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THE PAGES TURNED BACK

IN the 'Bell News' of March 6th, 1909, appeared the following notice:—

'THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Special practice meeting at New Mills on Saturday, March 13th, at 5 o'clock. Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob barred. Ringing friends welcomed.—A. T. Beeston.'

This made the Editor's hackle rise, and he had this to say:—

'There is a notice of a meeting to be found in this number where all who are concerned therein are told the following: "Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob barred." Such a notification is most unusual. There is some mysticism about it, for to make it complete and intelligible we should also have been told what methods were to escape the prohibition. We can hardly believe that Treble Bob is intended to be prohibited, for such an interdict would shut out every one of the Surprise methods, all of which are, of course, Treble Bob.

'This meeting is said to be "a special practice meeting" at which only the ringing of certain methods will be permitted. Ringing friends are welcomed, we are told, but surely the invitation only applies to those who can ring other methods than those which are "barred." For should a ringer appear in the belfry who can only ring Grandsire or Plain and Treble Bob he will not be able to have a pull—he is "barred." Yet the first and last named of these methods are, in our opinion, equal as art work to the most abstruse methods. True they are not so complex, but their status, as examples of the ringing art, stand high indeed.

'We have said that the prohibition given in the notice referred to is unusual. Some few years ago, at a tower in the north of London, it was said that an embargo was laid upon everything below Surprise. Such an unhealthy ukase cuts both ways. We may have retaliatory special practices where those in authority may intimate that other methods are "barred." Should such a spirit be fanned into flame the effect will be calamitous.'

Had the Rev. A. T. Beeston desired, he could have torn the Editor's comments to shreds, but he refrained from entering into a wordy fray, and those of his friends did likewise.

One letter only referred the following week in support of the Editor, and Mr. Beeston's reply to this was to insert in the March 20th issue a similar notice for a second practice at Reddish on March 27th.

April 3rd, 'Plain Speaker' enters the arena:—

'There is a topic at the present moment much talked about, though many of those who have expressed strong sentiments upon it refrain from publishing their opinions. This is the notice of a special practice by some members of the Chester Guild, whereat the introduction of several methods would not be allowed, or as the notice said, such methods would be "barred." Already some correspondence has appeared, and an article. The notice emanated from the Rev. A. T. Beeston, an accomplished ringer. It stated that at the meeting in question "Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob would be barred." It was pointed out that all Surprise methods came under the Treble Bob classification; in other words, all methods with the treble doing what is known as a Treble Bob hunt are practically Treble Bob methods. So that by this inhibition the Surprise methods became "barred."

'It was also suggested the reverend gentleman had made a mistake, in fact that he had forgotten the Surprise methods were Treble Bob methods. But he did not deign to make any reply whatever to the correspondence on the subject or answer any question. He in fact sent another notice of a similar meeting to be held.

'I think he might have stooped to explain what he meant by Treble Bob being "barred." That would have been but bare courtesy. About the arrangement of such a special practice I need not say much. Enough that such proceedings will not find favour with the Exercise. There has been too much exclusiveness in the past, and the soreness created by it has not yet vanished from among us. Nothing should be "barred" in the way of method ringing, especially such a symmetrical method as Grandsire, which is a method much more handsome than several of the "cramp" methods, though the practice of the latter tends to exclusiveness.'

Mr. Beeston's answer to that was a notice of another practice meeting at Hyde, and from thence he was left in peace.

Those of us who knew the Rev. A. T. Beeston can afford to smile at the critics—they certainly spoke without thinking: most towers in the Stockport area rang the standard methods, and those who wanted to ring the higher methods had to have special practices, otherwise they would have got nowhere.

Perhaps I am sticking my neck out when I say that the results of those special practices are with us today in North Cheshire—James Fernley was one who attended those practices, and when Norbury bells became eight he saw to it that the higher methods would be rung there. Needless to say, his ordinary practices were well attended—need I say more?

I did not attend any of Mr. Beeston's Saturday afternoon gatherings until after I was demobbed in 1919. All that I attended were enjoyable and helpful; furthermore, there was a place for wives and sweethearts, which made the lot of the young ringer much easier. No matter where the practice was, he arranged for one of the ringers to put on a spread, the cost of which was borne by the visitors (a good time was always had by all). Needless to say, the accommodation was well and truly taxed, but we managed to squeeze in somehow; and if the house was not big enough, there was always a room handly at the local.

J. P. T.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BRISTOL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, *in* 4 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	FRANK D. MACK	7
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	8
MARY H. HALL	3	ERIC HITCHINS	9
J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	10
F. CECIL MOGFORD	5	PHILIP MEHEW	11
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	6	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The conductor's 400th peal on tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

VERNON FORSHAW	*Treble*	WILLIAM WALL	6
*NORMA WALL	2	*ALAN FORSHAW	7
*KEITH NEWBY	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	8
*CLIFFORD H. FORD	4	W. THOMAS TURNER	9
*JOHN C. FORD	5	RAYMOND SUART	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
* First peal of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung by past and present service ringers to mark the completion of 60 years as a service ringer by Thomas Metcalfe, head ringer at Dalton.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

CLIVE WALKLATE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
CHARLES WALKLATE	2	ROGER BALDWIN	7
SAMPSON WALKLATE	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
DAVID WALKLATE	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS	9
ROBIN G. TURNER	5	HAROLD TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
A wedding day compliment to Gordon A. Halls and Patricia A. M. Forster, both regular service ringers at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 3, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN STANIER	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	*REGINALD W. WOODYATT	6
GERALD C. HEMMING	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* 300th peal for the Association. First in the method as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 22, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
JOHN HILL	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
ALFRED J. HOUSE	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PARSONS	5
*HOWARD OGLESBY	2	REUBEN SANDERS (85)	6
WILFRED G. WILSON	3	*JOHN W. EUSTON	7
E. DENNIS POOLE	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
* First peal of Stedman. First as conductor (first attempt).
Rung as a 94th birthday compliment (January 30th) to Mr. Frank V. Sinkins, his last peal being rung at Burnham for Princess Margaret's birthday on August 21st, 1951.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR IN THE CITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt.

SHEILA C. BLACKWELL	*Treble*	D. JOHN HUNT	5
JOAN GRAY	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
ELISABETH A. G. BOWDEN	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	4	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. S. POWELL. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
The peal contained 458 calls, including 98 singles.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

JILL COOK	*Treble*	OLIVE D. COUCHMAN	5
MARGARET A. LADD	2	BETTY A. TESTER	6
JANET FRENCH	3	KEVIN S. SHOHL	7
ERIC BRUNGER	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Betty A. Tester.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bristol City Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER (St. Mary's, Redcliffe)	*Treble*
DAVID HEIGHTON (St. Michael's)	2
P. LESLIE PEARCE (St. James')	3
FRANK D. MACK (St. Thomas')	4
ALBERT M. TYLER (St. Stephen's in the City)	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN (SS. Philip and Jacob's)	6
PHILIP M. J. GRAY (St. Mary's, Stoke Bishop)	7
FRANK E. HANSFORD (St. Mary's, Redcliffe)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
Rung on the occasion of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Oliver Stafford Tompkins, D.D. as Lord Bishop of Bristol, being the first peal rung on the bells since their installation in this cathedral.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN VERNON	*Treble*	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	5
*GRAHAM T. BALL	2	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	E. ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

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ESHER, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Shelagh R. Collins	*Treble*	Frank Oakshott	5
Eunice A. Hiley	2	*John F. M. Maybrey	6
Christine M. Harbott	3	H. Michael Williamson	7
Monica E. Collins	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Major. First of Plain Bob Major on the bells, the lightest eight in the county.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

C. Jack Gibson	*Treble*	Walter Ruffles	5
Leslie G. Brett	2	Walter Miller	6
Patricia M. Clarke	3	H. William Barrett	7
*G. Anthony Sutherland	4	John W. Blythe	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John W. Blythe.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gibson.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*Colin N. Chinnery	*Treble*	Roy Collins	5
†Valerie A. Bundy	2	John F. M. Maybrey	6
John King	3	Eunice A. Hiley	7
George Talbot	4	Douglas A. R. May	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. First of Plain Major as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Walter Lee	*Treble*	†Roger Hazell	5
*Margaret Tilbury	2	Arthur Foxall	6
Sheila Wallace	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Roland Biggs	4	Sydney M. Bailey	*Tenor*

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal. † First in the method.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

David C. Woodward	*Treble*	Edgar J. Smith	5
Charles Coles	2	Cyril H. Kinch	6
Charles A. Barrett	3	Francis A. White	7
Brian R. White	4	Philip H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by H. H. Wilde. Conducted by Philip H. Tocock.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket,
A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	*Leonard B. Scoot	5
Jill Mayes	2	*George A. Spencer	6
G. William Critchley	3	J. Richard Castledine	7
Patricia M. Bourn	4	Jack S. Dear	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1 variation. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Thomas R. Butler	*Treble*	Edward Ashcroft	5
Gwendolyn I. Howlett	2	Edwin C. Birkett	6
John Lunham	3	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
Norman Heaps	4	John F. Grove	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.
A farewell peal to Harry Poyner, who is shortly leaving the district to take up an appointment in Shrewsbury.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Victor Griffin	*Treble*	§Roy Throsby	5
†Barbara Griffin	2	‡Raymond C. Westney	6
‡Charles Jones	3	W. Bertram Kynaston	7
Eric Sutton	4	Walter H. Trueman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Walter H. Trueman.
* 50th peal. † First of Major. ‡ First of Kent Major. § First peal. First of Kent Major as conductor.
Rung for the enthronement of Dr. Oliver Stratford Tomkins as Bishop of Bristol in Bristol Cathedral this day.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (sixth observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

William B. Dawson	*Treble*	Harold Barsley	5
William E. Clarke	2	†Philip H. Reynolds	6
John P. Morriss	3	Jack Petch	7
*Roy Stephenson	4	†John H. Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Philip H. Reynolds.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor.
A farewell to Roy Stephenson on joining H.M. Forces.

TUXFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*John R. Ketteringham	*Treble*	George Challans	5
*Dennis Smedley	2	*Dennis Cooper	6
Harold Denman	3	Douglas H. Rooke	7
*Richard Hobbs	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

Ruth M. Border	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
Avril Thackray	2	Stephen Ivin	6
*Donald H. Niblett	3	James H. Pailing	7
*Robin A. Hodgson	4	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 13, 1959, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

John F. Wood	*Treble*	Albert Greenhalgh	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Joseph Thornley	6
Norman Tompkins	3	David Young	7
Gordon W. Limmer	4	William J. Stokes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
In memoriam John Waddington, late churchwarden of this church.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*HOWARD OGLESBY	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5
WILLIAM BUTLER	2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	6
DENNIS C. BOWEN	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
ALAN R. PINK	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 14, 1959, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*EDNA M. EVEREST	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. HART	5
†STANLEY W. BROWN	2	JAMES H. LILLEY	6
EDWARD F. P. BRYANT	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7
HARRY W. BROWN	4	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT W. WOOLVEN.
* First peal on eight. † First 'inside' in the method. First as conductor. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Sharon Ann, daughter of the conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 2, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHAPEL-OF-EASE TO ST. GILES',
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*FREDERICK E. WOOD	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4
FREDERICK HAWKES	2	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Oliver Attwood, an esteemed member of the Association, immediately after his funeral at Bredon's Norton.

MARTIN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 10, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*ANTHONY LEWIS	*Treble*	*JAMES LEWIS	4
*BARRY E. A. CLEMENTS	2	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
†JACK BAVERSTOCK	3	†BRIAN LAWES	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD N. MARLOW.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

DATCHWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 24, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE	*Treble*	*ALBERT W. A. LEGGETT	4
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY	2	JACK S. DEAR	5
*LEONARD B. SCOOT	3	COLIN A. S. HARWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE.
* First peal in the method. First of Minor in the method by all the band.

TUTBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Jan. 30, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

*E. MARION KEY	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
*VERONA C. NAYLOR	2	†DAVID W. BRUNNING	5
*JOHN K. SMITH	3	*BRIAN DAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles.
Rung to welcome Rosemary Ann, daughter of Peggy and Gordon Harrison.

RADLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
(University of Reading.)
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN J. COATES	*Treble*	MOLLIE TILBURY	4
LUCY E. E. ALLEN	2	†AUDREY M. GLADWELL	5
JANET K. SEEKER	3	MARIE R. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal for the University of Reading Society.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Diserens on the birth of a son

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 31, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 37, 38, 39, 48 and 50. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*JOHN BARLOW	*Treble*	FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	4
DONALD F. C. MALLOCH	2	JOHN P. PARTINGTON	5
BRIAN DOWNIE	3	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	DENNIS LAUD	4
WILLIAM WENBAN	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
RAYMOND G. SMITH	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	PETER KINDRED	4
*MRS. E. T. CHAPMAN	2	EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	5
MICHAEL SOLLEY	3	A. WILLIAM BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN T. CHAPMAN.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. A. D. Thompson (Vicar of Walberswick-with-Blythburgh) as honorary Canon of Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral.

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BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

*Eric A. Fellows .. .. *Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert .. 4
*Celia F. Whitfeld .. 2	William A. Kitchenside 5
*Colin E. Verdon 3	*Edward F. P. Bryant .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung in memoriam George King, of Salehurst.

COLLIERS WOOD, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

John Y. Temple .. .. *Treble*	Robin J. Trebilcock .. 4
Philip G. K. Davies .. 2	Derek E. Sibson 5
Susan Jackson 3	Martyn Hawkes .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal of Minor as conductor. First in the method by all the band and for the Society.

DENTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Rung on the front five, being ten extents each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, and a Morris's 240 and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck .. *Treble*	*Horace Grocock 3
Frederick W. Pinchbeck 2	Denis A. Frith 4
James H. Musson .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Pinchbeck.

GREAT WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's College and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in A.

*Wendy Bird .. .. .. *Treble*	*Shirley M. Parsons .. 4
*Frederick G. Nurden .. 2	David Staples 5
Cyril A. Wratten 3	*E. Trevor Newbury .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in ten Minor methods. First in ten Minor methods as conductor.

KEMERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 75, 82 and 58).
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Michael G. Selby.. .. *Treble*	*William B. Pomeroy .. 4
Rev Albert Webb.. .. 2	†Gerald C. Hemming .. 5
R. Roger Savory 3	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal for the Association.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Janet C. Aldous .. .. *Treble*	H. John Larwood 4
Frieda A. Frost 2	Peter J. Woodcock .. 5
Cecil V. Ebberson.. .. 3	Tony Owen .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Tony Owen.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. W. Pulford; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Lester, of Needham Market, Suffolk.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 7, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Stedman, 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 extents of Grandsire (ten callings).
Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*Rita M. Webb.. .. .. *Treble*	*Sandra Lewis 3
†Gloria M. Newton .. 2	Alan F. Lee 4
*Cedric J. A. Brown .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

FOOTS CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1958, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

*Isobel Inman .. .. .. *Treble*	Barwell B. Dibben .. 3
†Ian H. Oram 2	†Philip G. K. Davies .. 4
Ralph Bird .. .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of Doubles. † First on five bells. First in seven methods on the bells.
Rung for Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

Gilbert Cowlin .. .. *Treble*	*Frank Boyall 4
John Bluff 2	Herbert Goakes 5
Roy Stephenson 3	George Bush .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John Bluff.
* First peal. The ringer of the fifth has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary of the parents of George Bush, who were married at this church on February 8th, 1899.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Cunecastre, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) London and Wells, (4) York and Durham, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Norwich.
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton .. .. *Treble*	Augustin V. Good .. 4
William C. Hughes .. 2	*Reginald E. J. Sheppard 5
Walter Ayre 3	William J. Puddifoot .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in 12 Surprise methods.
A birthday compliment to A. V. Good.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 9, 1959, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Rung on the front six, consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one 720 Plain Bob.

Diana J. Perrins .. .. *Treble*	Ernest Morris 4
Russell S. Morris .. 2	John A. Acres 5
*Michael W. Fairey .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. *Tenor*

Conducted by G. Ronald Edwards.
* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 10, 1959, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Jack Bray .. .. .. *Treble*	Ronald Chafer 4
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2	Harry Hall 5
Richard Hall 3	John Hall .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 25, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall,
Tenor size 15 in C.
A PEAL OF 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Diana J. Perrins	1—2	*John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	*Brian G. Warwick	7—8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.
* 50th handbell peal together.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 27, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Diana J. Perrins	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth	3—4	Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	7—8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins. Conducted by John A. Acres.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
At Campana, 54, Rolleston Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

David W. Brunning ..	1—2	Barnabas G. Key	3—4
E. Marion Key		5—6	

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 4, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At Selwyn College,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

M. D. S. Hood (Trin. Hall)	1—2	A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	5—6
P. H. Langton (Trinity) ..	3—4	*J. R. Taylor (St. Cath.'s)	7—8
D. J. Kirby (Selwyn) ..	9—10		

Composed by Henry Tucker. Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.
* First peal on handbells. First of Royal 'in hand' by all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Selwyn College,
A PEAL OF 5060 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
Being 4,192 changes of Plain Bob, 540 of Gainsborough Little Bob and 328 of Little Bob, with 172 changes of method.
Tenor size 17 in A.

M. D. S. Hood (Trin. Hall)	1—2	A. R. Heppenstall (Sel.)	5—6
P. H. Langton (Trinity) ..	3—4	D. J. Kirby (Selwyn) ..	7—8

Adapted from N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
In the School,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney	1—2	Walter Ayre	5—6
Stanley Huckle	3—4	Michael D. Frost	7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Walter Ayre.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

Diana J. Perrins	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
John M. Jelley	3—4	Ernest Morris	7—8

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by John A. Acres.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 8, 1959, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of All Saints' Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

Kenneth B. Sissons	1—2	Edward M. Bradley ..	3—4
Alan Sheppard		5—6	

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Gorvin (first in method) 1, V. F. Gough (first 'inside' in method) 2, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 3, Valerie Mepham 4, D. A. Shaw 5, R. D. Brown 6. A birthday compliment to the secretary of the band, Miss Gwyneth R. Brown.

