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BYGONE MASTERS

ONE of the pleasing features of the reunion dinners of the Ancient Society of College Youths is the honouring of the Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years ago. This 'Fragrant Memory' toast has reached its 13th year, and its proposer, Mr. E. Alex. Young, by research, has endeavoured to make the memories of these men as full as possible. In his observations the tireless activity of the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope has been most helpful.

Of the senior of the trio honoured last week, John Newton, the Master in 1650, is largely unknown. A John Newton, of Craberton, Devon, was enrolled as a law student at the Inner Temple in 1640, and it is thought by Trollope that this is the same John Newton who was elected to the Society in 1647 and became Master three years later.

Of the second Master honoured, Theodore Eccleston, who was born in 1715 and died in 1753 at the age of 38, there is a wealth of information. He was elected to the Society in 1744, served as steward in 1747 and became Master in 1750. He came of a landed family from Crowfield Hall, Coddington, Suffolk. Though by upbringing a Quaker, he became a churchman. He evidently did his ringing at Coddington and the nearby Stonham Aspal, and to both of these towers he gave a ring of bells, viz., 8 and 10 respectively.

Theodore Eccleston appears to have been an admirable and much-liked man. Trollope says of him: 'In the history of the Exercise there have been many who were devoted to bellringing and, though not themselves very expert, were content to play the role of patrons and derived satisfaction, not so much from their own skill as from that of the bands they got together. One of the best known of these was Theodore Eccleston.

He lived at Mortlake, where he was interred, and in 1741 he added two trebles to the existing ring of six there. He built up bands from employees on his estates and even brought out ringers from London. Of the three peals he rang none were for the College Youths, as he began his ringing career with the Eastern Scholars. Eccleston joined the College Youths at a very critical period in its

history; the blaze of glory which had been enjoyed for half a century, especially the latter years under Benjamin Annable, seemed to be fading. The only peals being achieved, some two a year, were still being conducted by their great leader. But the cloud upon the horizon was getting darker and darker. And the early death of Theodore Eccleston was a great loss at a critical time, i.e., ere the striving parties snapped asunder, leaving two societies to share the name of 'College Youths.'

Of James Dwight, the third Master honoured, the information is more definite. He was born in 1816 and died in 1892, being a wheelwright by trade. Dwight was three times Master of the Society—in 1850, 1852 and 1858. At the turn of the century the fortunes of the Society were at a low ebb, but in the 1830's Richard Mills infused a new spirit into its ranks, and attracted such young, clever and enthusiastic new members as Tollady, Stockham, John Cox and Haley (the two rivals), Brittan, Landsdell, Clay, Cooter, Dwight, Haworth, Matt Wood, Ferris, Muskett, Pettit, Hayes and several others.

Many of these were members of St. Paul's Cathedral 'Scroof' and at their deaths had their names placed upon the College Youths' memorial tablet in the ringing room. James Dwight's was the first to be so honoured in 1892. Also painted on the wall is the record of the Memory Peal, rung on All Saints' Day, 1878, being the first on the new bells. In this peal Dwight rang the eighth. His first peal was rung in 1847 (Stedman Triples) for the St. James' Society. Of his many peals, the one outstanding was the record peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Dwight composed a song so popular for years after and which he would sing at the annual dinner.

Their memories might best be hallowed by the quotation from Holy Writ, one used by Mr. Trollope in closing his book on 'The College Youths':—

Let us now praise famous men and our fathers that begat us.

All these were honoured in their generations and were the glory of their times.

There be of them that have left a name behind them that their praise might be reported; and some there be which have no memorial.

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*JACK MUSSELL Treble	†FRANK L. HARRIS 7
†MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	†DAVID R. REED 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	†WILLIAM E. CHEATER .. 9
ARTHUR V. DAVIS 4	†JOHN HARTLESS 10
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 5	†RONALD N. MARLOW .. 11
†WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6	PHILIP H. TOCCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCCK.

* First peal on 12. † First peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells.
† First peal in the method on 12. In memoriam Rev. R. F. R. Routh.

TEN BELL PEALS

HERTFORD.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. Treble	†ERIC EDMONDSON .. 6
*MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 7
†RONALD J. SHARP 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER .. 8
A. STANLEY CARTER 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

FRANK BLONDELL .. Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 6
*ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 7
BARBARA M. HARRIS .. 3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. 8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 9
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 300th peal together. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN H. GRUNDY .. Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 2	HAROLD MARCON 7
CLEMENT GLENN 3	COLIN HARRISON 8
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	LESLIE W. STEVENS .. 9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5	WILLIAM HICKMAN .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A Remembrance Day peal.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN BRAMLEY .. Treble	†S. ANTONY JESSON .. 6
LEONARD TREVOR 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8
*GEORGE H. BAILEY .. 4	JOHN HILL 9
†L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters and of Stedman.
† First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 5
JOYCE GIBBONS 2	MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	JAMES E. DANIELS .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. BEEVOR (25). Conducted by G. E. EVENDEN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrooks' Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.
GERALD ARMSTRONG .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
MICHAEL BROWN 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
ALAN G. FOSTER 4	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

A birthday peal for Mrs. J. W. F. Trotman, of Nuncaton.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 11 cwt.
MRS. S. H. JONES .. Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. 6
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 3	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 10th birthday compliment to Norman W. Cotton.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
†JOHN UNDERWOOD .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
*C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3	*ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to John Underwood and a birthday compliment to Roland Beniston.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS .. 6
FRANK RICHARDSON .. 3	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON .. 7
G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. 4	JOHN G. AMES .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

In memoriam William Hollingworth. for many years a ringer at this church.



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On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND
ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	ROBERT BELL 5
FREDERICK SHERATON .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL 3	JOHN A. BROWN 7
*ROGNVALD ST. C. WILSON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Major.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE GROVER Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN .. 5
GEORGE MARRINER .. 2	ALBERT A. ADAMS 6
*GORDON PETERS 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
*BERNARD HAWKINS .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	JACK F. HODSON 5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4	JOHN A. COOK Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. A wedding compliment to Miss Jean Metham, member of the local band, married to Mr. Leslie Dickinson.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HARRIS Treble	*DONALD CLARKE 5
JAMES SMITH 2	*DAVID KING 6
*JOAN BUSSEY 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
*JACQUELINE EVANS .. 4	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Major.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt in F.

*ARTHUR ROY HARDING .. Treble	*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS.. 5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 6
†MRS. F. A. PENN 3	†FRANK A. PENN 7
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD 4	GILBERT H. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH T. DYKE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal together. First peal of Major on the bells.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
THOMAS COLLINS 2	W. NORMAN GENNA 6
ELSIE K. FULTON 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 7
*ERNEST W. THURLOW .. 4	GEORGE H. HART Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	*ARTHUR PEAKE 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 6
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Worcester Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

PETER NEWING Treble	†FREDK. R. WELLER .. 5
EILEEN S. WYLES 2	ALAN S. BUTLER 6
*GILLIAN A. SMITH 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 7
WILFRED S. PALIN 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in two methods on tower bells. † First peal of Major in two methods, Kent and Oxford, with no bobs.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Cathedral Society.)

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HENRY HUTTON Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5
*AUDREY MORRISON .. 2	FREDK. A. MUNDAY .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 3	†HAROLD A. MAY 7
*†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON.. 4	T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CYRIL COUSINS Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 2	WILLIAM THEOBALD .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

In honour of the baptism of Princess Anne, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cousins on their wedding anniversary.

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

G. NELSON SLOAN Treble	*JOHN R. DE LAMBERT .. 4
*STANMORE H. BARNETT .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
NORTHLEIGH F. E. REEVE 3	†JOHN S. MASON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells and in the North Island of New Zealand. Rung on the day following the opening ceremony of the bells—a fine ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank—and on the Festival of the Dedication of the Cathedral.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs. Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three each of Kent Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*J. TINSLEY (14) Treble	†HONOR WINTER 4
*A. DRAPER (15) 2	R. LARKEY 5
ANNIE ABRAM 3	W. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by W. DEACON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LEIGHTON, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
JOHN B. SANSOM Treble EDWARD W. COLLEY .. 4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN .. 2 CHARLES E. EDWARDS .. 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES .. 3 ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Willcox, mother of Ernest F. Willcox; also to Miss A. Redgwell.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being: (1) Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars'; (2) Oxford, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars'; (3) Oxford and Sandal; (4) Oxford and Kingston; (5) Oxford and London Scholars'; (6) Kingston and London Scholars'; (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.
WILLIAM L. GARBUTT .. Treble STANLEY DANCE .. 4
PETER GARBUTT .. 2 EDWIN ATKINSON .. 5
ERIC STAINROD .. 3 ARTHUR CHAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMPION.

