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CROYDON PARISH CHURCH

THE part Croydon Parish Church has played in the annals of English ringing is considerable. Much of its story was fragmentary. Now the Ancient Society of Croydon Ringers have their own printed history which is the outcome of 25 years of research by Mr. James E. Cooper, who has been a ringer at this tower for the past 30 years. Mr. Cooper is also the printer of this history. He set all the type himself and printed it page by page on a small wooden hand press. And a creditable job he has made of it.

The inventory of church goods and ornaments, made by order of King Edward VI., shows that Croydon possessed five bells and a Saunce bell. The date Croydon possessed eight bells is unknown, but the Society of Croydon Youths rang a peal of 5,040 Bob Triples, a composition by Benjamin Annable, on January 17th, 1734, with two men on the tenor. These bells were recast in 1738 by Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The first Master of the Society, which was established in 1730, was Joseph Levens, and he called the first peal. His brother Thomas, who was parish clerk, also participated in this performance. The fourth bell was rung by Christopher Burrell, a man of substance with property at Beckingham, who at his death left £300 towards the provision of an organ for the church. Joseph Matthews, who rang the sixth, was a carpenter, and his son, also a ringer, in 1761 had charge of the parish fire engine. Of the early peals, one of special interest is that of Grandsire Triples rung in 1816 by the Society and, according to records, all members of the band were Cumberland Youths. A characteristic of this peal, which was conducted by Francis Matthews, was that it started from backstroke and came round at hand, the reverse of usual procedure.

In 1823 a new code of rules was accepted by the Society. The qualification for membership was ability to ring 500 changes on an 'inside' bell, a rule that still operates with the Society to-day. Like many ringing societies of the period, there was an elaborate system of payments for ringing, fines for lateness and non-attendance and also a fine of 1d. for each offence should a member swear during ringing or in the belfry. The final rule was: 'That all members of this Society shall belong to the Burial Society, and all monies to defray the expences be taken from the funds of the ringers.'

A night of tragedy was January 5th, 1867, when the church was almost destroyed by fire. The bells melted where they hung except the tenor, which crashed to the ground and was smashed to pieces. On this fateful night the ringers were holding their annual dinner at the Rose and Crown Inn opposite the church. During the evening William Kilmaster, the sexton, who was also a ringer, left the festive board to attend to the stoves of the church. On returning to the company he remarked, 'It's a cold night, boys, but I've warmed them up all right.' Prophetic words these, comments Mr. Cooper, for in a few hours the whole building was in flames.

The church was rebuilt and a new ring of eight was cast by Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, with a tenor of nearly 32 cwt. The bells were difficult to ring, two men being required for the tenor, and it was not until ten years later that the first peal was rung on the bells by nine members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, of whom six were members of the Croydon Society. Noted ringers in this peal were H. C. Haley, the conductor, S. Reeves and J. M. Hayes. During this period the tower obtained among ringers the nickname of 'the slaughterhouse' owing to the heavy and uncertain going of the bells. This name was associated with the Croydon belfry for about 50 years.

Croydon owed much in the latter years of the last century to Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter, who in 1882 learnt to ring and joined the Society. He became one of the foremost ringers in the South of England, was secretary to the Society and the first Ringing Master of the Surrey Association upon its formation in 1883. He persuaded the church authorities to have the bells rehung and the frame re-designed.

The bicentenary of the Society's first peal, January 17th, 1934, was commemorated by ringing three courses of Bob Triples, a full peal being out of the question owing to the condition of the bells. The late Mr. Cyril Johnston, a member of the Society for many years, had formulated a scheme by which the existing bells should be recast and four others added to make a ring of twelve. A munificent gift from the late Lady Eldridge made the scheme possible, and with characteristic energy Mr. Johnston laboured to complete it. The twelve were dedicated on December 12th, 1936, by the Bishop of Croydon, in the presence of 300 ringers from all parts of the country. The weight of the new tenor is 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb., and the total weight of the twelve bells is just over eight tons.

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With the bells was a new frame, the whole contract being undertaken by the Croydon Foundry.

Another bell, the 'Victory' bell, the gift of Mr. Cyril Johnston, was added on May 25th, 1946, thus providing the Society with a lighter ring of eight, invaluable especially on practice nights. We conclude this review with the author's own tribute to the contribution Croydon bells have made to national and parochial events and the regular call to worship on Sundays: 'For upwards of two centuries this has continued with little break. Countless generations of men have climbed those winding stairs, stairs that have survived the effects of time and fire and were mercifully preserved, as was the whole church, from enemy bombing, and have gathered in the ringing chamber, there to—

"... ply with nimble brain, our subtle art,

Sequence of sound, that moves with mystic rhyme."

Who can measure the effect of those years of endeavour?"

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	GEOFFREY DODDS 8
ALBERT DISERENS 3	NOEL J. DISERENS 9
MRS. ALBERT DISERENS .. 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS .. 10
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 11
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW .. 6	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

TEN BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. Treble	GEORGE LARGE 6
*R. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 2	TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 7
†THOMAS YEOMANS 3	†IVOR H. TRUEMAN 8
CHARLES GREEDY 4	§JOHN B. BENNETT 9
*ROBERT E. COLES 5	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal.
§ First peal of Plain Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Seymour R. Barker.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES MILNER Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
*SYDNEY HOUGH 2	†DENNIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 7
†NEIL D. LOMAS 3	WILFRED STEVENSON .. 8
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
*ANNE WORTH 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

*MARGARET E. RIDYARD .. Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
†JOHN ROBERTS 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
GEORGE H. HESKETH 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
†RONALD KENRICK 5	†WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by THOS. W. HESKETH.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. The quickest peal on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Granta Variation.	Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.
NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 3	BERT GOGLE 8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	HENRY TOOKE 9
ARTHUR G. BASON 5	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the Granta Variation by all, on the bells and for the Association.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 6
GEORGE E. PADGETT .. 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS 7
CLEMENT GLENN 3	WALTER NICHOLS 8
FREDK. A. SALTER 4	JOHN E. TURLEY 9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

FRANK REED Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 5
*DAVID G. JACKSON .. 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY .. 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method, aged 13. First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam Harry C. Walters, of Pontefract.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt

THOMAS G. BANNISTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCES A. EDGAR .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON 6
*ERNEST H. KILBY 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the birthday of His Majesty the King.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 5
*GEOFFREY DODDS 2	ALEXANDER S. WATT .. 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON .. 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal. First peal in the method by all.

ASH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part.	Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.
WILLIAM BOTTRILL Treble	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 5
*GILLIAN A. SMITH 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. .. 6
†JOHN A. HILTON 3	EDWARD J. WELLS .. 7
†PETER NEWING 4	AUSTEN KEMP Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell.
A birthday compliment to Leslie J. Hilton, father of third ringer.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MARY HOWELL Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*HORACE E. LILLEY 4	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Composed by J. COX.

* First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	*VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 6
*†FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	*†GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 7
*ERIC NAYLOR 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. A birthday compliment to Valerie Joan, daughter of the conductor.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

JOHN H. LOTT Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. WILFRED TAFFENDER.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER Treble	THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 6
*ROGER C. PRESTON 3	ERIC J. GILBERT 7
*WILLIAM H. DEACON .. 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

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

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ENID LONNEN Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY 5
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER .. 6
RAYMOND OVERY 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
KENNETH SNELLING .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal on eight bells.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*AUDREY STEPHENS (15) .. Treble	†THOMAS STEPHENS 5
†B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	BRIAN D. PRICE 6
*BRIAN WERRY (16) 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 7
ROBERT STEPHENS 4	JACK WORRALL Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside.' Miss Stephens is the first lady of the local band to ring a peal on the bells. Both the 'firsts' are to be congratulated on the way they rang their bells.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBERT E. COLES Treble	*IVOR H. TRUEMAN 5
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	*TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 6
*J. ARTHUR HOARE 3	†ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
*FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	PAUL L. TAYLOR 5
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL .. 2	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	JOHN R. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 480 London, 320 each of New Gloucester, Wordsworth, Norfolk, Yorkshire, Bristol, Eastcote, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, and 160 each of Langley, Heathcote, Rutland, Pudsey, Watford, Hitchin, Claybrooke, Uxbridge, Superlative, Framley, Edinburgh, Lindum and Wembley, with 144 changes of method. No. 5 arrangement.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
MARGARET L. TUTT 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
ALAN R. PINK 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

The first peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 22 methods by all the band. Rung at the first attempt.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT GREENHALGH ..	<i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK BROWNLOW ..	3
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ..	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY ..	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN ASHCROFT ..	7
IAN JONES	4	ROGER LEIGH ..	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung to mark the 41st anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. John Dimmock, Vicar of Westhoughton.



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QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY INGHAM (14) ..Treble	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 5
W. GEORGE TURNER .. 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY .. 6
PAUL BIRKETT .. 3	†HARRY WILD .. 7
JOHN PEARSON .. 4	†SAM LONGBOTTOM .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY WILD.

* First peal. † 50th peal together.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ..Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE .. 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT .. 2	GEORGE KENWARD .. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL .. 3	T. A. CROSS (A.C. R.A.F.) .. 7
GLADYS K. JARRETT .. 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Cheal, mother of Mr. F. J. Cheal. Also for Mrs. A. N. Frostick, daughter of Mr. W. A. J. Knight.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

*DENNIS HOLLAND ..Treble	†GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT .. 2	†HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 6
†FRANK REED .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. 7
JOHN E. TURLEY .. 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEWTON ..Treble	C. RICHARD BELTON .. 5
*E. EDWARD PICKERING .. 2	FRANK BAILESS .. 6
E. CHARLES TURNER .. 3	T. HENRY WRIGHT .. 7
*JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE .. 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE A. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. G. Newton.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TONY PRICE ..Treble	*FREDK. A. FINCH .. 5
RONALD H. BULLEN .. 2	*FRANK C. PRICE .. 6
RICHARD E. PRICE .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*GEOFFREY DODDS .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*OLIVE M. DRAKE ..Treble	M. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
RICHARD J. JACKSON .. 2	ALFRED BALLARD .. 6
EDWARD SOWMAN .. 3	JOHN J. MORRIS .. 7
ERNEST W. TIPLER .. 4	A. THOMAS BROMLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor on tower bells. This peal was rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a clergyman, by the Rev. Canon T. R. J. Avery, Rector of Lutterworth.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*BERNARD R. MILLWARD ..Treble	GEORGE F. SPERRING .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 6
DAPHNE LLOYD .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY .. 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD .. 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*HAROLD S. JORDAN ..Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS .. 5
KEVIN S. HOHL .. 2	EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
ALEC E. RICHARDSON .. 4	WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as an 86th and 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ladd, of East Grinstead, Sussex, parents of the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-ANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*GEORGE E. GREEN ..Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 5
*K. MARY COWLEY .. 2	†ALBERT H. HINTON .. 6
FREDERICK C. CASE .. 3	WILLIAM YATES .. 7
†EDWIN R. LAMBERT .. 4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the seventh has now completed the circle.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE E. LARGE ..Treble	†REGINALD WOODYATT .. 5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS .. 6
†ALLEN MORGAN .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT .. 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal for the Association. 50th peal together by 'Bill' Lewis (father) and 'Tom' Lewis (son).

