a bell and anchor in panels above the initials R.C.Y. and A.C.Y. with the dates 1824 and 1924.

Mr. Young presented the new emblem to the Association in 1924.

Owing to conditions in Central London during the war years it was considered advisable to suspend meetings, consequently a break in the Association's normal activities resulted from the last meeting at St. Clement Danes' in July, 1940, to the resuscitation of meetings in November, 1945, the first being held at St. Stephen's, Westminster, and St. Gabriel's, Pimlico.

Since this date the Association has proceeded apace with its normal activities of arranging ringing and business meetings, ringing the bells of towers in London having very few or no local ringers for Sunday services and assisting in the formation of new bands at various towers.

OUTINGS

LOST—A KEY.

On a recent Saturday a party of Gloucester ringers and friends spent an enjoyable day in Somerset. The first call was at Bridgewater, where the fine-toned eight were found somewhat tricky to handle.

At old-world Dunster the excellent eight were much enjoyed. After lunch in Minehead, the party proceeded to St. Michael's, which has one of the best appointed ringing rooms in the country. The lovely ten were found to match the ringing room and provided the high spot of the day and some good ringing was enjoyed.

When the descent to ground level was made it was only to find the door securely locked! Banging and shouting soon produced help, but not the key, which could not be found! However, although the precaution of taking the key up had not been taken, another in the form of a locksmith had, and he, with the aid of a piece of bent wire and much vocal encouragement from the rest, soon succeeded in releasing the ringers. Subsequently it was learned that the key was found tucked beneath a hassock in the church!

Thanks are due to the organiser and those friends who met us at the various towers. W.S.

MACCLESFIELD RINGERS.

On Saturday, September 4th, the ringers of Christ Church, Macclesfield, held their outing, and went to Shrewsbury. The first halt was at Market Drayton, where Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples and London Surprise Major were rung. After a pleasant hour the party proceeded to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, where the fine toned ring of twelve was soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. The journey home was via Crewe and Sandbach. J. W.

R.A.F., CRANWELL, SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 28th, the recently formed R.A.F., Cranwell, Society paid a short visit to six towers in the Leadenham district. A band of 12 ringers travelled by bus and at least an hour was spent at each of the following six-bell towers: Fulbeck, Barkston, Brant Broughton, Leadenham, Wellingore and Navenby. Methods rung were from rounds and Grandsire for the beginners to Surprise Minor, including Durham and London for the slightly more advanced.

'Home' was reached at 10 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. A. R.

CHEDDAR RINGERS.

On Saturday, August 28th St. Andrew's, Cheddar, ringers, with friends from Badgworth and East Brent, had a coach outing to Bourne-mouth and en route Wincanton and Blandford parish churches were visited.

They were joined at Bournemouth by Mr. H. A. Mitchell for touches of Grandsire and Stedman at St. John's, and on the homeward run a stop was made at Castle Cary Parish Church. Thanks are extended to all who contributed to the success of the outing. E.C.W.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Cambridge Branch was held at the two five-bell towers at Fen Ditton and Horningsea on August 21st. The meeting was poorly attended, members and friends being present from Bromham, Beds, Bury St. Edmunds, Cambridge, Fen Ditton, Harston and Trumpington.

Ringings during the afternoon was at Fen Ditton, where the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. E. Stanbury, who also presided at the business meeting which followed tea held at the Barn Cafe.

The following were elected members: Messrs. H. J. Allgood, S. J. Poole, H. A. Warner, M. H. C. West, all of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, and Mr. E. G. Buck, of Baldock, Herts, was elected a non-resident life member. After tea a move was made to Horningsea. Various methods were rung, including spliced Stedman and Grandsire.

Cambridge University Guild

FOUR PEALS DURING RINGING WEEK.

The annual Ringing Week of the Cambridge University Guild was held in the Manchester area from August 30th to September 4th. Ten members were present during the week, though only eight were able to stay for the whole time. The week was arranged by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, and the headquarters was the Masons Arms Hotel at Whitefield.

In spite of the petrol shortage, which made it necessary to do all journeys by public transport, it was found possible to carry out the programme in full, and 16 towers were visited. The number of members able to be present was much smaller than of recent years, but this did not have any adverse effect upon the standard of ringing, which was maintained at a high level throughout the week.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature was the success with peals; four peals in four attempts on tower bells must be about a record for the Guild weeks, and the only casualty was an attempt for Double Norwich on handbells.

