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REACTIONS

THOUGHTFUL ringers are constantly searching for the reactions of the public to church bells. Recently Marjorie Nesbitt gave her impressions in the following fascinating style:—

'I don't know how you feel about church bells. Some people like them and some don't. Some say to hear them ringing makes them feel melancholy. Others can almost feel the tight elastic under the chin, the uneasy pressure of "best" shoes . . . smell the old smell of hymn books and hassocks . . . which all went with the strict churchgoing of a Victorian childhood. And to others who hear them ringing it is to be taken back to some cathedral city they once knew where, even if they never went inside the building, the bells ringing high over the streets and roof tops made a sort of background to all that went on.

'To me, to hear church bells ringing is to be taken back to the summer Sunday evenings of my childhood, walking with my mother through the fields in that golden hour before bed-time when the gnats danced low over the half-dried up stream, the sinking sun made my shadow big and the bells from the church on the hill "tinging" for evening service seemed to deepen the feeling of peace which lay upon everything. I don't suppose I ever hear bells ringing without, for a moment, being taken back to those fields.

But although I like to hear the bells, I've very seldom thought about the ringers. For me the bells just ring . . . a lovely tumbling, swelling sound . . . a beautiful majestic clangour which seems beyond human agency as free as the wind, and the movement of the sea and just as satisfying. I never get any sort of mental glimpse of ropes and men in shirtsleeves.'

Mrs. Nesbitt then describes watching the ringing in a Sussex tower. Four shirtsleeved men, a grey-haired woman and a yellow-haired girl ringing and grouped around two schoolboys, three more girls and two older men waiting their turn to make the bells speak. She concludes: 'And this, I think, is half the secret of the magic of our English bells. It's no clockwork or electric impulse that makes them speak, but a human ringer—the man who had trudged up the hill from his warm bakery, or rode over the Downs from his farm, the woman who has just dried her hands from the sink. And their music, handed down the centuries is, I suppose, almost as much a part of England as her cottage gardens . . . and her weather.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
ARTHUR BOTTERILL ... 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9
*MAURICE G. TURNER ... 4	HENRY E. GREEN ... 10
RICHARD J. WARRILOW... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 11
P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 6	*ALAN ELSMORE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1948, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN B. BENNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
DOROTHY UDALE ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
JILL POOLE ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 9
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	HAKOLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Royal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*JEAN M. WARD (18) ... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN B. BENNETT (16)... 6
JOSIAH MORRIS (8r) ... 2	†ALAN CATTELL (17) ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	*GORDON OLLIFFE (20)... 8
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 4	†JOHN BRAMLEY (17) ... 9
ERNEST MORRIS ... 5	†COLIN WALKER (17) ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.14,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*JOHN H. LOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 6
AUDREY M. CASTLE ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 4	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal in the method. To celebrate the birth of a grandson to the ringers of the 7th, Mr. James Bullock, which occurred the same day.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE V. DEACON ... 5
KENNETH A. ROE ... 2	EDWARD HARROLD ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7
RICHARD F. ROE ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

CYRIL WRIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 5
*PAMELA LEANING ... 2	STANLEY SLANEY ... 6
HAROLD KENT ... 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 7
*BESSIE MOSS ... 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. In honour of the church's jubilee.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. STEVENS ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD I. HULBERT ... 5
FRED J. HANNINGTON... 2	*DAVID H. BENNETT ... 6
*ROBERT STEVENS ... 3	*WM. DARE ... 7
THOS. YEOMANS ... 4	JACK R. WORRALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by NORMAN CHADDOCK. Conducted by J. R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Major. To celebrate the completion by Mr. Bert Weaver, local towerkeeper, of 36 years' service at the above church.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*W. E. MAULDEN ... <i>Treble</i>	*FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge as conductor and 50th peal as conductor. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST <i>Treble</i>	KENNETH S. B. CROFT... 5
CHARLES MARSHALL ... 2	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Bristol. The first of Bristol on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HAROLD F. WOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	*RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETS.
* First peal of London 'inside.' Tenor 12½ cwt.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 5
*MISS MARY J. FREEZ ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE ... 4	JOHN H. LOTT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS WILFRED TAFFENDER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

STANLEY E. COOK... <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT E. TURNER ... 5
GILBERT H. HARDING... 2	*FRANK A. PENN ... 6
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	P. W. J. HARDING ... 7
*JOHN W. MEADE ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. JAGGER (CCC. 157). Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.
HENRY HUBBALL ... Treble *RODERIC J. LEES ... 5
HARRY HILL ... 2 STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 6
WILLIAM DAVIES ... 3 JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND... 4 †JOHN H. WALKER ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new clock by the Bishop of Stafford.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

RONALD C. NOON ... Treble CHARLES W. BIRD ... 5
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON 2 WILLIAM J. WHITMORE... 6
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3 GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 7
JOHN KING ... 4 *GEORGE CARE ... Tenor
Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor and first in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs G. E. Watson. Tenor 10½ cwt.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. HALL ... Treble †ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
*ALAN E. JACQUES ... 2 HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3 J. FREDERICK MILNER... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4 ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor
Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major. First Surprise peal on the bells. Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

*STANLEY BRISTOW ... Treble THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5
WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 2 †BERTIE A. CORNELL ... 6
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 3 FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 7
GEORGE SPENCER ... 4 THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... Tenor
Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOS. J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri. Oct. 1, 1948, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 28½ cwt.
*LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN Treble BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 2 †EDWARD J. WHITE ... 6
NOREEN BRAIN ... 3 GEORGE L. RODEN ... 7
GORDON HARRISON ... 4 HAROLD HARRISON ... Tenor
Conducted by GEORGE L. RODEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.
JACK MUSSELL ... Treble COLIN W. REED ... 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 2 WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 6
GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 3 LEONARD HARRIS ... 7
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 4 RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor
Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*C. HARRY FLOYD ... Treble CLAUDE W. J. TARR ... 5
DUDLEY F. SHELDON ... 2 WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3 *CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 7
*RAYMOND WINTER ... 4 WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Major. Tenor 20 cwt.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

*RONALD G. BECK ... Treble WALTER POOLE ... 5
†GEORGE CLARE ... 2 EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 6
FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 3 THOMAS J. SETTER... 7
†VICTOR SAVAGE ... 4 JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor
Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* 250th peal. † First in the method 'inside.' Tenor 15 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... Treble *GIRLING RIGBY ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE... 2 *FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 3 *DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
*PHILLIP L. PARROTT ... 4 *EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor
Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... Treble *GEORGE L. GROVER ... 5
*ERIC T. LEE ... 2 WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 3 *HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
*ALBERT HARMAN ... 4 *C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor
Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 11 cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*ALAN ELSMORE ... Treble *JOSEPH GREGORY ... 4
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 2 *GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5
P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 3 HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor
Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First in method as conductor.