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE ..Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. 5
GEORGE BISHOP .. 2	JAMES GORDON .. 6
HENRY L. BISHOP .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
BERTRAM L. BROWN .. 4	JACK NAPPER .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal 'inside.'

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ILLYD, TYFODWG AND GWYNNO.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE ..Treble	*FRANK ROWSELL .. 5
FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. 2	*WILLIAM T. OATWAY .. 6
*THOMAS YEOMANS .. 3	FREDERICK C. LASBURY .. 7
JOSEPH LOVETT .. 4	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

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

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. Treble	†FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 5
*ERNEST J. LADD 2	FRANK H. HICKS 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. First peal on the bells since being augmented from six to eight. Rung as an engagement compliment to Frank H. Hicks and Miss Evelyn M. Capon, of Hellingly.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pilstow's Transposition. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.. 6
FREDK. A. SALTER 3	JOHN E. TURLEY 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wystan,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. BRITTAN, Treasurer Treble
RHODA HEMMINGS, Committee 2
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE, Committee 3
WALTER G. SOAR, Committee 4
WILLIAM H. CURSON, Chairman 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD, Committee 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON, Secretary 7
SIDNEY H. JONES, Ringing Master Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

First peal in the method as conductor. Also a wedding anniversary compliment to J. H. Brittan, H. H. Brittan and W. J. Shorthose.

Guild officers' peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Bedford Delight, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY WOODCOCK .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 4
PATRICK CHAPMAN 2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 150th peal.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

HORACE BENNETT .. Treble	FREDA OLDERSHAW .. 4
WILLIAM B. DAWSON .. 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. 5
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

First peal in four methods as conductor.

BYFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross.

A PEAL OF 5040 CHESTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT H. HINTON .. Treble	GEORGE F. BURTON 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
ERNEST LINES 3	WILLIAM YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First peal of Minor on the bells.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. COLLINS .. Treble	C. JOHN PIPER 4
BENJAMIN STEPNEY 2	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN .. . 5
WILLIAM M. STEPNEY .. . 3	FRANK H. HICKS .. . Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. First peal on the bells since recasting the 3rd and 4th, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Rung by members of the local band.

TUSHINGHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. CHAPMAN .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER .. . 4
J. DEREK SMITH 2	JOHN E. BROUGH .. . 5
HERBERT SUTTON 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. . Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Double Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. Treble	EDWIN BROMLEY .. . 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... 2	ALAN BROMLEY .. . 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Lambert.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*G. EDWARD BRUMPTON .. Treble	*HAROLD MORWOOD .. . 4
*RONALD CHAFER 2	JACK BRAY 5
HARRY HALL 3	GEORGE W. MOODY .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods.

HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON .. . 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON .. 5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON .. 3	STANLEY GILBERT .. . Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

A thanksgiving for the restoration of this church, which was reopened by the Bishop of Ely on December 19th.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. Treble	†PETER A. LAWRENCE .. . 4
*OLIVE GREEN 2	TERRY H. BLUNT .. . 5
†JANET S. BAILEY 3	WILLIAM BUTLER .. . Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal on six bells.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire, six of Norfolk, eight of Old and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN FOWLER Treble	DAVID HOARE 4
GILBERT POMEROY 2	ROGER O. FRY 5
HENLEY HAWKINS 3	CHARLES FRANCIS .. . Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

First peal in four methods by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 13, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

At 39, WAKEFIELD ROAD, LEASOWE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford Bob (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT 3-4
FRANK VARTY 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

First peal in eight Minor methods for all.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 14 in D.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
*MICHAEL J. E. BEST 3-4	JOYCE GIBBONS 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JAMES.

* First peal of Triples 'inside' on handbells.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 12 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 317 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor size 18 in G.

HARRY POYNER 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7-8

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor size 18 in G.

JILL POOLE 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH 5-6	*JOHN BRAMLEY 11-12

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At 26, BRABAZON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHRISTOPHER MOOR 1-2	JACK KING 5-6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4	*BERT GOGLE 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

ROATH, CARDIFF.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Dec. 21, 1950, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

At 2, PARTRIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*IVOR H. TRUEMAN 1-2	†B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS.. 3-4
†JACK R. WORRALL 5-6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal on handbells for the Society. First peal on the bells. A tribute to Dr. S. H. Piper, president of the Society and donor of the bells.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. W. Taylor 1, W. A. Stote (cond.) 2, S. J. Oughton 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, H. G. Summers 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward (first in the method) 6, C. S. Aylett 7, G. Gardner 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 17th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 360 April Day): Miss A. P. Taylor 1, Miss B. Carter 2, J. B. Robinson 3, R. Edwards 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, P. R. Harrison 6. First quarter in three methods for all but the 2nd ringer. Rung as a birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lister 1, W. Judd 2, G. Martin 3, M. Upstone 4, B. Lister 5, R. Hunt 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, C. Tuffley 8. First quarter of Triples by 4 and 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. G. Oliver 1, G. E. Boyden 2, G. M. Rashbrook 3, C. Rouse (Prestbury) 4, R. Talbot 5, J. H. Edwards 6, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 7, H. J. Millatt 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.—Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Doreen Richer 1, H. J. Millatt 2, C. Rouse 3, G. W. Moss 4, J. H. Edwards 5, R. Talbot 6, F. G. Oliver 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 5, 6 and 7.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral on Christmas Eve, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Alan Taylor 1, Kathleen I. Tivey 2, F. R. Lowe 3, H. Lettis 4, M. J. Barker 5, J. F. Wilkinson 6, H. Danvers 7, H. Taylor (first as cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 1, 2, 6 and 7.

EYDON, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tompkins 1, J. Steel 2, H. Lansbury 3, E. Lines 4, C. Parish (cond.) 5.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, F. A. Barker 3, A. Warren 4, C. A. Hughes 5, E. T. Beauchamp 6, C. W. Otley 7, P. Blake 8.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Franklin 1, F. W. Lack (cond.) 2, G. Seth 3, T. H. Townsend 4, A. Stapleton 5, F. Reeve 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. A. Warwick 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, Miss V. Willard 4, H. G. Hart 5, B. Austin 6, G. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Baldwin 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, E. Markham 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, A. Clutton 5, R. Coles 6, C. A. Smith 7, A. L. James 8. For the 75th birthday of the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. W. Lack 1, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 2, R. F. Baker 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5. First quarter Stedman Doubles by all.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cox (first quarter away from tenor) 1, R. Biggs 2, I. S. Biggs 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, W. Lee (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Skerritt 1, G. La Marquand 2, W. Perkins 3, J. J. Mawby 4, A. Y. Tyler 5, B. Lewis 6, A. Bigley (cond.) 7, G. Shortland (longest length) 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. M. Stephens 2, R. W. Stephens 3, W. Izzard 4, C. G. Woodhead (first tower-bell quarter as cond.) 5, C. Izzard 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Cragg 1, W. Small 2, C. D. Linington 3, J. Feist 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Winifred Harris 1, Jean Tattersill 2, C. Tarr (cond.) 3, H. Commis 4, D. North 5, F. Burton 6.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Norman (first quarter) 1, P. Barnes 2, C. Watts (first quarter) 3, C. Duncombe (first quarter) 4, G. Barnes 5, R. Talbot (first as cond.) 6.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. D. Smith 1, G. Seth 2, J. R. Smith 3, T. H. Townsend 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5. Rung after the marriage of Miss Ann Topham, younger daughter of Mr. Alec Topham (churchwarden) to Mr. R. Ellerbeck.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. D. C. Ritchie 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. H. Lott 3, C. Finch 4, C. A. Hughes 5, E. Holman 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, C. W. Otley 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Page 1, R. Lowe 2, J. Sutton 3, J. Lewis 4, L. Page (cond.) 5, F. E. Manns 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Turley 1, Miss D. Golding (first of Minor) 2, Miss D. Corke 3, L. Turley 4, R. Pankhurst 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (cond.) 8. Rung with the tenor covering.

SOUTHOVER, NEAR LEWES, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Beat (first quarter) 1, B. Heasman 2, T. Woolston 3, F. Crea 4, G. P. Elphick 5, R. C. Hide 6, R. W. E. Dawe (cond.) 7, J. Wilmshurst 8.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Woodward 1, T. Stone 2, M. Collins 3, E. Boardman 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, E. F. Franklin 6. Rung to honour the Archdeacon of Swindon, who visited the parish to dedicate a memorial to the late Rev. W. P. Pring, Vicar 1934-47.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Cornell 1, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 2, J. T. Kentish 3, G. Blake 4, R. F. Ewer 5, A. Hallen 6, W. J. Arnold 7, A. W. Coles 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, Mr. J. T. Kentish, and Mrs. Kentish, who celebrated their golden wedding on December 26th.