At the business meeting, held on the Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. B. D. Price's offer to organise the Guild Week for 1949 in or near Brighton, it being considered that an offer to arrange it in Dorset, though very attractive, would be better held over for a while until the petrol situation appeared more propitious. By seven votes to two it was decided that the week next year should start on Monday, August 29th. A motion to alter the rules so as to maintain the present masculine character of the Guild was put to the vote, and lost by the narrow majority of five to four.

The week, as previous ones, had its lighter moments; the organiser's private 'commando course' to the station providing a number of these. Then there is the story of the man who turned his bed round in order to have his head right by the open window—and was later found asleep with his feet on the pillow!

The practice at the Town Hall on the Wednesday evening afforded the opportunity of meeting many friends, old and new, and the hearty welcome received from both ringers and clergy throughout the week will long be remembered with gratitude. R. D. St. J. S.

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART PEAL

Page 70 of Snowdon's 'Grandsire' mentions what is believed to be the first performance of this peal of Grandsire Triples. This was achieved by the Union Society of Newcastle-upon-Tyne on September 4th, 1848, at Hexham, Northumberland, when the conductor was Robert Balmra.

Exactly 100 years later to the day another band assembled at the Central Station, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, with Hexham as the destination and the objective an attempt to commemorate the earlier performance by ringing the same composition in that same tower.

On arrival at Hexham Abbey the band was welcomed by the curate and two members of the local company, who conducted the visitors to the belfry and wished them success in their attempt. The first attempt lasted only a few minutes and came to grief through the omission of a call. The set-back did not daunt the band, but acted as a spur. The second attempt produced a first-rate peal with the band easing the strain on the conductor's voice by leaving him nothing to do but call bobs and singles. This time all the calls were inserted, 170 singles and 75 bobs, the only fault being one bob which was changed in the same breath to a single.

The old Union Society of Newcastle has long since ceased to exist, but ringing in Newcastle and district continues under its successor, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, founded in 1877. Robert Balmra and his band of 1848 would find many changes in ringing since their days if they could return, but I think that they would have agreed that, despite the innovations, the present generation can still ring a good peal of Grandsire Triples.

D.A.B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ringing in Kent

DR. HATCHER'S REPLY TO MR. BOTTRILL

Dear Sir,—It is difficult to understand the purpose of Mr. W. Bottrill's letter in this week's 'Ringing World.' His last paragraph is, of course, a bad horticultural analogy. Prunings are always discarded and are the worst possible material for propagating, however excellent the soil. To 'bring forth new life' it is necessary to take a 'cutting' or 'layer' with the appropriate parental background if there is to be any hope of establishing a new offspring. So with ringing, lopped off chunks of any ringing area have little chance of separate survival unless they have received adequate preparation in their parent organisation.

Again, the healthily growing tree revigorates itself seasonally by the bursting forth of new buds; the healthily developing ringing association renews itself continually by the bursting forth of new recruits into the belfry with the full energy of youth. With its large membership, including many youngsters, flocking to the district meeting eighty at a time, the Canterbury District of Kent is beyond doubt bursting with new life.

Mr. Bottrill refers to the black spots existing within the areas of our largest and most peal-prolific associations, with Canterbury the target for direct fire. (By the way, Mr. Bottrill should check up on his measuring; I doubt if the whole of Kent represents a 30-mile radius.) It would appear that the 200 members of this district are for the most part pseudo-ringers who cannot manage their bell, or are grossly oblivious of this, and do not worship their ringing ancestors as they should. For this the Kent County Association must hold itself responsible, the situation having arisen because of unwieldiness.

But how could splitting the county produce a greater abundance of first-class teachers? Admittedly the present influx of recruits is making impossible demands on the available instructors, but surely this is no time for defeatism, but for utilising the association organisation to the full. There is, in fact, a job of work for everyone, and the problem will be solved only as active centres of ringing enthusiasm spread their influence. Meantime the standard of ringing will inevitably vary from tower to tower.

Furthermore it must be realised that this is an era of youth who cannot be suppressed as once they might have been (however good for their souls) but who must be given scope and freedom. With proper treatment they will respond, and instinctively their own standards will rise until a new tradition is born, worthy of this or any other time.

Working backwards through Mr. Bottrill's letter we arrive at his mention of association aims. One gathers that the furtherance of Sunday service ringing may sometimes be neglected, that the cultivation of the art of change ringing has made noteworthy progress, and that belfry reform is rather an obsolete quest. There is much discernment in these conclusions, but they are valid irrespective of the size of the organisation.