ATCHAM, SALOP.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, F. G. Beddow 2, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 3, R. Newton 4, A. E. Owen 5, F. R. Mason 6. Rung on the 25th birthday of Mrs. E. F. Willcox.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, J. L. Girt 4, L. Wright 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. For the christening of Sandra Prentice, daughter of local ringer.

BENSON, OXON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Webb 1, J. Godman 2, R. Tuckwell 3, F. Godden 4, I. Kidd 5, R. D. Wells 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. First of Triples for 1 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. R. Warburton, interred this day.

BRISTOL, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, at the Church of St. Ambrose, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. A. Shackleton (first of Major) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, R. G. Hooper 3, D. J. Hunt 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. C. Baker (first in method) 6, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 7, P. Mehew 8.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,380 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (calling in alternate 120's): Miss Bryant 1, J. Martin 2, W. Chandler 3, A. Berry 4, A. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Turner 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Bryant, also Philip, the conductor's youngest brother.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7–8 covering): G. Mayes 1, Miss S. Percival 2, Miss J. Mayes 3, D. Newis 4, J. Church 5, J. Hulme (cond.) 6, T. Dilley 7, S. Bywaters 8. For Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth A. Negus (first quarter) 1, Gillian Tavener (first 'inside') 2, Mary Marshall 3, H. M. Johnson 4, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mould (first on two bells) 1–2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, M. Knight (first quarter) 4, K. Ballington 5, W. Steen 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Austin 1, Miss E. Hough 2, J. Binfield 3, A. Berry 4, Miss V. Godderidge 5, T. Anderson (cond.) 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Wellard 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Kedwell, of Folkestone; also for Evensong.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, R. J. Musson (first 'inside') 3, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 4, J. H. Musson 5, F. J. Wright 6. A birthday compliment to [illegible] H. Bradley.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsre Doubles: J. A. Howes 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, J. Murphy 3, H. E. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker 5, F. Reeve 6. For the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. N. D. Smith, a ringer at Great Staughton for 56 years, and Mrs. Smith.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pickering 1, B. E. Woodall 2, H. Shilvock 3, A. H. Harris 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, J. H. Cox (cond.) 6, T. Greenhall 7, G. Bradley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John H. Clissett, for 32 years a former verger.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Hardacre (first in method) 1, F. Stead 2, E. R. Martin (cond.) 3, T. Barker 4, L. Walmsley 5, J. Jackson 6, C. Crossthwaite 7, S. Walmsley first in method) 8. Rung after a peal attempt of Oxford Treble Bob had failed.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Oliver (cond.) 1, D. F. Gain 2, Miss P. Drury 3, Miss B. Loveland 4, J. Martin 5, B. Priestley 6. For the patronal festival service.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. M. Lakin (cond.) 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, P. P. Brown 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, D. Sibson 5, A. J. Frost 6, J. R. Leeming 7, A. F. Thirst 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Marshall (first in method) 1, Miss M. Erik 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, K. Waples (first in method 'inside') 4, B. Barker 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Tomsett 1, Miss D. Crowe 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, J. Euston 4, G. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, H. M. Williamson 7, M. Oakshett 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, G. Harvey 10. For morning service and as a farewell to the resident chaplain (the Rev. G. W. Groves) on his retirement from the R.A.F.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Dart 1, M. J. Jefferies 2, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 3, C. E. Jefferies 4, W. Wayman 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, W. Richings 7, E. Cooksley 8. Welcome home from Singapore to Mr. J. Jefferies, R.A.F.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Patricia Cross 1, Mrs. R. H. Morris 2, E. G. Russell 3, A .F. Cheasley 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5, B. Edgley (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Hough (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, Miss V. Godderidge 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. A. G. Kedwell, a ringer at Folkestone for 60, years, and Mrs. Kedwell.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Albert Halling (first of Triples) 1, H. Devereux 2, Arthur Halling (first 'inside' of Triples) 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, F. Hawkes 5, E. W. Penn 6, E. Leach (first of Triples) 7, E. Freeman (first of Triples) 8.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Bowak 1, Anne Hancock 2, H. King 3, M. McQuistan (first 'inside') 4, W. Wedlock (cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 1st, at New College, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. H. Pailing (cond.) 1, Jean M. Addicott 2, Christine M. Woodward 3, J. A. M. Salter 4, D. T. Darby 5, D. H. Niblett 6, R. N. Pittman 7, C. J. B. Taylor 8, J. H. R. Freeborn 9, F. A. Barrett 10. For evening service. Also at St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Steadman 1, H. J. Verity 2, R. A. Jackson 3, J. G. Pusey 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, B. D. Threlfall 6. For morning service.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen M. Thacker (15, first quarter) 1, Judith M. Gwilt (17) 2, R. E. Tallis (16) 3, Pamela M. Turner (16, first 'inside') 4, M. C. Hughes (16, cond.) 5, D. H. Hollis 6.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCS—On Feb 7th, 2,160 Treble Bob Minor (Kent and Oxford): J. Thornley 1, Gillian Bridgford 2, N. Tompkins 3, G. W. Limmer 4, D. Young 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of A. Tomlinson's (Blackburn) first peal.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Robinson (first quarter) 1, R. O. Baker 2, Miss P. A. Neesham (cond.) 3, H. E. Curtis 4, A. C. Cozens 5. For Evensong.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7–8 covering): Jennifer L. Pankhurst (first of Minor) 1, Linda M. Southerden 2, M. Winter 3, C. H. Knowles 4, D. C. Jackson 5, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 6, M. McRobbie 7, S. Skinner 8. For Matins. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Elizabeth A. Clay (first quarter) 1, Felicity M. A. Rook (first 'inside') 2, J. Small 3, M. Winter 4, A. J. Hicks 5, S. Skinner 6, M. McRobbie 7, T. Longley 8. Jointly conducted by 3 and 5. For Evensong.

SAMPFORD PEVERELL, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Upton 1, G. W. Hollis 2, G. Court 3, J. Kelland 4, W. H. Ware (cond.) 5, J. Rowsell 6. Rung by St. Peter's (Tiverton) Society for the 700th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. D. Frost 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, B. A. Cornell 4, W. Little 5, W. J. Arnold 6, G. Penney 7, J. E. Ewer (first as (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss C. Pullin 1, C. E. Hayter 2, Mrs. J. Dodds 3, R. W. Darvill 4, H. V. Frost 5, A. E. Ewer (first of Treble Bob Major) 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (cond.) 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook 1, F. J. Lambert 2, E. T. Avery 3, A. H. Hoad 4, A. Smith 5, J. Harris 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Allcorn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. King.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the back eight): Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, F. Leach 2, F. A. Cattell 3, E. Willson 4, R. Newton 5, F. G. Beddow 6, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 7, F. R. Mason 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Willcox, who are leaving to live in Buckinghamshire.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: K. Welch 1, R. Dean 2, H. Bungay 3, J. Drew (cond.) 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. Monkton 6, F. Welch 7, J. T. Locke 8. A 78th birthday compliment to Harry Bungay (3rd ringer), and for Evensong.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick 1, Diana Perrins 2, G. M. Brewin 3, R. K. Stretton 4, J. A. Acres 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, E. Morris (cond.) 8. In memoriam John O. Lancashire, who composed and rang in the first peal on the bells (Stedman Triples, November 2nd, 1901). Also on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. K. Stretton 1, E. Morris 2, G. H. Bray 3, R. S. Morris (cond.) 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, P. Norman 6. For Parish Communion on dedication festival.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances Johnson 1, D. J. Marshall 2, Gillian Tavener (first of Minor) 3, H. M. Johnson 4, S. F. Webb 5, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Hugh M. Johnson for his 21st birthday.

STOKE BISHOP, GLOS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): W Naylor (cond.) 1, Miss F. Brown 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, J. Laver 4, M. Hill 5, N. Buckland 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): R. J. Scott 1, J. G. Newman 2, I. Knox 3, Mrs. J. Sinfield 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, D. Knox 6. Rung in memoriam Mr. R. M. Knox.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Feb. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: A. Greenough 1, J. Blond 2, F. Godden 3, K. Timbury 4, F. Absolom 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6. For morning service.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: R. Maddy 1, A. B. Skinner 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, J. Faircloth 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6. First in method for 2 and 4. For morning service.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Charlotte Brown 1, E. L. Taylor 2, H. J. Arscott 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. G. Knight (first quarter) 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, A. J. Walborne (first quarter) 8. Rung to mark the induction of the new incumbent (the Rev. Mr. Syer).