MABE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1948, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAUDUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*ENID TOY ... Treble †ALFRED NEWMAN ... 4
†GEORGE CLEMENS ... 2 VIVYAN WILLIAMS ... 5
*CALEB DUNSTAN ... 3 PERCY WILLIAMS ... Tenor
Conducted by VIVYAN WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal of Doubles.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.
DENNIS AIREY ... Treble RONALD AIREY ... 4
MISS D. KILLINGLEY ... 2 HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS... 5
MISS M. STRUTT ... 3 ANDREW I. PEARMAN... Tenor
Conducted by ANDREW I. PEARMAN.

To commemorate the dedication of the Green Howards Regiment Memorial Chapel.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1948, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
THOMAS FOSTER ... Treble ROBERT GUY ... 4
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 2 THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 5
GEORGE SKELLAND ... 3 JOHN HALE ... Tenor
Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

For the 80th birthday of Mr. Ben Hale, a former ringer at St. Luke's,

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of York Surprise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 4
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	BRIAN SIMS Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in more than two methods. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN MCKEE Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4
EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 5
JOHN N. BROWN 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

For the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 Oxford Bob and 2,880 Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD COX Treble	RON. RUSSELL 4
JOHN H. BLUFF 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT ... 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 3	JAMES BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

DEEPIST. ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON... Treble	CECIL WADE 4
WALTER GODDARD 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY. Tenor 19½ cwt.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 extents April Day (3 callings), 10 extents St. Simon's (4 callings), 10 extents Plain Bob (4 callings), 12 extents Grandshire (10 callings). Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS M. B. VALENTINE Treble	†ARTHUR J. MILLWARD... 4
†BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2	ERIC NOBLES 5
†GEORGE S. VALENTINE... 3	CHARLES W. DIXON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in four methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles. To welcome new Rector, the Rev. N. R. Campbell.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GWYN I. LEWIS Treble	THOMAS SCOTT 4
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 2	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 5
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 3	*ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* 300th peal. The treble and tenor ringers have now completed the circle, the latter for the second time.

COWDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	ROBERT COLLINS 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	*ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in three methods.

DUCKLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1948, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

*LESLIE T. OLIFFE ... Treble	*BERTRAM J. COGGINS ... 4
*LOTTIE R. PIMM 2	CECIL BUSTIN 5
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in more than one method of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1948, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. SHAW... .. Treble	*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 4
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	JAMES FLIGHT 5
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3	CAPT. JOHN KINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* 100th peal. Consisting of nine 480's and two 360's. Tenor 15 cwt. LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	ALAN CATTELL 4
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
*JOHN BRAMLEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First in four Minor methods.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1948, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

ALAN ELESMORE Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4
JOSEPH GREGORY 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
JEFFREY B. WEBB 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. P. G. Golder.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1948, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Treble	*MISS ELIZABETH MORTON 4
RICHARD T. HOLDEN... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
*ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	*ERIC BRUNTON 4
*DEREK WHITFORD ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
STUART SMITH 3	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

* First peal of Minor. In memoriam Harry Chapman.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 methods spliced into seven extents, viz.: (1) Braintree and Wragby Delight; (2) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight;

(3) Capel and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure,

Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; 49 changes of method.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

*MISS F. M. LAFLIN ... Treble	ERIC SIMPSON 4
†SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 2	ARTHUR HIBBERT 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside' in ten methods.

**HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.
HARRY COMINS 2 | CLAUDE W. J. TARR 3
RAYMOND WINTER 2 | ARTHUR H. REED 4

*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles, also first peal on five bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.
*ERIC HORNBY 2 | HARRY PARKER 4
*REGINALD W. WORRALL 2 | †HARRY W. HOWARD 5
*DAVID SMITH 3 | *A. GORDON LAWRENCE *Tenor*

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † 100th peal. First peal of Surprise rung by a local band of the Northwich Branch of the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD AIREY 1-2 | ANDREW I. PEARMAIN 3-4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 5-6

Conducted by ANDREW I. PEARMAIN.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sun., Sept. 19, 1948, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT QUINTA CADIZ, AVENIDA PANAMA, LOS CAOBOS,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, two of Stedman, four of Reverse Canterbury and 18 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

BERNARD H. SWINSON 1-2 | ROLAND PARK 3-4
IRENE PARK 5-6 | Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Swinson, who are leaving Venezuela for the U.S.A.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
AT 28, PATRICIA AVENUE, GOLDTHORN PARK,*

A BEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 1-2 | †ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3-4
†ERIO E. SPEAKE ... 4. ... 5-6

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First in four Minor methods. † First in four Minor methods on handbells. First in four Minor methods on handbells for the Society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Mon., Sept. 27, 1948, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING CHAMBER,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 1-2 | ALBERT WALKER 5-6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3-4 | GEORGE E. FEARN 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1948, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | *REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

*On Fri., Oct. 1, 1948, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
AT 92, ETWALL ROAD, HALL GREEN,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in F.

ARTHUR D. COOK 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEARN 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

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Yarmouth.

Silver wedding bells will
be heard this month for
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal

on the 16th and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Matthews
on the 20th. Peal attempts include one at St.
Margaret's, Westminster, for Mr. and Mrs.
Deal, and at Camberwell the following Satur-
day for Mr. and Mrs. Matthews.

Six married couples are standing in a peal
attempt at Leicester on October 30th.

On holiday in East Anglia, Mr. P. Ladin,
of Stockport, turned in Framsdens tenor to
Superlative.

The coming-of-age peal of Mrs. G. E. Watson,
of Burton Latimer, Kettering, was her hus-
band's first of Treble Bob as conductor.

It was to Ireland that Mr. Sidney O'C.
Holloway went for his 100th peal. Con-
gratulations!

Mr. A. V. Pearson has 'circled' St.
Matthew's, Walsall, Mr. W. J. Button, Frams-
den, and Mr. John Hale, Great Crosby, Lancs.

Miss Elizabeth Morton is the first of her sex
to ring at Wistaston, Cheshire, and there have
been 59 peals on the bells.

Mr. G. S. Valentine, who has had an absence
from peal ringing since 1939, appears this week
on the occasion of his daughter's first peal at
Maidwell, Northants. The last peal at Maid-
well was in June, 1937.

Errata.—In the peal of Stedman Caters at
Surfleet on September 2nd the following cor-
rections have been received: John E. Allen 2,
John G. Ames 8. In the peal of Grandsire
Triples at Chipping Norton on September 11th
the ringer of the 3rd was Michael H. Sinden.

