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ONE of the joys and privileges of life is the gift of independent thought and judgment. In the political field it is one of the most treasured possessions of the Western Democracies, and we, as ringers, find satisfaction in the knowledge that we are not all moulded mentally in the same pattern, although we have one common denominator in our love of bells.

These thoughts are prompted by two letters received by the Editor within the space of a week. The first was from one of that select group whose members have more than 1,000 peals each to their credit, of which more than 50 have been rung this year, telling of the difficulties of his company. 'Last Sunday, however, we rang for service some Grandsire Caters, and all ten of us went to church.'

The other letter was prompted by 'Traveller's' letter of September 30th, and reads: 'The fact that a band was struggling without any help from our household names, as he (Traveller) observes, is what one would expect. It seems to me that the more a person gets enmeshed in peal ringing, the more selfish he is liable to become. Of course, as you have so ingeniously pointed out, someone can always be found to shepherd a newcomer through his first peal with, no doubt, an eye also to the laurels he will himself acquire; but it is a very different thing patiently to struggle with the heartbreaking task of teaching a pupil how to handle a bell and give instruction in the rudimentary theory of change ringing. Someone else can do that. . . .

'There must be any number of villages up and down the country—I know some in this district—where the bells are rung every Sunday by a church-going band. Nothing elaborate; as often as not just Grandsire Doubles and St. Dunstan's. But why not, if the band is happy and is doing its job? I know one tower that has been doing just that for the past 40 years. The ringers' striking is perfect, but to the best of my knowledge they have never rung a peal as a band. None the less their enthusiasm has never faltered. Men like that are the backbone of ringing; they need no artificial stimulant in the form of a peal; they are self-contained and contented with simple honest ringing.'

We cannot accept the view that such bands are the backbone of English ringing. If such was the case there would be no need for the Central Council, the Guilds and Associations or 'The Ringing World,' and English ringing would become a decaying art. It is to the peal ringers, past and present, that the Exercise is dependent not only for its progress, its organisation, the great fellowship of the ringing family, and with that 'The Ringing World.' Are peal ringers as a body unmindful of their responsibility of passing on the knowledge and skill they have acquired to others? There may be isolated cases, but in the main they supply the Exercise with its teachers. The writer can only state his personal experience. He was taught to handle a bell by a ringer with over 1,000 peals to his credit, who shepherded him through the long process of rounds to rope-sight with three other learners, all of whom rang their first peal together. In the same tower there is another band of recruits for a six-bell tower shortly to have its bells restored. Three of the tower's most enthusiastic peal ringers, who attempt a peal most Saturdays, are their instructors in teaching these men to handle bells. And there are few Sundays when the three in question do not attend a church service.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF PRITTEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR D. COOK 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Maximus in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDNA M. SILLS ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 6
LEONARD MANNERING ... 2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 7
ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 8
GEORGE F. CANTRILL... 4	*REGINALD L. SILLS ... 9
E. S. JOHN HATCHER... 5	HERBERT J. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. HOLFIELD.

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRED G. NURDEN ... 6
*PETER BAKER ... 2	*GEORGE KILMINSTER ... 7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 3	THOMAS BOREHAM ... 8
EDWARD EVANS ... 4	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
WILLIAM DYER ... 5	*WILFRED NEWMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Oct. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PAUL L. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	+JILL POOLE 6
+HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	+SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
*DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 3	+SHIRLEY BURTON ... 8
*KATHLEEN V. TILLEY ... 4	+ALAN JACQUES 9
+ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5	+PETER J. STANFORTH... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by DENIS A. BAYLISS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	+F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 6
ALLEN MORGAN ... 2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 7
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN... 8
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	CYRIL TANSELL 9
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

* First peal on ten. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday compliment to Pauline, daughter of Cyril Tansell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LAMBETH, LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Hayward's Variation.	
*ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 6
AUBREY M. CASTLE ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 4	†PETER HUTCHINGS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. To celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Audrey M. Castle.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 5
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
WALTER AYRE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 61 lb.

*FREDERICK HOLDEN ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
SAMUEL BIRCH 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW... 6
+CHARLES R. GODFREY... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First of Major and first in the method. † First on eight bells and first in the method. A compliment to Miss E. D. Causer and Mr. J. D. Holden (Guild Ringing Master), both members of the local band, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.
JOHN LLOYD <i>Treble</i>	*RODERICK J. LEES ... 5
HENRY HUBBALL 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 6
THOMAS GREENHALL ... 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
HAROLD J. SHUCK 4	†JOHN STERRY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to the Guild Ringing Master, Mr. Dennis Holden, and Miss Ethel D. Causer; also a birthday compliment to wife and son of ringer of the second.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
ROBERT LEES <i>Treble</i>	SYDNEY HODGSON ... 5
TOM WILDE 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
ALBERT HODGSON 3	*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 7
ALFRED ROBERTS 4	PERCY WALTON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Triples in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor. To commemorate the 110th anniversary of the dedication of the church: also a compliment to Canon B. B. Slater, M.A., C.A., on the completion of 25 years as Vicar.