ST. MELLONS, MON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: I. H. Trueman 1, G. Chouls 2, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts 3, L. T. Hulbert 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, G. Monk 6. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 4 and 6.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss D. Hulbert (first in method) 1, G. Chouls 2, G. Monk (first in method 'inside') 3, L. I. Hulbert 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, D. Monk (first quarter) 6. First in the method on the bells by a Sunday service band.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Adams 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 16th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Saville 1, H. Doughty 2, B. A. Sollis 3, A. E. Sollis 4, E. Brooks 5, P. Bradley (cond.) 6, C. M. Heathcote 7 (covering). Birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sollis, Miss M. Heathcote and E. Brooks.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Thorley 1, John Thorley (10) (first quarter on eight) 2, C. D. Leask 3, D. Thorley 4, T. D. Leask 5, W. Hobson (77) 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, J. M. Thorley 8.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (300 Bob Doubles, 240 April Day, 720 Grandsire): Miss B. Griffiths 1, Miss S. Golding 2, J. Boutland 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. Wood 6. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 3.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 16th, 1,950 Doubles (870 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury): A. Rhodes 1, Miss J. Brierley 2, Mrs. D. Kidd 3, S. Sage 4, D. Mottershead (cond.) 5, N. D. Lomas 6. First date touch by all the band.

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We are now enrolling new postal subscribers
for 1951. Send £1 to Mrs. Fletcher, The White
House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and have your
'Ringing World' each Friday morning during
1951.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, presi-
dent of the Central Council,
announced at the annual
dinner of the Universities Association that in
three months time he would be retiring from
business life and after then hoped to do a little
more ringing.

We wish cartoonists trying to feature ringers
would go in a belfry. Gilbert Wilkinson's effort
in the 'Daily Herald' on December 30th can-
not be commended.

As we were going to Press news reached us
of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E.
H. Daynes, of 66, Ashburnham Grove,
Greenwich.

Pet aversion of the new Master of the College
Youths, Mr. Frank Smallwood, is the word
'campanologist.' He wants another word to
describe the art and science of change-ringing.

Latest recruit to handbell ringing is Mr. Len
Stilwell. With Mr. F. B. Lufkin and Mr. E.
Rapley, he rang 1,420 Bob Minor 'in hand'
which was his first quarter on handbells.

At the request of officers of the Central Coun-
cil, letters appertaining to the report of the
Festival of Britain Sub-Committee will not be
published until after the findings of the Standing
Committee.

Lincoln Cathedral's new visitors book, pre-
sented by the Universities Association as a
memento of their happy week, is a gift in keep-
ing with this great Cathedral. First signatures
in the book are those of the guests last August.

Newmarket, Suffolk, handbell ringers are
looking forward to their first peal 'in hand' in
Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A quarter
in this method was accomplished on December
19th after months of practice on the 'box
method' principle. The conductor was John
A. Acres and other members Albert E. Austin,
J. Reg. Heath and Peter C. Wright.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Two well-known univer-
sity ringers, Mr. and Mrs.
Philip Gray, are sailing for
Australia on March 1st. Mr. Gray has ac-
cepted an appointment at Melbourne. Of late
there has been little news from Victoria in 'The
Ringing World,' although recently a band of
Sydney ringers paid them a visit. We wish
them 'bon voyage' and every happiness in their
new sphere.

Those ringers who saw the end of 1950 on
their television sets enjoyed the ringing at St.
Margaret's, Westminster.

Boxing Day was a happy occasion at Capen-
hurst, Cheshire, when four young people rang
their first peal. They have all been taught to
ring within the last 18 months.

Bernard Moore, a promising young ringer,
was unlucky at his second attempt for a peal at
Cowfold, Sussex, on December 18th, when half-
way through the last 720 the clapper of the fifth
bell fell out.

We are pleased to learn that there is an im-
provement in the health of Mr. Tom Reeves,
although he is still in the Sheffield Royal In-
firmmary. He has the use of the limbs which
were affected by the seizure but his sight is still
bad.

Will those who have rung 40 or more peals
during 1950 please send the following par-
ticulars:—Number rung in tower and 'in
hand,' and number of each conducted. We
would also like photographs of those ringers
who completed 100 peals in 1950.

Barwell, Leicestershire, ringers wish to thank
all ringers who donated to their Bell Fund in the
recent Christmas competition. All prizes have
been claimed and a list of winning numbers is
as follows:—0144, 2095, 19661, 2282, 0064,
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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION REUNION

President's Criticism of Christmas Day Broadcast Ringing — Master of College Youths Urges Greater Attention to Practical Ringing — U.A.'s Expanding Membership — Reminiscences of the Rev. F. A. Robinson

THE Universities Association's annual reunion and dinner held in London on December 29th was well supported. During the day there was ringing at St. Stephen's and Christ Church, Ealing, St. Mary's, Acton, and St. Mary's, Lambeth. The service was held at the last-named church, the Rector (the Rev. H. Headley) officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg. The lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was the organist. A collection for the organ fund of St. Mary's, Lambeth, was taken by the Masters of the London and Bristol Societies and amounted to £2 7s. 2d.

The president (Mr. Edwin H. Lewis) presided at the annual dinner held at the New Inn, Westminster Bridge, a company of over 60 being present.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' the president said the Church was really themselves, because they were all members, or ought to be, but on such an occasion they thought more particularly of the ecclesiastical authorities and those who were in Orders.

It was just 300 years since Robert Roam gave to the College Youths his 120 of Grandsire Doubles. If they knew the exact date they ought to commemorate the occasion as it was the beginning of change ringing. At that time the Church authorities would have nothing to do with ringing. Ringing was not allowed on Sundays, and was almost entirely for secular purposes. There have been vicissitudes of thought in the Church at various times. There was the vicissitude in the mind of John Bunyan when he wrote in his book, 'Grace Abounding,' that he looked on ringing and hockey as among the deadly sins, and that he was frightened when he went into a belfry for fear the bell would fall on him and he always stood under a beam. But he seemed to have changed his mind in 'Pilgrim's Progress' when he wrote, 'All the bells of heaven were ringing for joy when Christian reached his destination.'

The Church had changed its mind in the same way. It was, however, only about 100 years ago when the Church realised that it had made a mistake in banning everything that was of beauty in their services. To-day the position was completely reversed, with ringing as a part of Church work, and for that reason in particular they should honour the Church and drink the toast of the Church.

CHRISTMAS-DAY RINGING

To-day the B.B.C. was beginning to realise that ringing was a method of rejoicing on the part of the Church at the greater festivals. Why the B.B.C. did not consult somebody who knew about English bells when they selected their Christmas Day programme he could not understand. The ringing was a disgrace. With the exception of St. Benet's, Cambridge, and possibly Portishead it was just about as bad as it could be. He hoped the B.B.C. would ask someone to advise them in the future on the selection of towers. If a dance band or orchestra played their music half as badly as the ringing broadcast by the B.B.C. on Christmas Day they would have been shut down.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, in his reply, commended in his inimitable way to the company a book by one of the Association's members, 'The Church Bells of Ayrshire,' by Mr. Ronald W. M. Clouston, which he informed the Editor privately was one of the most beautiful histories of bells he had seen in recent years.

The toast of 'The Universities Association' was submitted by Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the

Master of the College Youths. It was very fitting, he said, that they should do honour to the parent Society in asking him to be with them, because the College Youths and its sister Society, the Cumberland Youths, had done very much to fashion and build up the Exercise as they knew it to-day.

Nevertheless, he could see that there was a great future for their Association. They would be able through their training to supply many of the things which they had lacked in the past, and he was very glad to see the enormous interest that had been and was being taken by university students. He had had one or two experiences of their Society, and in the early days of the war had some very pleasant hand-bell ringing with members of the Bristol University Association.

ARDENT COMPANOLOGISTS

There were one or two ways in which their training might be of great use. One was to find a better word than campanologist to describe a ringer. He was once described in a newspaper as an ardent campanologist, and his friends in consequence asked him what particular kind of beetle he was interested in. His reply was that he was not interested in beetles but mainly confined his studies to bats (laughter).

The other thing was that they should try and find a formula to cure the man and woman who honestly admitted that he could not recognise the sound of his own bell. He would rather see the Universities Association getting active with problems connected with the practical side than develop the theoretical side.

He was glad to know that the Universities Association was going on from strength to strength and had over 300 members and had extended its activities to Australia. He coupled with the toast the name of Dr. Hatcher, who he said was a College Youth.

Mr. E. S. John Hatcher, who replied, recalled how nearly eight years ago Mr. John Spice formed the U.A.C.R. in order that members of different universities could ring peals together. They had now 336 members from 17 different universities, together with the Lampeter Theological College, which awarded its own degree. In 1950 54 new members had appeared from 12 universities; Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol and London had flourishing societies of their own, and clearly the establishment of societies at all universities might be considered the ultimate aim. There were also small societies at Liverpool and Manchester, but they were still in the 'teething' stages. All the remaining six English universities had U.A. members, viz.: Birmingham, Durham, Leeds, Nottingham, Reading and Sheffield, while of the three English University Colleges taking external London degrees, Leicester and, he believed, Exeter could claim representation, leaving only Southampton to make a start. Of the four constituent colleges of the University of Wales, only Bangor was represented among its members, so Aberystwyth, Cardiff and Swansea remain to be 'tapped.' Across the border, Edinburgh and, recently, St. Andrew's Universities had their U.A. members, and during the year they had gone over the water (in the visible form of an Irish tour) to claim a member from Dublin. Finally, to complete the membership review, it was with the greatest delight that he asked them to welcome eight members from the recently-formed Adelaide University Guild.

GIFT TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

He would like to express the great joy and appreciation of the 40 members from 11 universities who experienced the warmth of an unforgettable welcome at Lincoln last summer. In particular, Mr. John A. Freeman, Master of both the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and of the Cathedral company, who undertook personal responsibility for all the intricate details of a crowded week, and as a token of their esteem to him personally and through him to his ringing colleagues they, as an Association, wished to present a visitors' book to Lincoln Cathedral ringing chamber. The book had been prepared by Mr. Denis Layton, and they had hoped that Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman would have been present to receive the gift.

Mr. H. Miles, who submitted the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' spoke of the College Youths, the Cumberlands and the Oxford City Society, whose peal book dated back to 1733.

