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A POET IN NEW ZEALAND

READERS of 'The Ringing World' are familiar with the name of Albert J. Lancefield. As a keen ringer who shared in the joy of a peal, he was regarded as one of the coming young men of Kentish ringing. And then, to the surprise of his friends, in December, 1948, at the age of 28, he sailed as an immigrant to New Zealand. The daily round at his former engineering workshop after his foreign service with the Royal Air Force became dull and uneventful. He responded to the wanderlust in his blood. His journeying and ringing experiences have been recorded from time to time in our pages, and while in New Zealand and also in Australia he made a valuable contribution to local ringing, acting as a conductor and instructor.

Another side of his character has been revealed—that of a poet, and in 'By Wandering Tempest' (The Mitre Press, 7s. 6d.) he has modestly enabled others to share in his thoughts and aspirations. These would not have appeared in print but for the exhortations of a very respected friend, for in their initial form they were written with no thought of publication in mind.

Following a meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association at Smarden on November 27th, 1948, came this tribute to its six bells with a tenor of 18¼ cwt.:—

To the fine bells of Smarden must I sing
One song of praise and love,
Before I say goodbye to their domain
To wander and to rove.

Last night we heard them on the frosty air
As from the church we strolled;
November mists and murky darkness hung
Around us damp and cold.

As down the wealden village street they pealed
In rhythm clear and slow,
We lingered to enjoy their harmony,
Rich, resonant and low.

Three more verses were added a week later off Cape Finisterre, which read:—

The mists are lifted now and I am gone
Across the ocean foam,
But sometimes in the quietness of the night
They call me back to home.

Some day I'll answer, some day I'll return
To hear their haunting strain;
And I shall take my place there in the tower
And feel the ropes again.

Loved bells of Smarden, from your tongues I hear,
Soft, retrospectively,
The music of past years, around whose theme
Revolves Life's Symphony.

Mr. Lancefield was present at the ceremony of blessing the new ring of eight bells at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Hamilton, and the inspiration of that service is contained in 'Their New Te Deum':—

'We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord,'
The Very Reverend from the psalter read,
And clear and sweet the bells from overhead
Upon the congregation their new Te Deum poured.

From tower to city young, beyond its precincts flung,
Their proclamation sounded; far and wide,
O'er gully bare, o'er paddock newly sprung,
Wild, pristine forest bush, green, fruitful countryside.

'The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee,'
The congregation in full concourse sang;
The bells with swinging tongues the echo rang,
And to the hearts of thousands conveyed their psalmody.

Another memorable occasion for Mr. Lancefield was when the bells of All Saints' Cathedral, Christchurch, were rung on December 16th, 1950, to mark the centenary of the landing of the Canterbury Pilgrims from the first four ships—'The Charlotte Jane,' 'Cressy,' 'Randolph' and 'Sir George Seymour'—at Lyttelton Bay, now part of Christchurch. The following day the Archbishop, Dr. G. F. Fisher, conducted a service attended by over 20,000 people held in the Cathedral Square, Christchurch. 'The Centennial Message' tells the story of that great occasion:—

'We are the pioneers,' they said,
'We came to make our future here,
And by the grace of God prove true
To the far land we love so dear.'

'God of our fathers, pledged to us,
God of our children yet to be.
In faith were England's churches built,
In faith we raise this fane to Thee.'

Then Rhodes supplied a ring of bells
To hang in the Cathedral tower
That every Sunday, year by year,
'Twould prove them seed of Britain's flower.

True symbol of the pilgrims' creed,
Of everything they fashioned here;
The bells now bear to everyone
The gist of the Centennial year.

Provoked by articles in the daily papers on the Atomic Age, Mr. Lancefield gave this answer in a poem, 'Why should we fear?':—

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How prone we are to pride ourselves as free
Self-governed units, learned and supreme.
And yet our latest thought is but a gleam,
A moment's portion of eternity!
Can we design ought never meant to be
In the ascending Universal Scheme?
Or has our skilful scientific team
Made one more step towards maturity?
Why should we fear? The natural order rolls,
And man and everything that he controls
Responsive moves to the Creative Will,
Though Death and Hell and Judgment's Final bill—
Terms we have pilfered from archaic scrolls,
Like worms eat out our understanding still.

There are some 55 poems in the collection. The odd verses we have quoted give an indication of the author's style, and all who read the book will say a special thank you to 'a very respected friend' who induced their publication to a wider field. There are many of our readers who enjoy verse, and we feel certain they will not be disappointed in Mr. Lancefield's first essay in this direction.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	*FRED PRITCHARD	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
*ALBERT W. STONE	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	*ALAN WARD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Arthur Ridyard, of Manchester Cathedral.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	*Treble*	MAURICE HOLGATE	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	GORDON R. WHEWELL	6
ROGER LEIGH	3	LEONARD WALSH	7
WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	4	BRIAN H. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by BRIAN H. WOOD.
* First peal of Major First peal of Major as conductor.
A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon J. Dodd, and Mrs. Dodd, on their golden wedding.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	WILLIAM J. ROOT	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
NORMAN LEECH	4	FRANK CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. F. S. Hollis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	5
CYRIL A. HURST	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	3	MANSFIELD GINN	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
The first peal of Southwell by all and for the Association.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
WALTER J. HOUGHTON	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	*DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	6
*BRIAN BLADON	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First in the method.
Rung in connection with the enthronement of the Right Rev. H. J. Carpenter as 38th Bishop of Oxford.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	5
*FREDA OLDERSHAW	2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
*THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.
Rung in honour of the baptism of Simon Phillip Freeman, son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Freeman, and grandson of the Master of the Guild.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 4). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
ROBERT W. HINDE	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.
Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hinde, parents of the ringer of the 3rd.

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CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
*BASIL W. WHITE	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*FRANK H. HICKS	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method. 50th peal as conductor.
A 3rd birthday compliment to Margaret Anne Riddington.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS HILL	5
*ROHILLA M. COOKE	2	DENIS R. AIREY	6
*MARY P. REED	3	THOMAS COOKE	7
†DAVID ROBINSON	4	‡MAURICE STEWART	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES-JAMES. Conducted by THOS. COOKE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal.
A farewell to Canon George E. Holderness, M.A., Vicar of Darlington, on his appointment as Bishop Suffragan of Burnley.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	ALEX. RICHARDSON	5
MARK J. BARKER	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM LANCASTER	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
JOHN E. TURLEY	4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*ELIZABETH BATE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Ten-part No. 1. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

*ANN POWELL	*Treble*	†LESLIE W. JARVIS	5
†MALCOLM CLOKE	2	JAMES G. POWELL	6
†ALBERT H. KEMP	3	†JACK BROWN	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	*BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM CLOKE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a special compliment to Harry Brown, of Hayes, Kent, whose 90th birthday occurred in the week.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*PALMER WHITTELL	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5
*MAX P. PAGE	2	*KEITH WHITTELL	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
*JOHN R. MUNNINGS	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
*MICHAEL H. MAISEY	2	†FREDK. E. TURNER	6
PATRICIA A. GAUNT	3	‡HAROLD P. REED	7
*C. JOHN CASTELL	4	WILLIAM G. HIBBERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. C. Mathews, who was inducted as the Rector of Newbury on January 12th.
Rung after meeting two short for Caters.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

REGINALD H. HOWSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	6
*F. REGINALD EVANS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
VICTOR S. ADAMS	4	HERBERT C. BEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal.
Rung for the Enthronement of the Bishop of Oxford.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
RICHARD C. INGRAM	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
ROGER HAWKESWORTH	4	ROY BASTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. H. Kempson, Custos of Lichfield Cathedral, and formerly Vicar of Penkridge from 1911 to 1937.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

NORMAN J. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
†ROBERT WAKE	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN A. SMITH	*Treble*	ALFRED E. BALLARD	5
C. ROGER HAYWARD	2	JOHN VERNON	6
*RITA STRATFORD	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*CHRISTINE STRATFORD	4	NUN L. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering, also a birthday compliment to Mr. Pickering, for many years a ringer at this church.
Also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Vivienne Horton	*Treble*	*Gordon A. Halls	5
Albert E. Thompson	2	*Sampson Walklate	6
*†David K. Walklate	3	Harold Taylor	7
*Alan G. Foster	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. †25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Feb 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

W. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
Derek P. Jones	2	John W. Rawson	6
John A. Underwood	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Wilde. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the Guild. Also to Mr. S. H. Jones, of Repton.