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**NORTHWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED SMITH 5
A. MURIEL REAY 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
ALBERT GREENHALGH 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 7
JOHN ASHCROFT 4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED SMITH.
First peal as conductor and 50th peal of Surprise.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

A PEAL OF MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,112 changes of Double Norwich, 1,632 of Plain Bob and 1,344 of Double Bob, 18 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR W. DICKERSON <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*BRYAN S. COPE 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
*HERBERT J. LASKEY ... 4	HENRY TOOKE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in three Major methods and on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN A. ETHERINGTON <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
EDWARD J. BRAGG 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
GEORGE L. GROVER 4	C. ERNEST SMITH <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES BENNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
*JAMES W. EDEN 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

D. & VID E. PARSONS ... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH C. SPITTLE 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 2	JOHN HILL 6
*JOYCE ENGLAND 3	FRANK OAKSHOTT 7
†JOHN E. BEAMS 4	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., Oct. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. The Minor eight. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.	
*JOHN KAPE <i>Treble</i>	ROLAND BIGGS 5
†SYLVIA COKER 2	RALPH COLES 6
†DOREEN COKER 3	FRED HAYES 7
WALTER LEE 4	†MICHAEL WARD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.
‡ First peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN G. GIPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. CRISP 5
*CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
CHARLES W. COOK 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
*CYRIL A. HURST 4	MANSFIELD GINN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
ALAN R. PINK 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
PHILIP WALKER 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS 4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*RONALD F. DISERENS... <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN N. MONEY 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	CHARLES PULLEN 6
MRS. A. DISERENS 3	ARTHUR WIGGINS 7
AUDREY B. DISERENS... 4	VINCENT T. CHERRIILL... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* First peal.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN PAGETT <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 5
JOHN BASS 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	ERNEST TURNER 7
SIDNEY THOMPSON ... 4	THOMAS HEMMING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY PURCHASE <i>Treble</i>	CLAUDE TARR 5
JOHN PUGSLEY 2	ISAAC FARMER 6
RAYMOND YOUNG 3	HENRY W. LLOYD 7
RAYMOND WINTER 4	FRANK MORRIS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugsley.

NEWCHURCH, CULCHETH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5
A. MURIEL REAY 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW 4	JOHN W. HAMER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by P. W. CAVE.
In memoriam James Orme. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part (Variation). Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

HENRY ROGERS <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK G. HOOPER 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF 6
PATRICK PRESTON 3	*WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 in F sharp.

G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	*ALAN F. THIRST 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON... 6
*†ARTHUR D. COOK 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
*†TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	†GEORGE E. FEARN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal of Pudsey. † 100th peal together. First peal in the method for the society.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY <i>Treble</i>	JILL BRITTAIN 5
E. JOAN SALMONS 2	†A. YORK-BRAMBLE 6
NELIA LEAHY 3	DANIEL T. MATKIN 7
*MAURICE J. BUTLER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
 * First Surprise peal 'inside.' † First peal of London. A farewell peal to the Rector, Canon Spencer Leeson, Bishop-designate of Peterborough. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ERNEST J. PADGETT ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES THORLEY 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 6
*GIBSON JACKSON 3	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ... 7
†RONALD SANDERSON 4	*CHARLES THORLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHELEY.
 * First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JACK MUSSELL <i>Treble</i>	JOHN HARTLESS 5
FREDERICK PRECEY 2	RONALD N. MARLOW 6
*JAMES E. DANIELS 3	HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 4	FRANK L. HARRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS.
 * First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHISWICK, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pilstow's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
HERBERT J. ELDRÉD ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. A. FINCH 5
WILLIAM J. BUNCE 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
*THOMAS COLLINS 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE 7
†THOMAS E. DAVIES 4	†BERNARD BENNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
 * 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

EDWIN G. MOORE <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
JOAN GRAY 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
PHILIP M. J. GRAY 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PERKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM EDWARDS 5
ALAN D. STEEL 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL 6
CHARLES S. RYLES 3	†ALBAN JACK 7
*CHARLES H. PAGE 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.
 * 150th peal for the Association. † First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John G. Cartledge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HORACE M. DAY <i>Treble</i>	*CECIL WADE 5
*RAYMOND WADE (13) ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN 6
CHARLES WOOD 3	†LAWRENCE HADMAN ... 7
GEORGE S. BUSH 4	ALBERT SCOTT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.
 * First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Linsfield, of Letchworth, on the occasion of their silver wedding. Tenor 16 cwt.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.	
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 6
†HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 3	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
†E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
 * 25th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Messrs. R. T. and R. E. Lambert, Horsmonden.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
*ERNEST WILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	RALPH W. SAVERS 6
†ALLEN MORGAN 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
 * First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

PERCY SMITH <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED YOUNG 4
WILLIAM SEEKINGS 2	DUDLEY PAUL 5
ERIC SMITH 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
 A compliment to Mr. A. J. ('Pop') Abrams on his 80th birthday.

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
*ROBERT GARNER ... <i>Treble</i>	EDNA M. SILLS 4
FRANK P. WRIGHT 2	ALFRED CHAPMAN 5
WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.
 * First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
MARGARET H. BAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER C. WRIGHT 4
*FREDERICK E. MANSER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MANSER 5
FRANK P. WRIGHT 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
 * First peal of Minor 'inside.'

RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, six called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.	
W. HARRY SHORT ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS W. GOODYER ... 4
ELIZABETH M. SLOAN (15) 2	JOHN DUNCAN 5
ROBERT W. FERRIS 3	WILLIAM M. ROWE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.
 * First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, for the Association and on the bells. First peal of Bob Minor outside the British Isles. First peal of Minor for a lady outside the British Isles.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds 1, F. Bush 2, Miss S. Woodhouse (first quarter) 3, S. Hart 4, R. Stallibrass 5, E. Beauchamp 6, R. Hart (cond.) 7, R. Randall 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, A. Crane 2, R. Felce (first quarter) 3, W. Daniels 4, J. Marks 5, J. Meager 6, W. Sear (cond.) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Martin 1, — Eldridge 2, W. Walker 3, J. Eldridge 4, W. Judd 5, G. Gilbert 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8. A farewell tribute to Eric Sutton, ringer and chorister, who has left for Bristol.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Elliott 1, F. Skidmore 2, V. Lucas 3, Anne Clarke (first quarter) 4, N. Denson 5, C. Harding 6, A. C. Baker (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor in four methods: H. Cummins 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. C. Lambert (cond.) 6.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, R. Lyon (first in method) 5, C. Sayward 6, E. Bowhill 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Beadle 1, J. Wells 2, Mrs. C. Denyer 3, E. Gardner 4, T. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 7, E. Payne 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Collett 1, W. J. Dixon 2, H. Parker 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, T. S. Stratford (first in the method 'inside') 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 1, D. Neal (first quarter in method) 2, C. R. Smith 3, T. G. Fox 4, J. F. Grove 5, E. D. Smith 6, C. E. Willmington 7, F. Akers 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blake 1, J. Oliver 2, Miss M. Flynn 3, Ed. Blake 4, P. Williams 5, Wm. C. Dowding 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 7, J. Betterton 8. First of Triples by 1, 2 and 3.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, A. M. Castle 3, E. Beauchamp 4, S. Smith 5, W. D. Grainger 6, J. Bullock 7, J. W. Parker 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brett 1, F. Booth 2, F. G. D. Tonkin 3, R. E. Hughes 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, C. Booth 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, A. W. Coles 2, R. W. Green 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 5, Dr. W. R. Winterton 6, G. Charge 7, R. Charge 8. A 64th birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, J. Morris 2, H. G. Keeley 3, R. Keeley 4, E. S. Hawker 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, R. Stone 2, H. Commins 3, T. Hancock 4, R. Winter 5, F. Morris 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. Rung with 4.6.8 covering. First quarter 1, 4 and 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead.