Saturday, October 2nd, a was a red letter
day in Leicester, when a fine performance was
put up by the 'Back Five Boys' in the peal of
Stedman Caters on the heaviest ring of bells
in the county. Also worthy of credit was
Jean's handling of the treble throughout; no
doubt the influence of the 'youngster' on the
2nd helped.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The sympathy of many
friends is extended to Mr.
and Mrs. Harold Poole in

the death of Mr. Albert Hare, father of Mrs.
Poole. In recent years Mr. Hare had made
his home with them at Leicester and he was
beloved and respected by the many visitors to
The Wayside.

Mr. H. Collis, of Chobham, Surrey, has rung
his first quarter-peal after 51 years a ringer.

The ringer of 1-2 to the handbell peal at
Kingston on September 19th was Richard
Crosland and not Richard Crosswell.

Grandfatherly honours have been paid to (or
is it 'by'?) Mr. J. Frank Smallwood and Mr.
James Bullock.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of 145, Farndon Road,
Newark, has been appointed general secretary
of the Southwell Guild in succession to the
late Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

After several unsuccessful attempts a peal
has been rung at Glaston, Rutland. The hos-
pitality of Mr. and Mrs. G. King was much
appreciated by the band.

The peal at Davenham on October 1st was
the first Surprise peal rung by a local band
of the Northwich Branch of the Chester
Diocesan Guild. It was also Mr. Harry W.
Howard's 100th peal.

Those who participated in the Somerset Tour,
reported in our last issue, have asked us to
mention the practical and valuable advice given
by Mr. J. Dyke. The tour was a triumph in
organisation by Mr. J. E. Cawser.

At the request of the Rector and local ringers
a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung
at Coleorton, Leics., for the harvest festival.
The last peal on the bells prior to this was
22 years ago. It is 59 years since a peal of
Major has been rung at Coleorton.

Another village to request a peal was Flitton,
Bedfordshire. This, states the conductor, Mr.
C. E. Jeffries, was a 'send-off' peal to the
Vicar. It was Minor in seven methods.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT DINNER

THE MASTER'S MEMBERSHIP DRIVE . . . DIED HAVING HIS WISH . . . COINCIDENCE OF THE REV. CYRIL JENKYN'S DEATH RECALLED BY CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PRESIDENT

THE annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at The Bell, Holborn, last Saturday, was a happy gathering. Mr. Walter Ayre, the genial Master, had sufficiently recovered from his unfortunate accident to take the chair, and the keynote of his message was a clarion call for more members. 'Let us make it a bumper year,' he said. 'So far this year the Society has rung 18 peals.'

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Ayre were Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Rev. H. Cecil, the Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Charles-Edwards, Mr. W. R. Winterton, Dr. and Mrs. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Mrs. McGuinness, sen., Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirby.

Mrs. J. D. Matthews, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Davis, the Misses J. Brittain, F. Edgar, J. Mattinson, P. Holmes, D. Colgate, B. Millhouse, B. Brown, J. Pett, M. and D. Lidbetter, Ayre, Cowlin.

Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. F. S. Poole, Messrs. G. Steere, J. Millhouse, T. H. Francis, J. S. Hawkins, W. H. Cook, A. Bird, A. Pearmain, G. Carter, V. Benning, P. M. Gray, W. R. Hammons, T. J. Clark, C. Buesden, W. Robinson, H. R. French, E. G. French, T. M. White, B. J. Luck, C. Buesden and T. W. White.

Apologies were received from Messrs. G. Williams, Frank Knight, Martin Harbott and George Gilbert.

Mr. W. R. Winterton, in proposing 'The Church,' said he hoped that one day Theological Colleges would foster the science and practice of campanology and that every priest coming out of one of these colleges if not a ringer have some idea of how a bell rang and what a bell meant. He welcomed the Rev. H. Cecil, of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, the new Vicar of St. Martin's, who took a keen interest in ringing. The St. Martin's ringers had their annual outing in August to Newark, from where Mr. Charles-Edwards came. The Mayor gave them such a fine civic reception that the ringing afterwards was jeopardised (laughter).

The Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, in reply, said he often saw his ringers rushing off after the service and he enquired of Mr. Winterton the reason. He told him it was the thirst after righteousness! He would bring to the notice of two principals of Theological Colleges the suggestion that clergy leaving colleges should know something of ringing. He thought bellringers ought to advertise themselves more. This summer he was on holiday in Shropshire and the Vicar in the village he stayed was perturbed because there was no one to instruct his young ringers and he did not know where he could get help and advice.

They at St. Martin's were tremendously honoured at being the headquarters of the Cumberlands. Sometimes people suggested that the bells disturbed the patients at Charing Cross Hospital. His experience had been that the bells were a great joy to them on a Sunday; in fact most of them preferred the bells to his sermons.

'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was proposed by Mr. J. S. Hawkins, who said that during the past two years he had the privilege of ringing at St. Martin's. He had watched the progress of the Society and admired the work in training recruits of Mr. Frank Knight, Mr. George Gilbert, George Cross, T. Bevan and their worthy Master.

HIS PARENT GUILD.

In reply, Mr. W. Ayre said: This position which I hold this evening is one that I esteem more than anything I have ever held, and I



MR. WALTER AYRE.

[Photo: 'West Herts and Watford Observer.']

am more than delighted to see here to-night some of my Lincolnshire friends because the position I hold is due to my parent Guild—the Lincoln Guild.

'When this honour was given to me my mind flashed back to my own tower at home. Many of you remember the selfish old ringers who would not help youngsters. I suffered from that with the exception of when they were short and then they would let me up into the tower and teach me how to pull up in peal, ring rounds and ring down again. No attempt was made to teach me the elements of change ringing. I had two brothers in that band and no one knows the difficulty of getting even them to help me.

'It is not our aim to treat youngsters like that. We must go out and bring them in; we must not rely on headquarters to produce members. We are eternally grateful to St. Martin's for being our headquarters, but we must not rest there. I want you to go out from this dinner and rope in as many new members as possible. This year has not been so bad, but let us make it a bumper year. When youngsters become members they must realise that they have a duty of maintaining a high standard of ringing.

The Master concluded his speech by referring to the passing of Mr. Jim Bailey, Mr. John Miller, of Southgate, a member for 50 years, William Prvor, of Hampstead, also for over 50 years. To their memory the company stood in silence.

Mrs. Deal proposed 'London and Provincial Societies and the Visitors.' In a graceful speech she gave a special welcome to visitors from Lincolnshire, the Master of the London University Society, the College Youths, including her own husband, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, whose name was coupled with the toast.