SIX BELL PEALS

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: (1) Lightfoot, (2) Wearmouth, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) York, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frederick W. French	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
James W. Haw	2	James H. Musson	5
Leonard C. Blanchard	3	Albert E. Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Phyllis Freckelton	*Treble*	†Derek Webster	4
Madeline P. Smith	2	†Kenneth J. Jones	5
Harold Marcon	3	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Ronald Edwards.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

James W. Williams	*Treble*	Harold Parkinson	4
*Edith H. Lord	2	James Walsh	5
George Brown	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years' ringing at this church by George Brown.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Michael Vernon	4
William Thornley	2	C. Roger Hayward	5
*Graham Ball	3	John Vernon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Thornley.
* First in four methods.
Rung as a 87th birthday compliment to the Rev. H. M. Gorham; also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Abbot on the gift of a son.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Josephine Green	*Treble*	Charles G. Jones	4
Mollie Tilbury	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
Philip G. Morgan	3	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 6 cwt.

Frederick G. Hooper	*Treble*	*Harold Stevenson	4
Dennis Simpson	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Clarence F. Briggs	3	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 85th birthday of Mr. William Clarke, formerly of Duffield, later of Lincoln Cathedral, and now ringing in the Newark district; and for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevenson, of Newark, parents of the ringer of the 4th.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	David J. Marshall	4
Elizabeth A. Grime	2	Frank D. Mack	5
Brian Grinter	3	Frank G. Hooper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Hooper and David J. Marshall (3½ extents each).

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, ((2) London and Wells, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) Bourne, (5) Norwich, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet; 62 changes of method.

Andrew C. Sinfield	*Treble*	James G. Newnham	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	John W. Sinfield	5
Charles H. Harding	3	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
A birthday peal for C. H. Harding.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz., (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	John Warner	4
Frank B. Lufkin	2	Walter Arnold	5
Alan R. Syder	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Brian M. Barker	*Treble*	Walter Ayre	4
Pamela A. Martin	2	Augustin V. Good	5
*Geoffrey S. Duncan	3	Derek E. Latchford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Latchford.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents of Bourne, two extents of Ipswich, one extent of Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich and two extents of Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
*JAMES W. FORDER	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in three Surprise methods.

PRISTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 different six-scores. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EDWARD F. CONNOCK	*Treble*	*ERNEST E. BRAY	4
FRED SAVAGE	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
A. GEORGE CLARE	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. A. F. Bell to the joint living of Englishcombe. Also a birthday compliment to Christopher Bennett, aged 13 years, who is a ringing member of the local band.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 72 individual plain course methods, viz., (1) Datchet Bob, Reverse St. Osmund's Bob and St. Julian's Bob; (2) St. Gregory's Bob, Reverse St. Osmund's Bob and Datchet Bob; (3) Reverse St. Vedast's Bob, Reverse St. Remigius' Bob and Reverse St. Osmund's Bob; (4) Uffington Bob, Reverse St. Simon's Bob and Union Bob; (5) St. Alphage's Bob, Reverse St. Simon's Bob and Uffington Bob; (6) Reverse New Bob, Reverse St. Nicholas' Bob and Reverse St. Simon's Bob; (7) Stowe Place, Reverse St. Martin's Bob and St. Faith's Place; (8) St. Andrew's Place, Reverse St. Martin's Bob and Stowe Place; (9) Reverse Huntspill Bob, Reverse Winchendon Place and Reverse St. Martin's Bob; (10) Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Coxwell Place; (11) Reverse Bob, St. Bartholomew's Bob, Reverse All Saints' Place, St. Sebastian's Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (12) Reverse Shipway's Place, Coxwell Place and Reverse Bob; (13) St. Botolph's Place, Stedman's Bob, Coxwell Place and Reverse Bob; (14) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook S.C.; (15) Tandridge S.C. and Shipway's Place; (16) Westminster II. Bob and Knapton S.C.; (17) Chesham S.C. and Westminster II. Bob; (18) St. Hilary's Bob, Intwood S.C. and Ockham S.C.; (19) Blackburn Place and Lyng S.C.; (20) Broughton S.C. and Blackburn Place; (21) New Bob and Forncett S.C.; (22) Itchingfield S.C. and New Bob; (23) St. Vedast's Bob and Bedingham S.C.; (24) Chipstead S.C. and St. Vedast's Bob; (25) Huntspill Bob and Ellingham S.C.; (26) Oakley S.C. and Huntspill Bob; (27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham S.C.; (28) Dorton S.C. and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (29) St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall S.C.; (30) Longford S.C. and St. Nicholas' Bob; (31) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley S.C.; (32) Hascombe S.C. and St. Remigius' Bob; (33) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C.; (34) Thornborough S.C. and Winchendon Place; (35) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (36) Boxford S.C. and Plain Bob; (37) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood S.C.; (38) Rugby S.C. and St. Simon's Bob; (39) St. Osmund's Bob and Longworth S.C.; (40) Merton S.C. and St. Osmund's Bob; (41) St. Martin's Bob and Welford S.C.; (42) Slapton S.C. and St. Martin's Bob, with 315 changes of methods and plain leads only used throughout. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	MICHAEL HATCHET	5
	3	ALAN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

First peal in 72 methods for all, on the bells and for the Guild. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal; each method had its own plain course and each plain course conformed to Central Council requirements. No bobs used and no method was the bob lead of another.

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CREATON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 8 cwt. in A.	
*ARTHUR E. BROWN	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM BROWN	4
*STANLEY A. BROWN	2	RICHARD J. SEATON	5
MICHAEL F. AMOS	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).		Tenor 8 cwt.	
*BETTY M. WHITE	*Treble*	ENID A. BOND	4
THOMAS W. HARRIS	2	SEALY S. WOODBURN	5
*KENNETH C. BRAIN	3	ALBERT F. BUTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.
* First peal.
Rung for the 33rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Butt, tower master at the above church.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
*COLIN BINGHAM	*Treble*	LEWIS CORDELL	4
HARRY KING	2	ROBERT BRIDGES	5
†ROY STEVENS	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to Colin Bingham, who joined the R.A.F. on February 14th.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SENARA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	4
MARION L. LIDGEY	2	HARRY MILES	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	3	GERALD A. UGLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	*VIVIEN BARNES	7—8

Conducted by JAMES THOMAS.
* First handbell peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT 1, BLENHEIM AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor size 14 in D.	
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	1—2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	3—4
		*TREVOR A. CROSS	5—6

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal with a working pair. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law 1, W. Brown 2, D. H. Paine (first 'inside') 3, Diana M. Gough 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown. Rung as a compliment to Stella Wickens, of Twineham, and Ken Knight, of Bolney, on their engagement.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Maisie Vantom 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Olive M. Boulden 3, A. Hicks 4, R. Hodgson 5, G. Pearson 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, J. R. Cooper 8. First of Stedman Triples by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman, Union, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): Stella Allen 1, D. Sweet 2, F. J. White 3, A. Bown 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First in seven methods for all except the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, J. Harrison 3, R. Buckland 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, R. Keeley 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. Lamb. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, R. Keeley 4, D. Lamb (first in the method) 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, R. Buckland 8. Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. Canon H. J. Carpenter as Bishop of Oxford.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles: W. B. Jones 1, W. Pike 2, G. N. Harding 3, K. H. Thomas 4, T. P. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Thomas 6. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of the ringer of the second.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. T. Steere (first quarter) 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, E. J. Razzell 3, N. Brown 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, R. Davies 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 13th, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stephanie Bedborough 1, W. Eveleigh 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, Betty Nolder 4, G. M. Harvey 5, F. Ranson 6, Wilfrid G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Enid Palmer 8. Rung for Evensong.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Lode, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cobb (first away from tenor) 1, P. Williams (first quarter) 2, D. Cobb 3, H. Worral 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, P. Hurcombe 6. Rung to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the burning of Bishop Hooper.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Ongley 1, E. Pimlott 2, N. Lomas 3, S. Sage 4, L. Copnall 5, B. J. Ongley (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Boon (first quarter) 1, S. Huckle 2, D. C. Wellington 3, J. M. Page 4, D. J. Wilsden 5, R. Tysoe 6, E. Edmondson (cond.) 7, R. A. Cochrane 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Woods), who is leaving for Christchurch, New Zealand, shortly.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: F. H. Beency 1, Laura M. Beency 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, G. Beeney 4, C. J. Piper (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. First in the method by all the band.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Woodard) and the conductor.