For to end where Mr. Bottrill began, the histories of the great territorial associations of our ringing Exercise illustrate over and over again that their fortunes, good or bad, reside in the efforts of individual men and women who have led their fellows.

Now where would Mr. Bottrill lead us? Candidly I still do not know.—Yours sincerely,
E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sept. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Hutchinson 1, Miss M. Goong 2, E. Liversedge 3, A. Stamp 4, G. Tuke 5, P. E. North (first in method as cond.) 6, H. E. North 7, T. C. Ryder 8. For the dedication of the St. Luke Mission Church, Carlow.

The Kent Tour

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal attempt in the Vicar's vestry at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, was never lost through excessive 'speeding' as stated in the report of the Kent tour, in fact the pace at times was quite the reverse! The first half of the peal took 1 hour and 25 minutes as against the average time for a peal of 5,040 'in hand' on the bells of 2 hours and 15 minutes, with a tenor size 15 in C (the same as at Broadstairs).

I called 'Stand' in the first part of the second half as in my opinion the ringing in general was not good enough. For instance, 3-4 were over at one time and we also repeated a lead. Once the tenors struck 8-7 at back-stroke. In view of these unfortunate errors I thought fit to call a halt. Some people may think I am too particular (I know one who would get a peal round at any price), but my standard is a good, clean, true peal, and if this cannot be obtained, I think it best to try again another day.—Yours sincerely,
Newmarket. JOHN A. ACRES.

THE STRANGER AND HIS WELCOME

Sir,—Compared with the long service of notable figures like Mr. James George, I am a newcomer to the world of ringing, and I have always been told by most ringers that wherever a ringer goes he is welcome in almost all towers and enjoys the hospitality of fellow-ringers. I wonder if this is so? If it is, why don't we see more particulars of ringing displayed in the entrances to our churches?

I have only come across this thoughtful act once, and that at Canterbury, which saved me endless waiting to enquire into the possibilities of a ring. At Birmingham, I and another ringer unknown to me waited for an hour one Sunday evening, both with the same purpose, possibly being of some assistance to the band. After enquiring of various officials we were told that the bells were not rung for evensong except one Sunday in the month. A notice to this effect would have saved us, and possibly many others, a long wait. I commend such a notice to all tower secretaries.

I have been in towers at Darlington, Richmond, Lichfield, Tamworth and many others where I have been most welcome, but, on the other hand, I have had experience of entering a belfry and not even being asked if I was a ringer! I might add that I am an attached ringer and most of the above has been experienced during military service. So, as a comparative recruit, perhaps someone will tell me whether I should expect to be welcomed at other towers, or whether ringers take their ringing too much for granted.—Yours, etc.,
'DUFFIELD.'

REMARKABLE FEAT OF METHOD RECORDING

Dear Sir,—The well-known ringing machine invented by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse can readily be adapted for printing diagrams of methods by using a simple pen attachment. Its versatility in this direction has been strikingly demonstrated recently. On the publication of my first series of the Surprise Majors, Mr. Woodhouse provided me with half-course diagrams of the whole hundred methods; and since the 370 Surprise Majors were issued a few weeks ago he has completed the series by printing off the additional 270 diagrams. The collection includes both short-lead (Little) Surprise methods and long-lead Surprise Majors like Eryry (48 rows) and Champion (64 rows), all of which have been printed off as readily as the normal 32-row leads.

I feel that such a remarkable demonstration by Mr. Woodhouse of the adaptability of his machine deserves to be placed on record. I am deeply indebted to him for his co-operation, and shall have all the diagrams bound into a unique and lasting record of our present-day Surprise Major methods.—Yours sincerely,
A. J. C.

Accrington Place Bob

Dear Sir,—If we are to 'get tough' with Doubles methods we must omit the word 'place' in describing a method which contains dodging.

Incidentally Accrington is much more pleasant to the ear if reversed, when the bells in 4-5 dodge till the treble intervenes. The method then falls into the Sainte—Alphage, Osmund, Vedast—group with their peculiar front work, and has never been rung.—Yours faithfully,
NOLAN GOLDEN.
Norwich.

REFORM WANTED

Sir,—'Camper' is right! Due entirely to the fantastic licensing laws of this country, famous bands are compelled to drink coffee after Sunday morning ringing. This is a scandalous position!

We have long advocated the necessary reforms.—Yours, etc.,

H. H. Fearn,	Wilfred E. Box.
F. E. Haynes.	Sidney O'C. Holloway.
J. Pinfold.	G. Wm. Critchley.
J. F. Harvey.	A. Walker.
Thomas H. Reeves.	J. S. Mason.
J. N. Lindon.	J. Frank Smallwood.
E. V. Allaway.	