Mr. Lewis replied and said he was not sure that the ban on ringing during the war did not do them a lot of good because when ringing

started again they had an extraordinarily good press and the public welcomed the bells with such enthusiasm that there was a great influx of people into the belfries. He thought the ringing Exercise was now stronger than before the war. With such an influx one of the difficulties was in getting teachers. Unfortunately many instructors were incapable of teaching a ringer how to handle as they could not handle a rope properly themselves. The Central Council had a very good booklet in 'Hints to Beginners,' which showed how a ringer should hold his rope, the secret of beginning a good ringer.

DIED HEARING STEDMAN CATERS.

In reminiscent vein, Mr. Lewis recalled ringing a peal of Stedman Caters on the beautiful bells at Wrexham. The Vicar met them afterwards and said he had been hiding for two hours because a dissenting family had tried to get hold of the key of the belfry because they alleged that one of their family was ill, which was not the case. Getting into the waggonette the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn said he would sooner die to the sound of Stedman Caters than anything else. When Newbury bells got an increase in family of two bells, Mr. Jenkyn, after ringing in the tower, said he wanted to hear the bells outside. As he was standing in the street listening to the Stedman Caters he dropped down dead.

Mr. F. Hawthorne proposed 'The Press' and recalled that since 1881 (before his time) ringers had had their press with 'The Bells News and Ringers' Record,' and afterwards 'The Ringing World,' founded by Jack Goldsmith.

Mr. T. W. White, in reply, said they were expecting an additional allocation of paper in November that would enable them to take another 200 subscribers. New readers should write to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, without delay.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar of St. Martin's for the use of the bells. For the arrangements for the dinner they were indebted to Messrs. George Steere, Cecil Matthews, George Cross, Frank Hawthorne and Tom Bevan. They had all worked splendidly. Entertainment was provided by J. Rowe (songs), Douglas Howe (magician) and Mr. M. Luff (pianist).

JOINT MEETING

LADIES' AND MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILDS.

A good muster of ringers was present at the joint meeting at Burton-on-Trent on September 18th. Ringers attended from Anstey, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Castle Bromwich, Cheadle, Coleorton, Coleshill, Derby (St. Andrew's and St. Peter's), Desford, Duffield, Ilstock, Leicester, Longton, Lullington, Measham, Nottingham, Ockbrook, Overseal, Lepton, Rolleston, Stoke-on-Trent and Wolverhampton.

The Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. Willis-Price) conducted a short service, followed by a delightful tea in St. Paul's Institute. Miss Thompson (vice-president of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service and for the invitation from the Midland Counties Guild to have a joint meeting.

Mr. William Curzon, the chairman of the Midland Counties Guild, in seconding this proposal, said how pleased he was to welcome everyone to Burton and hoped it would not be long before the Ladies' Guild visited Burton again.

At the Ladies' Guild which followed 13 new members were elected. The next meeting will be at Sawley on November 13th.

DEDICATIONS

St. Andrew's, Roker

On the afternoon of September 26th, a congregation of about 1,000 assembled at St. Andrew's Church, Roker, Sunderland, for the dedication of the parish war memorial for the World War of 1939-1945. This is a ring of 10 bells, with a tenor of 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E, and has been installed by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. F. Parsons, was relayed to an overflow congregation in the nearby church hall. The bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Singapore, the Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson, who was Vicar of St. Andrew's from 1935 to 1938. Immediately after the dedication rounds were rung on the bells by members of the St. Andrew's Guild.

In his sermon Bishop Wilson said that the process of getting bells at St. Andrew's began many years ago, but it had not been until the present time that it had been accomplished. Bells were needed in this parish, and those who had given them and worked for them were to be sincerely congratulated.

The Bishop of Durham was unable to be present, but in a special message to the parishioners he wrote: 'Church bells have for many centuries been a well-loved and long remembered feature of this country's life: they are linked with many of our oldest and best associations and the art of ringing is a fine and skilful craft. May the new peal ring out strong encouragement to all churchpeople and may it help to draw many new generations to worship at St. Andrew's.'

Among those present at the service were the Mayor and Mayoress of Sunderland, the Revs. Max Gregory (Archdeacon of Singapore), J. F. Richardson (Rural Dean of Wearmouth) and R. S. Troop (Rector of Sunderland); Messrs. H. M. Howard, Stevenson and B. Newson, representing Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.; Messrs. F. Ainsley, J. A. Brown and Miss M. Fidell, representing the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

After the service, as the congregation was dispersing, a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on the newly dedicated bells by Messrs. G. A. Pickering 1, J. Anderson 2, J. A. Brown 3, Miss Fidell 4, Messrs. T. Crowe 5, K. Arthur 6, W. H. Barber (cond.) 7, A. Deas 8, A. Brunton 9, F. Ainsley 10.

The bells are a grand addition to the existing rings in the Durham and Newcastle Association's area. The bells are delightful both to handle and to listen to, and Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., are to be congratulated on their fine workmanship. J.A.B.

WONERSH, SURREY

The bells of Wonersh Parish Church, Surrey, have been retuned and rehung with new fittings and in a new frame to accommodate eight bells (two more to be added at a later date) by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

The rededication was on October 3rd by the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Brown). The Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. G. L. Grover and the Southern Section of the Ladies' Guild by Miss W. A. Oliver. Mr. D. Bradford represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung by the local band. Visiting ringers rang after the service and expressed their satisfaction at the work done.

The contract price was £700 and all but £50 has been raised. The local band have met the cost of installing Ellacombe chiming hammers. Small donations from those interested would be thankfully received by Mr. W. Enticknap, Great Tangley, Wonersh.

PUTNEY, LONDON. — At St. Mary's, on Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Debenham 1, R. Mackrill 2, W. J. Paice 3, H. Belcher 4, J. Alsop 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, W. T. Elson (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. First on the bells after overhauling.

Seaton, Devon

Since 1662-1663 there have been six bells in the tower, the tenor (about 12 cwt.) being somewhat earlier. Now a new treble bell, publicly subscribed for as a memorial to those from Seaton who laid down their lives in the last war, and a new 2nd bell, the gift of Mrs. Sellers in memory of her father, Henry John Barnes, have been added to the old six and were dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton on October 2nd.

The church was filled to overflowing for the fully choral service which accompanied the ceremony of dedication, and nearly one hundred visiting ringers from towers in the Honiton Deanery and from Lyme Regis attended. The churchwardens, having formally requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells, the ropes were handed to him and he made the sign of the Cross on each, particularising the new bells as memorials and then committing the whole restored ring to the custody of the incumbent. Immediately following the dedication the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers under the captaincy of Mr. E. S. Hawker.

