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A NEW USE FOR HANDBELLS

TO most ringers in this country the use of handbells as a medium for the application of mental therapy would seem to be a novel idea—but in America, according to the latest issue of the journal 'Overtones,' it is claimed that positive results have been achieved.

The experiments were made at Westwood Lodge, a sanatorium for nervous and mental diseases such as psychoneurosis, mild depression, alcoholics, drug addicts and schizophrenia. It is for both men and women, and the age range is not limited. Although the majority of the patients are older, there are very often young people. Because of the great variation in the social, economic, educational and emotional backgrounds of the patients, it is often difficult to find a medium of self-expression (other than singing) which appeals to all and in which all can participate as a group.

Westwood Lodge is situated about 15 miles from Boston's Beacon Hill, where for many years people have gathered on Christmas Eve to hear the traditional ringing of English handbells. It was thought that bell-ringing might be a valuable and interesting musical activity in the weekly programme. A set of twelve handbells were purchased from England, and they arrived just eight weeks before the annual Christmas party. From then on a part of each music therapy class was set aside for the rehearsal of Christmas carols to be rung at the party.

The ringers were divided into two groups. For the regressed group, no harmony was attempted. The conductor pointed to the single bell which was to be rung to produce the melody in correct pitch and rhythm. For the more able group the carols were arranged on large charts where the letter names of the bells were printed in proper sequence. These arrangements were made for two and three part harmony, and again the conductor indicated the rhythmic and melodic sequence, this time by pointing to the letters on the charts. The patients were enthusiastic, for though it required no knowledge of music, and no special technique, the musical results were very satisfying. Both performers and audience were pleased with the bell-ringing on the night of the party, and at the next music therapy class all eagerly asked what were the plans for the next bell-ringing programme.

In analysing the positive therapeutic values resulting from the ringing, the following seemed to be most significant:—

- (1) Since this was a group activity, it required the co-operation of each individual within the framework of a social as well as a musical situation. The ability of the patient to adjust himself to the demands of the group was felt to be a major accomplishment.
- (2) Though the musical requirements were not taxing, the success of the project depended on the willingness of each individual to accept personal responsibility to do his part as one of the team. This willingness was again a major step forward for the patients.
- (3) The feeling of self-satisfaction and accomplishment experienced at the conclusion of a successful programme may prove to be of definite therapeutic value.
- (4) Handbell ringing was a new venture for all. Some were surprised that they were able to perform capably in a new field, and it was felt that, having succeeded in one new venture, the patients might have the confidence to try other new fields.
- (5) Even with the regressed group strict concentration was essential. Obviously, whilst concentrating on the music they could not permit their minds to dwell on their own personal problems.
- (6) Being accepted by others as an equal in a group tends to help them to regain faith in themselves, and in their ability to become integrated again into society.

An ambitious programme is being planned for spring rehearsals, including 'Finlandia,' Brahms' 'Lullaby,' 'Drink to me only,' etc. It is hoped to encourage those patients with some musical knowledge to help in arranging the scores.

We are sure all ringers on this side of the Atlantic will be interested in this new enterprise, and that they will wish every success to Florence R. Flanders in her efforts on behalf of those in her care, and also to Margaret Shurcliff for her great work in stimulating interest in bells and ringing in America.

J. F. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

C.C. Collection, No. 30.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
VERNON FORSHAW .. Treble	*†GEORGE BRAITHWAITE .. 6
JOHN BAGNALL 2	†JAMES E. BURLES .. 7
WILLIAM WALL 3	HAROLD WILSON .. 8
ALAN CAPSTICK 4	*NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. 9
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY .. 5	JAMES E. DICKINSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.
*† 25th peal together.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, late Archbishop of York.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

KENNETH S. B. CROFT .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANDLES .. 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	HERBERT LOWMAN .. 7
RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 3	H. LESLIE PASK .. 8
GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 4	JOHN WALDEN .. 9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 5	JOHN FREEMAN .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1955, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MAISIE VANTOM .. Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEP .. 5
*RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER .. 6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 4	MARK W. MARSHALL .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.
* First peal of Superlative.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 30½ cwt.
MILTON C. FOWLER .. Treble	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5
*DENISE J. SHAW 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 7
HAROLD WAGSTAFF .. 4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Cyril F. Garbett, Lord Archbishop of York, who passed away this day.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt.

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Treble	FRED FISHER .. 5
*ELIZABETH A. WARDILL (16) 2	BARRY HOLLAND .. 6
DENNIS HOLLAND 3	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM 7
IAN A. HOLLAND 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN.
* First peal.
Rung in thanksgiving in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York, who died this day. Also a tribute of respect to Ben. Knights, of Chesterfield, who died this week.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,344 Superlative and 1,248 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 119 changes of method and 'all the work.' Tenor 25½ cwt.

E. MARTIN FIELDEN .. Treble	JOHN F. BRYANT .. 5
M. VIVIEN COPPING .. 2	J. HENRY FIELDEN .. 6
*SHEILA M. TAYLOR .. 3	*RALPH BEAUMONT .. 7
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT .. 4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal of four spliced. First of spliced on the bells.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. F. Garbett. Rung by the Sunday service band.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's No. 1 Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt.
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE .. 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. 6
E. CHARLES TURNER .. 3	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
Rung to welcome the Rev. N. K. Brownsell, M.A., to the Parish of Seale.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TRIBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*GEOFFREY PONTON .. Treble	ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 5
*MARION J. PARKER .. 2	ROBIN G. LEALE .. 6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 3	PETER NASH .. 7
*PETER R. SANDERS .. 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Garbett, who was for ten years Bishop of Winchester, and whose funeral took place this day.

CHADDLESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSIAN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	Tenor 16½ cwt.
*JOHN C. SLATER .. Treble	ERDARD BOWEN .. 5
†SUSAN JACKSON 2	†DAVID BEACHAM .. 6
SYDNEY T. HOLT 3	*REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 4	WILLIAM SIDWELL .. Tenor

Non-conducted.
* First peal. † First non-conducted peal. ‡ 300th peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

W. NORMAN PARK .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 5
*MARGARET A. SOFTLEY .. 2	ROLAND PARK .. 6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 3	I. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 7
BRIAN HARRIS 4	ERIC N. HARRISON .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside' and 25th peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5055 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
MURIEL M. PIPE .. Treble	WALTER W. MILLER .. 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE .. 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	FRANK G. PARKER .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	FRANK RUFFLES .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Leslie C. Wightman.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.	
*MAURICE J. DODD	Treble	REGINALD W. REX	5
C. JOHN CASTELL	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
GILLIAN E. BROWN	3	HAROLD P. REED	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	WILLIAM KEWELL	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Lord Porchester and Miss Jean Wallop, which took place in America the same day.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Brook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.		Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
*ARTHUR FOXALL	Treble	ANTHONY E. COX	5
ROLAND BIGGS	2	WALTER AVERY	6
DOREEN COKER	3	JOHN D. KAPE	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	WALTER LEE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. KAPE.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.			
*ALAN J. FROST	Treble	JOHN KING	5
DAVID W. JAMES	2	ARTHUR H. IDLE	6
LEONARD G. TOSELAND	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
RICHARD F. ROE	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
 AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5152 FROLESWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.			
E. CHARLES TURNER	Treble	ERNEST MORRIS	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	Tenor

Composed by S. BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

The first peal in the method, which is Braunstone with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
 AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.			
BASIL JONES	Treble	ALAN J. BROWN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOHN WORTH	7
LESLIE BUMPHREY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.			
*JANET BATES	Treble	†HENRY HOLLIS	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	‡NORMAN STATHAM	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	JOHN W. RAWSON	7
ALAN H. HOUGH	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Major.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLACED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, consisting of 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 800 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	Treble	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	5
*G. A. SMITH (Newnham)	2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	6
ANNE B. SPEED (Girton)	3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	7
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss G. A. Smith to Mr. P. K. Williamson, also a member of the Guild.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.			
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
*JOHN S. DEAN	2	STEWART H. BAILEY	6
JOHN HUGHES	3	†JOHN T. TILSTON	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal (age 13). † First peal of Major.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
REGINALD TUCKWELL	Treble	BERNARD COLLINS	5
FREDERICK SMITH	2	ARTHUR WHITE	6
JAMES GOODMAN	3	HARRY BADGER	7
FRANK GODDEN	4	ROBERT BLOND	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung on the eve of the first official visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for the consecration of the Chapel of St. Christopher.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.			
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
*NORMAN SMITH	2	GIBSON JACKSON	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.