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Gagen 1, A. Bridges 2, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 3, A. V. Bowen 4, C. Cousins (jun.) 5, C. Cousins 6. Being the 21st anniversary of A. Bridges' wedding. Mr. Bridges is also churchwarden.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Plummer 1, A. Millam 2, E. Everest 3, M. Plummer 4, J. Walder (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6. A farewell to John Walder on his appointment as a constable.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. K. Drew (first quarter) 1, W. Clover 2, A. Appleton 3, T. E. Spight 4, H. Tooke 5, G. R. Drew (cond.) 6. A farewell to R. K. Drew, who is joining the Royal Navy.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Brian Bladon was prevented from standing in the peal at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol, on February 14th, as his father was taken seriously ill. The band wish Mr. Bladon, sen., a speedy recovery, and are grateful to Mr. F. Cecil Mogford for taking a rope at very short notice. The peal enabled several to ring their first of Maximus, and a few their first of Kent. It enabled Mr. Malcolm Cloke to complete peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus, thus re-entering peal ringing circles after his stay in the Forces.

The 'Wakefield Express' has this advertisement: 'Sale.—Let-down ringer in good condition.' It seems obvious that there was one too many for the peal attempt!

Mr. Gordon A. Halls and Miss Patricia A. M. Forster were married on February 14th at Hastings. Both prolific peal ringers, it is surprising to learn that the church they chose is only equipped with recorded bell music.

Newark Parish Church is being featured on the B.B.C. Midland programme 'Sign-post' in March, probably the 3rd, at 6.35 p.m. The Vicar and the Ringing Master were interviewed by the producer of the programme about obtaining recruits for bell-ringing and about ringing in general. A recording of the bells was made.

Recordings of the bells of Swanage, Wool and Kingston Parish Churches, Dorset, will be used as illustrations in a broadcast in which Richard Butcher will describe the Isle of Purbeck as seen from a light aeroplane. Entitled 'Pilot's Eye View,' this will form an item in 'The Faith in the Isle of Purbeck'—a magazine programme about the part played by the Christian Church in this area of the West Country—to be heard on Sunday, March 8th, at 9.45 a.m. in the West Home Service.

The peal at Dalton-in-Furness to mark Mr. Thomas Metcalfe's completing 60 years in the tower as a ringer was arranged to coincide with the parochial tea, which was attended by Dalton members of the band. It was here that Mr. Roberts (senior churchwarden) presented Mr. Metcalfe, the head ringer, with a ringer's tie, scarf, and a cheque on behalf of the parish in recognition of his long service. There was also another presentation to him on behalf of the peal band and ringing colleagues—a pipe, pouch, tobacco and a sum of money. This was made by Mr. N. M. Newby.

Holy Trinity, Hull, bells are shortly to be augmented from ten to twelve.

In the ten Minor methods peal at Elston, Notts, on February 14th, Mr. Peter A. Sharpe, of St. Giles', Lincoln, had only rung one of the ten methods before. Well done, Peter!

The peal in honour of Mr. F. V. Sinkins' 94th birthday at Burnham on January 31st was rung by four of his London friends and four of his old friends from the Slough area. It was ably conducted by John Euston, who was calling his first peal. Tongues wagged over the meal (provided by F. V. S.). To complete the day the four London ringers went to Stoke Poges for more ringing.

Mr. Percy Amos returns his thanks through 'The Ringing World' to the anonymous donor who left addressed to him in Weston Favell Church belfry a parcel of books containing the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's 'Among the Bells,' a 'History of John Briant, Bell-founder of Hertford, 1794–1829,' and a new visitors book for Weston Favell belfry. He writes that when he first saw the parcel he thought that someone was playing a joke on him and had sent him a stack of Central Council Sunday Service Survey forms.

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VITALITY IN COVENTRY GUILD

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild, at their last quarterly meeting at Bulkington on January 17th, said farewell to the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Dingley), who throughout his 31 years as incumbent at St. James' Church, Bulkington, has always made the Guild very welcome, and during that time has been a keen supporter and member of the Guild. He retires in March to a well-earned rest. In his address at the Guild service, he said how much he would miss the many friends he had amongst the bell-ringers. He had much to say of the loyalty of his own ringers and their regularity of attendance for Sunday service ringing. The president (Mr. F. W. Perrens) said on behalf of the members how much they had appreciated the welcome they had always received at Bulkington.

That the Coventry Diocesan Guild is in a flourishing state is confirmed by the fact that at the last two quarterly meetings 52 new members have been elected, and that over 60 per cent. of these are teenagers. The attendance at the meetings has shown a decided improvement, this being particularly so at the monthly meetings held in the two Branches. As an example, at the meeting at Whitnash on February 7th last, over 50 sat down to tea, and at the previous meeting at Warwick (St. Mary's) about the same number attended. Both these meetings were followed by a social, which obviously appeals to the younger generation.

MAKING HEADWAY

A number of young bands are making headway with their ringing, and to mention a few brings to mind Studley, with its new ring of six, and a band of more than a dozen led by Mr. Perkins who are coming on very well. Wootten Wawen, under Mr. Bennett, is also making good progress. Some of this band have already rung their first peal with their own conductor, and there's certainly more to come. The new eight of St. Nicholas', Warwick, after only 12 months since rehanging are being rung for all Sunday services by a most enthusiastic band of young people, and includes 15 teenagers. Much more will be heard of this band in the future. Exhall is another example with a recently rehung six and more than a dozen youngsters making good progress under Mr. Harrison. Harbury also comes to mind, with a band of young people, but they will be having a rest at the moment as their bells are at the foundry, and when they return it will be with the addition of a new treble to make another good six.

Rowington's bells have just been rehung and made into six. At the dedication service on Sunday, February 8th last, they were rung by a local band for the first time. These bells have been silent for some years, so we can look forward to some renewed interest here. Hatton is another tower which is getting into its stride again after a recent lapse. Stoneleigh with its rehung five is also getting into change-ringing with a new band after a silence of many years. Whitnash is another tower that has had a revival in recent years, and under Mr. Oram with a band of so many youngsters great things can be expected in the near future.

SCHOOLS AND RINGING

In Warwick during the last school term, three schools supplied the ringers for their own service from their scholars, and good ringing it was too. These young people had been trained at Whitnash, St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's, Warwick, during the past year. Honiley is another tower with a rehung five, and under Mr. Morris the ringers are making headway. St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, is making progress slowly under Mr. Beebe, with a band of young people. Newbold-on-Avon ringers are coming on fine, and have rung peals and quarter peals on their own bells, and some on others. This again is a young band full of enthusiasm, determined to get on to new methods—every success to it. In the same area comes Bilton, which has made good progress in recent years under Mr. Burnell, with a band of young people to help things along. Another tower that comes to mind is Kenilworth where, under Mr. Royal, a band of youngsters (some very young) are going ahead. They have already rung one peal and several quarters. Keresley has had help from Stoke St. Michael's for many years now, but despite that has a band for service ringing.

ANOTHER RALLY

Many other towers in the diocese have regular Sunday service bands, which after all is what the bells are for, and that is just what the Guild is doing its best to encourage; and to help this, another rally is being organised to take place at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, on April 11th, to which are being invited all the Sunday service bands in the diocese, whether they be members of the Guild or not. The first effort of this kind took place at St. Mary's, Warwick, in 1957, and a tremendous success it proved to be. The Lord Bishop of Coventry will once again give the address at the Guild service. There will be a civic reception by the Mayor of Stratford-on-Avon in the Town Hall, followed by tea.

Mention should be made of the more experienced bands in the diocese. Allesley and Chilvers Coton stand out with their Surprise bands. Rugby, Leamington Spa, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick (St. Mary's), Bulkington and Stoke St. Michael's, in Coventry, have good methods bands who can be relied upon for good striking and regular attendance on Sundays. It is regretted that there are still a number of towers with silent bells, mostly due to the state either of the tower or the bells; but when our Bishop's Appeal for £750,000 has been achieved no doubt some more towers will get the attention that is badly needed, and more bell rehung. With so many young ringers being trained surely we shall have enough to help with the training of others in the coming years. I am sure that a similar story could be told of other Guilds

J. L. G. H.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Reading Branch

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading on February 14th and was attended by approximately 60 members and visitors. The afternoon's ringing at St. Mary's was followed by an excellent tea prepared by local lady ringers and friends, after which the gathering adjourned to church for a service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Brown, with Trevor Stroud, a member of the local band, at the organ.

The deputy chairman (Rev. W. F. J. G. Coles) presided at the business meeting. Miss M. R. Cross, the Guild general secretary, congratulated the band who rang the peal of Glasgow Surprise at Warfield, and also the Reading University Society on achieving their first peal as a Society. She also commented on the Survey of Ringing which had been conducted during the year, and spoke of the need to encourage oncoming youngsters and to help towers in need of assistance; much more could be done on the social side to promote enthusiasm.

Officers elected for the year were: Chairman, Rev. T. P. Rumsey; deputy chairman, Rev. W. F. J. G. Coles; Ringing Master, N. J. Diserens; deputy, D. Cobb; secretary, F. Lewis. After six new members had been elected thanks were expressed to all concerned with making this another enjoyable meeting.

Ringing continued in the evening at Caversham and St. Mary's and St. Laurence's, Reading, a half course of Cambridge Maximus being the highlight of the ringing at the latter.

F. W. L.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

Over 60 members, representing 13 towers, attended the annual meeting at Dorchester on January 17th. The Rector (Rev. P. J. Heaton) conducted the service and also presided at the meeting following tea. Tribute was paid to six members who had died during the year.