First peal of Spliced by all the band. First peal as conductor. In memoriam George Lewis.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
*J. PHILIP EASTLAND .. Treble FREDERICK JACKSON .. 4
*†JOAN SMITH .. 2 HAROLD DENMAN .. 5
*FRANK BRADLEY .. 3 HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Bradley.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.
*DENNIS KNOX .. Treble *JOHN W. V. SINFIELD .. 4
R. JOHN SCOTT .. 2 *WILLIAM A. TWIDELL .. 5
†ALAN J. BROYD .. 3 JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells by a regular Sunday service band. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Jones, B.A.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.
G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. Treble CYRIL WANDER .. 4
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2 JOHN G. AMES .. 5
AUBREY D. MILLS .. 3 FRANK TAYLOR .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss G. D. Robinson.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
IAN D. LOMAS .. Treble NEIL D. LOMAS .. 4
ARTHUR RHODES .. 2 SYDNEY SAGE .. 5
DOROTHY KIDD .. 3 DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.

Rung in celebration of the 700th anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Church.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
MARGARET A. BAILEY .. Treble JOSEPH H. BEALE .. 4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2 HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 3 JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT E. ASHLEY.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE .. Treble DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 4
*M. ANGELA CARTER .. 2 HARRY P. FLOYD .. 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS .. 3 ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight Minor methods. Arranged and rung on the Feast of St. Leonard. A 70th birthday compliment to Jonathan Honey.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES GRANDSEN .. Treble ERIC NAYLOR .. 4
GEORGE KENWARD .. 2 CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3 VICTOR A. JARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam to the Rev. Harcourt Lightburn, Vicar of Upchurch.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
ARTHUR SMITHSON .. Treble DOUGLAS H. ROOKE .. 4
LEONARD FISHER .. 2 FRANK BRADLEY .. 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 3 ALBERT E. WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt 14 lb.
*BEN CHEESEMAN (16) .. Treble *IVAN T. READ (15) .. 4
*J. D. ANTHONY TYERS (16) .. 2 E. T. PAUL FIELD .. 5
GILBERT W. RENDELL .. 3 *FREDERICK C. DAVIS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the 8th anniversary of the death of Comdr. C. B. C. Swayne, to whose memory in 1949 the bells were restored (after 70 years of silence) and augmented as the gift of his widow.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.
AUDREY EWINS .. Treble JAMES BROOKS .. 4
ROGER POSNETT .. 2 WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 5
*FRANK BLAGROVE .. 3 WILLIAM BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Plain Bob. Rung with all singles and no bobs. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Armstrong.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER 4
*MARY C. PAYNE 2	MICHAEL BROWN 5
GERALD ARMSTRONG 3	FRANK K. MEASURES .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL BROWN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men of Cosby who fell in the two world wars.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*BERYL LAWREY Treble	*GODFREY MATTHEWS 4
*JOHN TRIGGS 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM 5
VICTOR G. WOOD 3	*JOHN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Gulval.

NORTHAW, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

EDWARD B. MCKIE Treble	LEONARD LADLEY 4
JACK SUCKLING 2	NOEL CLARK 5
ARTHUR J. BULL 3	JOHN T. Y. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD B. MCKIE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Griggs, connected with this church as ringer and towerkeeper for 40 years.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. YATES Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS 4
*K. MARY COWLEY 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	WILLIAM YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Minor. In memoriam Ernest C. Lambert, who conducted the last peal on these bells 21 years ago.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CROSS Treble	*EDMUND E. PEARSON 4
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. The first peal on the bells. Arranged and rung on the Feast of St. Martin.

TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

RAYMOND P. WOOD Treble	FRANK CHIPPER 4
SIDNEY A. ANSELL 2	HENRY C. WEAVER 5
ANSLEY BOWERS 3	FREDK. H. JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY C. WEAVER.

First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

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WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,200 April Day, 1,080 Plain Bob and 1,320 Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. HARRY DAVIS Treble	*CECIL T. CLARKE 4
*ERIC M. NORMAN 2	FREDK. W. SWEET 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	OLIVER POLE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SWEET.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal in more than one method as conductor and on the bells. First peal on the bells by an all-local Sunday service band and first peal since rehanging.

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 15 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST F. SHEARN Treble	*DAVID HOARE 4
*ROGER O. FRY 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
LEONARD DERRICK 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringer of the second has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,120 of Grandsire (three 240 and six 120 callings) and 1,920 Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT E. PARSONS .. Treble	*BERNARD G. MOORE .. 4
†ERNEST J. KING 2	†FREDK. J. ROBERTS .. 5
*EDWIN C. STONER 3	*HENRY W. SYMMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal by a local band since 1890. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARNOLD HILL Treble	DONALD CHADWICK 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARCH. GRIMWOOD Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
*KEVIN HOHL 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
WILFRED BOOTH 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Severn, on his 26th anniversary as Rector of Warbleton.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT HOLYWELL STORES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDAN 1-2	EDGAR VALLANCE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	WALTER CLOUGH 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Jennings.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

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

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
*CLEMMENT GLENN 3-4	ALAN CATTELL 7-8

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

IN ST. MARY'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
ALAN CATTELL 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7-8

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2	*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3-4
GIBSON JACKSON 5-6	

Conducted by GIBSON JACKSON.

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

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 5, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5032 CHANGES;

In eight methods, comprising 1,728 Plain Bob, 800 Double Bob, 576 St. Clement's, 432 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, 400 Reverse Bob, 376 Little Bob, and 288 Crayford Little Bob, with 328 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.
50th peal together on handbells by the above four ringers.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

No. 10. Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST 1-2	*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN 7-8

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal on ten handbells. The conductor's 400th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 116. Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Mrs. Marshallsay has now conducted peals of Bob Major from each pair.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

'WHERE GEORGE DO SIT'

An occurrence in Somerset some years before the war may be of amusement to your readers. Having arranged an afternoon and evening's outing, we duly arrived at Huish Episcopi, armed with the Vicar's permission to ring, but finding the belfry door locked and no one to meet us, I made enquiries of an old lady in a cottage nearby, and was given the following reply: 'You'll find the key in a box under the seat where George do sit.' Being strangers, none of us knew where the redoubtable George sat, but a careful search under most of the seats at last revealed the box with the key inside.

On another occasion we went to ring at a church in Wiltshire where again, although having the Vicar's permission, we found no one to meet us, but the ringing chamber door was unlocked. All ropes nicely coiled, we prepared to raise the bells in peal only to find that it was impossible to move them at all. On investigation in the bell chamber it was discovered that generations of jackdaws had filled the frame with sticks to the level of the headstocks. After ejecting about a wagon-load of sticks through the louvres and a generous application of oil, the bells went reasonably well. E. T. P. F.

MUFFED THE MUFFLE

Just before the last war, the bells of our neighbouring village were to be rung half-muffled for a Good Friday morning service, and as a keen beginner I went over to help. I took the fifth to raise in peal, and after a couple of blows the captain barked at me, 'She is wrong, get her down and start again.' I did so, but with the same result. At the third attempt, I received a glare and was told, 'Get her up and I will go up and turn the clapper.' When he came down from aloft he was full of apologies, for he had put the muffle on the wrong side of the clapper. C. A. B.

Reminiscences

VERGER TRAPPED UNDER BELL

Arriving at Twickenham Parish Church, Middlesex, to ring the old year out some years ago, we learnt that the verger was trapped under one of the bells and was crying out for help.

We found him in the bell chamber lying face downwards across the frame with the bell rests on his back. He was still conscious.

By candle-light, a spare rope was fixed to the wheel and, hauling from the doorway, the bell was drawn away. The unfortunate verger was released by easing him down into the pit and then out through the frame. We carried him down the winding stairs to the ground floor where the ambulance was waiting to take him to hospital.

It appears that he had gone up to fix the muffles to the clappers and had, apparently, slipped. In so doing, he had pushed, or pulled, the bell over. He was a small man, which might account for his injuries not being greater. He eventually recovered sufficiently to get about again, but I believe he was partially crippled to the end of his days.

The moral is the danger of passing over the frame whilst the bells are up, G. H. H.

AVERSION TO HORSE TRANSPORT

It is interesting to recall an amusing incident which occurred on the occasion of an augmentation and rehang of Woburn bells in 1912.

The late Charles Herbert was invited to take over a band to ring at the re-opening ceremony. A horse and wagonette was the only means of transport available. It so happened that Mr. Herbert had a strong aversion to riding in a horse-drawn vehicle of any description, and would walk for miles to attend meetings in outlying districts and in the course of his business or other secretarial appoint-

ments. However he consented, after much persuasion, to travel with the party on this occasion.