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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*JOHN S. HARRISON .. . Treble	†ROBIN G. TURNER .. . 5
*DAVID K. WALKLATE .. . 2	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. . 6
JACK BAILEY .. . 3	GORDON A. HALLS .. . 7
*ELISABETH A. G. GRIME .. . 4	MAURICE BAILEY .. . Tenor

Composed by E. F. GOBEY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

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

A birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Mosedale, of Alvaston.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 960 changes London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each Superlative and Pudsey and 416 Lincoln, with 122 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. . Treble	GIBSON JACKSON .. . 5
MILTON C. FOWLER .. . 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. . 6
HOWARD SCOTT .. . 3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. . 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. . 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. . Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Rung as a welcome to Judith Jane, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, Sheffield.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
*KEITH WILLIAMS .. . Treble	†SAMELA R. P. THOMAS .. . 4
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. . 2	STELLA HUGHES .. . 5
JOHN H. ALLEN .. . 3	ERNEST STITCH .. . Tenor

Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

Rung for the Christmas Festival.

ASHWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PONTEFRAC T DELIGHT MINOR

Seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 112 and 112 reversed).	Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
*JILL MAYES .. . Treble	DEREK P. JONES .. . 4
PHILIP MEHEW .. . 2	MAURICE A. COLLINGS .. . 5
ANGELA M. WILLES .. . 3	†C. MICHAEL ORME .. . Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal for the Association. First peal of Delight on the bells. The first complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 3D.12).

Rung for Christmas, and as a 69th birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard Fidler.

COLERIDGE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and five each of All Saints', Reverse St. Bartnolomew, Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Martin's and St. Simon's.	Tenor 13 cwt.
CECIL PARKER .. . Treble	CYRIL DEEM .. . 4
SIDNEY SKINNER .. . 2	JOHN QUICK .. . 5
ROBERT PERRY .. . 3	RONALD PITMAN .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

First peal on the bells. First peal in eight Doubles methods for all and for the Guild.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 15 cwt.
BETTY A. TESTER .. . Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. . 4
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. . 2	COLIN A. TESTER .. . 5
LUTHER J. HONESS .. . 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. . Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

The first peal on the bells since 1903.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents (two callings).	Tenor 9 cwt.
*CYRIL SAVAGE .. . Treble	JOHN CARTER .. . 4
SIDNEY SKINNER .. . 2	BRIAN PIDGEON .. . 5
FREDERICK WREFORD .. . 3	JOHN QUICK .. . Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. H. W. Gardiner, who was at one time Rector of East Budleigh.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt.
REGINALD W. WORRALL .. . Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD .. . 4
ERIC HORNBY .. . 2	JOHN SCOTT .. . 5
CECIL RADDON .. . 3	HENRY PARKER .. . Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*RICHARD BUSBY .. . Treble	THOMAS HILL .. . 4
†FREDERICK W. HODGSON .. . 2	†LAWRENCE HODGSON .. . 5
†PETER C. HOLLAND .. . 3	THOMAS COOKE .. . Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOKE.

* 75th peal. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodgson.

LAMMAS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt.
H. G. SMITHERS .. . Treble	*MISS P. WILLIAMSON .. . 3
W. R. CATCHPOLE .. . 2	DOUGLAS RUST .. . 4
WALTER C. MEDLER .. . Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (15 different callings).	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.
WILLIAM L. EXTON .. . Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. . 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. . 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. . 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER .. . 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. . Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

Mr. W. L. Exton has now 'circled the tower.'
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper on the second anniversary of their wedding.

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

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.
 KENNETH MEDWAY Treble | MARJORIE LEGG 4
 VICTOR G. ROBERTS 2 | JOHN KINGSNORTH 5
 JOHN SCHOFIELD 3 | GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor
 Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

**ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.
 STANLEY H. ASHTON Treble | GEORGE CHERRY 4
 ALFRED C. HARRIS 2 | ROY HEAD 5
 LEWIS RUNNACLES 3 | FRANK W. CROFT Tenor
 Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
 Rung half-muffled as a farewell to 1955.

**STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 CECIL MATTHEWS Treble | RONALD RUSSELL 4
 EDWARD COX 2 | ROBERT H. KNIGHT 5
 PERCY D. BALDOCK 3 | JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor
 Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
 Rung to commemorate the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Baldock, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

**STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.
 *MONICA E. COLLINS Treble | GEORGE FRANCIS 4
 SHELAGH R. COLLINS 2 | W. LESLIE WELLER 5
 A. PATRICK CANNON 3 | †ANN M. COX Tenor
 Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 25th peal. † 50th peal.
 A compliment to Gwyneth R. Kemp and Roland W. Morant, who were married this day at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. Also as a 10th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. F. H. Parsons-Smith, verger at the above church.

**WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob and Grand-sire. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.
 LESLIE ANDREWS Treble | ARTHUR J. WHITE 4
 BERNARD C. COLLINS 2 | WALTER LEE 5
 ROY WOODRUFF 3 | DENNIS HARDING Tenor
 Conducted by BERNARD C. COLLINS.
 The New Year was rung in with this peal.

**WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 19 cwt., approx.
 *ROBERT J. COURT Treble | WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL 4
 W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 2 | †ERIC SUTTON 5
 WALTER H. TRUEMAN 3 | ‡S. MARK COURT Tenor
 Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells, recently augmented by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The 80th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.
 Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Canon E. V. Rees) on his retirement.



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS Treble	ALAN R. SYDER 4
JOHN WARNER 2	ERNEST W. BRIGHT 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by TERRY EARLE.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

RAYMOND W. BUSBY .. Treble	RICHARD BUSBY 4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON .. . 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
FREDERICK W. COOKE .. 3	ROLAND PARK Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

A tribute to the memory of the Most Reverend Cyril Forster Garbett, D.D. Archbishop of York, 1942-1955.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's, with all calls being singles. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. DORA EVANS .. Treble	GEORGE W. MASSEY 4
S. ARTHUR READ 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 5
ERNEST E. BRAY 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DAVID HICKS Treble	RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. . 4
*JOHN DOWDESWELL .. . 2	MERVYN DAY 5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. . 3	GILBERT W. BURGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Falkner.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. WALPOLE Treble	S. COPLING 4
J. FORDER 2	G. WALPOLE 5
E. LONG 3	W. BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by G. WALPOLE.

Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. A. Forder (father of the 2nd ringer). Also as a 30th wedding anniversary to the treble ringer.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL 4
WILLIAM M. MANN .. . 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM .. . 3	*GEOFFREY R. DREW Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

* First peal in four methods.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise and two of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	JOHN F. PEARSON 4
JOHN R. WORSDAL 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
AMOS INGALL 3	LOUIS WILLDERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Double Bob, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., approx.

LAURENCE H. W. BUSBY .. Treble	*JAMES ADAMS 4
DAPHNE CASTELL 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal 'inside' in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*REV. FREDK. A. SANDERS Treble	ROBIN L. STORY 4
*PAUL G. HOLMES 2	†JACK WEAVER 5
BERT GARRETT 3	PETER R. SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt., approx.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 4
PERCY D. BALDOCK 2	LOUIS WILLDERS 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

GORING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*DONALD A. SMITH .. Treble	ERIC T. LEF 4
JUNE M. CLEMENTS .. . 2	GEORGE FRANCIS 5
BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. . 3	W. LESLIE WELLS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

* First six-bell peal.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Reverse Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob, three 240's Morris's Grandsire, ten six-scores Grandsire, in ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	ALFRED E. HINMAN 3
ROLAND H. COOK 2	GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. . 4
J. HARRY COOK Tenor	

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is People's Warden at St. Peter's Church, and Mrs. Wheeler is the organist.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
*ANTHONY H. STURGEON .. *Treble* | GEORGE A. WALKER.. .. 4
DONALD PEACOCK 2 | STANLEY SHIPP 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3 | ARTHUR YARROW *Tenor*
Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 7, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 7 cwt., approx.
DENNIS SIMPSON.. .. *Treble* | GEORGE E. FOSTER 4
JOHN F. W. READ 3 | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
ANNE READ.. 3 | WILLIAM L. EXTON *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, who died 31st December, 1955.

HANDBELL PEALS

ARRINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 31, 1955, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
AT THE GREIGS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN 1-2 | *PETER BORDER 3-4
†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5-6
Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* 100th peal in 1955. † 50th peal in 1955.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT No. 29,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | PATRICK HARRIS 7-8

Arranged by I. J. ATTWATER Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Major 'in hand' away from 7-8.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's. Tenor size 15 in C.
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4 | *DOROTHY E. BEAMISH .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1956, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2 | †JOHN R. SMITH 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES 3-4 | *MRS. J. R. SMITH 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

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We feel certain that many of our readers enjoyed the television outside broadcast from Loughborough Bell Foundry on January 19th. Mr. Paul Taylor was very clear in his explanations and the Stedman Doubles rung on the ring of five for Fettes School made a pleasing conclusion to a delightful broadcast.

The peal of Minor rung at Branston, Lincs.—'R.W.' p. 22—will be included in the 1956 Analysis.

As the result of a recent visit of Mr. B. J. Luck to Petham, the local tower has decided to join the Kent County Association. We hope they will also take 'The Ringing World.'