HURST, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Allum 1, J. Froome 2, G. A. Eele 3, L. Hall 4, Mrs. B. C. Castle 5, S. G. Day 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For the enthronement of the Bishop of Oxford.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. L. Crocker 1, Miss Stella Allen 2, D. Sweet 3, F. J. White 4, A. Bown 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods by all except the conductor and in such as conductor.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke 1, E. Bowden 2, D. Miller 3, M. Stone 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, B. Keirle 6. To mark the third anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. Griffin.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. Sellars (first quarter) 1, D. Simpson (first of Triples) 2, Geo. E. Foster 3, C. F. Briggs 4, H. Stevenson 5, J. W. Raithby 6, W. L. Exton (first of Triples as cond.) 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor, 1954. A wedding compliment to Mr. L. Colebeck and Miss Pamela Smith, of Newark.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Wright (first quarter) 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Twiddle (first quarter) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. H. Parker 3, E. A. Marsh 4, A. York-Bramble 5, L. D. Duguid 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. H. Parker 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York-Bramble 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Feb. 13th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, D. Bereford 3, A. R. Ling (cond.) 4, P. Beresford 5, J. L. Morris 6, D. Priestley 7, G. McKay 8, W. R. Winterton 9, T. H. Francis 10, F. J. Matthews 11, A. J. House 12. First of Cinques for 6 and 7.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Rodson 1, I. M. Parry 2, Miss E. M. Perrin 3, E. J. Rowe 4, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 5, L. Green 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. P. Crump, ringer, St. Mary's, Hornsey.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Devenish 1, P. Devenish 2, H. Cox 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. For the 14th birthday of Susan Jacobs.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Old, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. Patrick 1, E. J. Hill 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, G. H. Wright 4, B. J. Coggins (first as cond.) 5, D. J. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Viner, interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 30th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Perrins (first of Major) 1, B. Downie (first of Major) 2, H. Yardley 3, A. Short 4, J. L. Gray 5, W. Pettigrew 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, R. C. Ingram 8. Rung for Evensong on the occasion of the first visit of the Bishop of Aston as bishop.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brooks 1, Miss S. Banwell 2, A. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, F. Brooks 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, A. Hartley 5, K. Ketteringham 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Print 1, G. Ingram 2, A. T. Shorey 3, V. Hunt 4, H. Huxley 5, F. Lyne 6, C. A. Manning (cond.) 7, W. J. Moore 8. First quarter on the bells since being augmented and rehung.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Jan 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Tombs (first of Stedman) 1, A. C. Boxley 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, J. Lloyd 4, F. Jukes 5, T. Hemming 6, A. Peakman 7, S. Mallen 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Hemming.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hurst 1, W. G. Clarke 2, H. Daniels 3, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 4, A. W. Dillow 5, J. E. Dillow 6. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Bishop of Oxford.

CAVERSFIELD, OXON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan D. Clarke 1, F. Sharpe (cond.) 2, Patricia J. Ayris 3, W. J. Baggett 4, C. H. Kinch 5. Rung in commemoration of the enthronement of Dr. Carpenter as Bishop of Oxford. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Hatfield 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, W. J. Baggett 4, E. J. Smith (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Butler (79), verger and caretaker for 50 years.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, E. D. Poole 3, Evelyn Gibson 4, L. J. Young 5, E. Silvey 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8. For service of nine lessons. Also on December 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, H. Buckingham 2, Heather Bonner 3, E. Silvey 4, Evelyn Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, R. E. Dean 7, L. J. Young 8. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, Evelyn Gibson 3, J. T. Clay 4, E. D. Poole 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: N. Lees 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, A. Ward 4, H. Reynolds 5, B. Walshaw 6, W. Pye 7, G. Pye 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, H. Longden/G. Longden 10 (the time was divided between the two tenor ringers to enable both to ring). Also present in the tower were J. Simpkins and H. Hollingworth. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Arthur Ridyard, ringing master of Manchester Cathedral, who died January 19th.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Midgley (aged 17, first quarter) 1, R. Cooper 2, Jill Tombs 3, D. J. Midgley 4, F. B. Cookson 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, D. H. Watson 7, B. Crannage 8. Rung for Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Jan 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Buckland 1, C. J. Hathaway 2, W. Carter (cond.) 3, Terry Collins 4, C. Cavalot 5, M. Looker 6, P. Minchin 7, T. Collins 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Slack (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, M. Austin 3, F. W. Tomlin 4, H. Duncan 5, T. Pearson 6. First quarter by 3, 5 and 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hewitt 1, A. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. J. Chapman 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, J. Ketteringham 6, T. C. Coles 7, F. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' February 26th, 1915

SURPRISE RINGING AT SOUTHGATE

Later on, when the conclusion of peace enables peal ringing to resume its normal course, we look forward to a peal of London Surprise Major being rung at Southgate by a band who have not only learned their ringing in the tower, but who were all born within the sound of the bells. We do not say that this will be absolutely unique, but certainly there are very few towers where a peal of London has been rung by a local band who can claim this distinction. That the Southgate men have the opportunity before them is proved by the fact that on February 10th they rang 1,344 in the method . . . . in 55 minutes: G. Bester 1, G. W. Fletcher (age 18) 2, E. G. Tomlinson 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. G. Tegg 8. It was the first quarter of London by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

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LATE NEWS

The College Youths were successful in their peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday. The same day an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge came to grief after three hours' ringing, through the conductor missing a bob.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank T. Blagrove and his band at Stanwell have given another exposition of Doubles ringing with a peal in 72 methods, the greatest number yet rung to a peal.

Mr. J. W. Cotton has now 'completed the circle' at the ninth tower in the area by ringing the seventh at Cole-Orton to the peal of Double Norwich on February 14th.

The last peal rung by the late Mr. E. J. Gale was a 5,003 of Grandsire Caters on December 3rd, 1938, at St. Peter's, St. Albans. It was his first peal on ten bells.

Mr. C. W. Woolley has been nominated to serve as president of the Hertford County Association. The annual meeting will be held at Watford this year.

There is many a history lesson in our quarter peal columns. Ringing took place at St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the burning of Bishop Hooper.

The 90th birthday of Mr. Harry Brown, of Hayes, Kent, was commemorated by a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Hawkhurst, Kent, rung by a local band except the conductor, Mr. M. Cloke, who was a former resident. Many ringers in the Hayes and Bromley district owe their proficiency in the art to Mr. Brown.

Hawkhurst bells were rehung in a new oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1904 and have not had the attention of a bellfounder since. The 'go' of the bells is still good, although the gudgeons and bearings have worn through constant use Sunday by Sunday.

At the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting at Boyne Hill to-morrow the Vicar will dedicate at 4 p.m. a stone memorial tablet to George Martin and William Walker, which is erected in the ringing chamber, where they both rang for more than 60 years.

In regard to the leading peal ringers at Erith (see page 106) the name of Mr. J. Bennett should be included. He has rung 53 and conducted three there. The author expresses his regret at the omission.

Wales has its veterans Mr. W. Pike rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 80th birthday at St. Martin's, Caerphilly.

Mr. George Brown has completed a half century as a ringer at Christ Church, Bacup, Lancs. He rang in a congratulatory peal.

Writes a Cheshire correspondent: 'I must say that after all the opinions expressed about "The Ringing World" I read it from cover to cover and find it very good.'

The Hertford County Association are hoping to revive the Benington Great Ringing Day on Whit Saturday. In Squire Proctor's time it was always held on May 29th.

Any members of the R.A.O.B. who may be interested in a peal attempt are asked to contact Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15.

The peal at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, reported in our issue of February 11th, was the first there for 20 years. The next peal at Cadoxton, near Neath, will be the 50th on the bells, writes the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The bells of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, rang merrily on February 12th. There were two golden wedding anniversaries in the village on the same day. Those who rang the peal want to know if any other village has had a similar coincidence.

Mr. H. Cox, of Wimbledon, and formerly of Boyne Hill, has entered Wimbledon Hospital for a serious operation, and the best wishes of the band were extended to him on the completion of a quarter peal, which appears in our columns, and in which he took part.

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PEAL RINGING IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Huntingdonshire, being such a small county, and having, therefore, few towers, it will be possible to mention them all in a review of peal ringing since 1881. The first peal recorded in the county was at Keyston (5) in 1888. I can't remember that a 5-bell tower has been able to claim first peal in the county anywhere else, but it is probably so in this case. It is the only peal ever rung on the bells, too, so the tower holds a pretty good record for silence as well! The footnote to the peal says: '. . . and it is a great many years since, if ever, a peal has been rung in this county.' I certainly haven't come across an earlier one yet and it would be very interesting to know if anyone has. Whether there was anything wrong with the peal, I don't know, but the next peal in the county, at Huntingdon, St. Mary's (8), in 1890 has a footnote: 'This is considered to be the first true peal rung in the county.' Perhaps we shall never know. But it seems that this time it is possible to give a complete record of peals since none had been rung before 1881 apparently.

There are no 12- or 10-bell towers in Huntingdonshire, only five eights, 17 sixes and 15 fives. No group has had all the towers rung to a peal. Bluntisham among the eights, Conington among the sixes, and Abbotsley, Buckworth, Elton, Great Gidding, Kimbolton, Leighton Bromswold, Great Paxton and Winwick among the fives remain virgin territory. Although there aren't a great number of peals to talk about (only 264 in all), it is clear that more are being rung now than at any time in the county's history, for 148 of them have been rung since the last war. This is a very encouraging sign.