Imagine his horror, when less than a mile of the journey had been covered, and they were descending a short decline, one of the front wheels of the wagonette became dislodged and went careering off down the road. Almost before the horse had been pulled up, he hopped out of the vehicle on to the road, and although the wheel was duly recovered and replaced securely, no amount of coaxing could get him back again.

However, as befitted one of the veteran pioneers of an earlier generation, such a contretemps did not deter him from carrying out his purpose, so he immediately set out to walk the whole way there and back, a distance of about twenty miles.

5,248 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By EDWIN TIMBRELL.

23456 M B W H

34256				2
53462	2		2	2
35264	2			2
32654	1	—	2	2
43526	2		1	2
56234	1		1	2
64235	1			2
32546	2	—	2	

Repeat.

6th extent in 5ths, 4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6ths.

Rung at Higher Walton, Lancs, on Sept. 23rd, 1950.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Chedzey 1, G. Coles 2, A. H. Reed 3, L. Mason 4, W. H. Tarr 5, C. Williams 6, H. Churchill 7, J. Pugsley 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, F. Bulley 10. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. Pugsley, for many years captain of this well-kept tower.

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The first peal on the recast bells of Whitby Parish Church was rung last Sunday afternoon. When the belfry door was opened at the end, the first person over the threshold was a messenger to tell Mr. J. Hodgson, who was ringing the tenor, that his wife had been safely delivered of their first son.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon writes:—With reference to Mr. H. Miles' remarks at the A.S.C.Y. dinner, I am well aware of the fact that the Rev. F. E. Robinson used to chew raisins—it was from him that I got the idea myself! Debenham was the first time I had tried them—and the last too, as I did not digest them properly! What suited 'the Rev.' didn't suit 'the Cannon'!

Mr. Edgar C. Sheppard has written a delightful book, 'The Tower and Bells of Solihull Church,' which we hope to review next week.

Mr. Rognvald Wilson travelled from Edinburgh to Chester-le-Street to participate in his first peal of Major on November 11th.

Birthday greeting next Monday to Mr. James George, of 30, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset. Reaching the age of 97 years is a great achievement.

Mr. R. O. Fry, of Bath, has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. He left the Doubles to last, at Worle, on November 11th.

Mr. Walter Weston, of East Road, Sleaford, is making satisfactory progress in Lincoln County Hospital (Robey Ward) from a broken leg due to an accident at work on October 13th. He is ringing captain at St. Denys', Sleaford, Lincs.

The peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Christ Church Priory on November 11th, enabled Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Mr. W. C. Shute and Mr. F. L. Harris to have rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on tower bells.

We thank those readers who have written expressing their appreciation of the introduction of the 'Times Roman' in 'The Ringing World.' Their pleasure as to legibility is shared by the editorial staff.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Tricks with the lighting were played as the band rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Melton Mowbray on November 11th. Four sixes from the end the lights were switched off and on five times. Each time the 'on' was a brief flash. The final bob at 16 and rounds came up in total darkness.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal of Grand-sire Triples at Stalybridge on November 4th was John T. Walmsley and not Halmesley.

It is 24 years since the Sunday service band at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, had rung a peal of London Surprise Major until Nov. 13th this year. Messrs H. Hulton, W. J. Robinson and A. H. Pulling are the only members who rang in both peals.

Between October 14th and November 15th, Barwell, Leicestershire Society, rang six quarter peals for Sunday services. All 15 members rang in at least one quarter and there were 13 'first in method.' The ages of the band range from 13 to 75.

On November 11th a peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Nicholas' Church, North Bradley, Wilts, as a compliment to Canon S. D. M. Davys, who has completed 21 years as Vicar of this parish. During this time he has been responsible for two major improvements in the tower, i.e., the rehanging of the bells in 1935 and the augmenting from six to eight bells in 1950.

The christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott took place at All Saints' Church, Wroughton, on Sunday. The baby was given the names of Patricia Anne and the godparents were Miss Elizabeth Faulknall (Leicester), Miss Prescott and Mr. T. Mark White (Guildford). After the ceremony a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung.

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The Men who Rang the Record Length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major



Below we give brief biographical details of the band which rang the record length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major, at Over on Saturday, November 4th

PETER LAFLIN.—Sixty one years of age on December 5th next. The 'father' of the band has a long and creditable career behind him. A Suffolk man by birth but Cheshire by adoption, he rang his first peal at Debenham, where he learnt to ring, on May 26th, 1906. His peal total is 333 of which 89 have been rung on handbells. He is not a conductor although, undoubtedly, he would have made a sound one, but prefers to support the conductor by always giving of his best. His selection for the treble was no accident for it was realised that the treble ringer must be above all a reliable man. His ability has long been recognised, for he took part in the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall in 1927, and on April 14th in the following year was one of the band which, after ringing over 18,000 Double Norwich, had the disappointment of knowing that the shortened 'peal' which they were obliged to ring could not be true. He and Edward Jenkins have the distinction of being, so we believe, the only living ringers who have thrice rung over 17,000 changes, and to Peter Laflin alone belongs the honour of being the only man to score two peals of over 17,000 changes. From 1919 to 1926 he was in Canada and while there was with the late Harry Withers at the opening of the Metropolitan carillon in Toronto in 1922. His peals include 10,080 Bristol, the first peal of Superlative at Debenham, rung in 1907 by the Sunday service band, and his handbell peals include many firsts in the method for both the Lancashire Association and the Chester Guild. He rang in the first peals of Stedman Cinques for the Chester Guild on hand and tower bells. He is in charge of the Beeston library of the Chester Guild and is steeple keeper at St. George's, Stockport, and the state of the library and the condition of the bells are a credit to the loving care which he lavishes on them both.

Congratulating the band on their performance immediately the peal ended. The Vicar of Over (the Rev. E. V. Dawson) is seen shaking hands with the conductor (Mr. John Worth). Next to Mr. Worth, reading from left to right, are Messrs. Henry O. Baker, Walter Allman, Wilfred Stevenson, C. Kenneth Lewis, Peter Laflin, John E. Bibby and Fred Dunkerley.

WILFRED STEVENSON, who will be 42 years old on December 19th next, is a ringer whose ability is unquestioned for he took part in the peals which led up to the record Spliced Treble Bob Minor peal in 73 methods, the greatest number of Treble Bob Minor methods which can be spliced into seven true and complete extents. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles in 1929 and his first as conductor Grandsire Triples in 1930. He has rung 269 peals of which he has conducted seven. He took part in the 10,080 of Bristol at Over in 1948, and in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild as well as in several firsts in the method for the Guild. For a few years just before the war he gave up ringing because of the pressure of business but since his return he has quickly taken up the slack and his critical faculty, always acute, is not at all impaired. He can be relied upon to do his utmost in any peal or touch and his return to the belfry where he learnt to ring gave greater strength to the already capable band there. He rings at Christ Church, Macclesfield.

HENRY O. BAKER.—A proud Salopian by birth, 42 years of age, he is, nevertheless, a proud and enthusiastic member of the Chester Guild. He rang his first peal in 1925 and his first as conductor (Stedman Triples) in 1947. He has rung 111 peals and conducted eight. Willing and obliging by disposition, he is always ready to help by either standing in or out of a peal as occasion demands and when the departure of Alan A. Potts on military service left a gap in the band he volunteered to fill it. Although it is only of late years that he has gone in for the higher flights of method ringing, he has gained a reputation for being a safe and sound method ringer and

in this, his first long length, he rang like a veteran. His service ringing is done at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, Chester.

JOHN E. BIBBY has a long and established reputation for long length ringing for he was in the record 11232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton in 1927, and in the unsuccessful attempt at Double Norwich which failed after over 18,000 changes had been rung. In 1948 he rang the 10,080 of Bristol at Over and in 1949 in the record length of Spliced Surprise 6,496 at Frodsham. Forty-nine years of age, he began to ring under the guidance of Mr. E. H. Lewis at the age of 11 and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1920, calling his first (Bob Minor on handbells) in 1922. He has rung 406 peals of which he has conducted 150. He has a penchant for ringing fourths to peals and it was thought advisable to exploit this at Over to ensure the success of the peal. His expression in peal ringing is generally impassive but occasionally his face lights up as some familiar landmark is safely passed. He took part in the first silent peal of London Surprise Major for the Chester Guild and in the first silent peal of Bristol. He carries on the family tradition of service ringing at Frodsham and his young son William has already started on a peal ringing career which it is hoped will eclipse even that of his father.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.—At 37 is the youngest member of the band and rang his first peal in 1934 and his first as conductor the following year. Since then he has rung 353 peals and called 143 of them. He conducted the record Spliced Treble Bob Minor peal in 73 methods and also the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 14 methods for the Chester Guild. His records include many firsts in the method for the Guild, including Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques, silent London Surprise Major and the first silent peal of Bristol. Not content with practical ringing alone, he has spent many hours at the study of composition, particularly in those methods for which it is difficult to obtain a peal. By temperament he belongs to

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The Record Peal—continued

that class of person who says 'We do the possible at once, the impossible takes a little longer.' He is a service ringer at Bowdon and report secretary of the Chester Guild.