Mossley Parish Church has had a record made of its bells. It was played back to members of the congregation inside the church recently.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: The last time the following towers appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' previous to recent weeks were:—Uxbridge, 1936; Cross-thwaite, 1933; Douling, 1935; Tregaer, 1938.

The band who rang the peal at West Hallam, Derbys, wish to congratulate the conductor, Mr. Jack Bailey, not merely on his efficient calling in the midst of competition from the church organ. Bobs were called amid strains of the Hallelujah Chorus, 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and other music.

An encouraging report has been received of the new band formed at St. Anne's, Bewdley, Worcs, who have Mr. R. C. Sayers, formerly of Claines, as Ringing Master. New ropes have been fitted and improvements made. Mr. T. F. W. Harris, of Chedworth, Park Lane, Bewdley, informs us that they would welcome visits from organised bands, if given notice to make the arrangements.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. Alexander Young reminds the Exercise that Benjamin Annable died 200 years ago, viz., February 1st, 1756. 'Here and there, perhaps we might ring a touch of his in memoriam, half-muffled,' he suggests.

Congratulations to Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, who rang his 1,000th peal on January 18th at Gressenhall, Norfolk.

After 18 years of loyal service as secretary of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Association, Mr. H. Tookey, has resigned. His successor is Mr. Clifford Bird.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Horace Roberts, the veteran Pirton ringer, is in hospital. His friends hope that it will not be long before he is back again in the belfry.

Owing to the fog on January 5th, which delayed one member of the band, a memorial quarter peal to the Rt. Rev. P. S. Abraham, Bishop of Newfoundland and former Vicar of St. Edward's, Romford, had to be abandoned at this church. Touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were substituted.

Last week we had news of four first peals on the bells—at Weston-upon-Penyard, Herefordshire, Felmersham, Bedfordshire, Lammas, Norfolk, and Wroughton, Wilts. At Blunham, Beds, it is the first peal since augmentation. Only one previous peal has been recorded here, on February 9th, 1937, in which Mr. C. E. Jeffries and Mr. C. H. Harding participated.

Broadwindsor, Dorset, bells are to be retuned and to be provided with new headstocks and fittings. The bells were rung for the last time on Sunday previous to dismantling and removal to Messrs. John Taylor & Co.'s foundry. Mr. H. S. Harden, Broadwindsor, Dorset, is secretary of the Appeals Committee, who have to raise £600 for the work. Contributions to help this small parish would be gratefully acknowledged.

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SALISBURY'S CAMPANILE THAT WAS DEMOLISHED

THE article by J. B. P. on Salisbury Cathedral and its bells that appeared in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th has aroused much interest, and different readers have contributed letters on the subject.

To Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, we are indebted for the drawing of the campanile and a selection of a number of articles written by various authors on the bells.

Of the original bells, St. Osmund gives most minute directions for ringing them and keeping them in repair. In 1331 a letter of remonstrance was addressed to the treasurer by the Chapter, saying that 'the bells in the belfry, with much art suspended, of great weight and price, and sweet-sounding to the ears, by the fault of your officers are suffered to decay, and rendered totally useless for ringing.'

In the Muniment Room there is an entry dated 1480 in the clerk of the works' accounts for repairs to the bells, and a document of 1680 of an agreement for the recasting of the 7th and 8th bells by Clement Tosier, of the city of New Sarum, and Elizabeth Flowry or Florey, widow of Richard Florey.

On October 10th, 1746, several of the bells being cracked, it was ordered that 'after the fifth day of November next no peals be rung on any occasion whatever, until the cracked bells can be recast, and the rest properly tuned.' This was never done.

Dodsworth, in his 'History of Salisbury Cathedral,' writes: 'The peal must have been a grand one, as the tenor was in the key of B flat and must have weighed at least 50 cwt. I may just say that the weights of the bells are given in the late Mr. Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church," but I imagine that they are not quite correct, since he gives the seventh at 30 cwt. and the tenor as 38 cwt. I think this must be a misprint for 58 cwt.'

READERS' LETTERS

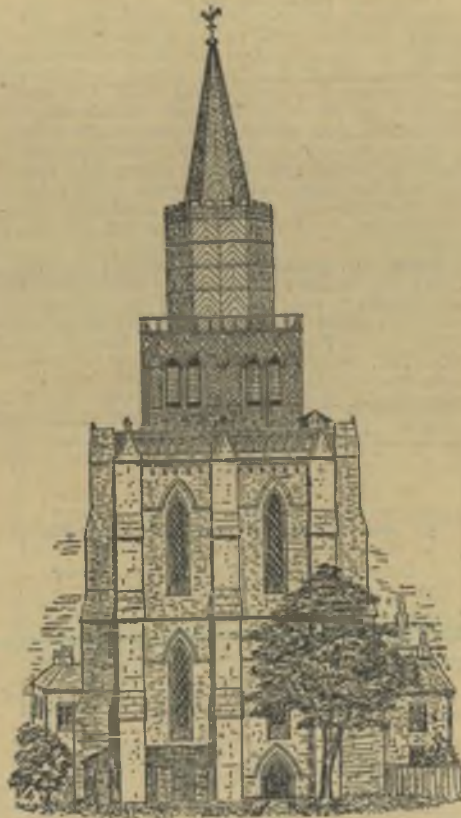
Dear Sir,—I read with much interest the article by J. B. P. on the above subject and I trust that some additional information might prove useful.

St. Osmund gave most minute directions for the ringing and upkeep of the bells. Notwithstanding this, in 1331 a letter of protest was addressed to the treasurer by the Chapter, saying that the bells in the belfry 'with much art suspended, of great weight and price, and sweet sounding to the ears, by the fault of your officers, are suffered to decay, and rendered useless for ringing.'

There seems to be no record of how many bells were originally brought to the tower or where they came from, but at the end of the 15th century five bells are mentioned, viz:—'Clock Bell,' 'Morning Bell,' 'St. Osmund's Bell,' 'Bell for the first Mass' and the 'Tolling Bell.' The Bishop's bell was inscribed in Lombardic lettering: '+ Jesus Nazarenus Rex Judeorum.'

In May, 1634, a sum of 13s. 4d. was paid when the visitation of Archbishop Laud took place, and in 1665 King Charles II. desiring to hear the bells the cost was 10s. 6d., but when another Archbishop's visitation took place in 1686 the amount paid was £2 16s. Possibly this ringing was done on the ring of eight, tenor about 38 cwt., of which only number six survives.

The events which led to the disposal of the bells and the destruction of the campanile seem to have started on October 10th, 1746, when, on account of several bells being cracked and the fittings out of order, it was ordered 'that they be no more rung after November 5th till the cracked ones be recast,' but this



The Campanile of Salisbury Cathedral, demolished October, 1789

was never carried out. In 1762 a faculty was applied for to sell five cracked bells, but this was refused, and it was not until 1777 that sanction was granted to sell them. Robert Wells, the Aldbourne founder, gave 84s. per cwt. for them, the total weight being computed at 7 tons 14½ cwt. In January, 1793, Robert Wells bought two more bells for £105, leaving the Purdue bell, dated 1661, for use in the present tower.

I very much doubt if the Cathedral possessed more than eight bells.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, J. P. B., will find Articles of Agreement between the Dean and Chapter and Clement Tosier and Elizabeth Florey, for the recasting of the seventh and tenor bells of the ring of eight in 1680, printed in *extenso* in Walters' 'Church Bells of Wiltshire,' together with a little additional information on the bells of the Cathedral.—Yours faithfully, FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

The ringers of the peal at Bilsborrow, Lancs, would like to place on record their sincere thanks to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Moss, for the way in which the visiting band were welcomed at Bilsborrow. A good peal of Plain Bob was rung, after which the ringers partook of refreshments provided by the Canon and Mrs. Moss. The tenor of this ring is a memorial to the two sons of Canon and Mrs. Moss, and was given by them in 1949.

A PLEA FOR A CARILLON

Sir,—In his most interesting and informative article on Salisbury Cathedral bells ('The Ringing World,' January 13th, 1956), J. B. P. conveys the impression that only one bell exists, but according to some notes collected by me from various sources there are five bells besides that by Purdue, details of which follow:—

Quarter bells.—Each inscribed 'J. Taylor and Co., Bellfounders, Loughborough, 1884.'

(1) 26½ in. dia. 4 cwt. 2 qr. Note F sharp.

(2) 28½ in. dia. 5 cwt. 2 qr. Note E.

(3) 31½ in. dia. 7 cwt. Note D

(4) 39½ in. dia. 12 cwt. 2 qr. Note A.

Clock hung by 62nd Wiltshire Regiment, 1884, Col. J. R. Jerram formally striking the bells for the first time May 17th, 1884.

'Bishop's bell' hung over south transept and used whenever the Bishop attends service:—

'C. & G. Mears, Founders, London, 1854. 26in. diameter. 4 cwt.