A 6-bell tower, Holywell, leads the list of number of peals with 41. The first peal here was in 1925 and the remaining 40 have come in the last seven years, which is very good going. St. Ives (8) comes second with 33—22 of these have been rung since 1944 (but none since 1953) and the remainder were heard in the years 1931 to 1938. Another 6-bell tower is third—Spaldwick, with 32. Eleven were rung from 1922 to 1931, then there was a gap until 1948, since when the remaining 21 have been rung. In the 20's are three more 6-bell towers—Huntingdon, All Saints' (24—first peal in 1904, then three peals in 1928 and 1929, and the remaining 20 in the last seven years). Hemingford Abbots (22—first peal in 1903, 10 peals from 1926 to 1938, and 11 since 1946), and Woodstone (21—first peal during the first war, in 1916, 16 more up to 1927, three in 1933 and 1935, and an odd one in 1948 to complete the count).

Only two other towers have reached double figures—both have eight bells, They are Huntingdon St. Mary's with 15 and St. Neots with 10. The former is one of the exceptions to the general trend in this county of more peals in recent years, for 10 of them were rung before 1914. There were three between 1927 and 1930 and the remaining two in 1948 and 1949. St. Neots' peals are spread evenly over the years since 1920, when the first peal was rung. There have been four since the war. The only other 8-bell tower is Godmanchester, which has scored nine peals. The first was in 1895 and then came a gap of 30 years, when four more were rung during the next seven years. There have been four more in the past three years, so things are looking up a little here.

As for the six-bell towers, the following is a complete list of those not already mentioned:—Alconbury (one peal in 1927); Alwalton (three, in 1905, 1937, 1950); Eynesbury (six—two before 1914, two between the wars and two since); Great Gransden (three, in 1938, 1930, 1932); Hartford (two, in 1930 and 1932); Hemingford Grey (five, in 1896, 1903, 1924, 1927, 1948); Ramsey (two, in 1904 and 1906); Somersham (six, in 1933, 1935, and four since 1944); Stanground (two, in 1947 and 1948); Great Staunton (eight, four from 1921 to 1935, and four since the war); and Yaxley (eight, in 1913, 1926, 1933, and five from 1948 to 1954).

Warboys, with four peals in the past two years, has most in the 5-bell towers. All the rest [Buckden (1935), Fenstanton (1923), Fletton, Houghton and Tetworth (1953) and Keyston (1888—see above)] have only one, with the exception of Brampton, where two peals were rung, one in 1908, and the other 40 years afterwards, in 1948.

I think every tower in the county has been mentioned. May the recent signs of activity in the county long continue.

SHORTER PEALS

W. T., Consett.—

It seems we've got to curb our zeal
For ringing out the 'lengthy' peal,
Thus defer, with dubious grace,
To the ever-encroaching populace.

Those noble souls, so gently nurtured,
Must never have their senses tortured
With sound of bells;
Who yet approve of howling scenes
On noisy, nasal picture screens.
Will these the Exercise placate,
And shortened peals appreciate?

Mr. K. G. Ornbo, Hull.—A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. A half-peal by any other name would give as much annoyance to those who don't like it, and as much pleasure to those who do, so why bother to change the name? In any case a 'peal' is only an endurance test. Beauty lies in good striking, even if it is only rounds.

Mr. E. T. Paul Field, Long Sutton, Somerset.—In my opinion no peal attempt should be made in any 'objection' area (factual or likely) unless for some very special occasion, ecclesiastical, national or parochial. When, however, such attempt is to be made, the incumbent should be asked to announce in church at each service on the previous Sunday, the date, time and probable duration of the ringing, together with an explanation of the reason, and with such other points of interest which he might consider beneficial. The parishioners would then know why the bells would be ringing and the objectors have a chance to be absent.

H. A. Price, Yatton, Somerset.—Surely in church life there is no short cut to glory. There seems no legitimate cause to cut the length of a peal for the ringer who 'rings to the glory of God,' and, therefore, it is unreasonable to 'cut' the peal short for the 'peal grabber.' Again, towers where ringing genuinely annoys are in the minority and should be avoided. Long peals are the exception rather than the rule. Stick to the 5,040 changes for a peal.

Mr. L. G. Brett, Framsden.—5,040 is the **maximum** in Triples. Peal ringers, please keep 5,000 the **minimum** on other numbers.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch Report Progress

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was successfully held at Chepstow on February 12th. Despite the very cold weather a large number of ringers attended, including visitors from Bristol and Rugby.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Ernest Evans, who gave a warm welcome to the Branch. The Rev. David Jones assisted.

A plentiful tea in the Church Hall followed, prepared by the wives, mothers and friends of the Chepstow ringers. These ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles..

At the business meeting the secretary reported steady progress in Branch affairs. 22 new members having been elected during the past year and meetings well attended.

New members were then elected from Caldicot, St. Woolos, Peterstone, Chepstow, Usk and Rumney. Mr. J. Alsop (Ebbw Vale) was elected Branch Ringing Master. The secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans, was re-elected.

Progress was reported from Penhow, Peterstone, St. Woolos, Caldicot and from the monthly Surprise practice. Wash was finally chosen as the place for the next meeting.

THE LADIES' GUILD'S ACTIVITIES

Midland District

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on January 29th, when approximately 50 ringers and friends were present. The standard of ringing was good, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major. A short service was conducted by Father Pickering, prior to tea at the nearby Castle Inn.

Before the gentlemen returned to the tower Miss I. B. Thompson (vice-president) expressed thanks to all concerned.

At the business meeting the following officials were elected: Vice-president, Miss I. B. Thompson; secretary, Miss J. M. Simpson: two general committee members, Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mrs. B. G. Warwick: four District committee members, Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mrs. I. Hitchborn, Miss L. Ffoulke and Mrs. J. Lewis.

The vice-president thanked the members for their good attendance at meetings during the past year and said that she hoped they would keep it up.

One new member was elected. It is hoped to arrange a joint meeting with West Midland District at Tamworth sometime in June.

The next meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on March 26th.

Central District's High Standard

Thirty-six ringers, half of them members, attended the annual meeting of the Central District held at Upper Clapton on January 29th. The standard of ringing was good with a predominance of Surprise methods. The Vicar, the Rev. Shaw Kew, conducted the service, and welcomed the ringers. Short work was made of an excellent tea, after which 14 members sat down to the business meeting.

The 1954 annual report and financial statement were satisfactory, showing an increase in attendance at meetings. Mrs. Lock, North Mymms, was re-elected vice-president, and the following members were elected to the committee: Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Bullock, Miss Sanderson and Miss Lawrence (secretary). Four new members were elected. Members were reminded about the next District meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on April 30th.

The business meeting ended with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, and the ladies who prepared tea. Ringing of the former high standard continued until late in the evening.

M. L.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY REUNION

THE annual dinner and reunion of the Society was held on January 29th in the Senior Common Room of the Refectory by invitation of the president, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. After preliminaries at the bar, about 50 members and guests sat down to a three-course dinner. The formal toasts of 'The Queen' and 'The Church' preceded the following speeches.

Mr. J. R. Worrall proposed a toast to the 'Exercise.' He hoped that when the Central Council visited Bristol at Whitsun a very warm welcome would be afforded by local ringers and that the University Society would take its place with them. He also reminded those present that non-members of the Central Council were able to attend in a voteless capacity, and this would be an excellent opportunity to see the Council at work. Next Mr. Worrall drew attention to the most important link between ringers—'The Ringing World'—more important even than the Central Council, to which it belonged. Mr. Worrall had noted a decline in handbell ringing and suggested that Bristol handbell experts should make an effort to remedy the situation.

Replying to this toast, Mr. J. T. Duke spoke about the way in which the Universities' Association of Change Ringers was brought into being as a link between the so-called 'intelligentsia.' It seemed to Mr. Dyke that conditions in his younger days were far more difficult for anybody trying to learn an art such as riding a bicycle or change ringing. It was sometimes quite evident that theory was in advance of practice twenty or thirty years ago, and he instanced students at Wells.

The secretary, Mr. M. Sprackling, proposed the toast to 'The Visitors' and mentioned some of the notable persons present, commencing with Mr. J. T. Dyke, a stalwart of the Bath and Wells Association. The Master of the Cambridge University Guild was representative of the other University Societies linked by U.A.C.R. and this one. He was very pleased to see the Society's former president, Professor Piper, and the Rector of St. Michael's, the Rev. Vyvyan Jones. In welcoming Mr. L. Barry (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) and other friends of the Bristol Branch, he made allusions to the privilege which had been bestowed upon various members of the Society—that of visiting the headquarters of Bristol ringing at the Naval Volunteer.

Mr. George Briggs, in his reply, said he was glad that this University Society could provide a means of drawing together ringers in an activity to lighten the burden of scholastic work for a while.

UNIVERSITIES AND CENTRAL COUNCIL

The toast to 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. C. M. P. Johnson, the Master of the Cambridge University Guild, who was grateful for the informal but pleasant welcome afforded him. He referred to the special function of University Societies in allowing young ringers to associate in and out of the tower and then to return to their own localities having made considerable advances into the higher spheres of ringing. It was interesting to know that no less than 28 University men and women had places on the Central Council. Although the Bristol University Society was comparatively juvenile (being only 11 years old) it had already made an export to Australia, and by applying aerodynamic principles to change ringing, wonderful flights into the theory had been made by another member.