READING.—On Oct. 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens (first in the method 'inside') 2, A. J. Whittle 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, J. S. Taylor 5, C. Pullen 6, P. J. Dyke (cond.) 7, W. Macted 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Steel (first quarter) 1, W. Shute 2, R. E. Tiller 3, L. Harris 4, J. Hartless 5, J. Mussell 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, R. Marlow 8.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Old Doubles, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): W. Sturgess 1, A. Paul 2, W. R. Paul 3, E. Nobles 4, E. G. Bennett (first quarter as cond.) 5.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 7th, a quarter peal of Doubles (420 Grandsire, 240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 120 April Day): Mrs. W. Vann 1, W. Vann 2, D. Pitstow 3, C. Underwood 4, R. Gibbons (cond.) 5. For the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. P. Carnegy.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. E. Bramwell (first quarter) 1, B. Englefield 2, B. H. Perry 3, J. Chesterman 4, A. E. A. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Englefield 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George's on Oct. 9th, 1,312 London Surprise Major: A. J. Boyack 1, Miss P. Kitchen 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, H. G. Andrews 5, R. H. Begrie 6, P. A. F. Chalk 7, J. G. A. Prior 8. First of London by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Joyce A. England 1, H. Belcher 2, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. Langdon 5, A. R. Macdonald 6, D. E. Parsons 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Phillips 10. A birthday compliment to Mr. William S. Langdon.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Norman 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, G. E. Crisp 3, A. Payne 4, M. Ginn 5, G. H. Dunnington (cond.) 6.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hart 1, F. Crudge 2, J. Rose 3, G. Abbott 4, W. J. Chapman 5, J. W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, G. Monks 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Collett 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, E. J. Hill 4, B. J. Coggins 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6, W. J. Dixon 7, P. J. Powell 8.

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

Salisbury citizens were amazed when they heard the bells pealing out from the bell turret of Bishop Wordsworth's School, for they knew there was only one bell in the turret. A Salisbury radio firm had experimentally installed four loudspeakers in the turret to amplify recordings of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, to call the boys to chapel.

Officers of the Oxford University Society are:

Master, Mr. M. E. H. Barrow (Exeter); treasurer, Miss C. M. Trist (St. Anne's); secretaries, Miss R. M. K. How (Somerville) and Mr. R. B. Meadows (Exeter).

Mr. W. Eric Critchley has 'circled' Thorne, Yorkshire, tower, and Mr. W. Seekings has twice 'circled' Chatteris, Cambs.

Miss Jill Poole, of Leicester, comes of age to-day. May the traditional presentation of the 'key of the door' be also a key of happiness to her in the years to come.

The C. of E. Church, Royal Air Force, Abu Sueir, Middle East Air Force, is anxious to procure a set of handbells costing between £12 and £15. The Editor would be pleased to hear of any ringers who could help in this direction.

The many ringing friends of Mr. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, will regret to hear that he is at present in Hogarth Ward at Notting-ham General Hospital. He has undergone an operation and is making satisfactory progress.

Mr. Charles H. Kippin suggests that Mr. Bullen must have been dreaming about his having rung a peal of Yorkshire Royal in 1928. 'I did not learn the method until 1945,' he writes; 'in fact, the conductor of the Southampton peal thinks I haven't learned it yet.'

The peal of Spiced Oxford and Kent Minor at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, is the first performance in the Midlands. Mr. E. C. Gobey believes that it has been rung for the Chester Guild and the Kent County Association, but would like verification. The 720's were by W. H. Wilde, who gave them to Mr. Gobey in the early twenties. Previous attempts had been made by him to ring the peal but without success.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Bristol University Society is very strong this year.

Last week 11 members participated in two peal attempts. The society has 17 resident change-ringing members besides many who can handle a bell and are learning our art.

Mr. John Bass, who rang the first peal on Kingswinford (Staffs) bells after rehanging, rang in the first peal on the old six and also the first peal when the bells were augmented to eight in 1923.

Mr. R. W. Stannard was in perfect fettle for his 80th birthday peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He rang the 6th in perfect style from start to finish, writes the conductor.

During his visit to the Leicester Festival, Mr. Edwin Jennings came out of retirement(?) to ring two peals. The handbell peal was his first in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

Two of the pupils of Mr. Terry R. Hampton, of Birmingham, have scored a handbell peal at Londonderry. His good work while in the Navy is being improved upon, new recruits are being taught method ringing and the standard of striking has improved.

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Milverton, Somerset, on October 10th. Mr. Pugsley is the only surviving member of the band which rang in the opening peal on these bells on May 18th, 1893.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of 142, Minshall New Road, Crewe, writes suggesting an Oddfellows' peal at Montgomery. It would be a fine gesture to Mr. J. E. Tomley, C.B.E., of Montgomery, who is to address the West Central Counties Conference of Oddfellows on 'Seventy years of Oddfellowship' at an early date. Oddfellows interested might like to communicate with Mr. Stenson.