If ever the funds were forthcoming good use could be made of Salisbury tower, even though too weak to carry a ringing peal, by housing a carillon of, say, 40 odd bells in the style of Utrecht, Malines, Delft, Antwerp or the Amsterdam churches therein. When one hears the fine instruments in the above mentioned towers it is tempting to wonder whether we, in this country, do not miss something, musically and æsthetically, by our adherence to the ringing peal, the sound of which, by and large, is quite unintelligible to the listening public upon whose tolerance the continuance of ringing depends.

Will You Be Disappointed?

Next Friday a number of our readers will have a disappointment unless they take immediate action and renew their subscription with Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro.

Rates:—Yearly £1 6s., six months 13s. 6d., three months 7s.

A further point in favour of a carillon at Salisbury is the fact that almost all bells exported are for carillon use and yet not one English cathedral possesses one. Let I be accused of having 'carillonitis,' I would say by all means keep our ringing peals, but where a tower, particularly a fine one like Salisbury, is not suited to carry swinging bells, it seems a reasonable suggestion to install a carillon rather than have it silent or, worse still, containing 'canned' bells.—Yours faithfully, Harborne, Birmingham. W. E. BOX.

P.S.—The approximate weights of the old Salisbury bells were as follows:—

(1) 7 cwt. 1 qr.

(2) 7 cwt. 3 qr.

(3) 11 cwt. 3 qr.

(4) 15 cwt.

(5) 20 cwt.

(6) 24 cwt. 2 qr. (surviving).

(7) 30 cwt.

(8) 38 cwt. B flat.

The Royal Commission report of 1553 mentions ten bells, of which 7 and 8 were recast in 1680 by the Purdues.—W. E. B.

MR. FRANK LUFKIN'S NEW BAND

Frank Lufkin has conducted many peals in illustrious company, but he must have obtained equal satisfaction from the peal he called at St. Mary's, Bocking, on New Year's Eve, with practically a local band, some of whom had been waiting nearly two years for the opportunity to ring Grandairs Triples. For five of the band it was their first peal in that method. Since Frank's arrival in Bocking his unbounded enthusiasm, kindly words of advice and his willingness to ring with his less talented brethren have been of immense value.

Boiling Water Stops Peel Attempt

An unusual experience befell the band who went to ring a peel of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Whittlesey, on January 14th. After an hour-and-a-quarter of really good striking, a loud hissing noise came from one corner of the belfry where a water tank stood, and the exhaust pipe from the heating apparatus turned over the top of it.

It appears that the water reached boiling point and overflowed the tank and flooded the belfry with boiling water and steam which made it impossible to carry on with the peel, so the conductor said 'That's all' and 'Stand' at the half way mark.

The conductor's coat and jacket hung on a peg beside the tank and got soaked through so that he could not wear it to go home in, and two other ringers were splashed about the legs.

Ringers in this half peel of Plain Bob Major were: W. Smith 1, J. Haw 2, C. Wade 3, P. D. Baldock 4, H. Goakes 5, R. Russell 6, A. Scott 7, J. H. Bluff (conductor) 8.

QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR

58, 1458, 58, 38, 14, 58, 16, 58.

2nds place at lead end, 4ths place Bob.

(Correction to July 29th, 1955.)

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex Division

There was an attendance of 36 ringers, 19 being ladies, at the annual meeting of the Sussex Division held at St. John-the-Baptist, Southover, on January 14th. This is one of the three 10-bell towers in Sussex, and gave some members of the Guild their first experience on 10 bells. The only all-lady effort of note was some well-struck rounds on 10 bells.

At the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Matthews), Miss Kathleen M. Yeo, the hon. secretary, read the lesson. After tea Mr. Matthews was thanked for conducting the service, and also Mr. Hide for making arrangements.

When the gentlemen had returned to the belfry the business meeting was held. Seven new members were elected and the following were appointed officers of the Division for 1956:— Mrs. Percy, vice-president; Miss K. M. Yeo, hon. secretary; Mrs. Levett and Mrs. R. Reynolds, committee. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Uckfield on April 14th.

PEAL RINGERS OF 1955

In an endeavour to make this annual review more comprehensive, we propose to publish a list of those who rang 25 or more peals during 1955.

Details required: Number of peals rung (in brackets conducted) for both tower- and handbells.

Bow Bells Again

Last Tuesday the Lord Mayor of London launched an appeal for £150,000 for the rebuilding of St. Mary-le-Bow and the recasting of the ring of 12 bells, which has been described as 'the most famous peel in Christendom.'

The church was destroyed by fire on May 10th, 1941, and the metal since then has been stored at the Whitechapel foundry.

The new ring of 12 will be recast entirely out of the old metal and will be about two tons lighter. The Bow Bells, known to millions, weighed 11 tons. The new tenor will be 42 cwt. against 53 cwt.

Bow bells, first mentioned in 1496, were destroyed in the Great Fire, 1666. The tenor bell for Wren's new church, cast three years later, lasted until 1941. Bow Bells were augmented to ten in 1762 and 12 in 1881. The bells were reconditioned in 1933.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES

The London County Association started 1956 by ringing in the New Year at a number of towers within its area. This was followed by a practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on January 2nd. Arranged regularly on the first Monday evening in each month, the popularity of this practice is increasing and visitors to London are always welcome, as indeed they are to all L.C.A. functions.

On January 7th the quarterly meeting was held at the churches of St. George and St. Giles, Camberwell. Ringing commenced on the eight bells of St. George's and continued until the service, conducted by the Rev. D. A. Vile, a vice-patron of the Association. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the organ was played by the local Ringing Master, Mr. F. R. L. Blewer.

In the nearby Church Hall local ringers' wives provided an excellent tea, which was followed by the business meeting. The current inflationary spiral of costs was reflected in the business which was transacted, to the effect that membership subscriptions were increased from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. All ringers joining the Association are life members and each is issued, without any additional charge, with a well-illustrated rule book and certificate of membership.

Nominations for officers were taken and the election of these will take place at the annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral on February 4th. The bells of the Cathedral, the Festival Church (St. John's, Waterloo Road) and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, will be available on that day.

The evening ringing was on the fine ten at St. Giles', Camberwell. Here the ninth clapper had just been repaired and fitted prior to the meeting, but, alas, during the last touch of the evening a loud bump was heard overhead and this time the eighth bell swung silently. Investigation showed that it was not a broken shaft but merely that the pivot pin had worked out. More work for Mr. Woolley, the local captain, to whom, with the Rector, the Association was indebted for allowing the use of the bells.

PAUL, PENZANCE.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Llewellyn 1, Marlene Ladner (first 'inside') 2, D. Trickett 3, Rev. D. H. P. Davey 4, R. Curuss (cond.) 5, J. H. Ladner 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes New Master of St. Martin's Guild

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel on January 7th, with the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, in the chair.

Since the last meeting the Guild had suffered the loss, at the age of 82, of one of its life members, Albert H. Ward, of Derby, who had been a frequent visitor to Birmingham and who had rung several peals for the Guild on all numbers of bells. The members stood in silence in respect to their departed colleague.

The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified: Miss Gillian A. Smith (Oxford), and Messrs. George W. Hughes (Walsall), Ian Oram (London), John H. Fielden (Halifax), Cyril J. Watts (London), Sydney Foskett and Roger A. Lennard (Bedford).

The balance sheet, which showed a decreased balance by £51 on the year's working, was considered satisfactory, in view of the abnormal expenditure. The chief items of expense were for peal writing (£51) and the Master's silver badge (£26 5s.). The secretary explained that the present peal-booking fee was sufficient to cover the cost of recording, and that the present high expenditure was to cover the cost of inserting the large number of peals rung prior to the inception of the peal-booking fee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All the vice-presidents of the Guild were re-elected with the addition of Alderman Sir Theodore Pritchett, who was a keen change ringer and who regularly attended the weekly practice at Tanworth-in-Arden.

To the regret of everyone, Mr. Albert Walker announced his intention of relinquishing the office of Master. Mr. Walker said that he had served the Guild for fifty years, and whilst he was thankful to have been spared to perform his duties for so long, he felt that the time had come for him to make way for a younger man. He would still be amongst them, and his willing support would be just as freely given as in the past. Mr. Walker proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that Mr. Frank

E. Haynes, M.A., be elected as his successor, and Mr. Walker thereupon vacated the chair in Mr. Haynes' favour.

In acknowledging his election, Mr. Haynes said that it was an honour that he did not expect quite so soon, and he knew that if Mr. Walker had decided to continue in office everyone would be very pleased. Mr. Walker's mind was made up, however, and Mr. Haynes thanked him for all that he had done for the Guild during the past fifty years—thirty years of which period he had held office of various kinds. Mr. Walker's prowess in the realm of Stedman Cinques was known throughout the country, and had brought honour to the Guild. Mr. Haynes thanked the members for electing him, and said that he would do all in his power to uphold the dignity and further the interests of the Guild at all times.

The other officers of the Guild were re-elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith and Mr. Ernest T. Alloway; auditors, Messrs. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

It was unanimously decided to invite Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner, which will be held on February 25th.