Replying, the Master (Mr. D. Marshall) outlined some achievements the Society had made during the year. A number of learners had been taught and continued to make progress. About 60 towers had been visited by the Society and could thus be termed 'tower grabbers.' Eleven peals had been rung, five 'in hand' (Bob Major, Bob Minor, and four, five and six methods of Minor), and six on tower bells (Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, seven methods of Doubles and three of Grandsire Doubles). One peal had been for the Chancellor of the University, Sir Winston Churchill, as an 80th birthday compliment, and this was also the president's first peal. Of the members, certain specialists were notable: for conducting from belfry rafters, handbell ringing, in theory and in unaccepted methods, especially in Grandsire Minor and Royal. Mr. Marshall ended by thanking the president for the invitation to the Senior Common Room, the various tower representatives locally and everybody connected with helping the Society to function.

In conclusion the president expressed his pleasure to see the old members back again and hoped that they would not forget to revisit Bristol on future occasions.

On retiring to the lounge the old members present gathered together to discuss a method of retaining connections with past and present members of the Society. It was decided with the nomination of Mr. I. H. Trueman as a Bristol secretary, that a magazine would be circulated each December giving notice of old members' addresses and any items of general interest to them.

During the day ringing had taken place at St. John's-on-the-Wall, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (the first time for over two years), St. Mary Redcliffe and St. James Horsefair, with many visitors at these towers.

The Society's 32nd peal was rung at Long Ashton in the morning, this being on the heaviest bells yet for the Society.

The home tower of St. Michael's-on-the-Mount-Without was open before the service at 6 p.m. The Rev. Vyvyan Jones officiated, and Mr. Kenneth Pinney played the organ. In the short address the Rector referred to the present members' activities in his choir, for which he did not mind the few minutes' wait whilst they came down from the belfry.

F. D. M.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Scoring Their First Quarter Plans

When the Western District held its annual meeting at Hemel Hempstead on January 22nd the secretary, Mr. R. Shutter, was able to report some success in recruiting new members during 1954. It was evident, he said, from the high proportion of younger ringers present, that interest in the art of change ringing was increasing in the District.

Mr. A. V. Good was unanimously re-elected to the office of Ringing Master, a position which he has held for over 20 years.

The retiring committee put forward a comprehensive scheme designed to improve the standard of ringing in the nine towers which form the Western District. At least 30 attempts are to be made this year to ring quarter peals. The attempts will be organised so that new recruits have every opportunity of ringing with experienced ringers, and, in many cases, new conductors will be encouraged to take charge of the proceedings.

From the proceeds of the Christmas function the meeting voted eight guineas each to Flamstead and St. Mary's, Apsley, to help their restoration funds; £5 to the County Association; and one guinea each to the Benevolent and Voluntary Bell Funds.

The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Rev. A. Malley.

WALSALL'S 'CARILLON'

Young Ringers' Invasion

On January 29th the so-called 'carillon' of Walsall Town Hall was invaded by a number of young ringers from St. Matthew's, Walsall, and nearby Rushall. We were whisked to the first floor of the Town Hall in a lift of palatial dimensions—then we had to climb the 124 steps of the cast iron spiral staircase leading up to the top of the tower. At last we reached the chamber (if such it can be called) which houses the bells—it is open to the wind and rain on all sides and looks from the outside like a gigantic wedding cake. The bells are operated electrically by what is, in effect, a small pianola. The noise in the tower is deafening, although in the street below they can hardly be heard.

After we had admired the Parish Churches of Rushall and Walsall and had climbed over and under the bells, caught our heads on the wires, been poked in the middle by the devices used to counterbalance the chimes, and taken photographs (none of which turned out much good), we reluctantly descended the tower. On the way down one of our members gave a demonstration, with the aid of a penny, of how bells are tuned (the rest of us were not very impressed as, according to his method, they were hopelessly out of tune!).

Back in the Town Hall we inspected the manual which operates the bells. Several of us played rounds, Queens and Whittingtons, then one, becoming very bold, played an 'extent' of original Minimus.

We are considering having a quarter peal 'in hand' on them one day. S. T.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bridgnorth Branch

The resignation was received with great regret at the annual meeting of the Branch at Bridgnorth on February 4th of Mr. H. G. Thomas, who has been secretary of the Branch for 20 years. His sterling work for the Branch is much appreciated. Mr. H. Edge, of Much Wenlock, was elected his successor. Both the Ringing Master (Mr. B. H. Heath) and the Deputy Master (Mr. J. E. Fox) were re-elected.

The passing of the Rev. C. S. Jackson, of Broseley, a great friend of the ringers, was remembered, the members standing in silence.

Meetings were arranged for Worfield, April 2nd; Broseley, June 25th; Madeley, September 10th; joint meeting with Shropshire Association in November.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kemp, and the address given by the Rev. Mr. Hickling, of Coalbrookdale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

N.W. District at Harlow

A membership of 154 (110 ringing members, 37 honorary members and seven non-resident members) was reported at the annual meeting of the North-Western District at Harlow on January 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Bevan, R.D.), who had previously conducted the service, presided.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £24 1s. 11d., £4 16s. 11d. of which was from collections allocated to the Bell Restoration Fund.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. B. G. Burton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. C. Blake; committee members, Messrs. R. Hayden and K. C. S. Wood.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to the organist.

Ringing was then resumed in the tower until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung included Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. FELSTEAD REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Dear Sir,—I know that it would probably be best to be like Brer Rabbit and 'lie low and say nuffin' but I think I ought to remind various critics of the following facts:—

(a) The present Methods Committee has never been asked for an opinion on Plain Bob Triples and, so far, has had nothing to do with this.

(b) We did not make the rule about irregular lead heads, we merely examined the position, as requested by the Council, and gave our opinion, which was accepted, that, on the whole, we felt that the existing rule be endorsed. It was pointed out that this result was arrived at by taking into account several factors (as I said in my last letter on the subject) and that there was no one firm reason for it. After all, judgments are usually made by weighing the pros and cons of a matter, for it isn't always that a clear cut decision can be made because of one predominant fact. (May I also stress, in connection with this, that two of the five on the committee have had more experience of Minor ringing than most of the critics.)

(c) This business of the Methods Committee wanting 'a rule changed to suit itself' and similar statements are quite ridiculous on examination. The only rules we have asked to be changed, I think, were some in connection with the preparation of a collection of Doubles methods, and these were of **relaxation** of rules to widen the possible field. But have we been thanked for this? No, we are still out to impose our will on Doubles ringers (I notice there has been complete silence about my mentioning about ten methods which have a plain course the same as Plain Bob !).

(d) As for imposing our views on the Council, there are five members of the Methods Committee. There are 150 members of the Council, of which about 120 are usually present at the Council meeting. It is not a very good compliment to about 115 other persons to suggest that they act as stooges to we five. I seem to remember that for several years the Council would not accept parts of our report on Extension, which hardly suggests it is in our pocket.

(e) Frankly I do not believe these sweeping statements that our views are those of a very small percentage of ringers. I should be interested to know on what grounds they are made. On the contrary, since our reports and recommendations have been accepted by the Council (which represents a far better cross-section of ringers than any with which our critics come into contact) I would say that they (the critics) were in the minority without any doubt whatever.

(f) It is rather typical of some people's wishful thinking when it is suggested that there is too much 'passive acceptance of the so-called recommendations put forward by the Standing and other committees of the Council.' As, I think, a member of the Council then, Mr. Bond will surely remember that of recent years business has been noteworthy for the quite frequent refusal of the Council to accept the Standing Committee's suggestions.

(g) In asking for specific reasons why the Methods Committee supported the retention of Plain Bob lead heads, critics should ask themselves why we follow any rules in ringing. I think it would be found that it is not possible to give a single good reason in support of anything we accept (e.g., why 5,000 changes for a peal?). On the other hand, if one of the present rules is thrown out, the process would not stop there and we should soon have chaos.

(h) Finally, since our organisation is a voluntary one, I should be rather interested to know what our critics think our motives are in all this if they are not, as they would seem to suggest, the good of the Exercise in general. After all, as Mr. Martin kindly points out (and how nice to receive a pat on the back for once), many members of the Council are giving a lot of their spare time to its work, and it can hardly be suggested that they are deliberately trying to be dictators. What would be the point of it?—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

INSPIRED BY OTHER ONE-ARM RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank the many ringing friends who have written to me and made inquiries about me, also visited me in hospital since my recent unfortunate accident resulting in the loss of my left arm. I have been greatly cheered by them and am pleased to say I made a quick recovery. I am now out of hospital and feel quite fit and well in myself.