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HISTORY OF THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ON Saturday, April 29th, 1899, an amalgamated meeting of the four existing associations in the Lincoln Diocese was held at the Cathedral. The Bishop of Lincoln presided over a large attendance, and said he understood that they wished to form a united society for the ringers of the whole diocese. So runs the report of the foundation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 'The Bell News' of 1899. The first year saw much hard administrative work, various meetings were held and four peals were rung, and the report on the first full year's working was given at the annual meeting in 1900, 'held in delightful weather, and after partaking of an excellent tea.' Thus were the traditions of the Guild established.

ONLY THREE MASTERS.

For fifty years the Guild has known only three Masters. Each has contributed magnificently, not only to the success, but also to the personality of the Guild—nay more, of the Exercise. Consider these names—Henry Law James, priest; Rupert Richardson; John Ashley Freeman. With James as its Master for 33 years, the Guild was not likely to lapse into oblivion. He came with a reputation and a determination to spare nothing in order to make progress wherever possible. In report after report he does not mince words on such vital subjects as striking; time and again we note that he conducts a peal in some remote village—first peal for all except the conductor. The best in the Guild reaped the benefits of his mathematical mind, ringing methods considered almost revolutionary, and culminating in 1926 in Superlative Surprise Royal. All this effort bore fruit; active bands in the Grantham and Grimsby districts rang peals regularly, and a band was formed, too, to ring 'spliced' successfully, for the recognition of which he had fought without quarter. James had won a battle greater than he knew. . . . A little Lincolnshire village called Surfleet was beginning to find a place in English ringing, and from there, too, came James' successor in 1933.

RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rupert Richardson, by his benevolence, generous hospitality and amazing interest in every member of the Guild, both young and old alike, welded the Guild into an entity. He appeared everywhere at meetings—no small feat in such a diocese. He was farsighted enough to realise that continuous progress depended upon the younger ringer, and he encouraged them, which for Rupert was not a difficult task, being ever young in spirit himself. And, all the time, experienced bands making great advances in Spliced Minor and Surprise Major were conscious of his keen interest and support. Surfleet week-ends, when Lincolnshire men mingled with ringers from all over the country, were the beginning of friendships enjoyed by the Guild to-day.

A HAPPY CHOICE.

In 1947, the Guild was again happy in its choice of a new Master when it elected unanimously John A. Freeman to succeed Rupert Richardson. If James had been the theorist, here was the practitioner. Ever since the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to twelve in 1928, and his election as Master of the Cathedral company in 1929, his assiduous efforts to produce a band capable of the best in the Guild's first tower, where 20 years before chiming was the order of the day,

began to bear fruit. He had called the Guild's first peal of London in 1928, and the higher methods became the normal thing. By his skill as a conductor, and by his influence as a man, he has set a seal on the hopes of the founders of 50 years ago.

(To be continued)

Leeds Tenor Crashes

It usually takes five minutes or more to lower the 42 cwt. tenor at Leeds Parish Church, so that the record of the tenor man who got the bell down in one half-pull and cleared the belfry in about two strides on a recent practice night will probably stand for all time.

An accident, which might have had more serious results, proved the truth of the old



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.—There are now thirteen bells in the South-West tower, a flat sixth having been added in 1948 in memory of Rupert Richardson.

proverb that . . . 'for want of a nail the battle was lost . . . ' but in this case it was apparently the want of a nut on the clapper pin which resulted in the tenor at Leeds being thrown into the frame.

By a remote chance the clapper, as it was thrown from the bell, apparently became jammed endways against the frame, so that the full shock was taken by the bell and its headstock. Fortunately the bell appears to be undamaged, but its massive cast-iron headstock was snapped in half. The clapper was only slightly bent, and while the exact cause and the extent of the damage can only be found when the bell has been lifted, it seems that a lost nut from the clapper pin was the cause of this alarming accident.

For the time being ringing will be confined to the light eight or the middle ten. The accident was all the more disappointing as only that night the struggling local band had with the aid of two visitors got through a course of Grandsire Cinques.

In fairness to the bell hangers, Messrs. Taylor and Co., it should be stated that the accident implies no neglect on their part. On the contrary, it is a striking proof of the quality of their workmanship that a bell of 42 cwt. can be hurled against the frame with apparently no ill effect upon either the frame or, it is believed, the bell.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

Though the attendance of 50 was in no way a record, an encouraging feature of the annual district meeting, held on October 8th at All Saints', Maidstone, was that 17 different district towers were represented, in addition to six more from other parts of Kent.

Tea was served, by invitation of the Vicar, Canon C. B. Sampson, and his churchwardens, in the College Room. At the business meeting, presided over by Canon Sampson, the district secretary, in his report, commenting on the recent decision not to increase the practising membership subscription from 2s., said that of this sum 6d. was spent locally and 1s. 6d. remitted to the general treasurer. New ideas were developed by separate contributions, such as the extra 3d. for the programme card. There had been a number of lapsed memberships since 1948, but this had been offset to some extent by the affiliation of the bands at Snodland and Hunton, bringing the total to 20 towers.

Congratulations were extended to the younger peal ringers and conductors. So far this year there had been 23 peals in 16 district towers, and 11 elsewhere having a strong Maidstone district flavour. Special mention was accorded the district peal of Grandsire Caters at Leeds on October 1st, in which nine of those taking part had conducted peals.

After the presentation of a provisional balance sheet, and the re-election of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher as district secretary, and Messrs. G. F. Cantrill and A. Waddington as district representatives, the meeting passed to a discussion of the 1950 programme of meetings. Two matters necessitated a vote; first, despite the rather poor order of the bells at Birling, it was decided to hold a meeting there for missionary purposes; second, Essex obtained a majority over Sussex for the coach tour in June.