The next meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church on April 7th.

The revised rules, which had been redrafted by a small committee, were discussed in detail. For the most part, the old rules had merely been modernised; the only alteration to evoke lengthy discussion was the one which sought to increase the annual subscription to 5s. It was finally decided to make the subscription 3s. 6d.—an increase of 1s. per annum.

The Master welcomed Mr. John S. Mason and congratulated him upon his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. His Birmingham colleagues were very pleased to see him, and wished him a happy and successful year in office.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST PEALS ON 12 BELLS

Dear Sir,—The reference in 'Belfry Gossip' to the achievement of Mr. Joseph Thornley in ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques without having rung this method previously recalls what I have always felt to be a unique performance by Mr. John G. Nash. Previous to his first peal of Stedman Cinques, at Southwark Cathedral in June, 1931, he had not struck a blow on 12 bells (in fact, he had only once seen 12 ropes hanging in a tower).

It is perhaps interesting to note that two ringers at least have rung Maximus for their first peal. Ore, Mr. Albert Smithson, took part in Little Bob Maximus at Sheffield Cathedral somewhere about 1928, and Mr. J. A. Hales rang Kent Maximus at Southwark last year. I do not know any other instances of this, although at least two more ringers, Messrs. John Freeman and the late T. W. Taffender, rang Stedman Cinques for their firsts. Mr. Freeman also called his peal; also, I think, a unique achievement.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

FAST PEALS ON HEAVY BELLS

Dear Sir,—During recent weeks there have appeared in 'The Ringing World' two peals which seem to call for comment. The first was Bob Major at Chewton Mendip, in 2 hours and 50 minutes, on December 17th, and the second was Kent Treble Bob Minor, at Douling, in 2 hours and 57 minutes, on December 24th.

The tenor weight at Chewton was given as 24½ cwt., and Douling's as 24 cwt. In my opinion the published times are ridiculous and practically impossible to achieve on these weights. Was anything inadvertently omitted at Chewton Mendip? And I suggest the tenor at Douling is nearer 14 cwt., and not 24 cwt.—Yours faithfully,

W. WILLIAMS.

London.

A PREVIOUS NAME

Dear Sir,—I find on going through my records that the method rung in the handbell peal at Doncaster on November 3rd and named 'Normanton' was rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on November 26th, 1932, in the first Alliance and Little Minor peal, and was named 'Hever.'

Nine methods by the late Mr. A. G. Driver were published in 'The Ringing World,' August 11th, 1933, and the method 'Hever' is numbered 69. 'Kiñdown,' No. 66, was also rung in the peal at Lamberhurst. The compositions of the peal composed by him were printed in the Kent report for 1934.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

IRRESPONSIBILITY TO 'THE WRITING ON THE WALL'

Dear Sir,—I hope I know our responsibilities to the public, and had written them. I cannot help Mr. Whitaker to understand them. Words, such as 'provided that we observe the ordinary decencies of conduct and custom, and try to give of our best, even on practice night,' could not by any stretch of imagination be called an irresponsible attitude—only by a very prejudiced person.

In fact, if I have read Mr. Whitaker's letter more carefully than he read mine, that is exactly what he says, if he does not mean.

I always try to write constructively and with a moral; however, I leave it to our readers.—Yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewes.

ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, YORK

Dear Sir,—Referring to the article in 'The Ringing World' dated May 20th, 1955, under this heading, many readers may now be interested to learn the work of converting this old church into the headquarters of the York Institute of Architectural Study is rapidly approaching completion.

The ancient ring of six bells which had hung in the church for 300 years has now been restored and hung for ringing by Messrs. John Taylor to the requirements of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and consultant, in all matters concerning bells, to the Institute. I have no doubt Mr. Sharpe's report on these bells will form a most interesting item at the next Council meeting.

At one time there was some doubt as to whether the six bells would be restored as a ring of six, for it was found the late Archbishop of York had given three of them back to the York parish, whose property they were prior to 1653. Financial considerations had prevented their removal from the old church but legally they were no longer the property of St. John's. A happy solution was found when it was agreed the three bells remain at St. John's on permanent loan to the Institute.

The restored bells were tried out by the York Minster Society on the day after the installation was completed. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung before the bells were lowered in peal—the first changes to be rung on the bells, several of which are over 500 years old.

So much importance is now attached to the work of the Institute that the Ministry of Works has made a grant of £1,000 to the restoration fund and the Minister himself is to formally open the restored building on Friday, March 16th.

Subscriptions to the restoration fund are still needed and should be sent to the Secretary, St. Anthony's Hall, York.—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WALKER.

A GLOSSARY WANTED

Dear Sir,—During a recent discussion in a local belfry it was suggested that a welcome item in 'The Ringing World' would be a short course of instruction on the terminology used in the naming of methods. I am quite prepared to admit that I do not know exactly what constitutes a 'Delight' method or why a 'Principle' is a 'Principle'; I could probably ask some of my more knowledgeable ringing friends, but it would be useful to have the information in a more concrete form, which could be kept for future needs, such as an article, or even a short glossary. I feel less ashamed of these admissions when I consider that though six of us were capable of ringing Surprise, none of us knew what the definition of a 'Delight' method is. I understand that some information of this kind was published in 'The Ringing World' many years ago. Could it perhaps be resurrected?—Yours sincerely,

OXFORD.

YOUNG RINGERS AND BRANCH MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joseph Burgess expresses similar views to Mr. Walter Trueman, who, at a recent annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Swindon Branch, held at Swindon, appealed to young ringers to support the Branch meetings and so improve their striking with more experienced ringers, instead of roaming the countryside ringing Churchyard Bob at this tower and that, making lots of doubtful claims.—Yours faithfully,

T. A. PALMER.

Marlborough, Wilts

THE 29 COURSE BLOCK

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the 5,152 Wembley Surprise Major, published on page 16 of your issue dated January 6th, is reduction of what might be termed the 29 course block (6,496 changes), which is true for ALL methods which have the false course heads 24365, 32546, 46253, 65432 and 53624 and seconds place at the lead end. The incidence of falseness does not affect this statement, neither does the fact that only one, or three of the five false course heads occur in the method concerned, although this often facilitates composition.

I do not know who first produced the block, but the Rev. H. Law James used it to produce first, 29 courses of Cambridge Royal and then the 29 courses (record) Cambridge Maximus. I know Mr. Lindoff was well aware of, and used, the composition as the basis of many peals.

I give the figures at the foot for methods in which the calls occur M.W.H. and also for those in which they come W.M.H.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

6,496 for methods (seconds place) with F.C.H.
24365, 32546, 46253, 65432 and 53624.

(a)				(b)			
23456	M	W	H	23456	W	M	H
52436	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	45362	2	2	2
26543	—	—	—	26543	2	2	2
45362	—	—	—	34625	2	2	2
35264	—	3	3	42635	2	3	3
56342	2	2	3 (A)	64523	—	—	3 (A)
64523	2	2	3	56342	—	—	3
42635	2	2	3	35264	—	—	3
23456	2	2	3	23456	—	—	3

Shortened by omitting 3 sets of 3 bobs H. Or by calling the following courses followed by 3A.

(a)				(b)			
23456	M	W	H	23456	W	M	H
52436	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	45362	2	2	2
26543	—	—	—	26543	2	2	2
56342	—	3	3	64523	2	3	3

RUNCORN LOSES A FINE SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—Ernie Hughes, who sailed for Australia on January 20th, is what has been described as the backbone of the Exercise—a regular Sunday service ringer. Not a prolific peal ringer—he only rang seven peals—he could be found in the belfry for every service and practice.

It was as secretary of the tower that his work was most appreciated. During a bazaar held in 1952 for the restoration of the church, the ringers borrowed a sum of approximately £200 and in a year had paid it back and given the Vicar a sum of £400.

At about the same time Ernie was one of the founders of a 'Tower Fund.' This was to be used for the purchase of new bellropes, ringing mats, decorating of the ringing room and any improvements deemed necessary. The fund now has a balance in the bank of £140.—Yours sincerely,

WALTER ALLMAN.

Runcorn.

HOBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Shelton (first quarter) 1. Mrs. I. M. Manton 2. J. Burnham (first 'inside') 3. H. Stonehouse (first quarter) 4. R. E. Manton (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Keith Shelton, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

PEAL RINGING IN YORKSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

FOR the purpose of this series of articles I propose to divide Yorkshire into two parts because there are so many towers and peals to talk about. Only Somerset has a greater number of 'conquered' towers, but the county could be taken as a whole because the numbers of peals rung at these towers have not been great (only four had passed the 50 mark). In Yorkshire there are both a large number of towers and peals, added to which the divisions of the county into 'Ridings' makes it easy to divide the county. There is, too, an obvious dividing line, for the most towers and the most peals come from the West Riding, so that will be the subject of the second article, and the East and North Ridings the subject of this one.