I even attended the annual meeting at Reading recently to try my luck at ringing with one arm, and successfully rang Stedman Cinques and Spliced Surprise Major. I have been greatly inspired by letters from one-armed ringing friends and I shall follow their example and continue my ringing in a moderate way.

Again thanking everyone for their kind thoughts for me.

REGINALD W. REX,

Thatcham.

THE POPULARITY OF GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Bond's letter in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated February 11th about his statement of Grandsire Triples, I am open to gamble that if he took half the country he would find that Grandsire was and is still the most popular method rung by our Sunday Service ringers. Also, if he will read his 'Ringing World' and notice the quarter peals, 50 per cent. are in the Grandsire method. I am wondering if Mr. Bond has ever conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples. I can tell him it takes more to conduct than Plain Bob. What about Holt's Original? When I was a boy the local band (Milverton, Somerset), which was at that time one of the leading bands in Somerset in peal ringing, used Holt's Bob and Plain Leads Singles.

I have been ringing 50 years and I still enjoy ringing Grandsire Triples; it is a real odd-bell method. I still hope the Central Council will delete Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques from their lists.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

R.A.F. RINGERS—AN APPEAL

Dear Sir,—I have been stationed here at Wallop for about ten months, and, up to now, I have not found another ringer in the camp, or, in fact, in any other camp where I have been stationed. I am sure that there must be many other National Service ringers stationed around Salisbury. If they are interested I should like to hear from them, so that we could arrange some practices together.

I am sure that local ringers and incumbents would co-operate, as I have always been made welcome at all the towers that I have visited for practices and Sunday ringing. May I say 'Thank you' to all of the ringers at those towers, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, of Rugeley, who were very kind to me whilst I was stationed at Hednesford, in Staffordshire, last year.—Yours faithfully,

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LET THE INCUMBENT KNOW

Dear Sir,—The article on page 94 of your issue dated February 11th concerning a visit to St. Gabriel's, Westminster, refers to the Vicar being appalled at the condition of the bells. It also says that he had no idea of the poor state of affairs, but in this respect he is not unlike many other incumbents, who merely accept the fact that their church bells are rung on Sundays and on practice nights and take no interest in the bellringers whatever.

It is high time an effort was made by all ringers to see that their local incumbent is kept fully informed of their activities, or, better still, to invite him to be present whenever the bells are rung. Possibly in this way only can the gap be bridged, which undoubtedly exists between many ringers and their local incumbent, thus furthering the cause of change ringing for its true purpose—to remind parishioners that a service is soon to take place at **their** parish church — and to improve relations between the ringers, the church and, in particular, its congregation.

If our local incumbents are not kept in touch in this way, it is not really surprising that they are loath to spend any money on repairs or maintenance, even less so if they hardly ever see their ringers at any church services or functions. This dissociation between the clergy and ringers has often led to the stoppage of ringing, and hence the bells have fallen into disrepair, as is the case at the above-mentioned tower; then, when an attempt is made to form a new band, newcomers to the Exercise find it very difficult to handle the bells, and so they quickly lose interest. One can think of many—far too many— illustrations of such a situation, one of which it was the misfortune of the Ladies' Guild to come across.

Therefore, for the sake of the future of our noble Exercise, let us make a start **now** to interest **all** our clergy in our activities.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.12.

MUFFLED PEALS

Dear Sir,—Congratulations on the first of what looks to be a promising new series, 'Topic for the Month.' My first reaction to A. Y.-B.'s ideas was 'For the love of Mike don't make peal ringing easier—"The Ringing World" is already overloaded with peal records.' Dare one suggest smaller type?

I am quite sure that something should be done to prevent ringing from being a nuisance to anyone. From my own experience as a very mediocre ringer, and from what I have noticed of others, I think we can do with more practice rather than less and so I think that the only satisfactory answer to our problem is to have an arrangement whereby we can muffle the sound of the bells when we want to.

As a practical man, a carpenter, I am sure that this could be done in most cases by local labour, but we do need expert technical advice. There are many soundproofing materials on the market to-day, ranging from two-inch thick wood-wool boards for shutters to glass-wool or seaweed quilts which could be used as roller blinds. I am sure many of these materials have been tried, and advice could be obtained on the others from the manufacturers.

Here is where 'The Ringing World' can help by giving details of what has been done, what could be done and where advice can be sought, and promoting a general discussion on the technical side of the problem.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. FOSBERRY.

Horsham.

[Editorial Note.—A new edition of the Central Council's valuable publication 'Preservation and Repair of Bells' is now available, price 2s., from Miss P. J. Ayris, 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. This deals with the problems raised by our correspondent.]

LETTERS—Continued

DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir,—I hasten to assure the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith that I am as earnest a supporter of democratic principles as he is. That is why I desire to see Central Council representatives expressing the views of their members and not their own as individuals.

My contention is that our 'representatives' are delegates, though not so termed. Those elected by my own and many other Guilds and Associations receive payment for their services, and many ringers with whom I have recently discussed this matter agree with me that, should our representatives receive any reimbursement of expenses out of Guild funds, they are, strictly speaking, **delegates** and can, therefore, be **instructed** how to vote.

Mr. Smith points out that if we don't approve of our representatives' actions they can be replaced at the next election. Quite so, but that might permit them to do three years' untold harm in the meanwhile. Nevertheless I should be most reluctant to support any disciplinary action, such as withholding payment against a representative who, having been given a mandate, voted contrary to instructions.

One of our greatest difficulties is in knowing what guidance to give our representatives, as we are never furnished with the subjects and motions to be discussed at the Council meetings. Other national bodies take a referendum on important issues or send the resolutions to be discussed to their constituent organisations for their consideration. This is true democracy, and it is high time the Central Council reviewed its constitution so that its members do not find themselves suddenly confronted with important issues they have neither had time to consider, nor to place before the Association they represent. Until the present system is radically overhauled the ordinary ringer will not have proper representation, and I hope some Central Council representative will have the courage to raise this matter at Whitsun (or before).

Let me instance the new Doubles collection. We don't know whether it is to be presented this year, or when. If it is presented, will there be a proposal to delete all peals containing methods not in the collection? If it is merely presented to give the Exercise some methods worth ringing, then no harm will be done—a few may be sorry to see some of their favourite methods omitted—but it would be quite a different matter if only these were accepted by the Peals Analysis Committee! With the position so vague, what advice can any Association give its representatives? There should be no 'ifs'; they should know exactly what they are going to discuss and have been briefed by their Association beforehand. —Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM

Slough.

BOUQUET, NOT BRICKBAT

Dear Sir,—For many months now there have been many letters directed against the rulings of the Methods Committee of the Central Council, and especially against Mr. Felstead.

I do not agree with many of the decisions, but I should like to congratulate Mr. Felstead on the work being put in by recording the peals rung in the last 74 years. Most of the criticism is directed straight at Mr. Felstead, and I think this is quite unfair, as he is not the only member of the committee. If anyone is to be told it is the Council representatives who pass the rules.—Yours, etc.,

D. K. WALKLATE.

Derby.

'FURTHER OUTLOOK'

Dear Sir,—Whilst the point raised by Mr. Barnett in his letter 'Flower Names for Methods' is trivial (see page 11, January 7th, 1955), it leads to questions which concern the Exercise in general.

The method for which I proposed the name 'Daffodil Delight' has not even been rung yet. If and when it is rung, the band which rings the first peal should, by an unwritten law of the Exercise, be entitled to attach the label they choose. 'Daffodil' was recommended for the reasons given in my last letter; and in giving a name to any method before it is rung, my object is clearness of possible reference in future issues.

It seems that when following the 1920's controversy over flower names, Mr. Barnett has not realised that the Editor whom he quotes was exaggerating to emphasise his point. To use 'Onion,' 'Beefsteak' and 'Geranium' is obviously going a little too far; but there is no justification for rejecting the simpler names, such as 'Bluebell' and 'Daffodil.'

The important point I wish to raise, however, is, 'Why should the present age be subjected to rules made by the last and last-but-one generations, when revision of several of these rules could lead to real progress?' Certain aspects of ringing at present seem inclined towards a combination of out-dated and cumbersome ideas with a modern, slightly frustrated, slightly materialistic outlook.

Consider, for example, the rut of glamour into which peals of Surprise seem to have fallen. The air of shallowness associated with many of these peals is a reminder that there is a difference between stardom and greatness. Would it not be better to attempt a binding of some more ideas from the present age with the older, more human outlook? This appears to be part of the seed sown by Billy Graham and by those who made the films 'Lease of Life,' 'I Confess' and 'High Noon.' Perhaps the less-important rules of the Central Council would then be made a little more flexible. Some of them are at present as rigid and categorical as the conventions brought out by various conferences on scientific affairs. If we become any more pedantic we shall be tightening a noose around our own neck.