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT BODELWYDDAN.

The beautiful marble church at Bodelwyddan was the venue for the North Wales ringers attending the half-yearly meeting on Saturday, September 4th. Towers represented were Bangor, Llandudno, Rhyl, Buckley, Hawarden, Gresford and Wrexham, also visitors from Bristol, Crewe, Bowden and Chester. The bells were kept going in various methods for an hour. A short service was conducted by the Vicar Canon J. E. Morgan, who also presided at the business meeting which followed.

A letter from the Bishop of St. Asaph was read, in which he expressed his appreciation of the work that the Association was doing, and he hoped that incumbents of parishes would take steps to encourage the young people to come forward to learn and practise the art.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held jointly with the Chester Guild. The business was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and to Miss Marjorie Jones, who deputised as organist for the service at very short notice. Before tea at the Wayside Cafe the tower was again visited by some members for further ringing, while others who were interested in horticulture were taken on a tour by the Vicar through the Vicarage gardens.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT STURRY

The Canterbury District of the Kent County Association held another enjoyable meeting on Saturday, September 4th. The afternoon turned out to be fine and warm, and the sixty or so members and friends who took the road to Sturry were amply rewarded for their trouble.

The fine ring of six bells was kept going during the afternoon until service time, which was held in the church, specially decorated for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. French. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Risdon Brown, who gave the ringers a welcome to the tower, and a few thoughts to take away with them. Mr. E. Seath was the organist.

Tea was taken on the lawn at the Sturry Court Hotel. Two new members were elected. On behalf of those present, Mr. J. A. Russell thanked the Vicar and organist for their part of the day's programme. He also thanked Mr. and Mrs. French for the great amount of trouble they had taken to ensure the members had an enjoyable day. Further ringing was held until late evening, methods up to Cambridge being practised.

Middlesex County Association

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRENTFORD.

The South and West District held a very successful meeting at Brentford on Saturday, August 28th, attended by 40 members and friends. Ringing in a variety of methods, with rounds for the learners under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. T. G. Bannister, assisted by his deputy, Mr. W. Webb, was very much enjoyed.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Pitt, who gave a very interesting address on bells and their relation to Church and State. The collection was for the Bishop of London's reconstruction fund.

A generous tea, provided by Mrs. Pitt and her band of lady helpers, was taken in the Church Hall. At the business meeting the chair, at the invitation of the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, was taken by the Vicar, who expressed his sorrow at the grievous loss the Association had just sustained by the death of their president, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Twickenham. Mr. Coles, in reply, paid tribute to the sterling qualities of the late president, who was loved by all, and only those who knew him well could fully appreciate the loss to the Association by the passing of such an outstanding personality.

The secretary reminded members of the approach of one of the outstanding events of the year, the joint meeting with the Oxford Guild at Hillingdon on October 2nd, when a record attendance was expected at this great social gathering.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the ladies, the organist and to the Master of the tower, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds, and the local ringers for their kindness in helping to make the meeting such a success.

JUBILEE OF CADOXTON BELLS

An invitation was given to the members of the Southern District, Swansea and Brecon Guild, to visit Cadoxton for their September meeting. About 25 ringers attended and the bells, which were put in by J. Taylor and Co. in 1898, were rung during the afternoon and evening in methods up to London Surprise Minor. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Ishmael, and the address given by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Rees. Tea was provided by the ladies and was taken in the Church Hall.

A meeting followed and the Vicar was in the chair and gave a welcome to the Guild members. He congratulated Mr. D. J. Lewis, who was present and had learnt to ring on the new bells in 1898 and was still an active ringer with his son, Mr. G. I. Lewis, and his grandson, Mr. D. G. Lewis, who is just starting to learn. The chairman remarked it would be nice to think that in 50 years' time there would be a Lewis still ringing there. Sketty was chosen for the December meeting. Thanks were accorded to all for a successful meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Powerstock is a delightful unspoiled Dorset village and was invaded by the Guild for the first time on Saturday, September 4th, for a quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch. Though not too easy of access, some 25 members turned up and made good use of the heavy ring of five. Mr. Jim Shepherd, of Swindon, provided the 'surprise' of the afternoon and all were glad to welcome him after his recent spell in hospital.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. F. Chase, followed by an ample tea in the Village Hall. At the business meeting Lyme Regis was chosen for the next meeting on October 23rd in preference to the original choice, Symondsburry, owing to adverse conditions there. After tea the Rector's daughter shared in some handbell touches.