Twelve new members were elected, viz.: Miss C. Smith, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. V. Furmage (Charminster), Mr. D. Willshire (Wyke Regis), Mr. E. Goringe (Cattistock), Miss W. Watson, Miss M. Hardy (Preston), Miss W. Bongard, Mr. G. R. Churchill, Mr. P. J. Short, Mr. A. H. Patterson, Mr. M. H. James (St. Peter's, Dorchester).

Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. P. J. Heaton; vice-chairman, Rev. E. B. Brooks; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. H. J. Ford; deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Slade and Mr. J. Rose; assistant hon. secretary, Miss P. M. Boalch.

In his report the hon. secretary reported average attendance at quarterly meetings was 31, not quite so encouraging as in previous years, but even if numbers were not so good the enthusiasm was still present. He appealed for better attendances, saying that at least one from every tower should make an effort to be present. The statement of accounts showed a satisfactory balance.

Meetings for 1959 were suggested to take place at Cattistock, Puddletown, Litton Cheney and Piddlehinton, subject to confirmation.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow, expressing the views of the meeting, said he hoped that Mrs. D. P. Duke (mother of the hon. secretary) would soon be on the road to recovery. She had been ill for some weeks.

Ringing was resumed under Mr. J. Slade and Mr. J. Rose, deputy Ringing Masters. Fordington tower was also available for ringing.

Devizes Branch

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Hilperton on February 7th, 40 members and friends attending, including visitors from Chippenham, Taunton, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret and Blunsdon.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. C. H. Corbin). The ringers were the guests at tea of the Hilperton ringers, their wives and friends, under Mr. Edwards. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and the ladies. The Rector in reply gave a hearty welcome to all present, saying he would always be pleased to see the ringers whenever they could come. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

S. C.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

A large congregation of ringers attended the service held at St. Mary's, Higham Ferrers, on January 24th, in connection with the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch. The Rev. C. S. Ford (Vicar) officiated. Tea and the annual meeting, with Mr. W. E. Hargreaves in the chair, followed in the Parish Rooms.

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. W. C. Knight; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. E. Skerritt; Guild Committee, Mr. H. Wooding and Mr. L. Priestley; Branch Committee, Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. E. Chapman, Miss C. Woods; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Wooding; auditor, Mr. W. E. Hargreaves.

New ringing members elected were Miss Jean Bennett, Miss Ann Chapman and Mr. J. R. Pentelow.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Doddington.

STEDMAN AND JOHN O. LANCASHIRE

Dear Sir,—The recent death of the Leicester Cathedral ringer John O. Lancashire at the age of 94 brings to mind some of his accomplishments around the turn of the century, both as ringer and composer.

His speciality was Stedman, having rung 5-6 to a strictly silent handbell peal of Stedman Triples in January, 1898. This was followed by silent handbell peals of Stedman Caters in October, 1900, and Stedman Cinques in February, 1903. The two latter were the first ever rung silent. All three of these were rung in the presence of three competent referees. Incidentally, the weakest member of the Cinques band, after being involved in the bob at 1 at the beginning of the peal, was not affected by any more calls until the last course of the peal, when he was required to make the bob at 1. At their first attempt for the peal they got through to the last course only to see this member miss the bob!

Last October the writer had a request from Mr. J. Segar, of Retford, for details of a peal of Stedman Triples by J. O. L., referred to in 'Parker's Mysteries' as the 'most wonderful peal of Stedman yet produced'—obviously a different one by the same composer to that published in the 1903 edition of Stedman by C. D. P. Davies. After a lengthy search through the old Midland Counties Association reports, this was found to be one rung in 1901 with the fourth bell as observation. In it there are never more than two consecutive calls and only 22 of these in the whole peal, a truly remarkable composition.

During the search for the above peal two more of his Stedman compositions came to light, one rung in 1895 and the other in 1899. These are on the usual twin-bob plan, but all appear to have been forgotten over the years.

As stated by Mr. Ernest Morris in his obituary of J. O. L., he did not finally retire from his architectural activities until just over a year ago when he was nearly 93. About six weeks before his death, the writer received a letter from Mrs. Lancashire stating that he was almost totally deaf and blind, and realised he could not complete the work he intended doing on Stedman during his retirement. He expressed the hope that the writer would take over all his papers (some 400 foolscap sheets) and try to complete some of the work. These are now to hand and are being tabulated and arranged in some order where there appear to be possible connecting links. This is likely to be a long task involving many trial and error experiments to join up blocks of courses into true extents of 5,040 changes.—Yours, etc.,

SHIRLEY BURTON.

Leicester.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (4TH OBSERVATION) By JOHN O. LANCASHIRE

		1234567	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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		6214357	s		s			s				s			B	B
		3257614	—	—			s			s		s		B		
		2354617	s				s			s		s	B		—	—
		2167534	—	—	s			s				s			B	
		6512734		B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			B	
		5361724	s		s			s				s			B	
		3256714	s		s			s				s			B	
		2134756	s		s			s				s			B	B
		7156234	—	—			s			s		s		B		
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		1326574	—	—	s			s				s			B	
		2531674		B	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			B	
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	A	5327164														
	A	5163274														
	A	5271634														
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		3124657	s		s			s				s			B	B
		6157324	—	—			s				s	s		B		
		1654327	s				s				s	s	B		—	—
		1234567	—	—	s			s				s			B	s

Start slow from rounds, calling the S3 at the go-off.

4th observation, i.e., call the 3 when 4th is 'in slow,' and the 12 'in quick.'

As certain calls affect the 4th, the sixes are marked thus — — which this bell omits; the end of the line denotes the position into which it moves.

Never more than two consecutive calls, and only 22 of these.

First rung at South Wigston on November 2nd, 1901, conducted by Geo. Cleal.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

By J. O. LANCASHIRE

MAIN BLOCK

231456	S	H	L	Q
536421	X			
246351	X			X
432561	X	X		X
361524	X	X		
354621	X		X	
563241	X	X		X
653214		X		
123564	X			X

The above eight courses five times repeated, adding extra bobs at H in the 2nd course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

The underwritten singled in block to be inserted immediately after the first course-end 536421.

536421	S	H	L	Q	
341652					S at 2
561432			X		
241563		X	X		
643521			X	X	
162543		X	X	X	
452613			X		
153642			X	X	

Repeat the above six courses, adding S14 at end of last course, which brings up the 2nd six of the 2nd course of the main part of the peal.

First rung at Kettering, April 16th, 1895, conducted by Geo. Cleal.

First peal in the method on the bells.

5,040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. O. Lancashire's variation of Washbrook's Four-part.

231456	S	H	L	Q	
(523416)	X		X		S at 14
546213				X	
351246		X	X	X	

These two courses nine times repeated, omitting H in 5th and 10th parts, produces:—

523416	S	H	L	Q	
246351					S at 2
432561	X	X		X	
652341	X			X	
541326	X	X			
536421	X		X		
345261	X	X		X	
641235	X				
435216	X	X			

Call the last four courses nine times; adding Q in the 3rd course of the 5th part completes the peal.

First rung at Lutterworth, August 19th, 1899, conducted by Geo. Cleal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CLERGY AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Sayers criticises the clergy for not taking an interest in their bells ('R.W.', February 13th). I wonder whether he has stopped to consider why so many incumbents take this attitude? As a comparative newcomer to the Exercise, I was also surprised to find this indifference, usually coupled with an antagonism towards ringers. I did, however, take the trouble to inquire into the reasons for this, and found that the ringers themselves are often to blame. So many of them are notoriously slack in attending the very services to which they summon others. This bad habit, which alas seems to be quite prevalent, suggests that their main purpose in ringing is simply for their own enjoyment, and not as 'a service given to the Church,' to quote Mr. Sayers.

Can it be wondered then that many of my fellow-clergy lose interest?

But I will make my criticism constructive, and suggest that when ringers do not want to stop to service (and we quite realise that there are many valid occasions) they might make a little formal apology to the Vicar, such as one makes when leaving in the middle of a meeting. This simple courtesy (which after all is only the polite thing to do) would be greatly appreciated and would do much to change the attitude of the clergy, provided that such occasions did not arise too frequently!

My apologies to the great number of ringers who are also in their pew Sunday by Sunday. I only wish to point out to Mr. Sayers that there are two sides to the question, and that if there are incumbents who are not interested in their bells, then there are certainly many ringers who are not interested in their churchgoing!

Mr. Sayers' last remarks seem to have nothing to do with the topic and are in extremely bad taste, especially from a churchwarden.—Yours faithfully,

(Rev.) D. G. BRUNNING.

Usk, Mon.

OXFORD GUILD OFFICE BOOK

Dear Sir,—Some while ago you kindly printed a letter from me in which I asked for material for the proposed revision of the Oxford Diocesan Guild Office Book. Since then we have written round to a number of Guilds and Associations and have received much encouragement and help. We have been able to reply to some, but may we now thank all those who have responded to our circulars?

People may be interested to hear that much has come to light that is very good indeed, and that when the liturgical experts have worked out an order of service the Oxford Guild should be in a position to enjoy an Office that is more in keeping with the times.