WALTER ALLMAN, who is 40 years of age, rang his first peal in 1937 and his first as conductor in the following year. Of a long line of ringing forbears, he has rapidly come to the front through his ability to learn methods quickly and his genius for organisation, particularly those gatherings after peals. Of a genial disposition, he takes everything in his stride and his peals, which total 233 (conducted 28) include several firsts in the methods for the Guild, i.e., Cambridge Maximus, silent London Surprise Major and the first silent Bristol. By dint of hard work he has, with other ringers, built up a good Sunday service band at his home tower of Runcorn.

FRED DUNKERLEY.—Ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association, he has made rapid strides in method ringing in the past two or three years and there was at no time any doubt as to his ability to ring the length required although it was his first long length. Forty-five years of age, Lancashire born, he rang his first peal in 1922 and his first as conductor (Stedman Triples) in 1933. Soon after that he gave up ringing for a period of ten years to devote himself to his business interests and came back to it after the war-time ban was lifted. His peal total is about 220 of which he has conducted about 100. Practically all his Surprise peals in new methods have been rung without previous practice and he has called Carter's Odd Bob peal and J. O. Lancashire's peal of Stedman Triples. He has also scored three Surprise peals in one day. But it is not only in ringing that he has made his mark, for he has also learnt to fly and he is very proud of his flying record. He has flown in eleven races, including the King's Cup, and been placed in nine of them. This year he won two out of the four national air races he entered and obtained a place in the others. In fact to stand in the peal he cancelled a trip to the Isle of Man by air, and on the Sunday morning flew over in a single seater plane. His home tower is Moorside, Oldham.

JOHN WORTH, the conductor of the peal on whom the burden rested, so it seemed, very lightly. As is well known to many readers of this journal, he is a conductor of high capability and no mean psychologist. Both these qualities are the fruits of a long and hard experience for he rang and conducted his first peal in 1929; in fact all the band were first pealers, and since that date he has rung 532 peals of which he has conducted 238. Forty years of age, he is chairman of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Guild and whilst he gives some time to the higher flights of method ringing he also devotes considerable time and thought to the learners on whom the future depends. His peals include the 73 Treble Bob Minor record, the first peal of Spliced Surprise in 14 Major methods for the Chester Guild, many firsts in the method for the Guild, silent London Surprise Major and the first silent peal of Bristol. It may be said that he introduced Soliced Surprise Major ringing to Cheshire, for he called the first peal in the four standard methods in 1933. He is Ringing Master of Christ Church, Macclesfield, and the number of ringers shown in the last annual report of the Guild is a tribute to his genius for teaching and keeping ringers, for there are no fewer than 19 members at that tower, to say nothing of those he has taught from other neighbouring towers.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. J. Farr 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, D. T. North 5, H. Commins 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Derbe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Please allow me, through the courtesy of your columns, as conductor of the band which rang 18 144 changes in 1933 to add my congratulations to the band successful in their attempt to ring 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise. A great peal and worthy of praise.—Yours truly,

Hertford.

SIDNEY F. CARTER.

THE RECORD PEAL

Dear Sir,—On behalf of those who took part in the recent Debenham peal attempt, I wish to congratulate heartily and sincerely John Worth and his band on their magnificent performance.

The dearth of raisins in the Cheshire District undoubtedly contributed to the success of the venture but, nevertheless, a summit has been reached by a difficult path and possible aspirants to long length records may well be daunted by the magnitude of the task. It is, indeed, a fine thing that the longest peal ever rung by one set of men should be rung (and in a fairly difficult Surprise method) by men, with one exception, from one Diocesan Guild. The Cheshire Guild has reason indeed to be proud of its members.—Yours sincerely,

Norwich.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

RECORD LENGTHS IN SECRET

Sir,—Do those members of our fraternity realise the incalculable harm they are doing to our cause in the recent record length attempt.

I am not, of course, attempting to belittle their magnificent achievement, and it is a magnificent achievement, when looked at from a ringer's point of view, but the majority of the population are unfortunately absolutely apathetic to that which we hold dear.

The undue publicity brought on by this attempt has brought on our heads a spate of ridicule never before known to us. In my office I am daily inundated with newspapers, brought in by people who know I am a ringer, all of which have amusing and some insulting reference to the fact that eight men should desire to pull a bell for twelve hours or more, in fact till one collapses under the strain—bad luck to A. P. C.

As you are aware, it is hopeless to try to explain to the layman why these things should be, but might I suggest that should any further attempts of this nature be contemplated, an isolated tower be chosen, and no intimation be given to the lay press. The result, success or failure, could then be published only in 'The Ringing World,' and the adverse publicity would be avoided.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Brosley, Salop.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—If my life survives, by Almighty God, to November 27th, 1950, I shall, on that date, reach 97 years of age.

I am thankful to inform you that my health is improving and I hope to ring another peal in the warm weather next summer.

On August 24th, 1939, I rang a tower bell peal at the age of 85 years and nine months and am the only surviving veteran ringer in the world to ring a tower bell peal at that age. I am also the oldest veteran ringer in the world to ring a handbell peal at the age of 95 years.

I have rung 1,281 peals in 420 different cathedrals, churches and other places in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Poole, Dorset.

JAMES GEORGE

SUB-EDITING

Dear Sir,—Many who have suffered at the hands of irresponsible sub-editors will applaud your recent leader, in which you deplore the fanciful account in a Sunday newspaper of the Debenham peal.

Quite recently a report of our annual outing was sent to a weekly paper known to many ringers. It contained the information that 'this was the first time these fine bells (St. Leonard's, Watlington) had been rung for six months.' After the sub had finished with it the sentence appeared minus the last three words and must have caused some bewilderment.

J. E. BEAMS.

Ewell.

KIBWORTH TENOR

Sir,—In the report of a peal rung recently at Kibworth, Leicestershire, the weight of the tenor is stated as being 14½ cwt.—½ cwt. more than reported in one or two earlier peals there, and over two cwt. more than one I rang in, reported in the old M.C.A. yearly report for 1931. In that year, in a letter sent to me from Messrs. Taylors, the weight was given of Kibworth tenor as 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

ORIGIN WANTED

Dear Sir,—Since having a newspaper cutting given to me the other evening, I have been rather interested to find out if this is the complete 'Old Somerset Rhyme,' and also if anyone could help me with any information as to its origin:—

Ye rascals of ringers, ye merciless foes,
Disturbers of all who seek calm repose.
How I wish, for the peace and good of the land,

Ye would wind round your neck what ye hold in your hand.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. FIELD.

Yeovil.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR

Dear Sir,—Might I add to the information given by Mr. Horseman. In 1553 Widecombe had four bells and at a later period the number was increased to five. The old tenor became cracked and out of the old metal, Messrs. C. and G. Mears cast the two present trebles in 1848. I noted the fifth, a 1633 bell—not 1663 as given by Mr. Horseman—and its inscription is SOLI DEO DETER.

Regarding the third bell I leave your readers to form their own views. Here is the full inscription:—Robert Hamlyn, Sonne of John Hamlyn, Chittelford, gathered of young men and mayds fyftene. T.P.1632.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MR. F. WARRINGTON'S 400 PEALS

Mr. F. Warrington's 400 peals have been rung in 93 towers, in 14 counties and for 10 associations. His list is as follows:

Doubles: 3 (conducted 3).
Minor: One to seven methods, 187 (160); Cambridge, 49 (43); London, 11 (10).
Triples: Grandsire, 8 (4); Stedman, 2 (nil); Plain Bob, 1 (1).

Major: Plain Bob, 36 (22); Kent Treble Bob, 30 (16); Oxford Treble Bob, 3 (nil); Double Norwich Court Bob, 21 (11); Cambridge, 12 (6); Superlative, 14 (10); London, 10 (nil); Yorkshire 1 (1); Spliced Oxford and Kent, 3 (1).

Caters: Stedman, 2 (nil).

Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 3 (nil); Plain Bob, 1 (1).

Handbells: Plain Bob Major, 1 (nil); Minor, 2 (2).

Total, 400 (conducted 286).

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

THE REV. R. F. R. ROUTH

The news of the death of the Rev. R. F. R. Routh was received by his many ringing friends with much regret. He passed away at Beaconsfield, his old parish, on November 5th at the early age of 61, after an illness lasting for several months.

The funeral service, which took the form of a Requiem Mass, was held at the Parish Church on Thursday, November 9th, when the Celebrant was the present Rector of Beaconsfield (the Rev. C. R. Warner). The service was preceded and followed by half-muffled ringing, which included a quarter peal of Stedman Triples by the following:—H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, D. R. Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, R. Buckland 4, J. Howard 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Lee 7, S. Hatfield 8. Others who took part in the ringing were Miss M. Wingrove and Miss E. Gordon.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman, who succeeded the Rev. R. Routh as chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild when he left to take up the living of St. Ambrose, Bournemouth. Other members of the Branch wrote to express their regret at being unable to be present owing to illness, and the difficulty of making arrangements, due to the early hour of the service. The bells of St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, were rung half-muffled on Thursday evening as a tribute to his memory.

Mr. Routh endeared himself to all ringers with whom he came in contact by his friendliness, his youthful spirit and wholehearted enjoyment of ringing. He came to Beaconsfield from Hitchin in April, 1937, and while he was Rector of Beaconsfield he always found time, even on the great festivals, to take part in service ringing. During his nine and a half years in this parish, he found increased opportunities for peal ringing, which he enjoyed to the full. He rang his first peal in each of the following Surprise Major methods:—Cambridge, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Beaconsfield, and also took part in the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by an entirely local band.

He rang on these bells for the last time at All Saintside last year, when he visited the parish to preach at the Patronal Festival, and took part in a quarter peal.

His keen sense of humour and his unflinching sympathy will be missed by those who were privileged to call him friend, and they are the poorer for his passing.

D. R. F.

Mr. Arthur Davis, of Bournemouth, writes:—Mr. Routh came to St. Ambrose shortly after the war and I remember we rang a touch of Grandsire Triples in his new church after his induction. He was particularly pleased with this for, although St. Ambrose possesses a fine tenor bell for ringing and a frame for eight bells, local inhabitants have prevented the full ring being placed there.

As soon as he settled in his new parish Mr. Routh identified himself actively with the ringing in the District, attending practices at John's and St. Peter's regularly with his sons when they were available. He was attached to St. John's, Surrey Road, as that church was nearest to his own but I think he missed his Sunday ringing. Mr. Routh held office in the Christchurch District as representative on the Contest Committee and as Assistant Ringing Master. He enjoyed a peal attempt and rarely refused a rope if his duties at St. Ambrose permitted. We miss him very much at Bournemouth but we looked forward to his going to Winchester (as he did) for we hoped his interest in bells may have resulted in the Cathedral bells becoming more accessible than than they are at present, but it was not to be.

His passing leaves a gap which will not be easily filled. Bournemouth and District ringers

extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Routh and family at this time. Tributes were rung on the bells of St. Peter's and St. John's and a peal of Maximus was rung at Christchurch to his memory. His wise counsels and friendliness brought happiness to us all in Bournemouth during his all too short time amongst us.

MR. J. H. CHARLESWORTH

We regret to announce the death on November 6th, at the age of 72, of Mr. James Henry (Harry) Charlesworth, the oldest of the ringers at St. Mary's, Bolsterstone, Yorks. By his death is dissolved a partnership which must have been almost unique in its way. Five men, all members of the Yorkshire Association, who all learned to ring under the late Mr. David Brearley, and had rung at Bolsterstone ever since, had been together for over 35 years.

Harry Charlesworth belonged to that rapidly diminishing band who joined the Association in the last century (1897) and had been a regular ringer and chorister at Bolsterstone ever since. He was an enthusiastic bell man, that is, anything appertaining to bells was of great interest to him. He was tower keeper at St. Mary's for many years but, on removing some distance away from the village, he was compelled to give up that job although nothing could stop his usual regular and most punctual attendance at service ringing. His jovial personality made him deservedly popular and he was of some renown in the place as a singer of both sentimental and comic songs.

An excellent striker, he liked mostly to be at the 'heavy end,' although he was equally at home anywhere. Indeed, it was a saying of his that he would take 'what's left.'

He had rung 74 peals, all for the Yorkshire Association, in Plain and Treble Bob methods, and rang in the Association's longest length of Double Norwich (8.064) as well as in the longest length of College Single Major (8.336).

He died in the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, after being there some weeks, and was cremated at the City Crematorium on November 11th. Representatives of various organisations were present as well as the relatives. The Bolsterstone ringers were represented by Mr. William Harrison and Mr. J. R. Brearley. The service was taken by the Vicar of Bolsterstone (the Rev. Surtees) and the bells of St. Mary's were rung half muffled by his fellow ringers of his own tower on Sunday, November 12th.

J. R. B.

MR. J. W. HOLLINGWORTH

For more than 50 years Mr. John William Hollingworth, of Spalding, had rung Lincolnshire bells. His death occurred on November 6th after an illness of a week's duration.

He learnt to ring at Whaplode, Lincs, when five carpenters rang the bells about 1898. He afterwards lived at Surfleet, where he became a pupil of the Rev. H. L. James with whom he did most of his peal ringing. In all he rang about 60 peals and had a reputation as a good striker. Later in life he moved to Spalding and joined the local company. Only eight days before he died he was in his customary place and ringing for service. His wife, who died several years ago, was a sister of Mr. Rupert Richardson.

Four of the local ringers—Messrs. G. W. and A. Mills, R. Stevenson and G. Bennett—acted as bearers at the funeral on November 9th. Wreaths were received from the local band and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for many years.

In the evening 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled by A. F. Farr 1, Mrs. A. Richardson 2, G. Bennett 3, G. W. Mills 4, M. Bennett 5, A. Mills 6, F. G. Ames (cond.) 7, Miss A. Lawson 8.

DEDICATIONS

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK

The rededication of the six bells of Brandeston, Suffolk, took place on October 28th in the presence of a large congregation including some 50 ringers. The bells, which had been silent for over 40 years, had been taken to the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor where the second and fifth were recast and the others retuned and hung in a new iron frame and fittings.

After the rededication the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Richard Brook, said the sound of church bells appealed to him more than any other form of music. He related the various uses of bells and was glad to see so many recruits taking up the art and he appealed to the young folk of Brandeston to commence ringing. Tea was provided for all visitors and the bells were kept going until a late hour. The bell-founders were represented by Mr. John Fidler who was congratulated on a very fine job considering the tenor, in G sharp, weighs only 7½ cwt.

C. W. P.

TILNEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The bells of Tilney All Saints were dedicated on November 4th by the Rev. Sturgis-Jones, Vicar of Terrington St. John. The dedication took place after shortened evensong, conducted by the Vicar of Tilney (the Rev. Bodley). The preacher was the Vicar of Walpole St. Andrew (the Rev. H. J. Scott), the lesson being read by the Rev. Bacon-Phillips, Vicar of Clenchwarton.

After the service a few short touches were rung until tea was served in the Church Room by the lady members of the church. After tea, the Rev. Sturgis-Jones congratulated the local band and the people of Tilney on carrying through the restoration.

Replying, Mr. W. Rose (local captain) said that they had had many disappointments and had to wait a long while but he thought that it was worth it. He thanked all those who had helped and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the grand job they had made of the bells.

Various touches and rounds to suit all-comers were rung, everybody remarking on the wonderful transformation the bellhangers had made.

J. E. F.

ESHER, SURREY

After many months of silence, the bells of Christ Church, Esher, were dedicated on November 5th by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Hone). The original ring of six has been retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and two new bells added. The latter are the gift of Mr. Van Beugan Bik and his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. Thompson, given in memory of Mr. Bik's wife.

Following the Sung Eucharist, the Rector mounted to the ringing chamber where the captain of the ringers, Mr. W. Massey, handed him the ropes and requested him to rededicate the bells to the glory of God and to the use of His Church. After this dedication Mr. Bik presented the ropes of the two new bells to the Rector with a similar request. The bells were then rung.

In the course of his sermon, the Rector said the same firm of bell-founders who cast the bells had carried out the repairs and made the two additional ones. The bells of Christ Church contained some of the metal of the old bells used at Esher Parish Church.

OBITUARY—continued.