The Rector, organist and those who provided the tea were warmly thanked and it is hoped this first visit of the branch will prove an encouragement to the local ringers, who are nursing the prospect of augmenting their bells.

QUARTER PEALS

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Aug. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jill Britain 1, Margaret Pitstow 2, D. J. Pitstow 3, M. E. H. Pitstow 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, A. J. Adams 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. E. Pitstow 8. Rung for the christening of the daughter of the 4th ringer.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Aug. 28th, quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: E. W. Blake (first as cond.) 1, W. R. Jackson (first quarter) 2, Miss M. P. Flynn 3, P. Williams 4, E. D. Wilson (first quarter) 5, C. E. J. Blake (first quarter) 6. First quarter-peal on the bells.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Mary Magdalene on Sept. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Hayward 1, W. H. Bloor 2, B. H. Head 3, W. G. Head 4, T. Tyler 5, H. G. Thomas 6, W. Overton (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and first in the method by 1, 2, 5 and 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Sept. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (on the light 8): W. Oatway 1, R. Davies 2, E. Razzell (first in the method) 3, R. Abbott (first away from treble) 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, F. E. Mitchell 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on Sept. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, J. Plythe (first quarter of Minor) 2, J. R. G. Spicer (first of Minor 'inside') 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. H. J. Gravette 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, C. A. Hughes 4, W. Branch 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock (cond.) 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Rumens 1, C. Hughes 2, A. W. Brighton 3, Mrs. F. E. Housden 4, R. W. Stannard 5, F. E. Housden 6, G. Dawson 7, E. J. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for the 79th birthday of R. W. Stannard.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bennett 1, C. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, G. Daynes 4, E. Jones 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, J. Dafters 7, W. Packer 8. Rung as a 77th birthday compliment to C. Walker.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 4th at St. Michael's, 1,260 Doubles (360 of April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. H. Allport (first 'inside') 1, P. Beresford 2, W. J. Cope 3, F. A. Sedgewick 4, D. Beresford (cond.) 5, M. N. Culling 6. First quarter in three methods by all the band and as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Cowlshaw.

MORTON, DERBYS.—At Holy Cross Church on Sept. 1st, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 of Kent, 360 of Oxford, 360 of Plain Bob and 240 of Little Bob: F. Clarke 1, B. A. Richards 2, B. Wheeler 3, M. Richards 4, E. Sterland 5, W. Swain (cond.) 6. For the funeral of Mr. F. Knowles, jun., a ringer at Morton for several years.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. A. Timms (first quarter) 1, A. Roberts 2, T. W. Sheppard (conductor) 3, Miss M. D. Reeves (first of Triples 'inside') 4, F. Brassington 5, W. B. Ellender (first of Triples 'inside') 6, R. W. Hayne 7, D. E. Ellender 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—At Christ Church on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Bowden 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, S. G. Peck 3, A. H. Russell 4, H. Miller 5, J. G. Nash 6, S. Wade (conductor) 7, M. Fensom 8. A birthday compliment to David Wright on his 88th birthday.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Bob Triples: Margaret Baker 1, F. Wright 2, Valerie Wallis 3, Edna Sills 4, R. Sills 5, P. Wright (cond.) 6, C. Mills 7, M. Usmar 8. First of Bob Triples by all the band. A farewell to F. P. Wright on being posted abroad.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Will any ringers coming up this year please contact Mr. C. Brown, 7, Whalley Road, Bristol 8, before the beginning of the session?—M. Bliss, Hon. Sec. 4063

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—At the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, Kent, commencing Sept. 25th, monthly practice last Saturday each month, 3 to 4.30 p.m., replacing that held on last Thursday. Beginners welcomed. For further particulars apply Mr. F. C. W. Knight, 17, Winchester Road, Orpington, Kent.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 4100

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Fred Hodgson is now 103, Union Road, Liversedge, Yorks. 4067

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HANDBELLS urgently wanted by Youth Club. Please send particulars to Miss E. Perry, L.R.A.M., Kenmoor, Duke's Wood Avenue, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. 4088

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Set of 38, chromatic, by J. Taylor. Tenor 18 in A. Excellent condition. What offers? Also set of 8 tubes in E flat, £6.—R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, Herts. Phone Watford 7936. 4078

MEETINGS

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. Meeting on same premises immediately afterwards.—L. W. G. Morris, General Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 3977

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

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale (6) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 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