These, then, are some thoughts over which I have pondered during quite a period of time. Certain mistakes which I have referred to (directly or indirectly) are overdue for rectification. Others, such as the adoption of the Methods Committee's report on extension, are of more recent origin. But let us remember that to err is human, and those who never make mistakes never make anything. Moreover, let us have remedies in the not-too-distant future. Some bad wood will then be removed from the activities of the Central Council, and its mechanism will become less unwieldy in operation. More attention would then be devoted to the really important matters, whilst those who put in a good deal of work for the Council (and quite a number of members do) could become masters of their responsibilities instead of slaves to them.—Yours sincerely,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

PEALS AT ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir,—I am endeavouring to collate the peals rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and have all those recorded as having been rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

I understand that a few have been rung for other Associations, Guilds or Societies, and would be grateful if the conductor or someone taking part or having knowledge would send me the particulars. Could you help?—Yours truly,

F. HANSFORD.

Nine, Sabrina Way,
Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District at Chobham

Ringing during the afternoon at the annual meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Chobham on February 5th, varied from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, with plenty of Grandsire for plenty of learners. The Guild's order of service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Acworth, assisted by the curate, the Rev. P. A. Campbell. Tea was provided in the new Church Hall, which has only recently been constructed voluntarily by parishioners.

The Vicar regretted that he was unable to stay for the meeting, but left it in the capable hands of his curate.

Mr. R. Collins, of Chobham, became the new hon. District secretary, and Mr. J. King the new Executive Committee representative.

The District Ringing Master and auditor remain as last year, i.e., Mr. J. F. Dodson and Mr. W. Shepherd respectively.

Owing to the District secretary's absence the District Ringing Master presented the report and balance sheet, the latter showing a slight profit on the year's working.

In his report the Ringing Master stated that several towers in the District had many ringers who were not members of the Guild, and he also gave figures of attendances at six meetings that implied a serious state of apathy actually existed.

A vote of thanks to the ladies who provided the excellent tea, to the Vicar and curate and also the organist concluded the meeting.

Further ringing until approximately 8.30 p.m. included methods up to Double Norwich Major.

J. F. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

East Farleigh Receives £20

The meeting of the Maidstone District at East Farleigh on February 12th was well attended by ringers from all over Kent and visitors from Sussex. Although it was only a by-meeting ringers were attracted to East Farleigh because the bells had recently been rehung. Ringing commenced at 2.45, and at 4.15 a short service was attended.

Before tea in the Village Hall Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, secretary of the Kent County Association, presented the Vicar with a £20 grant from the Kent County Association towards the cost of rehanging the bells.

After tea ringers returned to the belfry, where ringing continued in rounds and various methods from Plain Bob to Primrose Surprise until 9 p.m.

P. J. B.

CAWTHORNE'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article on ringing at Cawthorne, Yorks, especially in the mention of the early peals on the bells. I wonder if Mr. Moxon knows the exact date of the first peal on the bells, rung by the Barnsley ringers? I should be grateful for the information if he does. I don't know whether the tower has kept a record of the peals rung. Nineteen have appeared in 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World.' The first was a peal in 14 methods in 1883. All except two of the subsequent peals have been in seven methods and these two were the ones which 'broke the ice' after the last war—Oxford Minor in 1945 and Minor (three methods) in 1946. The next peal after 1883 was not until 1912. The third was in 1916. There were two in the 1920's and eight in the 1930's. The remaining six have come since 1945.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

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I trust that the remaining 249 methods will prove useful.

F. T. BLAGROVE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham Ran Social With Annual Meeting

There were about seventy ringers at the annual general meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham, on February 12th. The shortened ringing time during the afternoon was under the leadership of Mr. E. J. Wells, Joint Ringing Master. A variety of methods was rung and enjoyed.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. A. Wheeler with an informal address given by the new Rector of Farnham, the Rev. H. R. Wilds.

An excellent tea in the Owen Hall, Farnham, was followed by the business meeting. Mr. G. Grover, general secretary to the Guildford Guild, was in the chair. During the meeting new officers were elected for the coming year. Mr. E. J. Wells continues on his own as Ringing Master with Mr. Tom Page acting as his deputy. Mr. S. Joyce was re-elected secretary with Mr. R. Mills as assistant secretary and treasurer. Mr. S. Russell is the new representative to the Guild. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. The Joint Ringing Masters were able to report a successful year, with most towers able to 'hold their own.' Thirteen peals were rung during the year for the District, including a peal of Grandsire Triples at Worplesdon, conducted by Miss E. Turner, this being the first time a lady has conducted a peal for the Guildford Guild. Twenty-two new ringing members were elected.

The business matters settled, ringers and their friends were able to enjoy themselves at the very entertaining social evening, organised and run by Mr. C. W. Denyer.

M. A. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Plans Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

The members of the Sonning Deanery Branch met in Wokingham on February 5th for their annual meeting. After some good ringing on the bells of All Saints' Church divine service was held at 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Wilson, of Arborfield, and the lesson read by Mr. W. J. Brooks, vice-chairman of the branch.

About 52 members assembled in the Church House for tea, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by Archdeacon Shaw, branch chairman, and supported by Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild, Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary, and branch officers.

No change was made in the officials of the branch for 1955, and the secretary reported steady progress during the past year. Seventeen new members were elected. Twyford was chosen as the venue of the summer meeting on June 4th with the usual combined practices on the first Saturday of each month.

It was announced that in May of this year the branch celebrates the 75th anniversary of its foundation, for in May, 1880, the old Sonning Deanery Society was formed in Wokingham. It is hoped that towers will arrange some special ringing in May to mark the event.

Mr. Sharpe in a short speech urged members to make an effort to attend the Guild Festival at Oxford, while the general secretary wished the branch continued success and paid a warm tribute to the former secretary, Mr. W. J. Paice, now ringing again after his serious illness.

RANG IN 28 PEALS WITH SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD

The peal at Barnby-in-the-Willows recorded this week was rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. William Clarke, of 41, Gainsborough Drive, Newark.

Mr. Clarke must be one of the very few surviving ringers who rang with Sir Arthur Heywood in his heyday. Learning to ring at Dufficld, his first peal was Bob Triples on September 13th, 1888.

In the next ten years he rang 35 peals, 34 were at Duffield, and 28 of which were conducted by Sir Arthur Heywood. These included 15 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major along with Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Oxford, Duffield, London and Superlative Surprise Major.

From Duffield he moved to Lincoln, where he rang peals at all the towers in the city. He was in the band which rang the first peal on the Cathedral bells after their restoration, and also on St. Botolph's when they were five and the first on the six.

Among other places of interest where he has rung peals include All Saints', Nottingham, St. Mary's, Nottingham, St. John's, Beeston, and the first peal (Stedman) on the bells at Harmston.

Last year along with two car loads of friends from the Newark district Mr. Clarke revisited the tower where he first learnt to ring, and he soon showed them that he had not lost any of his former style. His friends were amazed to see a photograph, including Mr. Clarke, of the band that rang a peal of London Surprise Major in 1891. His name also appeared on several peal boards around the ringing chamber.

On his birthday he attempted a quarter peal at his local tower, Winthorpe, where he still rings on Sundays, but owing to a very heavy cold, was unable to complete it; but he is still determined to ring one during this year. We all wish Mr. Clarke many happy returns, and the best of luck in his attempt to ring at least one more quarter peal.

W. L. E.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Ring By Candlelight

It was a sunny afternoon when the Eastern District held their annual meeting at Hertford on Feb. 5th. The eight bells at St. Andrew's Church were set going just after 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 4.30. There was then a short service conducted by the Rector. About 35 ringers sat down to a delicious tea provided by the ladies and a business meeting followed.

The party then moved to the ten at All Saints' Church to find all the lights out of action. Ringing took place throughout the evening with the aid of six candles. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Grandsire Caters.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR RIDYARD

With deep regret we record the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Ridyard, of Manchester Cathedral, who passed away on Wednesday, January 19th, aged 67.

It was a request by Mr. Ridyard that his body be carried by the Cathedral ringers beneath the Cathedral bells whilst they were being rung half-muffled, and that the handbells be rung at the graveside.

The funeral was on January 24th. At the service in the Cathedral there were about 75 people present. The bearers were Messrs. B. Walshaw, H. Hollingsworth, H. Reynolds, R. Longden, W. Pye and G. Pye. The bells were rung in the traditional way of tittums and whole pull and stand by N. Lees, 1, A. Bennion 2, J. Simpkins 3, H. Lees 4, E. Reeves 5, D. Sanderson 6, W. Moss 7, P. Derbyshire 8, H. Longden 9, A. Ward 10. Other ringers at the service were: Mr. Arthur Tomlinson (vice-president of the Lancashire Association), Ex-Supt. R. Williams (Manchester City Police), R. Ravenscroft, Miss Mary Walshaw, F. Barraclough, G. Longden, Mr. Joseph Ridyard and Miss Margaret Ridyard (cousin and niece of Mr. Arthur Ridyard). The service was conducted by the Precentor (the Rev. Mr. Meggicks).