Recalling some of the peals he rang with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. Miles said he had heard a lot of criticism of him, but he did a lot of pioneer work in the country and in his own diocese, where there was little peal ringing. On one occasion at Shipton-under-Wychwood, the band arrived one short for a peal of Stedman. A retired schoolmaster with a massive beard, who had never rung a peal and had only rung short touches of Stedman before, agreed to stand in. The peal was successful, and at the end, as the Rev. Robinson was putting on his shirt—he always took his shirt off to ring—the schoolmaster approached him and said, 'I believe I did not ring well, but I did my best.' The Rev. Robinson replied, 'I have never known a man with whiskers ring well yet!'

NO PEAL: NO SUPPER

On the Rev. Robinson's birthday there was always a peal at Drayton, and a hot meal before and after the performance. On one occasion the peal broke down after two hours' ringing. The party strolled up to the Vicarage gate, and to their surprise Mr. Robinson turned round and said, 'Good night, gentlemen: no peal, no supper.'

They had had some suggestions about activities to which the Association could devote its attention. He would like them to consider changing Stedman from starting on the 5th row of a six. He was quite certain that was a stumbling block to beginners and young conductors. Recently he had received from one of their members a peal of Stedman Triples containing 308 singles and 88 bobs, which was a regular 10-part peal.

Mr. George A. Cross, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, replied, and emphasised in his speech the importance of conductors calling their bobs in the right place.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting followed. The officers elected for 1951 were: President, Mr. E. H. Lewis; vice-president, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg; secretary-treasurer, Dr. E. S. John Hatcher; Central Council representative, Miss Marie R. Cross.

The meeting confirmed the election of the following: Adelaide, P. Cooper, J. West, R. R. D. Nogare, D. Irving. Misses Judy Hollands, Catherine Lamphee, Beryl Martin, Pam Wollaston; Bristol, Alan P. Cave, Miss E. Enid Lloyd-Roberts; Cambridge, Miss Mary Cotes; Edinburgh, D. S. Paice; London, B. C. Worssam, P. G. Foote, M. S. Cloke, S. M. (Continued on next page)

TOWER CORNER—23

STEDMAN—FIRST ATTEMPTS AT RINGING

Dear Improvers.—Last time, we worked out the Blue Line for Stedman in the Doubles stage. The next step is to memorise it, and then to discover certain pointers or tips for working one's way among the other bells. Thus Lesson XIII. continues:—

Memorising Summary. Stedman Doubles Plain Course. Total of five Divisions or ten 'sixes.'

Front Path. (Three Divisions or six 'sixes.')

(a) Initial dodge in 4-5 down. (Half a six.)

(b) Slow work. (Five sixes.) F.P.P. is Middle Thirds.

(c) Terminal dodge in 4-5 up. (Half a six.)

Back Path. (Two Divisions or four sixes.)

(a) Initial dodge in 4-5 up. (Half a six.)

(b) Double dodge in 4-5 down. (One six.)

(c) Quick work. (One six.) B.P.P. is the Lead. ('Right'.)

(d) Double dodge in 4-5 up. (One six.)

(e) Terminal dodge in 4-5 down. (Half a six.)

Learning the Work. Each of the above 'paths' is seen to be 'reflective' about its pivot position. 'F.P.P.' refers to the front path pivot, and 'B.P.P.' refers to the back path pivot. From the pivot position in each path the half-path reads the same in either direction. In the Quick work there are only three change-rows of plain hunting on either side of the pivot; but in the Slow work there are no less than '2½ sixes' on either side of the pivot. Each of these '2½ sixes' comprises a whole turn and a half turn, as we have already observed. These 'turn' features are reversed about the 'Middle Thirds' of the whole Slow work. Thoroughly memorise this plan and its details before going on to pick up the pointers for ringing, which come next.

Division Head Positions. (The student is recommended to refer, at this juncture, to figure 11 in the previous instalment (22), in order to appreciate more clearly the following observations.) Referring to the small circles, entered at intervals along the Blue Line, we recall that these mark the positions from which the bells there move off at the Division-heads. If these positions are noted in succession, the order given is that of 'Position Sequence.' Our first reference to this was in instalment 18, where we pointed out that an improved way of learning a method by the Blue Line is to learn the latter by its Divisions. The next step then, is to commit to memory the places where these circles come, in the general plan now learnt. The point of learning the Blue Line by its Divisions is of three-fold importance: (a) it gives the starting work of each bell from rounds; (b) it checks one's position at the Links of the method. (In a hunt-controlled method this may be spoken of as checking your work 'by your leads';) (c) it enables a forecast of position at a coming Link and thus to check the 'go-off,' if a change of method is called, in 'spliced' ringing. Incidentally, when you get on to spliced ringing and encounter it with Stedman included, you may find your Conductor gives the call, for change of method from Stedman, preferably, to be effective after the 3rd change-row of a Quick six, i.e., after the Stedman Division-end. Similarly, the Stedman method should be 'entered' at the 4th row of a Quick six, i.e., at the Stedman Division-head.

Checks in the Slow Work. Note the five positions of 3rds place in the Slow work. The first is made 'right,' i.e., handstroke then backstroke; but since it introduces a slow six (backward hunting), the first whole turn opens 'wrong,' i.e., backstroke-handstroke. The second lead of this whole turn introduces a quick six (forward hunting), so is made 'right,' i.e., h/s-b/s. Now follows the second 3rds place, made 'wrong,' i.e., b/s-h/s, introducing the first half turn with a hand snapping blow at lead, to close the six. The next (third) six is slow, opening from seconds position (up), and introduces the third or middle 3rds place.

made 'right,' h/s-b/s; and so on to the second half turn, with a back snapping blow at lead. (It may be helpful to think of these two half-turn snaps as together making up one whole-pull lead 'right'.) This closes the third six of the slow work. The fourth six, quick, also opens from 2nds position, up, and introduces the fourth 3rds place, made 'wrong,' b/s-h/s, and the last whole turn; the first lead of which, made 'right,' h/s-b/s, closes this six. The fifth and last six (slow), of the slow work opens with the snap-in-seconds position of this last whole turn, the second lead of which is made 'wrong,' b/s-h/s. So it is seen that a lead 'wrong,' opens the first whole turn and closes the last whole turn. This last six now closes with the fifth and last 3rds place, made 'right.' So it is seen that three 3rds places 'right' sandwich two 3rds places 'wrong,' in other words the five 3rds places are alternately 'right' and 'wrong' throughout the slow work.

Some Further Tips for Ringing the Method. The works of reference quoted in issue of December 15th, and others, give some useful tips for ringing Stedman. Here are one or two more:—

Dodging in Stedman. When in the dodging work every dodging blow, (i.e., the blow at which you step back in your tracks), whether you are working up or working down, is a HANDSTROKE blow. This is useful knowledge if you happen, during the long dodging which sometimes troubles beginners, to forget which way you are going. For example, if the handstroke is in a lower position than your backstroke, then you must be on your way UP—and vice versa (i.e., if the handstroke is higher than the backstroke then you must be on your way DOWN).

Slow Work. Always make a place in the 3rds position. (5 in all.) There is no making of 2nds place.

Leading position: When a whole pull is led, always snap into seconds and lead again. (The whole turns.) Between the two whole turns there are two snap leads in the 'natural' order, i.e., 'right' then 'wrong.'

Quick or Slow. Approaching the front work, you MUST know how to enter it. Unless calls have disturbed the cycle of work, this is, as you know, the opposite of how you left it. If you lose count during calls, of the effect on re-entry, there are ways of checking your entry, one of which should be employed in any event. In Doubles, the bell dodged with while you are in 4-5 up is your 'course bell.' The course bell gives you the key to entry into the front work. For when you get into 4-5 down that bell will already be in the front work. If you strike it quickly as you come into 4-5 down, you must go in quick, but if you are slow to strike it, i.e., at the end of your dodging, you must go in slow. If you have missed your course bell (as you may do, especially after several calls in Stedman on higher stages), when in 4-5 down, notice how the bells are coming to lead. If at hand, it must be a quick six, so you will enter the next one slow. If at back, it must be a slow six so you will enter the next one quick. If you have missed both these pointers you are in a bad way, and must resort to the following: As you enter the six from the 4ths position, pick out the two bells in front of the one you are cutting under into 3rds position. One of these is, of course, leading, the other in 2nds position. Now you may find what you must do next from the way in which either of these two bells is moving; that is to say you find that you must either make 3rds or step straight on into 2nds position; the former being an entry slow, the latter an entry quick. But suppose the bell you are watching, to derive this indication, itself

makes a mistake. What now? You may thus be misled. So you must keep your eye on both these bells in front of you. The one leading, if making a full lead (quick six), will keep his eye on the tenor, and the one in 2nds position will then turn his eye to you. Either of these indications is correct for a quick entry and if both are duly given, you will be fairly safe in assuming yours is a quick entry. On the other hand, for a slow entry on your part, the ringer at the lead will give a snap blow only and turn his eye to the one in 2nds position; while this one will turn his eye towards the tenor to lead. This forces you to make 3rds place, and thus enter slow. The foregoing thus give you three successive chances of pulling yourself together to make the correct entry into the front work—quick or slow—and you will be a poor ringer indeed if you miss them all!

Remainder. We hope to complete, in Lesson XIV., our next instalment, these notes on learning to ring the Stedman Method. We shall have something further to say about 'Calls' and about the extension of the method to the higher stages. We hope to include a Quiz on the principles of method structure so far touched upon, and to indicate the method next chosen for study.—Cordially yours.

CORN: R. STONE.

QUARTER PEALS

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,360 Bob Major: W. Noble 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, L. W. Fisher 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, R. H. Brooker 8.—Also on Christmas Day, 1,248 Bob Major: W. Noble 1, G. Nicholls 2, G. L. Perkins 3, L. W. Fisher 4, H. W. Pratt 5, A. Clements 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor (540 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Plain Bob): W. J. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, E. Footer 3, R. J. Stannard 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 67th birthday of Mr. E. Footer.

Universities Assn. Reunion.—Cont.