In the East and North Ridings of Yorkshire we have one 12-bell tower—York Minster. This is very easily 'dealt with,' for there has only been one peal rung there in the last 75 years—in 1892. It was of Grandsire Caters. I have come across some four or five peals there in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mr. Ernest Morris in his book 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' gives the history of the Minster bells and mentions that there have been two 12's and a 10 there in the space of 200 years. Although the present ring was installed in 1844, no peal has yet been rung on the 12. Wouldn't some 12-bell ringers like the chance!

The tower in these parts of the county with the most peals is Middlesbrough (8), which has just passed the 100 mark, with 101 peals. There were 57 rung before 1914, starting in 1888 (a footnote to one on May 26th, 1908, says it was the 51st on the bells—I make it the 50th, but perhaps there was one before my period commences), then came 41 from 1919 to 1936, but there have only been three since the war (two in 1947 and one in 1950).

Second comes Hull, Holy Trinity (10). Again, we find the greatest activity before 1914, for 74 of the 90 peals were rung then. There were 11 from 1919 to 1929 and an odd peal in 1938. Since the war there have been four more. Ormesby (8) didn't have its first peal until 1908, but then came 35 peals in the next seven years, so it did very well. From 1920 to 1937 came 27 (a smaller yearly average), and there have only been five since 1947—a further diminution. Total—67.

Another 10-bell tower comes fourth, Whitby with 56. The first peal was not rung until 1909, and once again the yearly average before 1914 was the best in its history, for 27 peals were rung up to 1915. There were 16 before the wars, but activity has increased somewhat since then for there have been 13 since 1948. These are the only four towers which have passed the 50 mark.

We have only three more towers which have passed the 25 mark, and these only just. Hull, St. James' (8), has 27 peals, 25 of them from 1883 to 1893, and only two this century, in 1904 and 1909, so there has been a long silence here! Scarborough's (8) 26 have come, a peal every few years, on the average, since 1896. There have been five since 1947. A 6-bell tower, Hemmingbrough, has the 25 peals. Most of these (11) have come in the last 10 years. There were four from 1909 to 1915 and 10 between the wars. Escrick (8) has 22. As a 6-bell tower two peals were rung in 1918. Twelve were rung after augmentation from 1926 to 1939, and the past 10 years have seen eight more. Eighteen of Thornaby's (8) 21 peals were rung before 1914, commencing in 1899. The other three were rung in 1925 and 1947 (two).

Beverly Minster (10) is the only other tower which has reached 20. Eleven were rung from 1882 to 1908, five from 1921 to 1938 and four

from 1947 to 1953. The last of the four 10-bell towers in these two Ridings is also at Beverley—St. Mary's Church. Fifteen peals have been rung there—three before 1914, seven before the wars and five since 1945. Other 8-bell towers which have reached double figures are Howden and Richmond (16); Bridlington, Fylingdales (or Robin Hood's Bay), Middleham, Patrington and Saltburn (15); Hedon and Shelton (13); Thirsk (11) and Northallerton (10). The longest silence of any tower where a peal had been rung was at the war-destroyed Church of St. Martin, York, where the only peal was in 1888. Baldersby appears to be the only unconquered 8-bell tower.

A few words about the sixes and fives. Apart from Hemmingbrough, only two have reached double figures. They are Eastington (6) with 12 peals, eight since the war and four from 1923 to 1930, and Sutton (Hull) with 11—three from 1907 to 1912, four from 1921 to 1938, and four from 1951 to 1953. The next highest are six peals at Guisborough and Hutton Cranswick, with five at Kirk Ella and Market Weighton. Thirteen of the 38 6-bell towers have still to have a peal. They are Driffild; Hull, St. Mary's; Middleton-on-the-Wolds; Appleton-le-Moors; Askrigg; Aysgarth; Brafferton; Burneston; Cotharstone; Hovingham; Kirkby-on-the-Moor; West Tanfield and Whitwell-on-the-Hill.

Of the 80 or so towers under review, only three have five bells (fives seem to be much more infrequent in the north than in the south of the country). Two of these have had a single peal—Roos (in 1935) and Wykeham (in 1913). The remaining one is Rise. So much for the East and North Ridings of Yorkshire. We shall see that peals are much more frequent in the West Riding, and there are, of course, many more rings of bells. Peals include all published to December 9th, 1955.

(To be continued)

A CATHERINGTON WEDDING

The wedding was solemnised by the Rev. B. P. Sheppard at the Church of All Saints, Catherington, Portsmouth, on December 31st, between Miss K. M. Harding and Mr. F. J. Tribe.

The bride was only a recent convert to the noble art of campanology, but with a natural aptitude she had progressed very rapidly. The light musical six were set going merrily before and after the happy event by Messrs. H. Dobson, F. Bessant and C. Wring, of Catherington, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner and Mrs. J. H. Hall, of Hambleton, and Mr. J. H. Harding, of Bath. The bride's father also managed a pull before escorting his daughter to the altar.

The honeymoon being spent on a sea voyage to Malta where the bridegroom is in the service of the Admiralty.

A quarter peal at Catherington unfortunately came to grief two minutes from the end, but was successful at Hambleton at a later date.

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RUNCORN RINGER SAILS FOR AUSTRALIA

On January 6th a farewell dinner, organised by the Parish Church bellringers, was held at the Wilson's Hotel, Runcorn, when goodbyes were said to Mr. Ernest Hughes and his wife, who sailed for Australia on the 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are joining their daughter, Jean, who married an Australian and is now residing in Melbourne.

A member of the Parish Church belfry for the past 30 years, Mr. Hughes has been in the band longer than any other member, and for many years was the secretary. He hopes to continue ringing at the Cathedral in Melbourne.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. Davidson, said that he had experienced the feeling one gets when leaving England behind, but he knew they would be compensated by being with their daughter, son-in-law and the granddaughter they had not yet seen.

Mr. Robert Hulse spoke of how much the band would miss Ernie, especially his comrades who were privileged enough to join him in that highly-skilled game of 'Fives and Threes.' The work Ernie had done could never be fully appreciated, especially that of his wife and himself in the running of the bazaar in 1952. Mr. Hulse, on behalf of the bellringers, presented them with a 365-day clock.

A rather novel idea of a permanent reminder to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes of their connection with Runcorn Parish Church was the presentation to them, by Mr. Walter Allman, of a tape recording, introduced by the Vicar, of the bells and part of the service on Christmas morning. Also recorded were the songs 'Good luck, good health, God bless you' and 'Auld Lang Syne' sung by those people present at the dinner. The recording was made possible by the kind efforts of Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Hughes said that he would try to obtain a similar recording of the bells at Melbourne, thus forming a link between the old world and the new.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Lawson, aided and abetted by several members of the audience, the rendering of 'I Wonder' by Mr. Bill Allman (tenor) being much appreciated. Mr. J. Ridcock played the accompaniments.

STOKE D'ABERNON BELLS

Through the generosity of Mr. N. C. Champness, St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon (Surrey) bells have been rehung and augmented to a ring of six. The dedication service by the new Bishop of London will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Mr. Harold N. Pitstow has arranged for a team to ring following the dedication and for half-an-hour after the service.

The tower will then be open to experienced visiting ringers, who are asked to make themselves known to Mr. Champness, who will be standing at the door leading to the ringing chamber. This is a very light ring, and it is hoped that visitors will exercise care to avoid damage to stays.

The B.B.C. intend to record the dedication for Radio Newsreel, and TV also appear to be interested in recording the event.

Requests to ring on the bells should be addressed to Mr. N. C. Champness, Lantern Cottage, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott. Some 15 applications from local aspirants have been received, but until a band is trained St. Mary's will be dependent on other teams.

STANTON LACY, SALOP.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bradley 1, J. J. P. Ellams 2, W. Mapp 3, D. Ferguson 4, A. E. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Tolley 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On January 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marion Macfarlane 1, T. K. Price 2, D. G. Thorne 3, H. Collings 4, K. W. Price (cond.) 5, Yvonne West 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Jackson (first quarter) 1, W. Jackson 2, F. James 3, K. Foot 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5, Mrs. H. Kent (first quarter) 6, H. Kent 7, G. Balls 8. Rung to mark 30 years' ministry at Alvechurch of the Rural Dean (Canon G. J. Hodgins).

ASHFAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with 7, 8 covering): J. Hayns 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, Brenda Payne 3, J. T. Symonds 4, P. Jackson 5, D. G. Astridge (longest touch as cond.) 6, H. H. Hayns 7, E. A. Lewis 8. First quarter of Minor by all, by a local band for at least 50 years and probably first by a resident Sunday band. First of Plain Bob by all except 4. Rung for Evensong.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On Dec. 31st, 720 Single Oxford and 720 Plain Bob: Miss J. Hind (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Armstrong (cond.) 2, A. Smithson 3, F. Bradley 4, W. Riley 5, A. Wheeler 6. Rung before midnight.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Waspe (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss C. Pedder 3, J. N. Parkin (first quarter) 4, E. H. Simpson 5, H. B. Schofield 6, F. Rayment 7, D. R. Marshall (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss B. Tester 1, G. Fry (first in method) 2, W. Durham 3, C. A. Tester 4, A. Bromley 5, R. E. Lambert 6, E. Bromley 7, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong and as an 88th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert, of Horamonden. Also on Dec. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Barden 1, Miss L. Grenham (first quarter, aged 12) 2, Miss B. Tester 3, R. E. Lambert 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. Pocock (first quarter) 6. For the Christmas carol service.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. A. Gerrish 1, H. Green 2, T. E. Hidding 3, W. T. Petty 4, Malgwyn H. Williams (cond.) 5, D. L. Hughes 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. North 1, C. W. T. Riddleton (first in method) 2, A. W. Bond 3, A. W. Gravett 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, R. Beale 6, J. V. Lonsbrough 7, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CARDIFF.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Muller 1, J. Davies 2, A. J. Pitman 3, L. Hulbert 4, T. Yeomans 5, W. Dare 6, A. R. Price (cond.) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Rung as a tribute to William Heath, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Jones 1, Jacqueline Evans 2, C. Savage 3, C. Blundell 4, J. E. Morgan 5, C. E. Stade 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. G. Bryant 8. Rung as a farewell to C. E. Slade and C. Blundell.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Lloyd 1, L. Trevor 2, Miss D. J. Clarke 3, Miss M. E. L. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, J. Draycott 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8, J. F. Clarke 9, J. E. S. Moreton 10.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hovard 1, E. Tovnsend 2, J. Harris (cond.) 3, G. Pitaway 4, B. Lewis 5, B. Clarke 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester to baptise the son of the Rev. A. W. S. Holmes, Rector of the parish.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Beaumont (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Miss P. Shepherd (first 'inside') 3, A. E. Hoodless 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, L. Henson 6.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Deem 1, F. Wreford 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, W. Sparkes 4, J. Quick 5, C. Parker 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all except conductor.

DAWLEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Barnett 1, S. Rushton 2, M. Bowyer (first quarter) 3, S. R. Douglas 4, H. Douglas (cond.) 5, T. Brown 6. For the Christmas festival.

DERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. G. Brett (cond.) 1, M. M. Pipe 2, F. Ruffles 3, R. G. Parker 4, C. W. Beercoft 5, W. W. Miller 6, W. Ruffles 7, W. J. Button 8.

FILAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hinchliffe 1, Miss C. Linfoot (first quarter) 2, P. Birkett 3, A. Rogers 4, D. Smith 5, F. Linfoot (cond.) 6. For the service of nine lessons and carols.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Marion March 1, A. J. Sanger 2, R. G. Crago 3, D. Lee 4, D. M. C. Hill 5, R. March 6, J. Badman 7, A. White 8, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 9, F. Field 10. Rung for Matins and as a farewell to R. March, who joined the R.A.F. on January 16th.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. L. Lant (first of Surprise) 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Kettle 1, L. J. Honess 2, H. Usbourne 3, G. Fry 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, W. Funnell 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Also on Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Kettle 1, L. Newman 2, H. Usbourne 3, L. J. Honess 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, G. Fry 6. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on the gift of a son.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLEX.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Miss J. Wilcockson 3, D. Taylor 4, H. G. Hart 5, E. W. Thurlow 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. C. Mayne.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, G. J. Young 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, F. L. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Brown (first of Minor) 1, Pam Collis (first of Minor 'inside') 2, Eunice Hiley (first of Minor 'inside') 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King 5, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 6. Started at 11 p.m. and rung half-muffled.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lomas 1, W. Seldon 2, G. E. Retter (cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Pearce 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, J. Salway 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung as a compliment to Miss Valerie Salway, daughter of the 7th ringer, on her 21st birthday.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Woodward (first quarter) 1, D. Joyce 2, C. Williams 3, J. Royal 4, J. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Webb 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 120 April Day, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): P. N. O. Robinson 1, K. Knight 2, P. C. Hollingdale 3, Miss S. M. Wickens 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Thorley 1, Sheila M. Schofield 2, Dorothy Hogg 3, Mrs. F. Seager 4, F. Seager 5, A. Cole 6, J. Hogg 7, I. Slack (cond.) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Toms 1, L. G. Lee 2, W. R. Morris 3, H. B. Whitney 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, J. Toms 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First of Doubles for 2 and 3. Rung on the front six. A farewell to W. R. Morris.

LONG BUCKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, E. G. Orland (cond.) 3, R. E. Holland (first 'inside') 4, M. F. Amos 5. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Voller.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Chantler 1, T. Warner 2, Pamela J. Butcher 3, C. Saunders 4, H. H. Osborne (cond.) 5, M. E. Downs 6. Half-muffled to ring the old year out.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss R. E. Sanders (first of Triples) 1, H. J. Balaam 2, J. Weaver 3, C. Osler 4, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 5, Rev. F. A. Sanders (first quarter) 6, B. Garrett 7, A. Taylor 8.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Braybrook 1, Miss E. Appleby 2, F. Erjth 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 5, Mrs. I. Phipps (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal on the bells since restoration by J. Taylor and Co.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 300 Grandsire Doubles): W. R. Wixey 1, C. Wixey 2, P. T. Hurcombe (first as cond. in two methods) 3, F. E. Tranter 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6. Rung for morning service, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Austin Wixey.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Bob, 660 Grandsire): T. D. Roughley 1, J. Ashcroft 2, C. Metcalfe 3, F. Saunders 4, J. R. Austin 5, E. Roughley (cond.) 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. J. C. Northan 3, Mrs. E. Merrett 4, J. Merrett 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, H. F. Perry tenor. For Midnight Eucharist.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 1st, at All Saints' Church, Pitsmoor, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hall 1, G. Candelot 2, D. Holland 3, H. D. Holland 4, R. Hall 5, I. M. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. J. Devereux 1, Miss P. Oakeshott 2, Miss E. Oakeshott (first 'inside') 3, R. Ward 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, P. J. Lawton 6. Rung as a farewell to Mrs. Oakeshott and family, who are leaving the parish.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Doubles (120 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Soubrepps, Kennington, 840 Plain Bob): A. Sansom (11 years, first of Doubles) 1, F. E. Crosier (17) 2, D. W. James (16, cond.) 3, R. C. Coles (15) 4, B. Hendry (16) 5. First quarter in six methods by all and for the Kettering Grammar School Society.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 15th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, T. Welbourne 3, J. Chapman 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, J. W. Rea 6, R. Story 7, J. A. Simmons (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to Reuben Sanders, who was 82 the previous Thursday.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Chick 1, B. H. Davies 2, W. G. Smith 3, S. V. Edwards 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1955.

TISLEY, GLOS.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Bullock 5, A. Chamberlain 6.

TOTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Brooks 2, J. G. Newman 3, R. J. Scott 4, D. Broyd 5, J. W. Sinfieid 6, D. Knox (cond.) 7, W. Sear (first quarter) 8.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day, 360 of Plain Bob and 420 of Grandsire): Yvonne West 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, T. K. Price 3, K. W. Price 4, H. Collings (cond.) 5, M. V. White 6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. K. Price 1, Marion Macfarlane (cond.) 2, Yvonne West (first 'inside') 3, H. Collings 4, K. W. Price 5, M. V. White 6.

WALMER, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. R. Hawkins 1, M. R. Hawkins 2, Miss M. Hawkins 3, F. A. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, J. M. Stephens 6, P. J. Rye (cond.) 7, A. C. Rye 8. Rung for Evensong, also to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hawkins.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, E. E. Holman 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. J. Chapman (first of Stedman Triples) 6, C. E. Willmington (cond.) 7, F. C. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

WALTON (STREET), SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and Plain Bob and 180 of Grandsire): G. Jeanes 1, P. Cox (first in four methods) 2, A. Callow 3, F. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Bell 1, D. Laud 2, W. G. Haule (cond.) 3, J. Axtell 4, E. Durrant 5, S. H. Hoar 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensong.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,272 Minor (one extent of Double Oxford and 552 Plain Bob): Wm. A. Hughes 1, A. S. Richards 2, Mary Fuller 3, A. S. D. Graham 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First extent of Double Oxford for A. S. D. Graham.

OBITUARY

MR. FIELDING CROSSLEY

Mr. Fielding Crossley, a member of the Northorram, Halifax, team, died suddenly at his home in Bradford on January 4th at the age of 53.

As a boy he was in the choir of St Matthew's Church and, as a youth, he learned to ring there.

Prior to leaving the village to join the police force (he attained the rank of sergeant with the Bradford City Force), he rang three peals, all of Kent Treble Bob Major.

On his retirement from the police force early in 1955 he took up ringing again with great enthusiasm, and travelled from Bradford regularly for service ringing and for practice. He started to learn methods which he had never practised as a youth, and could be relied upon to take a rope at every opportunity.