The interment took place at St. Peter's Church, Blackley, where homage was paid by Mr. Herbert Barlow, of Oldham (a very old friend of Mr. Ridyard) and Mr. John Mulliner. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by G. Pye 1-2, A. Ward 3-4, W. Pye 5-6, Miss M. Walshaw 7-8.

Mr. Ridyard learned to ring in the year 1904, at the Church of St. Mark, Worsley. When he was married, in 1917, he went to ring at Manchester Cathedral. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1905 and rang 67 peals. Apart from these 67 he rang other peals for other Associations and Guilds. He had been Ringing Master at the Cathedral for the past ten years. During the 1914-18 war he was an R.S.M. in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Mr. Ridyard was a well-known person at Messrs. Mather and Platt, Ltd., where he had worked for the past 42 years. He was a foreman over the crane drivers, slingers and maintenance department. Fifteen people represented the company at the funeral apart from two of the ringers who are also employed there.

MR. REGINALD P. CRUMP

In the sudden death of Mr. Reginald P. Crump on February 1st, the Hornsey, Middlesex, band has lost a keen and valuable ringer. He died at the age of 28 after a short illness.

He started ringing in 1943 but it was only in the last six years that he did much ringing outside his own tower. He rang in several peals and it was through his efforts that the only two peals rung at Hornsey since the first warld war were attempted.

Several of his colleagues attended the funeral on February 7th, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled. W. G. K.

MR. NORMAN R. BAILEY

By the sudden passing of Mr. Norman R. Bailey on January 11th the Suffolk Guild lost one of its best-known and most respected ringers. A life member of the Norwich Association, for which he rang nearly 250 peals, he joined the Suffolk Guild of Ringers on its formation in 1923 and remained a keen and worthy supporter up till the time of his death.

Norman was the fourth in order of age in that wonderful family of eleven brothers, born and brought up in Leiston, Suffolk, where they all learned the noble art of change ringing. He commenced his peal ringing at the age of 17 with a peal of Bob Major, conducted by the late A. J. Lincoln, and rung on the tower bells of his native town on November 5th, 1904. His dearest wish was fulfilled by commemorating the 50th anniversary of this with a peal of Surprise Minor at Blythburgh on November 6th, 1954, thus bringing his total number of peals, from Minor to Maximus, on tower and handbells, to nearly 400.

Among these were many of outstanding interest, but perhaps the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Margaret's, Leiston, on October 21st, 1911, with seven of his brothers, has received the greatest publicity. Another of worthy note was the longest length on these same bells, 11,040 of Double Norwich, rung on Whit Monday, 1909. He was also very proud of an excellent peal of Kent Maximus in which he struck the tenor superbly to that grand old twelve of Great Yarmouth.

For the last 35 years he had been ringing Master at SS. Peter and Paul's, Aldeburgh, where he taught many to acquire the art he loved so well. Although an expert in ringing and conducting the most intricate and difficult methods, he was ever ready to help a beginner through a peal, however simple the method. He was an excellent striker, insisting at all times on the 'open lead.'

Mr. Bailey was an engineer by trade and at the time of his death was a charge hand at the Richard Garrett engineering works, where he had been employed all his working life. He was a craftsman of the highest skill, greatly respected by the management and staff and admired by all his fellow workers. He was an acknowledged expert in first aid work, and in his younger days a keen and enthusiastic footballer.

Widely known over a very large area of East Anglia, his cheery smile and happy greetings will be greatly missed at ringing meetings in this part of the country, and his passing mourned by a very large circle of friends, whose sympathies are extended to his widow and family.

The funeral service at Ipswich on January 14th was attended by a representative gathering of ringers, including Charles J. Sedgley, the Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild.

The church has lost an ardent worker and a very dear friend. J. P.

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S 450 PEALS

When Mr. J. M. Bailey rang his 450th peal as a 65th birthday compliment to himself, he completed a list which was in many ways remarkable, not least from the fact that so many of his performances were rung entirely by himself and his brothers. By ringing the tenor for his 450th peal he had 'circled' Leiston tower 14 times. He also rang 50 consecutive Surprise peals on these bells.

MR. BAILEY'S LIST

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SPEED.—On Sunday, Feb. 20th, 1955, at University College Hospital, to Anne (nee Stockdale), wife of Richard F. B. Speed, a son (Robin Charles). 5907

ENGAGEMENT

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Please note that the new hon. District secretary is Mr. Peter J. Shipton. 5882

WANTED.—Secondhand books: 'Bells of the Church,' by H. T. Ellacombe; 'English Bells,' by T. North; 'The Bells of England.' by Rev. J. J. Raven.—Write Rev. P. J. Nixseaman, Northill Rectory, Biggleswade, Beds. 5894

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S PEALS—Cont.

Surprise Major: Cambridge 57 (one by eight brothers), Superlative 51 (one by eight brothers), London 44, Bristol 57, New Cambridge 6, Guildford 8, Suffolk 5, Yorkshire 3, Dublin 2, Rochester 13, Surrey 2, one each Norfolk, Lancashire, Edinburgh, Camden, Essex, Premier and Waveney, all tower.

Total: 362 tower, and 88 hand.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsbury Episcopi, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 5844

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—A. A. Potts, Hon. Sec. 5769

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale on Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5870

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Denby (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. 2.30. Service 3.30. Buses: Services 1 and 55 to Kilburn Toll Bar; 98 to Denby at 2.13, 2.58, 3.43. Good attendance requested.—M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 5877

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Ealing Surprise. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5846

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for all who notify N. Harding, Roydon, King's Lynn. —C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 5852

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Long Crendon, Bucks, on Saturday, Feb 26th at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Tel. Thame 193. 5848

OWSTON FERRY, ISLE OF AXHOLME, LINCS.—Bells available all day Saturday, Feb. 26th, after rehanging 6 (tenor 12 cwt.). A cordial invitation to all ringers from the Vicar and churchwardens.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5866

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Symondsbury on Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5864

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield. Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 5820

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Thurleigh, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to me before Tuesday, March 1st absolutely essential. A good attendance please; everyone welcome.—P. J. Shipton, Dis. Sec. 5881

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual Dinner, March 5th. Ringing: St. Andrew's 2-3; Great St. Mary's, 3.15.-4.45; R.C. Church 5-6.30. Members intending to come who have not notified, please do so without delay.—W. T. Cook, Jesus, Hon. Sec. 5890

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Annual meeting. Cathedral, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 2nd.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5885

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Hatton, March 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — A. R. Barrett. 5906

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, East Budleigh, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by March 2nd, to R. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 5849

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Dudley, March 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting in St. Thomas' Hall 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 5901

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Heighington, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea (essential), by March 2nd, please, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 5896

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Sandon (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, postcard, please, to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5850

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting at Stapleton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 1st, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 5887

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8), March 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 5884

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Whalley, March 5th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5883

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cockerham, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing (6 bells) 2.30-8. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Rev. B. Higginson, The Vicarage, Cockerham.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5898

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Sat., March 5th (not 12th). Bells open from 3.15. Service 4.30, Tea and business meeting in Parochial Hall at 5. Names for tea must be sent in before Wed., March 2nd, to M. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens. 5880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock St. James on Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley St., Wigan.—W. A. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5899

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Hugglescote, March 5th. Ringing 3. Tea in School 5.15. Service 6.30. Names, by March 2nd, to H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.—C. W. Hall. 5810

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hanley, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea (Grosvenor Cafe) 5 p.m. Names for tea, before March 3rd, to N. Sergeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 5902

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 26th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5873

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on March 5th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5908

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, March 5th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 5889

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, March 5th: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1-2 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's Church (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 3-4.15 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 4.30-5.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn. 5886

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—North Bradley (8), March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5905

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, Codford St. Peter (6), March 5th, 2.30. Tea 5. Chitterne (5) and Wylye (5) after tea. Names for tea by March 1st, please. — Miss Eloie, 66, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 5891

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Ranmoor, Sheffield (10), March 5th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Ecclesall, Sheffield 11. Subscriptions for 1955 now due.—N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 5847

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Lenton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—C. W. Towers. 5853

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Cowfold (6), Saturday, March 5th. Names for tea, by March 2nd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5893

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, by Feb. 26th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 5843

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Mickleton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names, by March 1st, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 5895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Dodderhill, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, March 1st, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5903

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Great Easton (6), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, the 9th, to H. Elliott, Battles Cottage, Great Easton, Dunmow. 5892

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Chilham, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. 3d. per head. Numbers for tea, cash please, to me, not later than Wednesday, March 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5888

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.— Next meeting at Netherton, near Dudley, Worcs, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at 4.45. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 8th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. Everyone welcome. 5897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, March 12th, 3 p.m., St. Mary's Church House, The Butts, Reading. —W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5863

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea, by Saturday, March 5th, to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 5900

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stanton-on-Hine Heath, March 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. P. Leighton, Church Farm, Stanton, Shrewsbury.—E. V. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5862

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