Evans, Miss Mary Martin; Leicester U.C. John Hill; Oxford, J. B. Guy, G. Colman, E. Seymour, J. Hutchings, J. Humphrey, A. M. Elliot, P. Border, N. Hawthorne, D. H. Nimblett, K. Syed, T. B. Rynes, the Misses Susan M. Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Diana Panting, Jenny Pickworth, Brigid Rose, Alison Raikes; St. Andrew's, Miss Valerie Wynne, Miss Meriel Hawksley.

The secretary announced that the Ringing Week for 1951 would be held at Bristol. The organisation was being undertaken by the officers of the University of Bristol Society.

The next annual dinner was fixed for London on January 4th.

A members' register had been circulated, the copies having been prepared by Mr. Charles McGuinness, of Lincoln.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the president were the Revs. C. Elliot Wigg, A. G. G. Thurlow, H. Hedley, K. W. H. Felstead, K. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. C. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, Messrs. I. H. Truman, E. S. J. Hatcher, D. N. Layton, W. Court, P. Layton, P. Wright, H. Miles, A. A. Hughes, R. Clouston, T. Watt, B. Threlfall, A. York-Bramble, J. F. Smallwood, C. G. Woodhead, A. R. Guy, J. Hill, R. Speed, F. S. Macey, E. B. Wood, F. E. Haynes, G. Beynon, B. C. Worssam, J. B. Guy, M. Michael Howard, A. Robin Guy, A. P. Guy, W. L. B. Leese, F. Wright, G. H. Cross, G. W. Simmonds, E. J. Lindley, G. Dadds, Peter Bond and T. W. White.

The Misses Marie R. Cross, A. B. Stockdale, M. Baker, Anne Clarke, K. Higgins, M. Kennelly, J. Lewis, E. Brown, Mary Martin, Shirley Rymer, Susan Brown, P. Mary Coster, Audrey A. Timms, Frances Edgar, Meriel Hawksley and Mary Noble.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—5

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

MR. Fussell's attempt for his second peal was a failure. It was at Ealing on June 17th, 1882, when, after 2 hours 35 minutes of Holt's Original, the 7th and 5th changed course, so he 'went home greatly disappointed.' This surely must have upset him for he reports next day, Sunday, 'did not go out to ring all day.' He reports that Mr. Parker, of Farnham, was ill, so he walked over from Slough to see him 'his face being much swollen with neuralgia.' They went to the church and rang 720 Grand-sire Minor and 360 Bob Minor—had four breakdowns in all. 'Parker looked a comical fellow with his head tied up.' He recounts many further walks and practices, and also a visit to Henley Regatta where he met several parson friends, and went on the tower roof to have a view of the country. In the evening he rang on the eight bells, tenor 23½ cwt.

INCIDENT AT ST. MARY'S, READING

The next day he rode there again on his bicycle 'to get some cocoa-nuts we shied for, but forgot to bring away. Found them where we had hidden them. Had some ale in a pub close by the Bridge where I was served by a person whom I met in a pub by Swallowfield when I had a long walk from Reading. I knew her again at once.'

He tells of a noisy interlude at Reading St. Mary's when 'we rang about 600 changes when old Alder broke us down by his noisy talking. R. Allen came up—not in an amiable state of mind. Alder and he soon had a row which ended in a quarrel, Allen spanking the old steeplekeeper's face. In fact, there was a commotion all round. Alder saying he would always be an enemy to change-ringing and meant to be. No more ringing was done and the bells were let down.'

Tuesday, July 18th, 1882, annual meeting of the Oxford Guild at Oxford, 'see "Bell News" for full account of the meeting, dinner and service.' Mr. Fussell says he rang at Magdalen (10), New College (10), Christ Church (10), Merton College (8), St. Peter's in the East (6), mostly Grandsire. 'Met the Rev. Mayo and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Field. Hounslow and others, and we rang 1-2 to Grandsire Caters.'

On the occasion of Mr. Armstrong's return to St. Laurence's, Reading, they rang Doubles on the front five and back five bells placed; for Sunday service they rang call changes. When the West Middlesex Association met at Staines, he got up at 6 a.m. and walked there, arriving at 9.15. Went to the tower and pulled up several bells and made a general inspection. Seventeen ringers turned up but nothing worth hearing was done, the bells going so badly and the band not good enough to handle them well. The frame rocked a lot. He adds 'with persuasion a number of us made across the river and over the common to Egham where we rang 720 Grandsire Minor. Left at 9 p.m. and Wilder and I walked home via Datchet—walked 22 miles during this day.'

A SUCCESSFUL DAY AND A HECTIC NIGHT

Mr. Fussell went to camp with Slough No. 5 Company, 1st Bucks Rifle Volunteers in August, 1882. 'By train to Ashridge Park, Earl Brownlow's seat near Tring. Had to change at Aylesbury and saw the central church tower (8 bell.)' He then records 'after morning parade—on Saturday, 5th—which was a long one, I at once got permission to be absent from camp till 11 p.m. Walked to Great Berkhamsted, three miles, took train to Willesden Junction and then to Acton. Walked from there to Ealing and arrived at the church at 5.30. Saw Mr. Baron and we went and had ale, bread and

cheese, this being the only food I had had since breakfast. Went to the tower at 6 o'clock.

'Owing to garden party at Vicarage, word was sent for us to stop for half an hour. However, when we did get going, we rang successfully, Holt's Original. I was glad when the peal finished as the striking was none too good. Basden seemed exhausted and I had hardly time to say goodnight and get my coat on before hurrying off to catch the train back. The peal finished about 9.15, my train left Acton at 9.30. I ran nearly all the way and arrived two minutes after the train had gone. The next train, ten o'clock, took me to Willesden in time to catch the last train down which only went as far as Watford. Reached there about 14 minutes to midnight in a strange locality, for I had never been here before—and a walk of 14 miles before me on an empty stomach for I had not had a stop till now. The night was extremely dark and a few moonlight glints only caused it to be intense. A poor woman and her daughter had to walk some distance on the road, there being no conveyance to be got. I could never have found the way alone. We overtook, about two o'clock in the morning, some farm wagons returning from Covent Garden Market and had a ride for some distance, this being a help to the poor woman who had some heavy parcels to carry with which I assisted her. We parted at Boxmoor about 3 a.m.

'Many incidents occurred along the road which would have frightened many, if alone. A manure cart had broken down, nearly blocking the road, and the swearing and noisy sound of men's voices on the still night air urging the horses, etc., seemed as if a highway robbery was being attempted. As I continued on across the moor, the faint dawn of daybreak was fast rising. I was feeling quite exhausted and done up, not having had much sleep during the few nights in camp owing to noisy bedfellows.

AN UNEXPECTED SUPPER

'Several men were stumbling about a little distance off, so I at once went and enquired if it was possible to get something to eat and drink at any public that might be near. Seeing that they had had plenty and were well-nigh drunk, one of them—a very nice, gentlemanly sort of fellow—at once took my arm and led me up a passage close by, which led to his house. During the walk he became very friendly, calling me "old man" and "old friend." "Come," he said, "I'll make you comfortable. You shall stay with me, old man, all night; come along." Continuing like this for some way—sometimes very incoherent—we at last found ourselves in his back parlour, the way having been left all unlocked as if they were expected. I never had a more agreeable surprise than this occasion—a nice Saturday night's supper was all laid out, with bread, cheese, fish and steak, beer, whisky and other things, that nearly prompted my hungry and famished feelings to pounce upon and begin devouring at once. Presently female voices were heard and my friend's wife and mother-in-law came down and began firing away and questioning. The supper had been ready since eight o'clock the previous evening. Two other women neighbours came in and took their husbands home with not complimentary words in their ears. My host and I, left alone, soon settled down to a quiet meal and the ladies, on hearing how far I had walked, made me very comfortable and offered to make me up a bed. About four o'clock they got me a cup of coffee, some bread and butter, and came to the door and saw me off, giving directions to my best road to Berkhamsted. Got into camp about five a.m. and had an hour's sleep before

beginning another day's duty, my bedfellows wondering what time I had come in during the night. As luck would have it my duties were very heavy for the rest of the camp—falling in for picket on Sunday, a night guard on Monday after Brigade drill on some steep hills close by. I was glad when we returned to Slough on the Thursday following.'

In August he had ten days' holiday in and around Weymouth with his father, and gives the names of places he visited. Later in the month he walked to Great Marlow, through Maidenhead and Quarry Woods. He started at 11 a.m. and arrived at 2 p.m., 'after having lost myself in Maidenhead Thicket, blackberrying.' On arrival, he heard the bells being pulled up, and found Mr. Truss busy oiling and adjusting ropes. He then went to Mr. Truss's house, 'The Two Brewers,' and had some ale, bread and cheese, and then the Reading ringers arrived in a wagonette, and he saw them start for a peal of Grandsire Triples. He then left for Farnham, walking through Cookham and Burnham, arriving at the church at 7 p.m. Here he rang the tenor in a 720 Grandsire Minor. Left the tower at 9 p.m. and got home 11 p.m., having walked 23 miles.

After giving many other notes on walks and cycle rides to ring and to copy bell inscriptions and to sketch at various churches around, he says: 'September 16th. This is my birthday, being 21 years of age. Walked to Farnham in the evening (and back). Rang 720 called by Flaxman in 25½ minutes.' The next morning he went again and rang 720 for early Communion and got home at eight; then back again for 720 for Harvest Festival, returning to Slough for evening service ringing.

DEAN OF WINDSOR'S DEATH

The following Saturday was his brother Alfred's 28th birthday. They walked to Windsor to ring at the Curfew for the Dean of Windsor's death, aged 72. Mr. Fussell tolled his age on the tenor, the bells being muffled. They rang these bells again next day. Later, he says, 'Our old friend Woodley turned up at Windsor again after a long absence. A good tenor man if only he would attend better, but King and him could never do well in each other's company. Windsor seems a very critical place to get permission to go for a peal. King is evidently very abashed to call on a clergyman and ask him permission or else he does not wish us to go, and too fussy to take the necessary steps for us to attempt a peal.'

On many dates he mentions writing notes, articles, accounts of meetings, etc., for Harvey Reeves, Editor of the 'Bell News,' and states frequently how he endeavoured to get ringers of the various places he visited to take the paper. As already stated, many of the illustrations of churches that appeared in that journal were from Mr. Fussell's sketches.