The high spot of the day was the official welcome to the first number of the new quarterly district magazine, 'The Belfry', which had just appeared under the editorship of Mr. Frank P. Wright.

At 6 p.m. evensong was held in the choir-stalls of All Saints' Church. Mr. G. H. Spice read the lesson, and very appropriately a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by E. S. J. Hatcher, F. Tomlin, A. Waddington and P. C. Wright, this sounding extremely beautiful in the silence that otherwise prevailed. E. S. J. H.

CONGRATULATIONS—100 YEARS OF AGE

Congratulations to Mrs. Liversedge, of St. George's, Bristol, on attaining the good old age of 100 on October 4th.

Mrs. Liversedge is the mother of a founder member of St. Ambrose's Guild, Bristol, Mr. Alan Liversedge, who himself is a septuagenarian. Mr. Liversedge has not taken any active part in the Guild's activities for some years, as he has an invalid wife.

The bells of St. Ambrose's rang a quarter-peal as a birthday compliment, which was also coupled as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. A. E. Clarke (organist and choirmaster of St. Ambrose's) and Mrs. Clarke, whose daughter Anne scored her first quarter on this occasion. A performance which will remain long in her memory. F. S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUBBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The report of the Suffolk peal tour hardly does justice to our peal at All Saints', Sudbury. It was unfortunate that the tempo of our recent hot summer should have been at its peak at the time of the tourists' endeavours. That, I think, coupled with a rather busy programme, gave them 'a tucking up.'

Most of the company must by reason of their many activities be more competent to judge than I. The late Alf Bowell rehung the whole of this ring in 1938, and except for his error in clapping the tenor, we say, as have many others, he may not have cast a gem, but he could make them 'go.'

The passing of Alf Bowell prevented his rectifying the error, and as hon. secretary of our company I have recently been pleased to forward to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the cheque for their work, which has left All Saints' tenor in a satisfactory condition.—Yours respectfully,
ARCHIE A. FITCH.
Sudbury, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Suffolk and Norfolk peal tour you state that All Saints', Sudbury, requires the attention of the bell-hanger. I am very interested to know which one goes bad. True, they're not in an iron frame with ball bearings, but the main thing is there's music.

Put Len, David and Arthur on 6-7-8 and you have what should be the aim of us all, melodious rhythm. On hearing the tenor after her cannons were removed I felt certain that she had lost some of her beauty, this being afterwards confirmed by people who have known this bell over 40 years, but she is still quite good, no iron, tin or artificial humming, but a beautiful mellow note which one never forgets.

Ring this grand old ring at its proper pace to a good musical method and I guarantee that any ringer with reasonable experience can really enjoy himself without feeling undue strain, but don't climb the stairs if you are already overtired.—Yours fraternally,
Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE MILLS.

IRISH PEALS

Dear Sir,—In connection with the 'claims' by the Leicester ringers on the Irish tour, I regret having given Mr. Poole incorrect information.

I must confess complete ignorance regarding the Stedman Caters 'in hand.' The first intimation I ever had of this peal was when Mr. Barber's letter appeared. This peal was not rung for the Irish Association and is not in the records of the Association.

The Yorkshire Major peal was well known to me. I thought I had given particulars of all first performances for the Association and am sorry for its omission.

It would assist me and the Association if I knew what peals were rung in Ireland for other associations. I am now aware of five such peals, viz.: (1) Grandsire Triples in 1872 for Ancient Society of College Youths at Waterford; (2) ditto, in 1873; (3) Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Arklow in 1899 for Midland Counties Association; (4) Stedman Caters ('in hand'), I presume, for St. Martin's Guild in 1901 at Dublin (perhaps Mr. Barber will confirm); and (5) London Surprise for Leicester Guild at Arklow in August last.—Yours faithfully,
FRED E. DUKES.
Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. F. Sale 1, G. H. Dodd (first of Doubles) 2, A. Brain 3, B. C. Stirlind (first 'inside' of Doubles) 4, J. W. Berry (cond.) 5, M. J. Dodd (first of Doubles) 6. For the centenary of the church.

LEICESTER GUILD'S UNFORTUNATE SHADOW

Dear Sir,—If only Mr. 'Robin Hood' (why have some people not got the courage to sign their own names?) and his friends would air their grievances, something might be done to remove the unfortunate shadow from the Leicester Diocesan Guild. All the officers are doing good work and it is a pity to see it spoilt by peal ringing (usually for another Guild) by resident Leicester Diocesan Guild members in a nearby tower to where they have arranged a meeting. It is a fine state of affairs when five resident Leicester Guild members ring a peal ('in hand') in the centre of Leicester for another Guild without any apparent reason.—Yours faithfully,
BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester Cathedral.

'QUIT YE LIKE MEN'

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, 'Robin Hood,' has effectively disillusioned me. I imputed the worthiest motives to the peals in question being credited to a Guild outside the Leicester Diocese, thinking it was to create interest and encourage a Guild seeking progress. Now it seems to have been an unworthy effort to air supposed grievances.

If there is no desire to air them in public, why the need for 'Robin Hood's' letter? 'Twere much better to bring them into the open than let them smoulder. Is it envy and petty jealousy by some who have had all the headlines, all the paragraphs and the footnotes because others come along and steal a little of the limelight? The Leicester Diocesan Guild has achieved much since it was formed and all members should be proud of it. It stands on sure foundations and will not easily decline. Let us remember and imitate some of the unassuming stalwarts who have passed on and to whom the present generation owe so much. 'Put away childish things and quit ye like men.' Let us show that Christian goodwill which should be the creed and practice of the art we should adorn.—Yours faithfully,
H. G. JENNEY.
Leicester.

CAMBRIDGE OR PRIMROSE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Kippin's statement that the ringers in this peal knew nothing of Primrose matters not at all. What does matter is that all the Bob Leads of the composition in question are, in fact, Primrose.