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. 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. 4003

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Payhembury, Sept. 18th. Service 4. Business and tea after.—J. Arbury. 4034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Cheltenham Branch.—Dumbleton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 5.30. Tea 5.15.—Charles Rouse. 4044

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.—Jill Poole, J. W. Cotton. 4046

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Denver (6), Saturday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4082

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Alteration. Practice meeting for Sept. 18th transferred to Goat-hurst from Enmore.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 4091

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Guildford, Sept. 18th. Bells, Cathedral (8) 3 to 5 p.m. S. Nicolas (10) after tea. Own arrangements for tea.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 4091

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

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, Waltham-on-Thames. 4049

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

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Duffield (Belper not available), Saturday, Sept. 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea, Bridge Inn, 5.—Wm. Lancaster, Gen. Sec., 4074

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 2nd. 4061

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4075

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tarvin (6), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than 2nd.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4076

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Paulerspury, Sept. 25th. Service 3.30. Names for tea to Mr. P. W. Foster, Paulerspury, Towcester, by 22nd.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Hon. Sec. 4077

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Arksey, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, by 22nd.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 4081

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Coltenham (6), Sept. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Bunbury (8), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 4093

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, Sept. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4092

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Woodlesford on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) will be arranged for all who notify Mr. A. Marsh, 9, Aberford Road, Woodlesford, Leeds, by Sept. 20th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4094

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Lockerley, Sept. 25th. 2.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Sept. 21st.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 4084

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ashted, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells 3.45. Tea, Peace Memorial Hall, 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea to G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by the 22nd. 4086

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4089

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Little Missenden, Sept. 25th, 3. Names for tea by Sept. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4089

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cheddar, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Collection for bell repairs.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4073

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak Branch.—Buxton: Burbage (6) 3, Fairfield (6) 6. Sept. 25th. Cups of tea only 5.—H. E. Taylor, District Sec., Darley Dale. 4070

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Thornbury (8), Sept. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48 Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 4071

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

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly, Bottesford, Sept. 25th. Hourly bus service from Melton. Bells 1.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Rutland Cafe, for those notifying Mr. C. H. Jallands, Decorator, Bottesford, Nottingham, by 23rd.—W. A. Wood. 4038

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), Sept. 25th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify W. G. Soar, Ticknall, Derby, by Sept. 23rd.—J. W. Cotton. 4098

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Sec. 4099

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

ROKER, SUNDERLAND.—Dedication of the new ring of 10, tenor 2½ cwt., at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3, by the Bishop of Singapore. Installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4059

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. Cathedral bells (10) available 2.30-4.45 p.m.; Queensbury (8), 2.30-4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, Idle (8), 2.30-4 p.m. 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

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six-bell contest, Brighouse, Oct. 2nd. For teas notify Mr. Poplewell, 8, Charles Street, Lawe Head, Brighouse, by Sept. 28th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4020

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday Oct. 2nd. St. Alphege's (6), St. Dunstan's (6) available from 2.30. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea and nominations for officers must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 29th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4079

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Finchfield (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to F. W. J. Roper, Crest Lodge, Spains Hall, Finchfield, Braintree.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4088

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available 3 till 4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Prittlewell (10) from 6.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea by Sept. 29th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4068

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. 2.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.15. Names to Frank F. Hill, 5, Argyle Road, Ripley, by Sept. 29th latest. 3999

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 2nd, at 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge not later than Sept. 29th. 4044

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry (8), Oct. 2nd. 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hughes, 48, Upper Brook Street, Oswestry, not later than Sept. 21st. 4095

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Widford, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, Sept. 28th, to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 4052

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify Mr. S. W. Freemantle, 7, Ampton Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15 (Phone Edg. 0020), not later than Wednesday, 29th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec. 4085

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Penkridge, Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea Rev. C. H. Barker, The Vicarage, Swindon, near Dudley, Worcs., by Sept. 27th.—A. V. Pearson. 4071

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Oct. 2nd, 3 p.m. 311th anniversary dinner will be held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, Saturday, Nov. 13th. Particulars later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4101

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Ingatestone (6), Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Sept. 30th to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4099

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting will be held at Mundford on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. New ring of six from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 only for those who notify me by 27th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 4097

OXFORD.—On Sept. 5th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,948 Stedman Triples: A. Higgins 1, P. Walker 2, A. H. Gearing 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, R. Higgins 5, W. Collett 6, J. Higgins (composer and conductor) 7, J. R. Chaundy 8.

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