The Bishop, in a brief address, said that it was appropriate that the commemoration of those who had given their lives in the war should take the form of the provision of new bells, and pointed out that the bells have a message because they speak of the things of God.

After the service the bells were kept going until late in the evening by the various bands attending, and all the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Cooke, M.C., and the churchwardens.

The people of Seaton are to be congratulated on now possessing a satisfactory ring of eight and also on having raised £800 for the new treble and the whole restoration. The two new trebles have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were represented at the opening by Mr. Don Bradford, the existing six bells having been rehung by them with new gudgeons and ball bearings.

The treble is inscribed, 'In memory of those of this parish who fell, 1939-1945,' and the 2nd, 'In memory of Henry John Barnes, 1947.'
O.C.C.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
BIG ATTENDANCE AT CANTERBURY
'ANNUAL.'

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held in Canterbury on October 2nd. One hundred and twenty practising and honorary members were present, including ringers from the Ashford District and a few invited guests. Towers represented from the district amounted to 24 of the 31 in union. Ringing was held during the afternoon at St. Alphege's and St. Dunstan's, and at 4.15 service at the latter church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Brown. A slight diversion was made from the usual service, in that special prayers were said for departed members, a special hymn also being sung. A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised £2.

A splendid tea was prepared by Mr. C. Dilnot and served by the local band. At the annual business meeting the secretary reported that at the moment there were 327 fully paid up members, including 31 honorary members, a record. Since the last annual meeting seven other meetings had been held with an average attendance of 71 and a tower representation of 18.

The chairman (Mr. J. A. Russell), Ringing Master (Mr. R. G. Port) and secretary (Mr. B. J. Luck) were re-elected by nomination, and Messrs. French and Unwin were re-elected by ballot.

Chilham was chosen for the next by-meeting, with Wingham as the next quarterly meeting. Twelve new members were elected.

Thanks were expressed to all those who had worked to make the afternoon a success. Further ringing was held during the evening, the Cathedral bells also being available.

Durham & Newcastle Assn.

FESTIVAL AND DINNER.

The annual festival and dinner of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 25th. The bells of St. John's and St. Stephen's were available, and the festival service was held at St. Stephen's, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Leslie Shone, with Mr. W. Curry at the organ.

After the service, members and friends, among them Canon Stephenson, of Gateshead, assembled at the County Hotel, where dinner was served.

The annual general meeting followed, with Mr. W. N. Park (president) in the chair. One of the principal items on the agenda was a notice of motion to increase the subscriptions for ordinary members from 2s. to 3s. per annum. There was some discussion on this matter, when one member tabled an amendment that the subscription be raised to 4s. a year, this being carried by a large majority.

Mr. K. Arthur proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells. The Rev. Shone replied and said how delighted he had been to welcome the ringers to his church. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. J. Anderson. Mr. W. N. Park suitably replied.

Mr. Park brought to the notice of the meeting the work done by Mr. W. F. Fennell, a non-ringer, of Chester-le-Street, in writing up the Association Peal Book. This work has been done without fee, and the secretary was asked to write to Mr. Fennell thanking him for his valuable services.

Entertainment was provided during the evening by Mr. Paxton Lynn, M.M.C., and Mr. Gibson, of Darlington. There was also hand-bell ringing by the members.

MR. E. STITCH'S 300 PEALS

Mr. E. Stitch, of Port Talbot, Glam., has rung his 300 peals in nine counties. His list is as follows:—

Grandsire Doubles 15 (cond. 14), Triples 112 (45), Caters 21 (2), New Grandsire and Grandsire Triples 1, Double Grandsire 1.

Stedman Triples 39, Caters 15; Erin Triples 2, Caters 1.

Plain Bob Minor 15, Triples 1, Major 26 (5), Royal 4; Little Bob Major 1, Forward Major 1.

Kent Treble Bob Minor 6, Major 10; Oxford Treble Bob Minor 1, Major 1; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor (combined) 1, Major 2.

London Bob Triples 1, St. Clement's Triples 1, Oxford Bob Triples 4, Spiced St. Iltyd and Oxford Bob Triples 1, Spiced Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples 1, Spiced Plain Bob Major and Oxford Bob Triples 1.

Superlative Surprise Major (Treble) 1, Double Norwich Major (Treble) 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, London Surprise Minor 1.

Minor (2 to 6 methods) 8, Surprise Minor (7 methods) 1, Doubles (2 methods) 1.

Total 300 (conducted 66).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT
FINCHINGFIELD.

A meeting of the Northern District was held at Finchingfield on October 2nd, when 39 members from 14 towers were present. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Jordan) conducted the service and the collection for the Association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1. Tea was provided by the local ringers in the School-room.

At the business meeting the District Master (Miss H. Snowden) presided. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. John Turner, of Earls Colne, who was a life member of the Association and who died in August last, aged 82. Nine new members were elected, and Braintree was selected for the annual meeting, to be held on January 8th. Ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Superlative Surprise Major.

OUTINGS OF INTEREST

BRISTOLIANS' TRIP TO SOUTH WALES.

On September 18th, the Bristol City branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association organised a one-day trip through South Wales. Having arrived at Newport, Mon., by train, a coach drive through one of the great coal and iron fields of the Principality brought us to Ebbw Vale, our first objective, where is the celebrated eight considered (and very justly) to be the finest ring of its size in Wales. That it would be hard to equal anywhere was our verdict after an hour of sheer delight.

After a short climb over the shoulder of the valley we left industrial Wales behind and drove through a landscape which is the very frame of Cambrian history. At Abergavenny, from Roman to Tudor times the gate of Wales, we had lunch, and then went to St. Mary's, where the Mayor (Alderman Rees) welcomed the party before we rang up the new Taylor ten, which had been dedicated a month earlier. This grand ring—25 cwt. in D—deserves all the praises which have been bestowed upon it, and is a noteworthy addition to the bells of Monmouth. Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grand sire Caters filled the allotted time only too speedily.

A brief run through the autumn glories of the Usk Valley took us to Usk itself, and to the Priory eight, one of the cradle towers of Welsh ringing. This handy and melodious ring—14½ cwt. in F sharp—gave us the high spot of the day's ringing, a perfectly struck touch of Stedman Triples. After further touches of Double Norwich and Cambridge, the bells were rung down and we had tea at the well-known Three Salmons Hotel. Incidentally, we made history in the Usk tower, by ringing them for the first time with an all ladies' eight and by ringing the first touch of Cambridge Major on the bells.