The work is by no means finished, and we would very much welcome comment and all further contributions of material, however small.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Merryfield House,
Witney, Oxon.

SIMULTANEOUS HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The letters from P. H. Langton and D. J. Roaf show that the calling of both peals was identical, and as they were rung in the same time it is obvious that every pair of blows made by each ringer was made simultaneously. This means the performance was equivalent to ringing a handbell peal with each ringer taking one bell only, a comparatively simple task and not nearly as difficult as the ringing of an ordinary peal double-handed.

Moreover, the calls would be (or should have been!) made simultaneously, and the necessity for two conductors is not apparent.

A further point is that if, as suggested in an earlier letter, the upper and lower sixes of a set of 12 handbells were used, every pair of blows would be a painful dissonance (a seventh) and, altogether, the performance would appear to have been a very unsatisfactory and futile one, and not one to write home (or to 'The Ringing World') about!—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

BELL IDENTIFIED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter of W. G. Lavers (February 13th issue), the inscription quoted appears on the seventh of the ring of eight at the Church of St. Mary, Battle, Sussex.

The ring was originally cast by Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry (to whom the initials T. L. refer), in 1739, and is the heaviest ring cast by Lester for Sussex. All the bells have been recast, the seventh by Warner in 1890, and the remainder at various dates by Mears, who rehung the entire ring in 1885.

The weight of the seventh is given as 15¼ cwt., whereas the tenor is 23 cwt. in E. The seventh is one of the best bells of the ring, and is used as the hour bell of the clock.—Yours faithfully,

Pte. J. W. SMITH (R.A.M.C.).

Millbank, London.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I read with interest and dismay the letters from William Rogers and Stephen Ivin in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated February 6th.

From the information they gave it is now my duty to withdraw a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, rung at Coseley, Staffordshire, on December 11th, 1954, owing to its falseness.

I do not remember noticing Mr. Ivin's original letter on this matter—it probably appeared during a period when my time was fully occupied on non-ringing activities—but I have no intention of including a false peal in either my own records or those of my Society, and I agree with Mr. Border in that the action to be taken by the Central Council Committee concerned is quite clear.

I may say that, as this is the second time that I have been the innocent victim of such circumstances, I shall make absolutely certain of the position in any future attempts. — Yours sincerely,

ERIC E. SPEAKE.

Dudley.

RABBITS' GUILD

Dear Sir,—It was pleasant to read once again of the activities of the Rabbits' Guild after a long absence from your columns. Many true words are spoken in jest; I hope the Guild's secretary will continue to report progress of her members.

There is one point, though, to which I feel I must draw her attention, namely, the false dichotomy of Rabbit v. Ringing Master, which is a continual feature of the reports of the Guild. This seems to ignore the case, by no means rare, where ringing is in the hands of a Rabbit Ringing Master.

The hazards confronting an R.R.M. fully deserve the sympathy of the Guild. The feelings of terror experienced by an absolute beginner on being instructed to pull off his very first backstroke are nothing compared to the emotions of the mentor who is making his first attempt at teaching. Beginners, however, are not the only hazard; the R.R.M. may happen to enjoy the company of a variety of ex-Ringing Masters, prominent lady ringers, Surprise splicers, Cinques men and the rest in his tower, whose assistance is valuable though not always calculated to produce peace of mind in an R.R.M. Woe betide the man who is incapable of wearing the pants in his own tower in such company; it is better for him to admit that he's not really very good at Stedman Triples before it begins to rain bobs and he runs in the wrong way round.

Surely we poor hybrids have our place in the sun?—Yours faithfully, A. B. TRICK.

Master, Confraternity of St. Nellie for R.R.M.s.

SEAR FAMILY MEMORIAL WINDOW

Dear Sir,—The Rector, churchwardens and parishioners of St. Mary's, Bletchley, are proposing to put a stained glass window in the west side of the south porch of St. Mary's in memory of the Sear family. This window is to be known as the 'Sear Memorial Window.'

You will be well aware of the long and devoted service of the Sear family as bell-masters and bell-ringers. Thomas Sear, grandfather of Harry, Fred and Walter, took office as bell-master in 1847. He was succeeded by his son, Redan, and then by his other son, Valentine, who in turn was succeeded by Harry Sear, who was supported by his two brothers, Fred and Walter. Walter Sear was secretary of the North Bucks Branch of this Guild for 25 years, and it was under his guidance that it grew to its present strength.

Harry Sear is the sole surviving member of the family resident in Bletchley. He still holds the office of bell-master and carries his 80 years very lightly in the ringing chamber. The present ringers think that this period of faithful service by one family should not go unnoticed.

The window has been designed by Sir Ninian Comper. There will also be a tablet recording the names of the Sear family.

Should there be any among the Exercise today who feel that they owe much to this family whose influence spread throughout the North Bucks and neighbouring areas, then perhaps they would like to make some contribution, however small, to this project. All contributions should be sent to Roger Cadamy, Esq., 10, Cottingham Grove, Bletchley, Bucks.—Yours faithfully,

MARIE R. CROSS,
Hon. Secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

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LETTERS—Continued

ST. CLEMENT DANES'

Dear Sir,—This is not an answer to Mr. Charles S. Smith's letter (page 112, February 13th) because I have had this letter in mind for some time, and anyway I know nothing about the Sunday afternoon arrangements at St. Clement's.

After the opening of the new bells I arranged, with the agreement of the church authorities and Mr. E. A. Barnett, to be responsible for seeing that the bells were rung at least one Sunday in each month for morning service. On the second Sunday in each month, therefore, with the help of friends, a quarter peal attempt is arranged—meet at 9.50 a.m. Our idea is always to ring something sufficiently within the capabilities of the arranged band, to ensure a high standard of ringing and a reasonable chance of getting a quarter peal. This is because poor ringing at St. Clement's would be a very bad thing for the Exercise, and I do not expect ten ringers to travel up to town at that hour on a Sunday without some inducement.

So far we have maintained this aim with three good quarter peals of Grandsire Caters. While if we had broken down we should have been very glad to offer a rope to any chance visitor, we should obviously prefer not to be interrupted until all chances of the quarter peal had gone.

If any prospective visitor to London would like to be included in one of these monthly attempts, I shall be very glad to try to oblige if he (or she) will let me know two to three weeks in advance and indicate the standard of method desired. That will give me time to arrange the rest of the band or to reply, suggesting a later date if the current month is already fixed up.

I have no official connection with St. Clement's other than as indicated, so this is the best I can do to help visitors.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

28, Abbey Avenue,
Alperton, Wembley,
Middlesex.

GREAT YARMOUTH CLOCK CHIMES

Dear Sir,—The article by Rev. G. Thurlow on Great Yarmouth Clock Chimes is very interesting, and Mr. Brian Price is to be congratulated on his fine suggestion for the new chimes.

There would appear to be slight inaccuracies in the length of the notes as indicated by the ordinary and thick capitals in the article.

It is stated that theme 2 is twice the length of theme 1 but, as shown, theme 1 has the equivalent of 14 crotchets and theme 2 of 26.

Theme 3 has 24 crotchets and it would appear to be the intention of making the unit 12 crotchets. If that is so, should not the last two notes of theme 1 and the ninth and tenth notes of theme 2 all be minims, making theme 1 equal to 12 crotchets and theme 2 to 24?—Yours faithfully,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

PREVIOUS PEALS OF MINOR ALL SINGLES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Gamston (see Belfry Gossip, page 108), at least one previous peal of Plain Bob Minor with all calls being singles has been rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild. See peal No. 407, rung at the Church of All Saints, Eagle, on July 8th, 1954, conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON.

Newark, Notts.

BROADCAST RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have been interested to read the correspondence about the broadcasting of ringing, and I wondered if I might air an idea about this topic.

The idea is that one or more of the programmes put out by 'Network Three' should be devoted to bell-ringing and ringers. It might be possible to provide link-ups on the lines of the Christmas Day broadcasts, but with a more generous time allowance, together with interviews with leading ringers about their experiences. I am sure that in these interviews practical tips about instruction and other matters would come much more readily than if the ringer concerned sat down to write an article for 'The Ringing World' (which too few of the best ringers do anyway).

Although I am not altogether happy about the functions of 'Network Three' as a substitute for the Third Programme, it seems as though it is here to stay, so it is up to us to try and make use of the facilities it provides. It seems that the purpose of 'Network Three' is to cater for minority audiences with special interests, and provided that the programmes are knowledgeably planned, there is no reason why they should not be for the enjoyment and benefit of us all. The point that I think should be emphasised is that to aim programmes exclusively at the novice would be fatal. This has been the tendency in one or two, though by no means all, of the 'Network Three' programmes I have heard, and caused, I fancy, by the producers not having sufficient knowledge of the subject themselves. At all costs we must avoid a programme which starts 'Now, listeners, this evening I am in a little room many feet above ground, containing a circle of eight brightly-coloured ropes disappearing through the ceiling.' However, I am sure that the Broadcasting and Television Committee could be relied on to look after that aspect.—Yours faithfully,

ALEC W. FRY.

Romsey, Hants.