(To be continued)

THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIA

The November issue of 'Ringing Towers,' the monthly publication of the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers contains a letter from Mr. Harold Poole addressed to Mr. W. Smith, of Pymble, N.S.W., in reply to a message of congratulation.

'You probably saw in "The Ringing World" that I organised a tour of Ireland last year. We had a wonderful time. I wonder if one day we may be able to come out to see you people in Australia. Nothing would give me greater pleasure. I would love to bring some of our young ringers but that would mean raising some finance to assist them. Perhaps it may be possible to arrange some lectures on ringing, handbell demonstrations and entertainments to assist in defraying some of the costs.'

'Please convey our very kindest regards to your ringers and express the hope that one day we may have the pleasure of meeting them.'

'Once again many thanks for the kind thoughts which prompted your letter of congratulations.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS BELLS—LOW STANDARD OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have just listened to the radio programme 'Christmas Bells,' and my immediate comment was 'Thank God for the West Country "stoney" ringer.' The programme of ringing, with the exception of the six at Portishead, was a poor show.

We read of representations to the B.B.C. for more ringing broadcasts and yet when ten minutes are allotted and a glorious opportunity arises to proclaim our art, all we get is some eight minutes of really bad striking.

To the layman, bad striking (clashing he would call it) sounds a lot worse than six or eight in well-struck rounds or call changes. A method, be it Grandsire or London, doesn't sound much different to the uninitiated, especially if badly struck.

Where does the C.C. B.B.C. Relations Officer come into this? Surely some advice in the right quarters would help, or if he is not consulted, why not wash out the appointment?

We get now to the point. 'Why such a poor sample? Individuals and local bands are partially at fault but by far the larger blame must rest with the Exercise and by that I mean our organisation of Guilds and Associations.'

My own Guild, and it usually ranks high in the number of peals rung and in variety, has, amongst its members, some of the foremost ringers of the day. We go to our Guild meetings and get some good ringing and give the learners, etc., their fair share of instruction, but of what value are these meetings (perhaps six a year on the average) to the struggling band?

What concerted effort is made? (There are individual attempts.) There is a growing apathy amongst our more advanced ringers. (This they will now emphatically deny and hasten to add they will arrange a peal for any learner who wants to ring one.) How many will give up a night or two a week to ring five bells in a country church eight or ten miles from home?

Where does our Central Council assist us in this? (For without a continued drive for more and more new ringers and advancement for the backward, the day may come when their services are no longer required.) The annual meeting is undoubtedly an attractive social event but where does it lead? Peals on Basingstoke 9 Charlie Kinnin's Cambridge Single, five and seven bell peals, the Carter Ringing Machine, all interesting problems in their way and which arouse feelings and make 'The Ringing World' interesting. But the root of the trouble is ignored! Six years of war, several with bells silent followed by the turmoil of so-called peace and then more war and war production in industry, is a continuous drain on the limited resources of the Exercise, and one that must be faced by it as a whole and not left to local towers.

The Exercise must give the lead: spend money on national publicity and give the incentive to Guilds and Associations to recruit strength: institute rivalry for membership increase over a given time: sponsor competitive festivals; use any method within the law to foster our art and leave someone to carry on when to-day's experts have passed on. Remember our objective should be to see that the bells in every parish (that are ringable, of course) are rung for divine service on every occasion and not as the casual reader of 'The Ringing World' would imagine, that of fostering supermen who ring record lengths in a variety of methods.

Whilst you may have qualms as to publishing this letter, I would stress that apart from the storm the foregoing comments will undoubtedly raise, the whole is intended as constructive criticism and I consider, a fair statement of facts viewed from my position as the secretary of a rural branch of our Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILL, Hon. Sec.,

Andover District,
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

SUSSEX RINGER'S OPINION

Dear Sir,—On Christmas morning I rang at home, 6.15—7.15 a.m., but was unable to ring for morning service as it was my job to examine five miles of railway track. I timed myself to arrive at a friend's line-side house to hear the broadcast at 9.20. This was not a patch on last year (I can still hear Skipton bells). The fine ring at Cardiff came over very poorly, while the nice tone of Willenhall was spoilt by the poor striking. And so, having missed Redcliffe and York Minster on Christmas Eve, I went on my way very disappointed.

Soon after, I was cheered up by the sound of Burwash bells from high on the ridge and for the next mile or so I walked to the sound of good rounds on this light but pleasant octave. At 10.30 they ceased, but nearing the end of my journey my feeling of disappointment just vanished, for coming along the valley, on the light breeze, was the sound of Salehurst bells. Only Grandsire Triples, but what music! Enough to cheer up any ringer. Thank you Burwash and Salehurst.

C. A. B.

CAN PRODUCE SOMETHING BETTER

Dear Sir,—Listening to the programme 'Christmas Bells' at 9.20 on the Home Service on Christmas morning, I was very distressed. What did we hear? Doubles, Triples and Caters; surely English ringers can produce something better than a continual clattering (I can find no other expression for it) with the tenor behind.

I shall probably invoke a storm of criticism but, as a young ringer, I can't understand one bell being left out of a method.

Please don't say it's more musical; that argument is long worn out. Let's get out of the rut: 'tenor in' is no more difficult than 'tenor behind,' and the variety of methods is far more interesting.

Progress is the watchword in any calling; let us not shirk it in ours.—Yours faithfully,
Bourne, Lincs. JAMES W. HAW

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in his speech to the Universities' Association comments on the low standard.—Ed.

DOGS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—Some years ago, one of our ringers at St. Mary's, Warwick, had an old dog which could often be seen lying on the doorstep, which was only a few steps from the church. He would be quite happy while the bells were ringing but if ever the tenor was turned in to Major or Royal, he would set up a terrific howl until the bells came round.—Yours sincerely,

Warwick. T. MALE.

AN OLD YORKSHIRE RINGER

Dear Sir,—The following lines are on a gravestone in Bingley Parish Churchyard, Yorkshire, of Hezekiah Briggs, who was sexton at this church for 43 years. He died in 1844 at the age of 79 years, and interred upwards of 7,000 people. The stone is to be found just before reaching the main entrance to the church.

There lies an old ringer beneath this cold clay,
Who has rung many peals both for serious and gay.

Through 'Grandsire' and 'Trebles' with ease
he could range.
Till death called a hob which called round the last change.

For all the village came to him
When they had need to call;
His counsel free to all was given,
For he was kind to all.
For all the village came to him.

Ring on, ring on, sweet Sabbath bell
Still kind to me thy matins swell.
And when from earthly things I part,
Sigh o'er my grave and lull my heart
Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, Bradford.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, NEW YORK

Dear Sir,—While trying to find something interesting to listen-in to on the wireless on December 23rd, I heard some bells ringing from a German broadcasting station on the medium waveband, about 292 metres. To my surprise the announcer, a lady, conveyed greetings from New York, and with it the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, rang out. The ringing was undoubtedly by a team of bell-ringers and they were doing change-ringing.

As far as I know, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, is Roman Catholic, and I would be interested to know how many bells this edifice has, the weight, and by whom cast. I have not been able to find any reference to bells in the church.

Apparently it was a greetings inter-change programme as the bells of all European countries were rung, and the grand finale came with all the bells ringing together!—Yours sincerely,
FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda, Eire.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see the enquiry of Mr. Cook, re Scientific Triples, the Gibraltar of ringing.

Mr. Carter published a composition in the method in 'Bell News' of July 21st, 1906: this is a one-part, non-observation composition and is a formidable job in itself. I do not know if it is the only possible one, and often wondered if the late J. W. Parker could have got another one if he had considered it.

Perhaps that genius of composition, Mr. Pitman, could give this matter his attention some time, and report results? No touches were published.—Yours sincerely,

M. F. R. HIBBERT.

Bushey.

'YE RASCALLY RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Nolan Golden is apparently correct in assuming that the 'Old Somerset Rhyme' is of Norfolk origin. Snowden, in his book 'Double Norwich,' published 1884, says that during the years 1817—1821 the ringers at St. Peter's used to practise 'Court Ten In' during the summer months at 6 a.m. The parish clerk's name is given as John Twiddy and he wrote the lines of 'Ye Rascally Ringers,' which were published in the 'Norwich Mercury.'

With reference to your leading article on Thomas Post, a friend of mine, Mr. Sidney Walter, of Wickhambreau, remembers the old gentleman quite well. He purchased a copy of his poems from him at a meeting held at Aldington in 1903.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. LUCK.

Canterbury.

DEDICATION

MARKET WIGHTON, YORKS

On December 15th, the recast ring of six bells (tenor 9½ cwt.) was dedicated by the Bishop of Selby (the Right Rev. C. F. Knvett). The Bishop congratulated those responsible for the restoration of the bells which, he said, carried a message of fellowship.

After the dedication ceremony 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following local ringers:—E. Dove 1, F. Kneeshaw 2, P. Thompson 3, N. Kneeshaw 4, John W. Kneeshaw 5, H. Musk tenor. Following the service the bells were kept going by ringers from Hull, Beverley, Pocklington and Nunburnholm until 9 p.m.

These bells, which were first cast in 1783, were of very poor tone, but now that they have been recast and hung in ball bearings, they are a very good ring and a credit to the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were represented at the service by Mr. J. H. Fidler.

All the old inscriptions have been reproduced and in addition, on the tenor, the following has been inscribed:—'John William Kneeshaw, a ringer since 1897 and for many years tower-keeper, through whose initiative and perseverance these bells were recast, 1950.'

W. H. FUSSELL'S DIARY Slough Ringer's Corrections

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to correct an error in your leader relating to the diary of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough. You stated: 'He was the first to ring a peal in every county in England and in Wales (except Anglesey).' I well remember the occasion when he did ring a peal in Anglesey. For many years he had wanted to complete the tally, and finally his opportunity came on the decease of someone connected with Beaumaris tower.

He told me he knew he would never be able to ring a peal there as long as this gentleman was alive, though what feud existed to prevent his doing so he never explained. However, he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Beaumaris on July 9th, 1938, conducted by Mr. R. Sperring. Mr. Fussell, is, I believe, not only the first, but still the only ringer to complete a peal in every county in England and Wales.