Another drive through the beauties of the Usk Valley, taking the Welsh Caerleon with its Roman remains on the way, brought us to our final objective, the only twelve in Wales. This was at St. Woolos', Newport, where the ring was augmented by the addition of two trebles in November, 1939. Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus were here rung, after which we called it a day and adjourned to the Tudor Restaurant for the finale of a most successful outing, which it is hoped will be the first of an annual series by the Bristol City Branch.

Before leaving Usk, a well-deserved vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman of the branch, Mr. H. Bennett, to the Ringing Master, Mr. E. F. Hancock, for the time and trouble he had given to organising so enjoyable an event. A.J.C.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

An interesting day was spent in the Fen districts of Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Ely on September 18th, when ringers from the Biggleswade district of the Bedfordshire Association and friends enjoyed their annual outing.

The towers visited were Yaxley (6), Whittlesey (St. Andrew's, 8, and St. Mary's, 8), Wisbech (10), Terrington St. John (6), Long Sutton (8) and Holbeach (8). The presence of local ringers at all of these towers, and of the Rev. J. P. Pelloe, who welcomed the party at Wisbech, was greatly appreciated, and final impressions of the day were of the friendliness of the local bands, the grandeur of these Fen churches, and of some good rings of bells.

The highlight of the day came fittingly as the finale—ringing at Holbeach. Here, in spite of the frighteningly long draught, the best ringing of the day took place on these glorious bells, and a lasting impression was made by the breathtaking dimensions of the magnificent church.

Mr. Lewis Bywaters, of Henlow, deserves the congratulations and thanks of all the participants of the tour for organising a long day so successfully. B. S.

ST. MARY'S, EWELL.

The second annual outing of recent years from St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, was on Sept. 11th, when a party of 33 ringers and their friends enjoyed a long day in Kent.

Starting at 7.45 a.m., the first stop was made at Leigh, where Mr. Whitehead welcomed the party to his light ring of six and they were soon clambering adventurously up the steep ladder fixed in the circular interior of the tower.

At Goudhurst, in the heart of the hop country, all were impressed by the size and commanding position of the buttressed, castellated tower, standing on the summit of the hill, nearly 500ft. above sea level. A huge key gave access to the stairs of the giant ringing room, and soon the five tons of bells were clanging out across the little town.

At Cranbrook, the 'Cathedral of the Weald,' care had to be taken because the stays of the 4th, 6th and tenor (23 cwt.) had broken, but no further damage was done.

Some of the best scenery of the day brought the party after lunch to St. Mildred's, Tenterden, its handsome Perpendicular tower reaching to a height of 129ft. A full oilcan was presented to the visitors and they were strongly advised to use it on the plain bearings before ringing. The advice was followed to much advantage in the handling of the 1½-ton tenor.

The other six-bell tower to be visited was at Charing (Mr. C. F. Good), where a fairly short ring was followed by a big tea in the Chestnut House Tea Rooms. Headcorn was reached in time for evensong. This simple service was much enjoyed by all and the tourists were fortunate in being able to provide a lady organist.

Mr. Belsey and the Vicar of Headcorn, as well as some of the local ringers, joined in touches of various methods until about 8 o'clock, when the party left for the two hours' drive home. J. E. B.

WRINGTON.

The annual summer outing having proved so enjoyable, it was resolved to have a second one in the autumn, so on September 25th a good muster of ringers and friends travelled by motor-coach to Bath, the octave at St. Michael's having been placed at their disposal.

The second stop was at Melksham, where, following an excellent tea, the visitors rang for and attended evensong. Ringing was resumed after service and continued well into the evening. The final call was at Bishop's Cannings, a popular rendezvous. The fine octave at this church is possibly the earliest of which there is a record since the Reformation; they were originally cast in 1602 by John Wallis during the incumbency of the Rev. George Ferrebe, and Aubrey refers to the ringing of these bells during a visit by King James, adding that this parish 'in those days would have challenged all England for musique, football and ringing.'

The visitors met the Swindon band, who were departing as the Wrington party arrived. The bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

MARKET DEEEPING.

Market Deeping and district ringers had an enjoyable outing on September 18th. The fine ring of eight at Oakham was the first stop, followed by an hour's ringing on the ten at Melton Mowbray.

At Loughborough the party were met by Mr. Colin Harrison, who showed them over Messrs. John Taylor's works, where they saw bells being cast. The works ring of ten was rung and also the lovely ten at the Loughborough Parish Church.

Mr. A. Ward welcomed the visitors at Botstford and the day's ringing concluded at Grantham, where the company was met by Mr. S. Proctor and the Grantham band. Thanks are due to the organisers and friends who made the party so welcome. W.H.W.

LETTERS

STANTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the above peal, may I reply to Mr. Taylor's recent suggestion by saying at once that I have no intention of withdrawing it.

I am satisfied, beyond doubt, that it conforms with the existing Central Council definition of 'Surprise,' and, indeed, one needs no further confirmation of this than Mr. Taylor's article itself.

The faults, as pointed out by Mr. Taylor, did not go undiscovered, but in spite of these the band who rang it found it interesting to ring.

May I now give the main reason for ringing it? This method was produced by Harry Poyner, 16 years of age, who was introduced to ringing last February. He has shown exceptional interest and enthusiasm in method construction and without assistance was producing three or four methods weekly, only to be told that they had been previously produced and rung. Stanton Surprise was the first he produced which had not been rung, and the peal was put on for no other purpose than to give encouragement to this youth.

The encouragement of young beginners is of the greatest importance to the Exercise, and in my humble opinion far outweighs any disadvantages such as this method may possess.

Mr. Taylor suggests a tightening up of the Central Council rules governing the term 'Surprise.' I shall be only too happy to abide loyally by any new rule as indeed I have done with the old.

Leicester district is not without some ringers experienced in method construction, and in fairness to them may I say that the method in question was condemned in very forceful terms—not because it failed to comply with the term 'Surprise,' but on account of the obvious other faults it contained.

Nobody would wish to suggest that Stanton Surprise is a good method, from a construction point of view, but I consider it is good enough for the purpose it served.—Yours truly, Leicester. HAROLD J. POOLE.

A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—It may interest your correspondent to know that the method Stanton Surprise was practised at Leatherhead some time before the war. An attempt for a peal came to grief owing to a rope breaking after 2½ hours' ringing. The in-course half of Pritchard's Four-part peal of Bob Major was used. Had we got the peal we proposed to call it 'Leodride,' that being the Anglo-Saxon name of Leatherhead.—I am, yours truly, G. MARRINER.

Leatherhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEETING AT TICKNALL.

Upwards of 40 members attended the Guild meeting at Ticknall on September 25th. Ringing embraced eight Minor and four Doubles methods with rounds for learners under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Pone), who preached from the text, 'There is neither speech nor language, but their sound is gone out into all lands.' Mr. W. Soar was the organist.