CLEATHAM IMPERIAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of 13 Spliced Major methods rung 'in hand' at Cambridge on November 28th, 1958, I would like to thank Mr. F. T. Blagrove for pointing out that the methods which were published as C.C. Nos. 258 and 259 have actually been rung and named Canterbury Imperial and Hackington Imperial.

If, as he also mentions in his letter in your issue of January 30th, the statement at the foot of page 33 of the C.C. Collection of Plain Major Methods is incorrect, and C.C. No. 257 has not been named, then the members of the C.U.G.C.R. who rang the peal would suggest that it be named 'Cleatham Imperial.'—Yours faithfully,

A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL.

Selwyn College,
Cambridge.

'THIS 'ERE COON'

Dear Sir,—I am a life member of the Derbyshire Ringers' Association and glad of it. It wasn't difficult, therefore, to offer apologies for my absence at a recent meeting at Breadsall. Hence the rhyme:—

'Apologies I here convey,
I cannot get the Breadsall way:
For to the Southwell I must go,
To ring the treble to and fro.

So whilst you're ringing out a tune
Please spare a thought for this 'ere coon:
And should you hear a clang, clang, clang,
That was Grandsire I nearly rang.'

(Miss) A. HENSON.

West Bridgford, Notts.

'CHURCHES, ARTISTS AND PEOPLE'

This is the title of the 13th report of the Central Council for the Care of Churches, which has just been published (Church Information Board, 3s.). It contains a number of interesting articles dealing with the problems connected with our churches but far too few references to bells. However, one of our fraternity, Canon Noel Boston, of East Dereham, has contributed an informative article on the care of monumental brasses.

Miss Cunnington's article on redundant churches and the uses to which they can be put does affect us as ringers as there are a number of rings of bells connected with such fabrics, e.g., St. Mary-at-Quay, Ipswich.

Though the solution adopted at St. John Ousebridge, York, of rehanging the bells and using the fabric for the York Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies is very satisfactory from our point of view, this obviously cannot be afforded in quite a number of cases. Fortunately, the towers are often the best part of the fabrics, so there is a chance of them being retained even if the remainder of the church is demolished and the site sold. But unfortunately it can also be that the tower is appreciably weaker without the strengthening effect of the body of the church, and some doubt may exist as to whether it is safe to ring the bells in full circles.

Other articles deal with rebuilding church organs, church heating, and an excellent one on how to choose stained glass by the Dean of York.

The editorial by the Dean of Gloucester notes that the redundant church of All Hallows, London Wall, London, is to be associated with the work of the Central Council for the Care of Churches. Parts of it will be converted to house offices and the library, leaving the remainder as a chapel; but this scheme is not likely to be completed before 1960 at the earliest. Unfortunately this church does not have a ring.

The report also gives the names of all members of the Diocesan Advisory Committees, and among them the writer notes at least nine who are practical ringers, including two chairmen (Mr. J. W. Clarke, Chester, and Canon R. F. Wilkinson, Southwell). R. C.

121,474 Changes For Sunday Service

Sunday service ringing at St. Mary's, Willesborough, Kent, amounted in 1958 to 121,474 changes. Methods rung were:—

Minor (18).—Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Hereward Bob, London Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Ipswich S., Kentish D., Oswald D. and Old Oxford D.

Doubles (15).—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury P., New Bob, Huntspill, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Bartholomew's, Rev. All Saints', Union, St. Faith's S.C., Rev. St. Simon's and Rev. St. Martin's.

Llandaff & Monmouth Association

The Llandaff Branch held its annual meeting at Pontypridd on January 24th. Fine weather encouraged 56 members to attend.

The Rev. Stanley Mogford, Vicar of Pontypridd, conducted the service, which was followed by an excellent tea in the Church Hall. Mr. D. J. King, general Ringing Master, gave a vote of thanks to the ladies of the local Mothers' Union for the catering of this meal.

During the business meeting Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected secretary/treasurer. Radyr was chosen for the next meeting, with Aberavon as an alternative. R. E. C.

HANDBELL RECITAL AT MARCH

Mr. Frederick Sharpe and his talented team of handbell ringers from Launton, Oxfordshire, gave a recital at St. Wendreda's Church, March, Cambs, on February 7th, to a church filled to capacity.

The congregation soon fell under the magical spell of the bell music. Performing with ease, and masters of rhythm, the team confidently and expertly reproduced well-loved tunes in a manner which obviously bespoke hours of consistent practice. It was beautifully and reverently executed, and a joy to witness and hear.

Twenty-three pieces were rung, including mediæval carols, chime tunes and music written for bells by English composers, and last but not least the ever-popular hymn tunes 'Sandon,' 'Old Hundredth,' 'Eventide' and others filled the hallowed building with melodious chords.

The church bells were rung before and after the recital, and the handbell ringers received refreshments in the schoolroom.

It was indeed music extraordinary, and the team, whose efforts evoked much admiration, are to be congratulated on their ability in their ancient craft; and special credit is due to the youngest member, Peter Allen, aged 13.

RAMBLING RINGERS' REUNION

Leicester was chosen as the place of the reunion of the Rambling Ringers on December 13th, and some good ringing was had at St. Margaret's, St. John's, the Cathedral and All Saints'.

The dinner was held at the Great Central Hotel, and a party of over 50 sat down for a meal. The meeting which followed was a rather long and heated one. The main items were the new rules and the behaviour of ringers on tour.

The election of officers was as follows: President, Patrick I. Chapman; Ringing Master, John E. Cook; hon. secretary, Carol Eustace (26, Vicarage Road, Rugby); deputy Ringing Masters, Denis Mottershead and Alan J. Frost; hon. peal secretary, Peter M. Giles, and committee member, Alan Cattell.

After this, an enjoyable social evening followed in the usual mad fashion. J. E. C.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

At the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Guild on January 28th, the Vicar (Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) was elected president, and the following were re-elected: Mr. A. G. Bason, Ringing Master, Mr. F. N. Golden, deputy Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Ringing Master paid tribute to the ex-president (Very Rev. J. A. H. Waddington) for the support he had always given to the Guild during his term of office.

The new president said he was honoured by being elected, and was sure all would work together to the glory of God. Mr. K. Brown and Mr. T. Bailey were elected members.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the Society's meeting at Wentworth on February 14th. Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting, which followed a very good tea at the George and Dragon. Wortley, near Sheffield, was selected for the next meeting on March 14th. A record crowd is asked for the annual outing to Loughborough Bell Foundry on July 4th. Arrangements for the shield and cup contest are to be made at a committee meeting at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on March 28th. The vote of thanks from the chair included a special one to Mr. George West and the local company for making the arrangements.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite the influenza outbreak which caused the absence of the District secretary and others, a company of over 40 sat down to tea at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at Guildford on February 14th. The nominations for District officers went awry. Mr. T. Mark White was unable to accept re-election as District Ringing Master as he had accepted another appointment which would eventually necessitate his leaving Guildford. A popular choice was Mr. E. R. John Wells, with past experience of the office in the Farnham District. Mr. Leslie Hunter because of ill health could not accept the post of deputy Master. Elected to the office was Mr. Leslie Warner, of Cranleigh. Mr. D. A. Kirk was re-elected hon. secretary.

Four new members from Holy Trinity, Guildford, were elected—Miss Ann Garbett, David Tubbs, Tony Hughes and Robert Hamilton, and Miss Joan Beazley, now at Worcester, was elected a compounding member.

The Guild Master's letter, containing matters for consideration by the Executive, was discussed. There was a strong vote against the abolition of junior membership, but the idea of fixed days for the Guild annual meeting at the summer festival was favoured. Regarding the annual dinner being a 'movable feast' and being held in the different Districts, the meeting reminded the Executive that the geographical advantages of Guildford should be considered before making a change.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who presided, thanked Miss Monica Collins and helpers for the bountiful tea, the Rev. C. A. Stables for conducting the service in St. Mary's Church, and Miss Janet Cleeve for acting as organist. Ringing took place at St. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity churches.

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OBITUARY

MR. HERBERT KNIGHT
AN APPRECIATION

I would esteem it a favour if I could pay a tribute to the late Mr. Herbert Knight, whom I first rang with at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffs, on November 17th, 1906, when he conducted Thurstans' One-part peal of Stedman Triples. He also conducted the same composition blindfold on October 12th, 1907, at St. Luke's, Blakenhall. Having rung more than 200 peals together I can vouch for Mr. Knight's sterling character and ability, also his valuable advice to learners. Herbert was a frequent visitor to St. Giles', Willenhall, where he rang his last peal; this was Plain Bob Royal, rung as a welcome to our Vicar (Rev. A. G. Bond), on December 29th, 1956.

C. WALLATER.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Elloe Deanery Branch

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deanery Branch took place at Spalding on February 7th. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. H. Nind, the address being given by the Vicar (Canon M. H. R. Synge). Tea was served in the School, with Mrs. C. Rawding, of Surfleet, in charge of the catering arrangements.

Canon M. H. R. Synge presided at the business meeting. The balance sheet and belfry repair fund both remained in a healthy state. On a proposal from Mr. J. E. Allen it was agreed to invest £25 out of both accounts in Premium Bonds. There had been some membership lapses, but with new members elected during the year numbers remained steady.