I am afraid I must, with Mr. Pulling, explain to Mr. G. R. Newton that the first of Mr. Fussell's four Georges was, in fact, Mr. George Newson. How many peals Mr. Fussell rang in company with Mr. George Newson I do not know, but Mr. Newson conducted no less than 78 of Mr. Fussell's first 120 peals, and I have myself often heard Mr. Fussell refer to George Newson as the first of his Georges. Apart from Messrs. George Newson (38), George Williams (116), George Martin (108) and George Pye (45), the most noted conductor in Mr. Fussell's career is Mr. Frank Bennett, who called 102 of his peals.

May I also point out that the photograph you published of Slough Parish Church is that where Mr. Fussell did his ringing, but not, as the caption stated, where he did his early ringing. This fine church was erected in 1912-13 (western half) and 1876-78 (eastern half) to replace an ugly church built on the site in 1835 as a new parish church. The new tower was built in 1913, and instead of a 9 cwt. ring of eight, a 17½ cwt. ring was installed of which Mr. Fussell donated the tenor, which bears his name. His early ringing was done in the small, former tower.

'SWEET WILLIAM'

Those who knew Mr. Fussell personally, can tell many stories of his practical joking and escapades. Mr. Sinkins, of Slough (aged 85), who learned to ring with Mr. Fussell, relates the story of the first peal attempt on the bells in the former tower. On their augmentation to eight in 1876, a band, including Messrs. Sinkins, W. H. and A. C. Fussell, met to ring Grandsire Triples. There existed some personal animosity between Mr. Fussell and his half-brother. Mr. W. H. Fussell used to call Holt's Original and Mr. A. C. Fussell, Holt's 10-part. At the base of the tower some discussion took place on who should call the peal and the band decided by vote that Mr. A. C. Fussell should conduct. Mr. Sinkins relates how, on the way to the stairs, W. H. F. said to him, 'I don't think we shall get this.' 'Why not?' retorted Mr. Sinkins. 'We have a good hand,' W. H. F. reiterated that he didn't think they would score. The peal progressed satisfactorily until the 5039th change. 13254768 occurred when W. H. F. left his bell set at backstroke and the final rounds weren't rung. Mr. Wilder, already referred to in the diary as 'Uncle' shook his fist in W. H. F.'s face saying 'You are a sweet William, and if I weren't in a part of the church I'd make your face so that your mother wouldn't know you!' Hence he acquired the nickname 'Sweet William,' by which many of his very early ringing friends knew him. Incidentally, the first peal on the bells was rung in February, 1877, and W. H. F. was not in the band!—Yours truly,
W. BIRMINGHAM
Slough.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Peacock 1, J. Hunt 2, N. Sharp, jun. 3, Mrs. L. H. Caldwell 4, A. Scott 5, A. T. Smith, jun. 6, N. Sharp (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Eastern District

The winter quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at York on December 9th, when about 75 ringers attended including members of the Ladies' Guild and visitors from Leicestershire, Herefordshire, Cheshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Ringling on the magnificent twelve bells of the Minster commenced at 1.30 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., the time of the service of rededication of the famous Five Sisters Window, which was attended by about 2,500 people from various parts of the county. Further ringing took place, followed by tea, which was served in Davy Hall.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, which was crowded, and was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox, who, after welcoming so many visiting ringers, asked the company to stand in memory of Mr. H. C. Walters, of Pontefract, a former Ringing Master of the Eastern District.

Five new members were elected, viz.—Messrs. P. Barnes, Lincolnshire, and H. Myatt, Leicestershire (Out-County), and R. Ducker, Sutton-on-Hull, C. Ormby, Cottingham, and Miss Ruth Cooper, Sutton-on-Hull, ordinary ringing members.

Market Weighton was selected as the next place of meeting in April.

A vote of thanks to the Dean and Minster authorities for their kindness in inviting the Association to hold the meeting at York, and to the Minster ringers, especially Messrs. H. Walker and S. Steel, for the excellent arrangements, was proposed by the chairman and seconded by Mr. T. H. Foster. Mr. H. Walker, the president of the Minster ringers, responded, and Mrs. Kelly also spoke of the pleasure the Ladies' Guild had in visiting York and of the privilege they had enjoyed in being asked to ring the service touch.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. A. E. Sellers, of Beverley.

Further ringing till 7.30 terminated a very enjoyable meeting.

MR. W. J. NUDDS' 500 PEALS Ringer For Nearly 60 Years

Minor: Plain Bob, 2 (cond. 1); three methods, 6 (2); Cambridge Surprise, 1; seven Plain methods, 3 (2); seven Treble Bob methods, 2 (2).

Triples: Stedman, 38 (2); Grandsire, 2.

Major: Plain Bob, 6 (2); Double Oxford Bob, 1; Double Norwich, 28 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 10 (2); Oxford Treble Bob, 7 (2); Superlative Surprise, 40 (1); Cambridge, 33; London, 6; Bristol, 22; New Cambridge, 1.

Caters: Stedman, 78, including 18,027 Easter Monday, 1909; Grandsire, 5.

Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 13; Oxford Treble Bob, 2; Forward, 1; Duffield, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 30, including 10,440; New Cambridge, 3; Middlesex, 8.

Cinques: Stedman, 33, including three in 24 hours in 1905 at Quex Park, Birchington; Grandsire, 1.

Maximus: Plain Bob, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 7; Superlative Surprise, 4; Cambridge Surprise, 32, including 7,392 at St. Mary le Bow, London.

Handbells: Stedman Triples, 4; Caters, 7; Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 3; Plain Bob Royal, 5.

Total rung upon tower bells 478 (cond. 18); handbells, 22.

Other noteworthy performances include two peals of Stedman Cinques and one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung at Waterloo tower, Quex Park, in 24 hours in 1904. On Easter Monday, 1914, four peals of Surprise were rung in one day—Bristol, London, Cambridge, Superlative, rung in Surrey (2), Middlesex (1), Berks (1). He also rang all the bells at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, to peals of Stedman Cinques.

Excluding St. Paul's, Mr. Nudds has rung a peal, or peals, upon all the 8, 10 and 12 bells in and around London. These were spread over nearly 60 years of ringing, and he is still hopeful of many more years of useful service.

DEDICATION OF YATTON, SOMERSET, BELLS

On December 16th, it was unfortunate that travelling was so bad owing to ice and snow when the restored ring of eight bells at Yatton, Somerset, were dedicated by the Archbishop of Bath, the Ven. Edwin A. Cooke. The church, however, was full of ringers, parishioners and friends.

The service was fully choral, the choir, under their choirmaster, M. H. B. Emery, with Miss J. Head at the Console, were attired in blue cassocks for the first time, and the Vicar, Preb. G. A. Beechey, conducted the service. Preb. Pugh and Preb. Powell (Rural Dean) read the lessons.

The Archdeacon took as his text the inscription on the ancient 7th bell, 'I will sing the mercies of God for ever.'

The local ringers rang rounds during the service and afterwards several plain courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, ending with a good 168. The tower was then open to visiting ringers who ventured from as far as Dorset, Devon and London; in all, between 25 and 30 towers were represented.

THE BELLS

Treble—Diam., 2 ft. 6 ins.; weight, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.; note, D. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

2nd.—2 ft. 7 ins.; 6 cwt. 11 lb.; C sharp. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

3rd.—2 ft. 9 ins.; 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.; B. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

4th.—3 ft.; 8 cwt. 13 lb.; A. 1950. Mears and Stainbank.

5th.—3 ft. 4 ins.; 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.; G. 1622. Probably Roger Purdue, Bristol.

6th.—3 ft. 6½ ins.; 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.; F sharp. 1903. Mears and Stainbank.

7th.—3 ft. 11 ins.; 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.; E. 1451. Bristol Foundry.

Tenor 4 ft. 2½ ins.; 21 cwt. 4 lb.; D. 1809. James Bilbie, Chewstoke.

INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—G. A. Beechey, Vicar, W. Vincent Wood, T. L. Harborne, Churchwardens.

2nd.—Recast by Local Farmers

3rd.—In memory of Thomas Price, Churchwarden. 1874—1895.

4th.—In memory of Mary Barnard who loved these bells. Churchwarden 1923—1930.

5th.—1662.

6th.—Mears and Stainbank, London, recast 1903.

7th.—(In Latin) I will sing the mercies of God for ever.

8th.—James Bilbie, 1809.

The restoration was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, and Mr. Albert Hughes, his family and staff are to be heartily congratulated on a really fine job. Mr. Tom Lawrence was in charge of the installation at the tower. All visitors agreed, without exception, that the 'go' of all bells is excellent. Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by an enthusiastic ladies' committee who are to be congratulated on the sumptuous fare they provided.

OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK

MR. J. H. GODFREY

A great loss has been sustained by the parish church and ringers of Ottery St. Mary, as well as by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, by the death of Mr. John Henry Godfrey, at the age of 81. He was a regular worshipper in the church (until his long illness), one of its assistant governors, and captain of the ringers for nearly a quarter of a century.

As honorary secretary and treasurer of the East Branch of the Guild for 24 years, he rendered most useful service, and at the time of his death he was one of the Guild's vice-presidents. He had rung 12 peals in the four standard methods, but with him Sunday service ringing was always uppermost in his mind. He was a pupil of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly (at one time Vicar of Ottery St. Mary and president of the Guild), and it was very interesting to hear him speak of their efforts to ring their first peal on New Year's Eve, 1896.

The parish magazine of that time records that they had attempted the peal on December 26th but, unfortunately, it came to grief only three courses from the end. The account continues: 'It must be a matter of great satisfaction to our respected bellman, Mr. George Godfrey, to have taken part in this long ring, and to have had with him three of his sons, the youngest of whom undertook the most difficult part of Bob-caller.'

The office of 'bellman' is a very ancient one in the town, and the duties included going round to the houses at Christmas-time and announcing the Nativity of Christ by reciting some lines and ringing a bell. The deceased succeeded his father in the office.