MR. W. WOOD

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. W. Wood at his home at Great Hale, Lincs, on November 9th. Mr. Wood had had trouble with his eyes for a long time and latterly was unable to ring, but he was always interested in anything connected with ringing and always willing to give good advice to a learner. He served the Exercise well and will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place on November 11th.

LEICESTER GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

ENCOURAGING THE YOUNG RINGER

THERE was an accent on youth at the annual festival, dinner and social of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held at the Bull's Head, Loughborough, on November 4th. During the afternoon the bells of the parish church and the bell foundry were available.

The president (Mr. H. J. Poole) was in the chair at the dinner supported by Mrs. Poole, the Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Ven. W. J. Lyon), Mr. P. L. Taylor (vice-president), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. N. Chaddock and Mr. T. Mark White.

The president extended a hearty welcome to Archdeacon Lyon and thanked him for the continued support he gave to the Guild. He also remarked on the number of young ringers present saying 'The young ringers of to-day are the ringers of to-morrow,' and appealed to the older members to give them every encouragement. Mr. Poole also congratulated the band in the Loughborough District who were ringing the multi-method peals.

GUILD'S FORMATION JUSTIFIED

Referring to remarks which had been made to him, when visiting outlying Districts of the Guild, that the meeting would never have been held under the old M.C.A., the president said this fully justified the formation of the Guild. He stated that the hon. secretary (Mr. W. A. Wood) was expecting to enter hospital during the week and that he would not be available for a period of approximately six weeks. The hon. treasurer had undertaken to deputise for him during that period. He knew he was voicing the wish of everyone present in wishing Mr. Wood a speedy recovery.

Archdeacon Lyon briefly replied, and said he represented the whole of the clergy in the diocese who all appreciated the amount of work put in by the ringers. They were always proud to welcome visitors to Loughborough, having, as they had, such a lovely church and one of the finest rings of ten in the country.

Mr. P. L. Taylor proposed the toast of 'The Visitors' and said that these included Mr. N. Chaddock, representing the Yorkshire Association; Mr. M. White, representing 'The Ringing World' and the Guildford District Guild; Mr. R. Noon, Peterborough Guild; Miss Christine Dunnington, Ely Association; Mr. W. Smith, Peak District, and others, all of whom were heartily welcomed. Mr. Taylor said he hoped

all these would take back to their own Associations the best wishes of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He also welcomed the wives and friends of the ringers, all of whom helped to make these festivals such a success.

Mr. N. Chaddock, replying, said that he had been to Leicester on several occasions, but this was the first time that a visit had coincided with the Festival, but he would make an effort to come again. As a north-countryman he was much impressed by the enthusiasm of the younger members and also by the splendid way the belfries were kept.

It was always a case of 'sharpening your wits' before coming to Leicester, added Mr. Chaddock, as he was always being invited to take part in some feat or other as the ringing possibilities of the Guild members knew no bounds.

Mr. E. C. Turner proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' in his own inimitable manner. He said that although not a big peal ringer himself, it always gave him pleasure to read the accounts of peals rung, meetings, tours and outings held. He very often felt like answering some of the letters inserted.

Mr. M. White briefly replied and conveyed the best wishes of the Editor to the Guild.

The president expressed his pleasure at having old Joe Morris with them again and as Ernest was also present he asked them to join Jill and himself in ringing a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells. This was much appreciated.

Dancing and games followed and all present stated that this was the best Festival ever since the Guild was formed. A. E. R.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT MILTON ERNEST

On November 4th a meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton Ernest. Ringing on the ring of six bells here, with its ground floor pull, is not always an enviable task for the conductor as the floor of the belfry is of stone which transmits the sound very easily; however, the 'go' of the bells is fair and we managed to bring several methods round successfully.

The church has many interesting features for the non-ringing wife or boy friend and is well worth a visit. On the right-hand side of the tower arch there can be seen a wall-case where bread is still placed for the poor of the parish. At present the ancient rood-screen is in the north aisle serving to partition off the Vicar's vestry from the church. The Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Ennis, has started a Church Restoration Fund, and one of his objects is to move the screen to its original position under the chancel arch. Another project of his is the building of a ringers' gallery, so that the floor space may be used as a choir vestry.

After a service conducted by the Vicar, we walked down to the church schoolroom for a fine tea prepared by the local ringers' wives. Our president, Miss E. Steel, was chairman at the business meeting, and Amptill was chosen for the next meeting on December 2nd. We were told that our annual general meeting would be in Bedford on February 3rd.

Our evening ringing had been fixed at Bletsoe and while we cycled the couple of miles there we were reminded that it was Guy Fawkes' night. In our part of the country the custom of ringing in thanksgiving for the exposure of the Gunpowder Plot is, unfortunately, dying out. However, it was not hard to imagine the village ringers of a bygone age climbing the spiral staircase to ring on the old ring of five bells housed in the Norman tower. True, there is now a clock-case in the tower by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and electricity has been installed, but, strange though it may seem, a stirrup still hangs on the wall to remind us of the past when 'scientific' was in its infancy and 'firing' was the order of the day.

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PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT

About 40 members, friends and visitors were present at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District, held at Fareham on November 11th. The fair sex were in the majority—so much so, in fact, that one wag (male) asked if he had made a mistake and come to a Ladies' Guild meeting by mistake!

A wedding delayed ringing until 3.30. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. Daniel) with Mrs. Linter, wife of the District chairman at the organ. A sumptuous tea followed in the School Hall.

At the business meeting, seven young ladies from Fareham and one young man from Portsmouth Cathedral were elected as ringing members. (If we continue to get new members in this ratio, the mere male will soon become an oddity in the belfry, as ladies were at one time!) The election of Mr. P. J. Eves, of Chelmsford, as compounding member, was also ratified. It was announced that the annual District meeting will be held at Portsmouth Cathedral on the third Saturday in January, 1951.

Before departing for more ringing on the tower bells, the gentlemen were called on to perform on the handbells, so three of them, with the help of a lady visitor from Chichester, rang a course of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards, the three males rang a good 120 Plain Bob Minor.

Methods rung during the day were:—Rounds; Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples; Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD BICESTER DEANERY BRANCH AT CAVERSFIELD.

The first meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch to be held at the charming and well-kept Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, took place on November 4th. The fine ring of five was rung to Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Dob Doubles, and the bells of Bicester Church in the evening.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper (branch president), conducted the service, the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe (vice-president), and a real ringers' sermon given by the Rev. Nott, of Bucknell. Launton choir led the singing, which was accompanied by handbells, and the Blessing was pronounced by Bishop H. J. Buxton, Rector of Launton.

Tea was served in the library of Caversfield House (by kind permission of Col. and Mrs. Wyndham). The business meeting was presided over by the branch president. The next meeting was arranged for Islip on the last Saturday in January.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sharpe, to Col. and Mrs. Wyndham, the handbell ringers, the choir, the Rev. Nott, the Vicar and churchwardens and all who had made the meeting a success.

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QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, half-muffled for Armistice, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Holmes 1, R. White 2, Miss Shirley Rymer (first of Caters) 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, E. H. Edge 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, Fred White 10.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, T. Elcox 2, G. Bowen 3, E. Lucas 4, A. W. Gizzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A birthday compliment to the Rev. R. Francis (Vicar).

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. S. Wickens 1, F. G. Huckstep 2, W. W. Ring 3, M. W. Marshall 4, P. D. Huestepp 5, S. G. Waters (first in method) 6, T. Cullingworth 7, H. Parks 8.

BARROWBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Coy (first quarter) 1, J. W. Drury 2, H. Drury 3, A. O. Nichols 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6. First 'inside' 2, 3 and 4.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 5th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chambers 1, F. K. Thompson 2, G. Lowe 3, R. Soars (first in two methods 'inside') 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5. Average age, 15 years 10 months.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Yates (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Colver 2, G. Armstrong 3, J. Hill 4, W. P. Whitehead 5, C. R. Belton 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, J. Hough (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the Bishop of Leicester and to mark the birth of a daughter to Mrs. T. C. Belton.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Colver (first in method) 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, A. H. Hough 3, G. Armstrong 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. In memory of those who fell at El Alamein.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Wells 1, G. Castleman 2, C. Lynch 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Udale 5, J. Kesterton 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. First in method by 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne (cond.) 1, J. Kemp 2, S. Carter 3, A. Ager 4, M. F. R. Hibbert 5, J. R. Mayne 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. Phillips 8. First in method for 2, 4 and 8.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Short 1, N. B. Fovargue 2, W. B. Dawson 3, J. E. Allen 4, G. R. Dawson 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, C. Randall 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Canon W. H. Judd.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,680 changes (240 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise): J. Stanway, jun. 1, W. Dean (cond.) 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway, sen. 5, W. Hazeldine 6.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop 3, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 4, F. Dewey 5, J. Petch 6, R. Brown 7, T. Freeston 8. A farewell to T. Freeston, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.—Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: J. Bryan 1, F. Dewey 2, E. Jessop 3, R. Brown 4, D. White 5, F. Leggett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. In memoriam Cranon W. H. Judd.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Nov. 5th, at St. John the Evangelist's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Evenden 1, M. Best 2, J. Daniels 3, Miss D. Fletcher 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, A. Rose 6, H. Mitchell (cond.) 7, P. Coote 8. Rung for Mayor's service.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. S. Morris (first quarter, age 14) 1, G. Wiffen (cond.) 2, H. Pratt 3, B. Redgwail 4, J. Warner 5, S. Warne 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, H. R. Belton 8. A farewell to the treble ringer on leaving the district.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. C. Hart 1, Miss B. Stephenson (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Bond 3, R. Beale 4, A. W. Gravett 5, J. V. Lonsbrough 6, H. W. Woolven (first as cond.) 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Blount 1, G. Packham 2, R. West 3, R. Simpson 4, G. Sturt 5, A. Feist 6, F. Godmark (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Y. Porter (first quarter) 1, A. Lewis 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, F. Woods 4, D. G. Clarke 5, J. L. Smith 6, D. J. King (first as cond.) 7, J. J. King 8. A 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. Seabrook (aged 14) 2, O. Ballard 3, F. Bensley 4, S. Honeyball 5, W. Cuthmore 6, S. Twitcheit (cond.) 7, F. Kemp 8. First of Kent Major by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bennett 1, F. I. Hairs 2, P. A. Corby 3, J. J. Thomas (cond.) 4, J. W. Eden 5, W. J. Lemon 6, E. Barnett 7, F. J. Cullum 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Christopher 1, Miss J. Mattinson 2, J. Relf 3, J. Hayward 4, P. Davis (first as cond.) 5, B. Newson 6, T. Blow 7, J. Adcock 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Hull 1, J. Naish 2, H. Hawkins 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, J. Fowler 5, D. Lee 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Clare 1, G. Freebrey (cond.) 2, S. Walklate 3, Rev. S. K. Reynolds 4, H. Letts 5, C. Walklate 6. First quarter 1 and 4. Rung for Armistice Day.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laws 1, W. J. Simons 2, J. T. Godwin 3, H. J. Stead 4, R. H. Duke 5, J. W. Smith 6, P. Toccock (cond.) 7, K. W. Hewitt 8. First of Triples 1 and 8.

EALING MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Churchill 1, H. J. Eldred 2, W. J. Ellis 3, P. E. Clark 4, F. A. Finch 5, A. M. Stacey 6, T. Davies 7, A. Harding (cond.) 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Worsfold 1, W. Robinson 2, Barbara Pottinger 3, G. Marriner 4, E. Coward 5, B. Hawkins 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, A. Horwood (first quarter) 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Harland (first quarter) 1, C. W. Haslop 2, S. R. Elwick 3, J. S. Beddington 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. A. Alexander 7, W. Fewster (first quarter) 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 9th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: P. Sgt. A. P. Harrison (first quarter) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck (first of Triples) 2, R. Parker 3, J. Watson (first of Triples) 4, W. Dale 5, S. Proctor 6, P. C. H. R. Woods (first of Triples as cond.) 7, F. W. Parsons 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Gladman 1, A. Jones 2, W. W. Webb 3, B. A. Rose 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, W. Godfrey 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, C. V. Hare 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8. Also 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major.

HORNSEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Betts (first of Bob Minor) 1, W. G. Kingston 2, R. P. Crump 3, Miss E. Fadden 4, D. H. Kingston (first as cond.) 5, J. Crump 6. Rung for the dedication festival of the church and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Betts.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Whitford 1, J. Papworth 2, P. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. First of Cambridge for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeman 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, R. Stephens 3, E. Freeman 4, P. Inskip 5, W. Izzard 6, L. Turner 7, C. Izzard 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth to Kempston Barracks for the unveiling of the 1939-45 war memorial.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. A. Clarke (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Harris 2, Miss P. G. Kitchen 3, G. W. Massey 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, G. C. Goodman 6, H. G. Andrews 7, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 8.

LANE END, Bucks.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Slayter (first quarter) 1, W. Woodward 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, K. Seymour (cond.) 5, R. Wright 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. S. Smith 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, S. H. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Jarvis 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. G. Pryke 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbaird 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hector 1, A. N. Wood 2, C. Windram (first quarter in method) 3, R. March 4, J. C. Chester 5, T. A. Thorner 6, G. Hollick (cond.) 7, F. Wallington 8.

MOREBATH, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. N. Burrow 1, D. J. Gould (first quarter) 2, F. Baker (first quarter) 3, E. H. Oxenham 4, J. F. A. Waite (cond.) 5, J. Broom 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Mansfield 1, A. Livings 2, K. Wood 3, B. Burton 4, C. Sams (cond.) 5. Rung for the patronal festival.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 5th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): F. A. Salter (cond.) 1, G. E. Padgett 2, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 3, J. D. Niblett 4, R. Aley 5, F. Bradley 6, V. T. Jennison 7, G. H. Clift 8. First quarter in this variation by all.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton (first quarter) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, Miss J. Cotton 3, G. W. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, W. H. Curson 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung on the 10th birthday of the treble ringer.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, W. Rose (cond.) 2, H. Goakes 3, J. Mounfield 4, C. Woods 5, L. Hadman 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8. In memoriam to the fallen.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Ball (first in the method) 1, E. A. Jurd 2, B. C. Stirland 3, F. W. Burnett 4, P. J. Eves 5, H. A. Nobes 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, S. J. Harding 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles, being 6 six-scores of Grandsire and 44 of Plain Bob: C. Brown 1, T. M. Griffin 2, A. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Milverton 4, D. Hoare 5, D. Youdle 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fields 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, C. H. Harding 3, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Cambridge Major) 4, B. G. Warwick 5, S. Gilbert 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Fielder (14) 1, J. Soles 2, C. A. Wratten (first as cond.) 3, S. Mowl 4, R. Birch 5, T. Wilson 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. First of Doubles for 3, 4, 5 and 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells since 1912.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Nov. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Proctor (first quarter) 1, W. Holland 2, J. S. Woodhouse 3, C. A. Brown 4, A. C. Watson 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those killed in both wars.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 7.6.8 behind: Miss P. Partridge (first quarter) 1, P. Anger (cond.) 2, M. Collins (first 'inside') 3, E. Boardman 4, R. Partridge 5, B. Micham (first quarter) 6, E. Anger 7, E. Grainger 8. Rung half-muffled Remembrance Day.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): H. Longland 1, H. P. Collins 2, D. A. Frith 3, F. N. Mitchell 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. First quarter peal in three methods for all except the conductor.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George's Church on Oct. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. F. Harman 1, Miss P. Kitchen 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, J. H. Crampion 4, H. G. Andrews 5, R. H. Begrie 6, C. E. Williamson 7, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Farr 1, G. W. Mills 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, S. E. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, A. D. Mills 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, Miss D. Lawson 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to William Hollingworth, a ringer at this church.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. W. Taysom 1, A. Carveth 2, H. Miles 3, W. J. Sanders 4, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 5, E. Sanders 6. Half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Truro.

WANBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Pearce (first quarter) 1, P. Anger (cond.) 2, M. Collins 3, E. Boardman 4, E. A. Anger 5, W. Ayres (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled Remembrance Day.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—On Oct. 24th, at the Minster, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: R. Groves 1, C. Bishop 2, D. Matkin 3, L. Pink 4, C. Burt 5, W. Shute 6, L. Lockyer 7, E. Bishop 8, R. F. Price (cond.) 9, J. Redgwail 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. A. Bradbury 1, Mary I. Kennelly 2, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts 3, C. Barwick 4, I. H. Trueman 5, J. R. Worrall (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 3 and 4. First of Surprise for Bristol University Society.

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SUMMER TOUR, 1950

It had been intended this summer to make a waterborne incursion into eastern England by way of the River Ouse. News of the nautical training undertaken last Whitsun had apparently leaked out, however, in spite of the efforts to keep secret the methods of disembarkation practised. The natives of those parts have not forgotten the traditions of Hereward the Wake, and with the skill of long generations of repelling raids they prepared their counter measures. The Great Ouse Catchment Board rendered the river impassable at several points, and all craft suitable for our purpose were withdrawn beyond reach.