At the election of officers, the Rev. R. W. H. Nind was chosen as president in succession to Canon M. H. R. Synge, who will be leaving shortly to take up an appointment in Lincoln. All other officers were re-elected. A collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £1 5s. 6d. Quarterly meetings were arranged to take place at Holbeach, Deeping St. Nicholas, Long Sutton and Gedney.

In his votes of thanks Mr. J. Ames wished the retiring president every success in his new appointment.

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ENGAGEMENT

KINCHIN—WILFORD.—The engagement is announced between Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Wilford, of Clipston, Northamptonshire, and John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. E. Kinchin, of Yelvertoft, Northamptonshire. 3918

DEATH

NUTT.—On February 19th, 1959, at Oldham Royal Infirmary, Harry, aged 56 years. A bell-ringer at Christ Church, Friezland, near Oldham, for many years. 3930

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Brian J. Woodruffe, during university term, is now 55, Lanchester Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, 30, or The Union, University Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15. Will all correspondents please note! 3904

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MISCELLANEOUS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Notice is hereby given that the following motion will be before the annual general meeting on Easter Monday, 1959. 'That notwithstanding Rule 9, representatives to the Central Council, 1960–62, be elected on Easter Monday, 1959.' 3894

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston District.—Monthly meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. prompt in Church Hall.—W. A. Morley, Dis. Sec. 3892

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.—Annual general meeting, St. George's, Doncaster, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Wheatley, Doncaster.—George Watson. 3900

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting, Benenden, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Buses: Services 97 from Ashford and Tunbridge Wells every two hours; 127 from Tenterden. 3811

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Bolton, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells: St. George's in afternoon only, Holy Trinity in evening only. Cups of tea at St. George's, 5 p.m. Business follows tea.—Thornley, Sec. 3902

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at Winshill (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Burton Parish Church (8), 6 to 8. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Church Schools. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 3869

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wendover (6), Saturday, Feb. 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 3876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting at Tackley, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing at Wootton (6) 2.15 p.m.; Tackley (6), 2.45. Service 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Woodstock (8), 7.30 p.m. 3889

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Kegworth (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements—café in Kegworth. Please look up Bristol.—P. Clarke, Sec. 3863

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 3849

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Monday, March 2nd, 7.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. All London ringers and visitors welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 3943

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Monday, March 2nd, 7 p.m. 3909

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Wednesday, March 4th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3915

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, 3.30 p.m. at St Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 3901

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Armitage Bridge (6). Bells afternoon and evening. Names for teas by March 4th to Mr. R. Armitage, 11, Hanging Stone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield. Business: election of officers, etc. 3932

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Bromham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea.—R. L. Piron, Dis. Sec., 8, Bowhill, Bedford. 3923

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 7th, in Selwyn College at 8 for 8.30 p.m. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 2 to 3; St. Bene't's, 2.45 to 3.45; the Roman Catholic Church, 4.30 to 5.30; St. Mary's, 6.15 to 7.15 p.m.—M. D. S. Hood, Trinity Hall. 3908

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Lillington on Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 4th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 3935

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Berry Pomeroy, Saturday, March 7th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 4th to D. Roberts, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. 3917

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Les Cloches, Court Crescent, Kingswinford. 3931

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at St. Oswin's, Wylam, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road, Wylam, Northumberland. 3910

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights. 3921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 3828

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Yeldham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 3936

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashchurch (6), Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by March 4th to Mr. E. Underwood, 1, Cedar Road, Ashchurch.—G. Burrows, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Chertsey (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Lodge, 29, Bramley Close, Chertsey.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, March 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names as soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 3945

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Norton, Saturday, March 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Special method, Erin Triples.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3898

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 4th to Mr. F. Morris, 7, Vega Road, Bushey Heath.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 3922

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Shorne, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, definitely not later than previous Monday.—T. Barton, 30, West Ridge, Sittingbourne. 3865

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Elham, Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 4th, to Mr. F. Verney, High Street, Elham, Canterbury. Please enclose cash. Ospringe May 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3877

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting, St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—John F. Turner. 3917

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Morecambe, Saturday, March 7th. Ringing 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Short meeting after tea. All welcome without sending names for tea.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 3938

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, *East Crompton* (not Middleton). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 4th, to R. Coppinger, 99, Salts Street, Shaw.—Hudson, Sec. 3940

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Christ Church, Southport, Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafés nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Southport. 3933

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Bletchley, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 3884

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at Clipston (5). Names for tea not later than Tuesday previous to E. Thresher, 22, Watson Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 3913

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, Saturday, March 7th: Edgbaston (8), 11 a.m.; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 12 noon; Erdington Abbey (8), 2 p.m.; Erdington Parish Church (8), 2.45 p.m.; Aston (12), 3.30 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 4.15 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Durrington. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Also Amesbury, 6.30 to 8.30. Names for tea essential by March 3rd to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 3887

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Great Cheverell (6), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names for tea.—E. J. Hitchins, 136, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. 3907

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Compton Abbas, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Visitors welcome. Please notify by March 4th R. N. Longridge, Bourton Vicarage, Gillingham. 3906. 3906

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 7th, at Ranmoor. Committee meeting 2.15 p.m. Bells from 3. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 3942

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 7th, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by March 5th Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3881

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Hucknall Torkard (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by March 4th to H. Lewin, 44, Nottingham Road, Hucknall, Notts. —D. H. Rooke, Dis. Sec. 3897

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting will be held at Merstham (6) on Saturday, March 7th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. T. Cross, 8, Nailsworth Crescent, Merstham. 3871

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon (6) on Saturday, March 7th, 3 o'clock. Names for tea by March 4th to E. W. Keys, Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, Chichester.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday to I. Butcher, 14, Withypitts, Turners Hill. 3920

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon (8), Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 4th, to J. T. Williams, 56, Morfydd Street, Morriston, Swansea. 3862

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Practice meeting, Saturday, March 7th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Staines, 2.15 p.m.; St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 p.m.; Egham, 6 to 7 p.m. Tea at St. Peter's Hall, 4.30 p.m. 3905

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Combined practice at Overton (8) on Saturday, March 7th, at 6 p.m. All welcome. 3926

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Milford-on-Sea, Saturday, March 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Hordle after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 4th.—W. T. Godfrey, Pinehurst, Shorefield Way, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington, Hants. 3925

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Rockwell Green (6), Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 3912

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual meeting at Colemans Hatch, Saturday, March 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please make an effort to attend, to elect a new president. Names by 12th to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Colemans Hatch, Hartfield.—C. A. Bassett. 3916

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Bromley, Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little Bromley (4) may be available after tea. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to me, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 3927

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading.—M. R. Cross. 3878

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Newnham, Saturday, March 14th. Names for tea by Saturday previous to Mr. P. Box, The Banks, Newnham, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 3924

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Margate, on Easter Monday, March 30th. Committee 11 a.m. Service at noon. Luncheon 1 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Full ringing programme.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Chimneys, Offham, Maidstone. 3842

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting unavoidably postponed until April 11th. Further details later.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3934

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice. The annual festival and general meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, April 25th. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Gen. Sec. 3944

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at Holy Church, Hull, on February 14th, and was attended by 35 members. The service was conducted by the Society's chaplain, the Rev. G. S. Storer.

At the business meeting, the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) welcomed the members, and in drawing attention to the growing number of young lady ringers now regularly attending the monthly meetings, expressed the hope that the significance of two further young ladies being elected members presaged a year of improved recruitment. In all, six new members were elected at this meeting.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mr. A. E. Sellers; vice-president, Mr H. Parker; Ringing Master, Mr. J. M. Harrop; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. R. Ducker; secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. Kirk; assistant secretary, Mr. I. Goldthorpe; committee, Messrs. F. Dale, D. Johnson, J. Parker, A. Taylor and F. Wilkinson.

The Society's thanks were accorded to three retiring officers—Mr. L. Rodmell, who relinquished the position of Ringing Master after 11 years in office; Mr. G. Braithwaite, vice-president for the past five years; and Miss J. Wilson, secretary and treasurer during the past year.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE'S FIRST RINGERS' DINNER

Whatton-in-the-Vale, Nottingham, ringers held their first dinner on February 7th at the Griffin's Head Hotel, Whatton. They began the event by ringing the six church bells from 4.30 until 6.30 p.m. A tape-recording was made to be played back later in the evening. The dinner was attended by 35 ringers and friends, including people from Grantham, Newark, Nottingham, Radcliffe, Daybrook, Shelford, Leicester, Rugby, Northampton, Bottesford, North Muskham, and even as far away as Crewe. The meal was excellently cooked and much appreciated.

After Mr. Tom Greasley had proposed the loyal toast, Mr. David Clarke introduced the Whatton ringers to the visitors. The recording of the bells was played back, and handbell tune ringing was given by Brian Buswell, Tom Greasley and David Clarke. A game of 'What's my Line?' was organised by Mr. David (Eamonn Andrews) Clarke, and the celebrity was Peter Giles. A vote of thanks to Pam and David Clarke for organising the dinner was proposed by Mr. Bill Midwinter.

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