Many methods have their split lead affinity, the one having 2nds place at Lead Head and 4th place Bob, the other taking 8th place, and 6th place Bob. Such are Cambridge and Primrose. To call the one the other is unnecessary and misleading. That way lies confusion and chaos.—Yours faithfully,
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
Ipswich.

LLANDYSILO CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The contributor who inserted the account of the peal rung at the Church of St. Tysilio can be pardoned for translating Llandysilio as the church of St. Dysilio. Mr. Edwin Lewis' appeal to Welsh grammar omitted the important point that the preceding noun should be feminine, otherwise the initial letter of the genitive would not mutate. The correct Welsh description of the above church should be, of course, Eglwys Tysilio Sant.

The English translation of the long Welsh name is: The church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near to the rapid whirlpool—the church of St. Tysilio (near to) the red cave.—Yours, etc.,
VINCENT CHILD.
Bangor.

Note.—Crockford's Clerical Directory gives the dedication St. Tyssilo.—Editor.

First Peal on 10 in Ireland

Dear Sir,—To the first peal on ten bells in Ireland there hangs a story. The late J. W. Washbrook called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Patrick's, Dublin, which, although a false performance, was published, the reason being that he started with two bobs at Wrong and finished up with two bobs at Middle, which caused the Plain Course to be rung from the Middle to the Wrong twice, therefore making the peal false.

Later, in the tour organised by the late William Pye in 1901, a peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5,000 changes, was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, conducted by William Short, on May 24th, with William Pye on the tenor. This was claimed as the first peal of Royal rung out of Great Britain, and the first peal on ten bells in Ireland. This claim has never been disputed.—Yours faithfully,
E. W. PYE.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

'CARE OF BELLS'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter, 'Care of Bells,' in your issue of September 30th, may I suggest another side to the question? We are ringers for our own amusement and this at a very low cost. The apparatus we use is provided and maintained for us by the Church Councils at considerable expense. A set of eight new ropes costs about £20. Do we ringers contribute as much as we ought to? I know that the various Guilds and Associations do make grants, but they are a 'drop in the ocean.' My own opinion, that we should do more in this matter, is confirmed by many others and was endorsed at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge Division (Kent Association) on October 1st. What do your readers say?—Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR F. WELLINGTON.
Tonbridge Wells, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on October 8th. About 70 members and visiting ringers were present, including the Deputy Master, Capt. A. B. Poyntz.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. R. R. Woodfield, curate of St. Nicolas'.

At the business meeting all branch officers were re-elected. Sixteen new members had been elected during the year, making the branch membership up to 135.

The Deputy Master exhorted members to back up their secretary and turn up in force at meetings. He did not think that the company present, which included many visitors, was representative enough, considering its membership of 135. He was afraid that the first flush of enthusiasm, noticeable after the war, was beginning to weaken, and he urged the absolute necessity of training young ringers to prevent the art from dying out.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Eighty-three ringers, representing 24 towers and 5 Guilds, attended the Hinckley District meeting at Barwell on October 15th. The Rector conducted the service and the Rev. Holderness (a Guild member) read the lesson.

After tea, the meeting decided to hold the 1950 district dinner at Stoney Stanton on January 14th.

COMBINED MEETING

The Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and the North-Western District, Surrey Association, held their annual combined meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on October 1st. Canon Renshaw gave the address at the service. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Blow for making arrangements for the meeting and tea.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JEAN M. WARD Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT... .. 4
COLIN A. KIRK 2	ALAN CATTELL 5
JOHN M. MYATT 3	TERENCE A. THORNER... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

First peal in five methods for all.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Snowdrop, Morning Pleasure, Sandal, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford and Duke of York. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILFRED BROADHEAD ... Treble	ROY BROGAN 4
*ALEC RUSBY 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
†FRED COWLING 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. To mark the 90th anniversary of opening of bells.

BUSHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PETER BAKER Treble	JOHN THOMAS 4
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	ERNEST CUBBERLEY ... 5
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal on the bells. A farewell to the Rev. E. B. Edgell, on leaving for St. James', Dudley. Tenor 8½ cwt.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*M. ANGELA CARTER ... Treble	DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 4
*AUDREY J. WEST 2	*H. A. TREADGOLD 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in four Minor methods. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE 5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 3	GEORGE W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE. Tenor 7 cwt.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (no bobs). Tenor 10 cwt.

C. WILLIAM HALL ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
DEREK DOBSON 2	SAMUEL MARTIN 5
STANLEY GARDNER ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. WILDE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in the methods by all.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDR 4
*JOHN N. LINDON 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
*J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	THOMAS HARRIS 7-8

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor size 14 in D.	
*JOHN J. FIELDING 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
*JACK CAMPBELL 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal. First handbell peal in the county.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in E flat.	
GORDON M. MACLURE (17) 1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN (15) 3-4
*DAVID R. G. TURNER (13) 5-6	

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.

* First peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, five callings. Tenor size 12 in F.	
*DEREK WHITFORD 1-2	ROGER LEIGH 3-4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

* First peal on handbells.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 9, 1949, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes.

AT 'STEDMAN,' 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.	
EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
EDWIN JENNINGS 5-6	

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* 400th peal. First peal of Minor in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In nine methods, comprising 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,008 Gainsborough Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse, St. Clement's College and Crayford College, 288 each of Little Bob and Wellington Little Bob, and 192 each of Double and Crayford Little Bob, with 324 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.	
WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal in nine methods by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.	
BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	*DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
†TERENCE A. THORNER... 9-10	

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First in the method on 'inside' pair. † First peal on ten handbells.

Diss Ringer Married

On October 15th the wedding took place at Diss Methodist Church of Mr. W. Archie Lock, of Yaxley, and Miss Margaret Bishop.