Following tea in the Welfare Hall, Mr. W. H. Curson presided at the business meeting. The election of Mr. R. F. Scudamore, Carmarthen, as a non-resident life member was ratified. The next meeting will be on October 30th at Ashby. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, organist, local band and lady helpers by Mr. B. G. Key.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS. — On Sept. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss C. Dunnington 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, M. Ginn (cond.) 3, A. Payne (first in the method) 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTHEY, LEICS. — On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Poole 1, A. E. Jacques (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. Z. W. Deane 3, G. H. Arguile 4, P. J. Staniforth 5, R. F. Elkington 6, Michael D. Staniforth (first as cond.) 7, W. G. Deane 8.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Reith (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Stewart 2, C. Williamson 3, Mrs. E. P. Denyer 4, C. W. Denyer 5, W. Viggers 6, E. J. Bragg (cond.) 7, W. Denyer 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Yardley (first as cond.) 1, A. Allen 2, J. W. Pemberton 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. Pettigrew 5, W. Pettigrew 6, E. Franklin 7, A. Inett 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Griffin (first quarter) 1, A. Ashford 2, F. Griffin 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, G. Hutchison 6, H. Higson (first as cond.) 7, W. Trill 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. Roderick (cond.) 1, E. Stitch 2, A. Hamington 3, R. E. Coles 4, A. W. Heath 5, C. H. Perry 6, A. J. Pitman 7, T. Petty 8. A birthday compliment to A. J. Pitman.

BOURNEMOUTH. — At St. John's on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. V. Gould (first of Stedman) 1, F. W. Goodfellow (St. John's, Hillingdon) 2, J. E. Daniels 3, M. J. Best 4, G. E. Evenden 5, Miss F. M. Child 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, G. Miller 8.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender 1, A. W. Beard 2, D. W. Beard 3, R. Bettley-Coke (first of Stedman) 4, N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 5, T. W. Wyatt 6, J. Bullock 7, C. W. Oitley 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Collis (first quarter) 1, H. Kingston 2, D. Sleet 3, P. Underwood 4, R. Collins (first as cond.) 5, R. Coleman 6. A farewell to the Rev. F. T. Robinson on his retirement.

CLAINES, WORCS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson (first quarter) 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, R. Woodyatt 3, A. Morgan 4, R. W. Savers 5, D. R. Morris 6, G. Ambler 7, F. G. Yates 8.

DODDERHILL, WORCS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large 2, A. Morgan 3, W. H. Raxter 4, R. W. Savers 5, S. T. Holt (cond.) 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. G. Yates 8.

FWELL, SURREY. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Yeld (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, R. Spittle 3, C. W. Munday 4, J. Hill 5, H. Tourle 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8. Rung on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Fred Lauer, for many years a regular ringer, and Mrs. Lauer.

OXFORD. — On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Joan Winterbourne 1, Miss Daphne Castell (first quarter 'inside') 2, T. Bond 3, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Flood 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. L. Joyce 1, R. E. Woods 2, P. I. Eldridge 3, A. G. Gasson 4, R. C. Turner 5, G. S. Joyce (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson on his induction at Farnborough. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 5. First of Minor on the bells.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Peskett 1, T. S. Brown 2, W. Stevens 3, E. Horner 4, F. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6. First 'inside' for 2 and 3.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Minor (360 St. Clement's, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Oxford Bob): Mrs. White 1, C. Fennell 2, M. Mason 3, W. Jones 4, R. Elliott (cond.) 5, P. Mason 6.

HALESOWEN, WORCS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodall 1, H. Shilvoek 2, T. Greenhall 3, A. Greenhall 4, J. Eaton 5, J. H. Cox 6, H. G. Bird (cond.) 7, A. H. Harris 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich

Court Bob Major: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie (first in the method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, W. Wenban 4, H. G. Hart (first in the method) 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Warren 1, D. Corning (first quarter) 2, T. Hoare 3, R. Newman 4, E. Rowe 5, F. Barker (cond.) 6.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK. — On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Elvin (first quarter) 1, G. H. Moore (first 'inside') 2, Jean Bell 3, Eileen Bracey 4, A. Bracey 5, R. Lofty 6, C. H. Moore 7, E. V. Blake (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss A. Smith (first of Surprise) 1, W. Lee 2, A. Newton 3, A. R. Blaby 4, D. Cox 5, E. Timpson (first of Surprise) 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. All members of the local band.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Ayling (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Munt (first 'inside') 2, C. Munt 3, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 4, D. Hardwick (first quarter) 5, R. I. Hall 6.

LEICESTER. — At St. Margaret's on Sept. 26th, 1,223 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Morris 1, E. Morris (cond.) 2, J. Morris 3, T. H. Bent 4, Mavis Whitehead 5, W. Tanser 6, G. Olliffe 7, J. Drury 8, E. V. Rodenhurst (Shropshire) 9, J. Bramley 10.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, T. Yeoman 4, R. Westcott 5, J. Evans 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, R. Rees 8.

LONDON. — At Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 26th, 1,275 Grandsire Cinques: M. V. Chilcott 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, Mrs. C. Mathews 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, W. Langdon 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, W. H. Hewett 7, H. Belcher 8, C. Mathews 9, J. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, R. F. Deal 12. In honour of the ringer of the 2nd becoming a grandfather.

LONGTON, STAFFS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hillon 1, H. Carter 2, A. Hulme 3, F. W. Wells 4, J. G. Burton (cond.) 5, H. Bloor 6, D. Sheratt 7, C. I. Roberts 8. 7.6.8 behind. First quarter by all the band except 5, and first by an all Longton band. In honour of Mr. E. Steele attaining 42 years' service as a ringer at this church.

LUTON, BEDS. — On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Kendall 1, A. King 2, A. J. Smith 3, E. Conquest 4, H. Wood 5, A. E. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, D. Newman 8. Last quarter and touch on old bells.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS. — At St. Giles' Church on Sept. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Bullough (first quarter) 1, G. A. Moore 2, F. E. Wilshaw 3, E. Kettle (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. W. Biddulph 5, R. S. Anderson 6, A. J. Lancefield 7, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Keeley (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. Keeley (first of Grandsire with a bob bell) 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, S. H. Green 6, C. W. Powell 7, C. E. Tett 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON. — On Sept. 26th, at St. Leonard's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Charge 1, S. Howard 2, R. Wilding (Stowmarket) 3, Audrey Look 4, E. A. Reeve 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung on 69th birthday of R. Wilding.