Great was his joy on November 26th last, when a peal of Bob Major, to which he rang the seventh, came home. His first peal for 33 years.

The funeral service took place at Bradford on January 7th, and on January 13th a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, in the Ilkeston variation, was rung at Northorram by members of the local team and friends from Halifax and Lightcliffe: A. E. Hancock, F. Jagger, F. Popplewell, J. Greenwood, C. F. Sutcliffe, W. G. Turner, R. Mann, J. Pearson (conductor). W. G. T.

MR. LESLIE WIGHTMAN AN APPRECIATION

It was with extreme regret that I read in 'The Ringing World' of the death of my old friend, Leslie Wightman.

With his passing Suffolk has lost another of her great ringers. Quiet and unassuming, Les was a fine ringer and striker. Some twenty or thirty years ago we rang quite a number of peals together, many of which I called. Whenever he was in any peal that I was calling I could always rely on him, not only to ring his bell and the method perfectly, but also to assist in his quiet manner to help in correcting any error.

When he lived with his parents at the Bell Inn, Cretingham, I spent many happy hours there. During these holidays we rang many peals on the bells in that district. One of these was a peal of London at Helmingham, which was the first in the method by all the band with the exception of myself. The following day we met at Debenham for a peal and Bill Rumsey asked how far we had got with our attempt for London. When I told him we had rung a good peal he did not believe me and would not be convinced until Les confirmed it. Afterwards the Helmingham band rang many peals in this method.

Another peal worthy of mention that I rang with him was one of Bristol at Framsdon. We were late in starting and nobody remembered to light the lamp, so we finished the peal almost in darkness. We could just see our shirt sleeves going up and down and the ringing was almost perfect. This was also my wife's first peal of Bristol.

During the past year several other Suffolk friends of mine have passed on. These include Norman Bailey, Frank Fisher, Fred Tillet and Alfred Watson, all of whom did much in their day to improve ringing and good fellowship wherever they were.

May they rest in peace.

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Chardstock, Devon.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Sykes 3, J. R. Waller 4, D. Elwick 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. C. Garbett, Archbishop of York.

MR. BENJAMIN KNIGHTS

Dear Sir,—The obituary notice of the late Benjamin Knights, written by my old friend, Ernest Morris, carries my thoughts back 50 years. Although I rang my first peal in November, 1892, it was not till 1906, when I became a curate in Derbyshire, that I met the Knights, father and son.

From 1906 onwards I took part in nine peals with the Knights. Of these Arthur conducted three and Ben six. They included 6,656 Kent Treble Bob Major at North Wingfield on November 10th, 1906, in 4 hours and 12 minutes; three of Oxford Treble Bob Major and one of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours and 25 minutes, under the crooked spire of Chesterfield.

To cycle for miles along the steep and lonely roads of Derbyshire was well worth while if Arthur or Ben or both were taking part in the peal.

'Eheu fugaces, Posthume, Posthume
Labunter anni and are lost to me, lost to me.'

Yours truly,

R. P. FARROW (REV.)

East Lulworth Vicarage,
Dorset.

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ENGAGEMENT

WORRALL—LE LAY.—The engagement is announced between Jack Roberts, younger son of the late Mr. J. H. Worrall and Mrs. A. Worrall, of St. Mellons, Cardiff, and Cécile Marie, only daughter of the late Mr. C. Le Lay and Mme C. Le Lay, of Pont-l'Abbé, Finistère, France. 7686

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Easter tour from April 2nd to 5th, 1956 (inclusive ringing days), with centre in Stoke-on-Trent. Members wishing to attend are asked to write, as soon as possible, to E. H. Edge, 6, Comm Lane, Wolstanton, Newcastle, Staffs. 7711

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in some style as peals.

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George), Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. K. Lewis. 7663

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Bolsover, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. Good attendance specially requested. 7664

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breadsall, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. Horton, Sec. 7699

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Annual meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Numbers for tea, please, to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, Essex. 7629

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. St. George's bells (8) after meeting.—W. F. Scudamore, branch secretary. 7700

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Jan. 28th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (own arrangements). N.B.—All branch meetings during 1956 will be held on fourth Saturday in each month, except A.G.M. in December.—Mary Blim, Branch Sec. 7687

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual district meeting, Hemel Hempstead (8), Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Herts.—R. Shutter. 7685

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Ealing, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All members and friends welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited. 7686

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester Borough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30, Parish Church. Meeting and tea, Fearon Hall, 5.15. Afterwards at Bell Foundry—C. W. Hall. 7701

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berkshire and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Jan. 28th, at Amersham. Ringing 3.15 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 7697

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Islip, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to C. H. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. OXON.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. Practice meeting, Hastings, Jan. 28th. Bells, All Saints', 2.30 p.m.; St. Clement's, 6 p.m. 7688

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual district meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Brodrick Hall. 7545

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Cottage. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 7648

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagden (6) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., if possible. Tea at 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. P. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagden.—Miss Phyllis Gray, Dis. Sec., 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. 7703

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting following Evensong at 4 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 25th, please.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 7684

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting and social at Harbury, Feb. 4th. Bells available: Bishop's Itchington, 3 to 4 p.m.; Harbury, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Harbury bells again after tea followed by social at 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, before Feb. 1st.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 7692

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—Service of rededication of the bells on Feb. 4th at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, Jan. 31st, to E. Nobles, The Haven, 2, Stanfield Road, Duston, Northampton. Tel.: Duston 378. 7698

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at SS. James and Basil's Church, Fenham, Newcastle, on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Feb. 2nd, to K. Arthur, 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle, 4. 7707

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Histon, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 7.30 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7683

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Westbury-on-Trym (6), Feb. 4th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Village Hall, 5 p.m. Notify by Feb. 2nd. —A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol 5. 7713

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general meeting, Chobham, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7638

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th. Bridgnorth. St. Leonard's bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 7714

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Hereford District.—Joint annual meeting. Hereford. Feb. 4th. Cathedral (10), St. Nicholas' (6) available 3-5 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30. Service, Cathedral, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 7714

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, at Aberavon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Sylvia Cockwell, 2, St. Mary Street, Port Talbot, Glam.—Jacqueline Evans, Dis. Sec. 7685

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Clitheroe, Feb. 4th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7674

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, St. James' Padstock, Wigan (8), 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd, please, to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan.—M. E. Ridy, Branch Sec. 7673

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., Feb. 4th. St. John's, Waterloo Road, 2.30 to 4. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3 to 4.30. Southwark Cathedral, 3 to 4.45. Service 5 p.m. Tea, business and handbell competition in Chapter House, 6 p.m. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome. Practice 7.15, Monday, Feb. 6th.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 7662

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Madeley (6), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to the undersigned before Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—E. H. Edge, 6, Court Lane, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs. 7701

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Preacher, Mr. H. J. Watts. B.Comm., F.C.I.I. Tea at the Waveney Tea Rooms, 5 p.m. Suffolk ringers cordially invited. Names for tea to A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, by Jan. 31st, please. 7657

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 7692

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Wokingham, on Feb. 4th. Service in St. Paul's Church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Room 5. Ringing, St. Paul's, 3 p.m. and after meeting; All Saints', 6.30 p.m. Notify for tea by Jan. 30th.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winkersley, Wokingham. 7678

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 7695

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting at Lilbourne, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7694

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, at St. Mary's, Peterborough (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. St. John's (8) bells available from 6.15 to 8.45 p.m. Names for tea most essential by Jan. 31st.—G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 7654

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea available; bring food.—J. Seager, Sec. 7708

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham and North Notts Districts.—Joint meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), on Feb. 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to Miss B. Forsey, 309, Alfreton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—C. W. Towers and H. Denman. 7644

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Crawley, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, Newport and Carisbrooke. Bells 2.30. Service, St. Thomas's, 4.30. Tea, Mission Hall, 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Waturgate Road, Newport. 7689

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting to be held at Winchester, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available, St. Maurice's (6), 2.30. Service 4.15 in St. Lawrence's Church. Tea 5, in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by meeting. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 7651

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual district meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall, and usual business. Numbers for tea to reach G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by previous Thursday.—A. H. Smith. 7681

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Ludlow, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after meeting at Bromfield and Stanton Lacy. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford. 7702

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual district meeting at Watford (10), Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford, by Feb. 8th, please.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7690

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Saturday, Feb. 11th, at East Malling. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please send numbers for tea.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7693

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Syston on Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Red Cross Hall Chapel Street, followed by meeting. Names for tea to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, near Leicester, by Feb. 8th. General committee meet in tea room at 3.30.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7691

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Bonvilston, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 7680

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Nancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7705

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting, Oakham (8), on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Names for tea by Feb. 6th to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, near Oakham, Rutland. 7697

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Elveden (8), Feb. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis. Sec. 7709

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Theberton, Leiston. 7696

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The 68th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. Tickets, 15s. 6d.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 'Phone: SPRingfield 1025. 7659

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