Mr. Lock is well known in Norfolk and Suffolk, having been a regular service ringer at Diss for some years and since 1947 secretary of the Eye district of the Suffolk Guild. The bride's family is well known in farming circles and she is assistant organist at the Methodist Church.

As the happy pair drove up Mere Street to the reception the bells of the Parish Church greeted them. Unfortunately, the peal attempt which followed had to be brought round after five courses of Superlative had been rung, the bells failing to 'settle down.' A quarter peal of Spliced Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich was subsequently rung.

The honeymoon is being spent in London. Mr. and Mrs. Lock's address is now Shimpling, Diss, Norfolk. N. G.

WEST SOMERSET GOLDEN WEDDING

We briefly recorded last week the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugsley, of Minehead. For 60 years Mr. Pugsley has been ringing at St. Michael's, Minehead, having been taught the rudiments of change ringing in 1888 by the Rev. J. Utten Todd, of the band then styled the Change Ringing Society of St. Michael's Tower, Minehead. Three, in addition to Mr. Pugsley, survive—Messrs. Sidney Mason, John Lyddon and William Sminney.

This band rang their first peal in 1891—Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Ringing Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Mr. Pugsley called his first peal in 1893. Since 1900 he has been captain of the Minehead ringers. He is also Ringing Master of the Dunster Deanery. For 30 years Mr. Pugsley held the dual post of ringer and chorister.

After ringing on October 10th, the anniversary of the wedding, local ringers and their wives were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION EASTERN DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District at Beverley on October 1st was attended by 50 ringers and friends representing 18 towers. Beverley Minster's fine ring of ten was kept busy during the afternoon and evening.

Mr. A. H. Fox presided at the business meeting, and Miss Rosalie Welburn, of Bridlington Priory, was elected a member. Pontefract was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The meeting agreed to support the General Committee if they decided to increase the annual subscription to the Association. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 2s. 6d.

DEDICATION

After being silent for almost a year, Cradley (St. Peter's) bells were rededicated on October 6th, having been returned and rebung on modern fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Blews, of Smethwick, in 1873, and after being awarded a gold medal at the Vienna Exhibition, were purchased by Mrs. Aston, who died before they were installed. There is a short rhyme locally as to what the bells seem to say:—

'Mrs. Aston, dead and gone,
Bought Cradley bells and ne'er heard one.'
The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. W. Yaxley), and the address given by a former curate, the Rev. G. Lawrence. The opening touches were rung by the local band, which included Messrs. A. Wyre (leader), A. G. Hall (secretary) and L. R. Hall (towerkeeper). Many visiting ringers were present. Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. Taylor and Co.

OBITUARY

MR. T. MITCHELL.

Mr. Tom Mitchell, aged 64, of Cuckfield, a member of the Sussex County Association since 1914, died on October 10th as the result of a road accident. He was cycling to work when he fell underneath the wheel of a tractor and trailer while it was negotiating a sharp bend at Cuckfield.

He was held in esteem by a wide circle of friends. For the past 30 years he had been a ringer at Cuckfield, and previously rung at Slaughtam. He had rung eight peals in the following methods: Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 2, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Plain Bob Major 1.

The funeral service at Cuckfield Parish Church on October 13th was conducted by the Rev. H. F. C. Kempe (Vicar). In the evening a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung half-muffled by Miss M. Howell 1, G. W. Cecil 2, J. Lilley 3, J. Jeffery 4, G. Apps 5, H. Lilley 6, R. Overy (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

MR. JAMES ORME.

Newchurch, near Warrington, Lancashire, has lost one of its old stalwarts in Mr. James Orme. He was organist and ringer at this church for 62 years. It was he who started the then 'stone' hand to ring changes, when there was a ring of six bells. On six bells they made such progress that the usual custom was to practise a method on practice night and ring a 720 of that method for service the following Sunday. They rang all the methods they could then find. Then Jim thought they ought to have eight bells, and he put his back into it with all the zest he could, and sufficient money was raised not only for the two extra bells, but enough to have the six recast. He had good followers in the tower, with the result that the band rang Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major for the Sunday services.

He was 80 years of age and was interred at Newchurch on October 11th. A peal of Stedman was later rung to his memory.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

QUARTERLY MEETING AT SHIRLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Shirley on October 8th. The light eight bells (6½ cwt. tenor) are a very useful ring, although somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber, due to the short draught of rope. The Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Billings) conducted the service and preached an interesting address.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, the following new members were elected: Miss M. Westoby, Messrs. J. W. Hovey, B. D. A. Woolley, A. C. Morris and K. Taylor. The tower elections, as life members, of Messrs. G. H. Cross, A. J. House, F. E. Hawthorne and W. A. Farmer were ratified.

It was resolved that the annual meeting be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on the first Saturday in January, and that the annual Henry Johnson dinner be arranged for March 4th.

The Master called attention to the new dustproof bookcase which has been purchased by the Guild to house the growing library of 'Ringing Worlds' and other books. A complete set of 'Bell News' from 1881 and 'The Ringing World' up to date form a valuable collection, and are in regular use by members on practice nights and other occasions, and the additional bookcase, designed to match the existing one, was essential for their proper care.

A notice of motion was given of a proposal to increase the annual subscription.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and to Mr. Arthur Morris, whose warm welcome is always a pleasant feature of a visit to Shirley.