THAMES DITON, SURREY. — At St. Nicholas' on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, Miss P. G. Kitchen 2, H. G. Andrews 3, C. Haylings 4, Mrs. M. Kitchen 5, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON. — At St. Mary's on Sept. 26th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: H. Rumens 1, C. A. Hughes 2, A. J. N. Bovack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman 5, J. C. Adams 6, G. Dawson 7, C. T. Coles 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch, held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, September 18th, was attended by about 40 ringers and friends. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Pratt), assisted by the branch chairman (Canon A. W. Markby).

After an excellent tea, served by the ladies, the business meeting was conducted by Canon Markby. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the Rev. C. C. Cox, Master of the Guild, and other ringers. No new members were proposed, this being the second successive meeting at which the branch has failed to add to its membership.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be the annual, and should be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, in January. The sum of 5 gns. was voted towards the cost of the repair of the ropes at St. Peter's, where Guild practices are frequently held.

The meeting agreed that as far as was practicable these practice meetings should consist of tuition for learners rather than touches for those ringers who were more advanced.

Capt. E. F. Samson moved a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, the ladies who attended to the teas, and all who had contributed to make the gathering the success which it undoubtedly was.

Eleven towers were represented, and there were visitors from Bristol, Reigate, Bournemouth and Southampton. Ringing was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey, and his deputy, Mr. F. Stedman, who is also captain of the Wyke Regis ringers.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The pleasant village of Disley was the venue of the Stockport Branch for their meeting on September 25th. Legend has it that the bells will ring the methods themselves so long as the ringer pulls the rope, as the tower has long been a centre of spliced Minor ringing, and it was here that many record peals were rung just before the second World War.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. B. James), in an address at the service, reminded the ringers of the sacredness of their calling, which demanded of them skill, perseverance and loyalty. Tea followed in the school, at which about fifty members and friends were present.

At the business meeting a welcome was extended to Mr. J. Rance (Sunning), who was on holiday in the district. Expressions of regret at the death of Mr. A. E. Marshall, of Denton, an old and valued member of the branch, and Mr. H. Chapman, well known to many of the older members, were voiced.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. J. A. Milner and the local band, who for many years have worked hard to develop the talents of recruits to the Exercise.

Methods rung included Cambridge Surprise, Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charlwood Delight, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingsfont, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, together with rounds and call changes for the less advanced.

OBITUARY

MR. J. ELSWORTHY.

The passing of Mr. J. Elsworthy at Bridgewater on October 6th will be regretted by a large number of friends, especially those in the Bath and Wells and the Devon Guilds. He was 86 years of age and had been a keen ringer for nearly 70 years.

He was a native of Tiverton, Devon, and came to Bridgewater to live about 25 years ago and was still ringing within a few weeks of his death.

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DEATH

HARE.—Suddenly at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on Oct. 8th, 1948, Albert Hare, aged 81 years.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Leonard Trevor is now Eldenar, Watling Street, Nuneaton. 4222

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MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The secretary now has cards showing the meetings for 1949. Send 3d. in stamps to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge (stamped envelope not required). 4245

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 4206

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Rochester Cathedral (10) and Chatham (8) available after meeting. 4155

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Woodchurch, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4202

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 16th, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each. Bells available: Cathedral (12) and All Saints' (front six) 3 to 5 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham, Worcs. 4184

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden (8), Saturday, Oct. 16th, 3 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's Bob and Lincolnshire Surprise Major.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 4215

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Chiddingfold, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel. Those requiring tea must send name and numbers to Mr. A. J. Bartlett, The Forge, Chiddingfold.—A. C. Hazelden, District Secretary. 4163

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hemingbrough, Oct. 16th. Bells 2. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. 4217

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Alcester, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells 3.15 to 4.15 and for one hour in the evening. Committee meet 4.15. Service 4.30, followed by tea at The Holly Bush (2s. 6d.) and business. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Salford Priors from 7 to 8 p.m. with light refreshments at The Bell afterwards.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 4265

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Corringham (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea at Beckett Arms 5 p.m.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 4218

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Shouldham, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4219

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Somersham, Saturday, Oct. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, District Sec. 4227

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea provided at small cost. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—N. Edwards, Hon. Sec., 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. 4154

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify by Monday, Oct. 18th J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshot, Oxted, Surrey. 4208

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Hawley (8) on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. District Sec. 4203

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Templecombe, Oct. 23rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 4224

SALISBURY GUILD AND GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wootton Bassett, Oct. 23rd. Bells (8) 1 p.m. For tea advise L. A. Wilson, 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 4225

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, from 6.30 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4226

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Longstanton (8), Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (please bring own food).—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4233

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Buck Branch.—Farnham Royal, Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 3. Names for tea by Oct. 18th.—A. D. Barker. 4239

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, Oct. 23rd, 3. Tea 5. Names to Mr. C. J. Gibbs, Ockbrook Vicarage, by Oct. 21st latest. 4234

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Quarterly meeting, Clunbury, Oct. 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Notify Rev. J. C. Williams, Stowe Vicarage, Bucknell, Shropshire, by Wednesday, Oct. 20th. 4235

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Offley on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, District Sec. 4229

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Woodford, Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Tea for those whose names arrive by Tuesday.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 4237

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Eversholt (6) on Oct. 23rd. Bells at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4238

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis (8), Oct. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Names by 18th.—C. H. Lathey. 4243

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Boroughbridge (6), Oct. 23rd. Aldborough (6) also available. Tea at 5. Names to me by Oct. 21st.—Edward Hudson, District Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 4244

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Chiddingly (6), Saturday, Oct. 23rd, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify by 20th.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec., 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex. 4246

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Bilston, Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by 26th the latest, please.—Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4228

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District).—Combined meeting at Staines, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Oct. 30th, 3 p.m. Service if possible 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Tuesday previous latest.—F. A. Finch and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Secs. 4241

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea (2s. 3d. per head) not later than Monday, 25th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 4236

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at the Roundstone Hotel 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea notify me by Oct. 26th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 4232

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Trevethin (Ponty-pool), Saturday, Oct. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 4231

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 30th, 4 p.m., St. Giles', Camberwell. Nomination of officers. 311th Anniversary Dinner at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Saturday, Nov. 13th, 1948, 5.45 for 6 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4247

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Ringing, St. John de Sepulchre's, 2. Tea (1s. 9d. each) and meeting at Ber House, 4.15. Agenda, to give notice of addition to Rule 9 as follows: 'A peal booking fee of 6d. shall be levied on each ringer taking



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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bicker (6), Nov. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Names to Mr. G. Dawson, Bicker, Boston, before Nov. 6th. 4230

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