The funeral took place at Ottery St. Mary Church on December 21st, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Rufus Price) assisted by Prebendary E. V. Cox (president of the Guild) and the Rev. J. Reed, assistant curate. Fellow-ringers acted as bearers. He leaves four sons and three daughters, and is survived by three of his brothers.

Muffled ringing, in which Messrs. A. W. Searle and W. G. Burrow (Exeter) and C. Woodley (Sidbury) also participated, took place after the service and again in the evening.

MRS. W. H. FLETCHER

We regret to announce the death on December 16th, at the age of 82, of Mrs. Fletcher, widow of the late W. H. Fletcher, and mother of the Misses D. R. and K. E. Fletcher, of 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield.

Since 1921, when the family moved to Beaconsfield, she had always taken a keen interest in church affairs, serving on the committees of the Women's Institute and Mothers' Union, and was especially interested in bells and ringers. In the years before the war, when peal ringing was more active in the district, many of the older members of the branch will remember her hospitality after a peal attempt here, and her home was always 'open house' to the local band.

The funeral service on December 20th at the Parish Church was attended by a large number of friends, and among the floral tributes were those from the Mothers' Union, the Parish Church Sunday School and the local ringers.

MR. W. H. POPHAM

Weston-super-Mare tower has lost its captain by the death, at his home, 11, Severn Road, of Mr. W. H. Popham ('Pop') on December 15th. He was always happy to welcome any visitors to the tower.

The funeral took place at Weston Cemetery on December 19th. Preb. H. B. Salmon (Rector) and the Rev. H. F. Warren (Curate) taking part in the service. Ringers present included Messrs. J. White (Weston), J. Weaden (Worle), G. Prescott (Kewstoke) and E. J. Avery (Churchill).

The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled after the service and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on December 22nd.

MR. HARRY SUTTON

The death of Mr. Harry Sutton removes a very familiar figure in ringing circles in Devizes. Harry, as he was known to his many friends, was a ringer at St. Mary's Church for nearly 70 years, and the organ-blower for 50 years. He was always ready to help another tower in the town when they required assistance. On his 88th birthday he climbed to the tower and rang the tenor (17½ cwt.).

He died in St. James' Hospital on December 15th, in his 89th year, his wife predeceasing him many years ago. Mr. Sutton was elected an hon. life member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1942.

He leaves one son and daughter, nephew and great-nephew to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at St. Mary's on December 19th with the organist and choir in attendance. The Rev. C. A. Witcomb conducted the service and amongst the large congregation were representatives of the ringers.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in the evening by A. T. Weeks 1, W. Mortimer 2, W. Swift 3, J. Romain 4, S. G. Grant (conductor) 5, P. Whale 6.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

GARDINER.—On December 22nd, 1950, to Dorothy (née Richardson) and Ralph, 15, Elliston Road, Redland, Bristol, the gift of a son (Graham Harold Temple) 8148

ENGAGEMENTS

HICKS—CAPON.—The engagement is announced between Frank Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex, and Evelyn Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Capon, Olive House, Hellingly, Sussex. 8166

MARSH—AMBLER.—The engagement is announced between Alexander Edward, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. H. Marsh, of 9, Aberford Road, Woodlesford, Leeds, and Molly, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambler, of 14, St. Vincent Road, Pudsey. 8139

RETURN THANKS

Mr. A. and Miss N. Radley wish to thank all bellringing friends for their kind letters of sympathy. 8136

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ISLE OF WIGHT.—In the heart of the Garden Isle. Close to church and buses. Write for moderate terms. Personal attention.—Mrs. Bailey, Greensmead, Godshill, I. O. W. 8155

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The future addresses of Mr and Mrs. P. M. J. Gray will be: Jan. 31st—Feb. 28th, c/o 14a, Ashburnham Road, Eastbourne; after Feb. 28th, c/o Bank of Australasia, 394-396, Collins Street, Melbourne. 8189

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HUNTINGDON, is now open after restoration. Ringing practice commences on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, 1951. Visitors always welcome.—S. Gilbert, Captain. 8141

BACK NUMBERS.—A limited number of back numbers for most issues from 1946 onwards are available, post free 4d. per copy.—Apply Editor, 'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8) Jan. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 8033

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting at Dagenham, Jan. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Elections, etc. Ringing at Barking in evening 7 o'clock. Names for tea to A. C. Chaplin, 25, Exeter Road, Dagenham. 8075

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 6th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Notification for tea essential.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham. 28. (SPR 1025) 8057

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual, St. John's, Devizes, Jan. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. St. Mary's and Southbroom also available. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8125

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual district meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. Thornley, Dis. Sec. 8140

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 8135

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lindfield, Saturday, Jan. 6th, 3 p.m.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8135

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Jan. 6th. Ringing at 2.45. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 8153

YORK MINSTER.—Ringing, Saturday, Jan. 6th, 5.30-6.25 p.m. Visitors welcome. Epiphany procession 6.30 p.m. 8183

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Buckland Monachorum, Jan. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan 8th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8110

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting to be held at Writtle (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Election of officers for 1951. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8119

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual, St. Edmund's, Northampton (8), Jan. 13th. Names for tea must reach me by Jan. 6th. No names, no tea. This is definite.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Jan. 13th, Deddington (8). Service 4.15 with handbell music. Tea. Meeting.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 8079

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, at Repton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Jan. 11th, S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 8130

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify me not later Jan. 10th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 8174

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available: St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 3-4; St. Martin's, 3-5.15, followed by tea (5.30) and meeting. Names for tea must reach me by Monday, Jan. 8th.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 8059

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Bath Abbey, Jan. 13th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notification for tea essential by 11th to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 8169

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea please.—E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton. 8151

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 8160

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Market Weighton on Jan. 13th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for all who notify by Wednesday, Jan. 10th Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton. 8170

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst Jan. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5, George and Dragon. Names to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 8154

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bell (8) from 2-4.45 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at the Astor Cafe, High Street. Names for tea (1/6) not later than the 10th please to Mr. H. T. Pye, 118, Maldon Road.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., Colchester. 8147

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, Barnwood, Gloucester (8), Jan. 13th. 3 p.m. Numbers for tea certain by Tuesday, Jan. 9th.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 8162

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 13th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 8157

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting, Ludlow, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 8158

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Jan. 13th. Leyland St. Andrew's. A special invitation to this ten-bell tower. Refreshments provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, 10th.—L. Walmsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland. 8167

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual district meeting at Berkhamsted, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18 Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—Miss P. A. Martin, Hon. Sec. 8142

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgewater, Jan. 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 8188

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at Macclesfield, St. Michael's Church (12), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss June M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 8194

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Jan. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 8182

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea please to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 8184

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting of the Northern District, Royston, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin, Herts. 8179

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Heversham (6), and Milnthorpe (6) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Heversham 2 p.m., Milnthorpe after tea. Names to W. G. Thompson, The Square, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby, J. Woods, Branch Secs. 8190

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Headcorn (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by invitation. 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 8185

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual, Rothwell (8), Jan. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Names by Tuesday previous.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 8186

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting will be at Staverton instead of Daventry on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, Rugby, not later than Jan. 8th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 8175

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury (6 bells), Jan. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea please not later than Jan. 10th to H. K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 8165

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—The meeting arranged for Everton on Jan. 13th has been cancelled.—H. Denman. 8178

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting, Melton Mowbray, Jan. 13th. Bells (10) 2.30-4.30, 6-8.15. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road. 8143

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, Jan. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (dedication of Centenary peal board). Tea in School 5.30 p.m. Names for tea before Jan. 10th to Brian Coop, 123, Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale.—F. Pritchard, Branch Secretary. 8149

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting at Loughborough, Jan. 13th. Parish Church bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Eagle Inn, 5. Bell Foundry campanile afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield. 8146

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Harmston, on Jan. 13th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 8171

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Jan. 13th, St. Mary's Putney, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 6.30. Business, including nominations, 8.15. Names for tea please. Annual general meeting, February 17th. Southwark, etc.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 8144

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice Caversham, Saturday, Jan. 13th, 6-9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 8164

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Immanuel bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Nominations for 1951 general officers received at this meeting. St. Leonard's bells after meeting. Please notify Mr. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, for tea.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8168

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, on Jan. 13th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 9th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road Southampton. 8152

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 10th please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 8161

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, Jan. 17th. Practice meetings. St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, first Monday in each month. 7.15. 8145

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (6) available at 3. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. Wells, St. Bridget's, Benson, Oxon, by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 8163

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Hertford, Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Andrew's bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Please make special effort to attend.—A. S. Carter, Dis. Sec. 8159

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Annual meeting at Bocking (8) Jan. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, if possible, to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Street, Bocking, Braintree. 8176

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Sulgrave bells, evening. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 8150

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8172

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Chilvers Coton. Bells (10) 3. Committee meet in vestry at 4. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Social 7.30-11.30 in Parish Hall (whist, games, dancing). Tickets 2s. 6d.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuncaton. Phone: Nuncaton 3296. 8187

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. —The annual district meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 20th, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Owen Hall at 5 p.m. Please notify for tea before Wednesday, Jan. 17th. C. W. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8193

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Higham Ferrers, Saturday, Jan. 20th. Names please by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 8191

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Peterborough, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Names for tea by 16th to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 8196

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by previous Tuesday. 8180

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 20th. Towers open—St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Mary Quay (6), St. Lawrence (5). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 sharp, at St. Peter's. Tea 5 at Nightingale's, Brook Street. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 8192

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual at Littleham, Jan. 27th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 23rd to R. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 8173

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on Jan. 27th at the Full Moon Hotel. Tickets, 6s. 6d., from J. R. Worrall, 47, Ravenhill Road, Lower

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Pheasant Hotel, Retford, on Jan. 27th, at 6.30. East Retford and Ordsall bells available. Tickets, 9s. each, from Mr. K. Beardsall, 48, Trent Street, Retford, by Jan. 20th.—H. Denman. 8177

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th. Details next week.—W. A. Farmer. 8195

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual party will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Tea 5.30 p.m. Social 7 p.m. Tickets, 6s. each, from F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 8137

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