NOTICES

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Francis Clare, retired from concert stage, wishes to sell lovely set of 25 concert HANDBELLS by Mears and Stainbank. Two octaves (chromatic) from G (below) Old Philharmonic. Split ball and felt clappers, stiffened leather handles. £60, including two fibre cases and underquilt.—Glebe Farmhouse, Alington, Norwich. 5979

WANTED

WANTED TO PURCHASE, 'RINGING WORLDS' for 1948.—John A. Hilton, 2, Albert Cottages, Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, Kent. 5987

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of M. F. R. Hibbert is now 11, Palmer Avenue, Bushey, Herts. 5996

MISCELLANEOUS

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—GRAMOPHONE RECORDS; one side, address by Bishop of Bath and Wells; other side, 9-10 leads of 720 of Double Court; 10s.—L. W. Fussell, M.A., Wellow Vicarage, Bath. 5983

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PUBLICATIONS

SURPRISE METHODS—350 Surprise Royal and Maximus, 2s.; second edition, 370 Surprise Major, 2s.; post free. 160 Unnamed Methods sold out. Postal orders to A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5796

'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS' will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Egham, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. Hawthorne. 5925

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church House, 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 5939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5935

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3. Ringing after the meeting at Woodford.—A. B. Peck. 5945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Bury St. Edmunds, Oct. 29th. Both towers from 2.30. Tea and business 5 p.m., followed by district meeting. Tea only by notification to W. R. Goodship, 48, Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. 5951

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral on Oct. 29th. Tower open from 3 to 5. Bells again available after the 6 o'clock evening service. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All ringers are cordially invited. 5973

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury (8), Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5966

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5964

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting Alvaston, Oct. 29th, 3. 5959

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5978

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting at Bromfield, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5985

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Oct. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. Guy, 3, Menie Meade, Newport, I.W. 6003

DARTFORD, KENT.—200th anniversary of local peal of Grandsire Triples. Social evening at Bull Hotel on Wed., Nov. 3rd, 7. Ringers' wives and friends welcome. 5993

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, 6.30 p.m. All tickets sold. Additional ringing St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, from 2.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5991

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield. 5975

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Colwich, near Stafford, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) 5.30. Names by Nov. 1st to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5962

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Mersham (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business. Names to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted, Surrey, by Tues., Nov. 1st. 5969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5972

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Davenham, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Tea only for those notifying me by Oct. 31st.—H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 6006

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2.30. Bells 6. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous. 5956

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Wickhambreaux, Sat., Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Names, please, to Mr. S. White, The Nurseries, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.—B. J. Luck. 5974

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Annual committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5984

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 5th, St. John's, 3.5-3.30: St. Stephen's, 7-8. Tea 5.30 (3s.) to those who notify by Nov. 1st, W. E. Robinson, 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle, 6. 5999

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Selston, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 5.30. Dinner 6.30. Tickets (7s. 6d.) can be obtained from the secretary, Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. Only a limited supply left. 5981

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Elstow (6), Nov. 5th, 3. Tea 5, in the School.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5990

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Ockley, Nov. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at King's Arms. Numbers for tea to Mr. Duffield, The Gardens, Ockley Court, Dorking, early, please. 5989

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Bere Regis, Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Bus service, Weymouth 1.50. Please notify by Nov. 1st.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5988

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5986

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Debenham, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5, to all who notify Leslie G. Brett, Framsdon, Suffolk. 5952

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Tyringham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (5) 5.—R. H. Howson. 5995

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hinton, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea. Names by Oct. 31st to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 6000

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting Seend, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 5th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Ormskirk. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 3s. per head to those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, Mr. W. Pilkington, 5, Edgley Drive, Ormskirk.—J. Burns. 6001

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Binfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 5th, 6-9.—B. C. Castle. 6002

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Nov. 5th, St. Stephen's. Ringing 3. Tea 5, St. Michael's. Notify by Nov. 3rd to secretary. 6004

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Littleport (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5997

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gedney, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea only for those who notify me before Nov. 5th.—J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding, Lincs. 5965

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5998

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOKINGHAM.—Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the bells, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available 4.30-9. Tea in the Parish Room 4.30. Admission by ticket only (1s. 6d.), payable there. Application should be made not later than Nov. 5th to Mr. F. G. Brooks, Flat 1, North Brook, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham. 5946

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting Montacute, Nov. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5992

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Newnham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. S. Osborne, 6, Council Houses, Newnham, by Thursday, Nov. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Dis. Sec. 5994

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington, Nov. 12th. No tea for those who do not notify Mr. M. Pritchard, The Glen, Station Road, Tadley, near Wellington, Salop, of their intention to attend on or before Saturday, Nov. 5th.—C. M. Barron. 6005

SOUTHAMPTON.—Special meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing, 2.30 to 3.45, St. Michael's (10). Lantern lecture 4, in St. Michael's Hall adjoining, 'The New Look in Method Structure,' by A. York-Bramble. Tea 5 (for those only who notify St. Michael's Vicarage by Tuesday, Nov. 8th). Part II. of lecture, 5.45, followed by open discussion. More ringing 7.30 to 9. All ringers invited. 6007

MITCHAM.—A Ringers' Service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited. Ringing 5.30.—A. Miller. 5980

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Dec. 3rd. Further notice later. 5949

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CONSOLATION OF THE BELLS.

In an address to members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on the occasion of their meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom, on October 8th, the Vicar, Canon H. C. Warner, spoke of the message of the bells, which reached into houses, factories and establishments where the voice of the preacher could never get, and though they brought forth many complaints which were loudly voiced abroad, their message of hope and comfort was seldom publicised.

That afternoon, however, said the Vicar, he had been to visit a woman parishioner in the local hospital, who had undergone a serious operation. Her doctor had just been in to see her and broke the news that she had cancer, and nothing more could be done. Left to herself, one can imagine her feelings when through the window came the sound of the bells rung for that afternoon's meeting and bringing to her a message of divine comfort.

That example of an otherwise unheard-of side of the bells' message made very real the import of the prayer for the sick used in the Guild's service, and amply repaid those responsible for the meeting, even though the time for ringing was restricted to three hours, and then the last half-course of Cambridge Royal had to be abandoned at the Vicar's request.

Ewell bells were fortunately made available, and the enthusiasts finished out the evening there.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Booth 1. R. Peckham (first quarter) 2. Doreen Wiggins 3. Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4. Rev. J. Coultts 5. B. Rogers 6. A. Davis 7. J. Cole 8. In honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chandler's golden wedding.

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