The element of surprise was considerable—only a few hours' notice of changed plans was given to most members—and the most vigorous action was therefore necessary to prevent a rout. Two members, indeed, fled the country, and the original organiser was admitted to hospital a few days later. The rest of the party assembled on Saturday, July 29th, at a remote house near Luton which was taken as a base. The men slept in tents in the garden while the women slept indoors—and only, while, for until they had gone to bed, and once they had woken in the morning, sleep was impossible within a radius of about a hundred yards. On Sunday the party split up and joined in service ringing at several local towers. On Monday morning a peal of Plain Bob, instead of Cambridge, which the band could not settle down to properly, was rung at Knebworth. In the afternoon the sixes at St. Paul's, Waldon, King's Walden and Olney were visited. At King's Walden, Major Harrison kindly invited the party to visit the garden of Kingswalden Park.

The first stop on Tuesday was Luton where there is a fine ring of ten in an equally fine church. Houghton Regis was visited on the way to Dunstable for lunch. After an enjoyable hour on the bells of Dunstable Priory, the party set off for Flamstead where the Vicar showed them many of the treasures and interesting features of the church before ringing. In the evening, visits to Harpenden and St. Albans Abbey (for the local practice) concluded the day's activities.

By Wednesday sufficient motorised transport had been collected for a move to Cambridge. Five towers were visited on the way—Ashwell, Royston, Ickleton, Sawston and Whittlesford. The lovely eight at Ickleton would have been even more appreciated had we realised what was in store at Whittlesford where the 'go' of the six bells left much to be desired. The tallest and shortest male members of the party claimed that they turned in the tenor to Double Court and Plain Bob respectively, claims which no other members of the band had enough breath to dispute. A stay of three days was made at Cambridge, the Master and secretary of the Cambridge University Guild having arranged ringing for Thursday afternoon and Saturday. They explained their presence by some vague reference to Long Vac. Terms—a degrading habit of these parts, but fortunate for us.

On Thursday morning part of the original programme was kept, the pleasant eight at St. Ives and the sixes at Holywell (an unsuccessful peal attempt) and Hemingford Grey being on or near the river. The return in the afternoon was by way of Over, Longstanton and Histon. In the evening the birthday of one of the party was celebrated at the Railway Vue, Histon, with a supper, accompanied by selections on the Victorian equivalent of the 'nickelodion,' followed by a darts tournament. Skittles and a rather noisy vocal party whose choice of song was considered by the Master to be subversive to good order and belfry discipline.

Only two towers were visited on Friday—St. Mary's, Ely, and St. George's, Littleport—though this had nothing to do with the previous evening's activities. The rest of the time was

spent in Ely Cathedral and by and in the river

On Saturday the bells of Cambridge were available at St. Andrew's (where a rope broke during the last touch, but the bell set to the gratification of at least one ringer), the Roman Catholic church and St. Bene't's, well known for its association with Fabian Stedman. That evening the party returned to near Luton, and rang locally again on Sunday.

The problem of Monday's ringing was solved by the hospitality of some local ringers who kindly let us join them on a trip to Wingrave, Aston Abbotts, Stewkley, Drayton Parslow, Newton Longville, Blechley and Fenny Stratford. That evening most of the party returned home though two or three remained to strike camp the next morning.

Our thanks are especially due to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, our hosts near Luton, and other friends.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual nomination meeting at Bagshot (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards at Yorktown (8), not at Bagshot.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7883

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday Nov. 25th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck. 7924

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bredbury, November 25th. Bells (3). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 7908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 'Three Horse Shoes.'—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec., 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge. 7892

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 25th. 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 7960

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf Hotel 4.45 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 7897

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Overseale, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the local ringers for those who notify J. Cotton. Overseale. 7909

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Usual arrangements. Replies soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 7890

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hitcham, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 6 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7902

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haverhill (6), Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea provided 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, 7, Hamlet Croft, Haverhill, Suffolk. Short service 7.30.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 7900

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Holmesley, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to all who notify Rev. Groom, Holmesley Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 7896

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday Nov. 23rd.—Miss R. M. Soreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7913

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7911

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 o'clock. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7905

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting at Wistanstow, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 7944

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Stanwell, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea obtainable nearby. Bedford bells during evening.—F. Finch. 7945

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—The restored six bells by Taylor (new frame and two recast) will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Hastings on Sunday, Nov. 26th, during 11 a.m. service. Bells open after service. 7940

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Practice meeting, Thurleigh, Nov. 29th, 7 p.m. Monthly meeting, Amptill, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Dunstable Street, at 5.—Michael Stephens. 7917

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Kenilworth on December 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying me by Nov. 28th.—Roslyn M. Griffiths, 71, Dickens Road, Radford, Coventry. 7891

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wednesday (10), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Guild Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea please Nov. 28th latest to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Whitstable, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Please send all names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Thursday, Nov. 30th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7895

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 followed by social evening. Names please by Tuesday, Nov. 28th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Watlingbury (6) Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7903

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7887

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 2nd, at Tewkesbury Abbey. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 to those who notify me by Nov. 27th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 7921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting at Wrington, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7942

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Goatburst, Dec. 2nd, from 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Local Hon. Sec. 7943

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Deanery Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney (8), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early, please.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7928

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7933

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting of the above at St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Names for tea (provided) to M. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster. All ringers welcome—the more the merrier.—G. Woods, Sec. 7934

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Shildon, Dec. 2nd. This meeting is now cancelled.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopdale Avenue, Darlington. 7929

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint branch practice meeting at Keswick, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 1 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 28th to J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 7952

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. A. E. Wheeler by Nov. 30th. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 7939

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7932

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at 2.45 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 7937

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea Wednesday, Nov. 29th.—R. Gilling, Farnham, Faringdon. 7950

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham (8), on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 6.30—9.—B. E. Castle. 7926

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holt (6), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7930

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Nov. 25th to C. H. Lathey. 7927

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Wilson, 33, East Bawtry Road, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7954

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (note place), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names at latest by Thursday previous to Mr. T. Wheat, Church House, Greasley, Newthorpe, Notts. 7935

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, by Nov. 29th. 7941

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, St. Wilfred's, Standish. Annual meeting, election of officers.—J. Burns. 7961

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District Branch.—Meeting at Halesworth (8), Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 7959

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Hadden, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Nov. 28th please. 7957

NORTH-EAST ESSEX AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Joint meeting, Stratford St. Mary, Dec. 2nd. Langham bells also available. Bells 2.45. Tea 5.15, Riverside Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich (Tel. 78926). 7965

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual, Breaston, Dec. 9th, 2.30. Notifications for tea by Dec. 5th certain to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 7951

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7851

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Northchurch (8), Saturday, Dec. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Dec. 5th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7953

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Dec. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 135, Creswell Road, Clowne, Chesterfield, by Dec. 5th.—H. Denman. 7936

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual ringing. Service 4.15. Tea at Peace Memorial Hall 5. Numbers for tea to reach G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Thursday. 7949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Gravesend (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea as we have been unable to get a hall for this date.—B. W. May. 7948

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Dodford, Dec. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. V. Perry, Weedon, Northampton, by Saturday, Dec. 2nd. No names, no tea.—F. W. Hancock. 7938

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York Minster on December 9th. Bells (12) available 1.30. Dedication service of Five Sisters' Window 2.30. Further ringing later. Tea 3s. 6d. each, in Barton's Cafe, Dargate, for all who advise Mr. S. Steel, 7, Ing's Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post, Dec. 7th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7958

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Dec. 9th, at East Meon. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Dec. 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 7962

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 16th. Bells (12) 3 Service 4 Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishop's Cleeve. 7956

YATTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Everyone welcome. P.C. only for tea by 13th to E. A. Price, Rectory Farm, Yatton, Bristol. 7931

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting of the Society will be held on Jan. 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C.1. 7967

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Jan. 20th. Details later.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7964

QUARTER PEALS

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Hill 1, K. L. Taylor 2, D. L. Hooper 3, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 4, J. W. Hovey 5, G. H. Lane 6, L. L. Willis 7, W. G. Lane (first of Triples) 8. For the unveiling of the parish war memorial.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Cattell 1, D. Cattell (first on working bell) 2, G. J. Leversuch 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, T. Clark 5, W. Wenban 6, R. Wenban (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker 1, D. Nock 2, K. Smith 3, R. N. Eaton 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson 6. Run half-muffled in memory of Mr. D. E. Clayton, Rector's warden.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of All Saints, on Nov. 5th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. G. Morris 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, R. W. Sayers 4, A. Morgan 5, A. E. Humphries 6, R. Woodyard 7, T. W. Lewis 8.

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