



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

No. 2110 Vol. XLVII.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1951

[Registered at the G.P.O. for transmission as a newspaper] 4d.

RECRUITMENT

DURING the past 60 years or so the Exercise has witnessed the rise and decline of some famous companies of ringers, such as Burton, Brighton, Kidderminster, Ipswich, Caversham, etc. These bands made much ringing history in their day, and are now quiescent—certainly not the force they were in their heyday. Other bands have replaced them in prominence, such as Birmingham and Leicester. Is it possible that history will repeat itself and that these and other centres of high achievement will meet with the same fate as their predecessors?

Why is it that after having reached a high standard of excellence these old bands have gradually faded out of the picture? Almost everybody in the Exercise can supply the answer—failure to bring on young ringers to replace losses caused by advancing years and death. The difficulty is to make way for and train the novice when there is a first-class band. What is to be the position of the novice in regard to Sunday service ringing where there is an experienced band of long standing? His participation will lower the standard of ringing and the reputation of the tower; on the other hand, the young ringer will feel that the long probationary period of months, it might even be years, is not worth the candle. One famous tower meets the difficulty by the creation of two companies—the second twelve ring for morning service and the expert band for evensong. Where there is a reserve like this with promotion the future of the company seems reasonably assured, providing, of course, good fellowship is maintained in the tower.

It is regrettable that this is not universal; in many places a short term outlook prevails, and bands which have reached a good standard in striking and method ringing are unwilling to give the necessary tolerance to learners, failing to realise that unless sufficient encouragement and opportunity is given to capable youngsters, a decline will come to their company, as it has to others. We were all 'lame ducks' when we commenced ringing (some of us still are!).

It was very noticeable that the old bands spoken of above were very united and were jealous of their good name. There is a thought—unity. In many small towns

there are towers with only a sprinkling of ringers—not sufficient to perform anything on a spectacular scale—but if these towers amalgamated and pooled their resources, progress could be made and results achieved.

Our methods of recruitment need overhauling. Too much is left to chance and often the wrong type of youth is allowed to join a band. In the Boy Scout movement and the Church Lads' Brigade there is a wealth of well-disciplined youth to draw from. Do we tap these sources? Have we any arrangement with the Boy Scouts' Association or the Church Lads' Brigade whereby we could draw recruits? Then there are choirboys who have reached that awkward age when their voices break and who are then at a loose end regarding church work. This is just the time when they should be attracted to the ringing room and made to feel they are really wanted.

Our methods of instruction are too haphazard—there does not appear to be sufficient uniformity. Youngsters to-day will not be bullied into efficiency; they must be encouraged with all the patience which can be extended. The writer would greatly like to see an official standard book of instruction produced—obviously a job for the Central Council. It may be said that this has already been done; possibly so—but has it been sufficiently thorough? Results show a deplorable lack of uniformity. The standard work on Change Ringing by Troyte has undoubtedly been the means by which many thousands of ringers have gained their first rudimentary knowledge—even though the wording is a trifle ambiguous—but what the writer has in mind is the production of a text book for an instructor, which will enable him to gain good results from his pupils in the shortest possible time. If the system of instruction could be made attractive and interesting we might be able to avoid the high percentage of waste which now takes place—it has been said that two out of every ten learners fail to maintain interest and are lost. If this is so, what a colossal waste of effort!

Young ringers who have received elementary instruction in village towers often migrate to the larger cities, and, given the necessary encouragement, soon make the grade. Does this exonerate the ringers in the larger centres from all responsibility for giving elementary instruction? Hardly so. They should do their share.

J. F. S.

UNIVERSITIES' TOUR

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS 6
HARRY MILES 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 7
*EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	PERCY W. CAVE 8
MARIE R. CROSS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
E. S. JOHN HATCHER 5	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON.

Conducted by PERCY W. CAVE.

* 200th peal.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT WILLS HALL.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in D.

JACK R. WORRALL 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED 3-4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 7-8

Composed by J. S. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*RONALD EDGE Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW .. 5
†JOYCE LEWIS 2	†DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 6
†RONALD POCKLINGTON .. 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	PERCY W. CAVE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 9, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

MARIE R. CROSS Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 6
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 4	WILFRID F. MORETON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 11, 1951, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. COURT .. Treble	*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 2	†GEOFFREY DODDS 6
*JULIA M. PRESTON 3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 7
*FRANCES A. EDGAR 4	†RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 28, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29½ cwt.

*EDWARD BARKER Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 2	†CLAUDE COUSINS 7
FREDK. WIGMORE 3	NORMAN HARDING 8
†WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4	†TONY PRICE 9
ERNEST H. MASTIN 5	*WILLIAM ROSE } Tenor
	JAMES H. RAPER }

Composed by J. J. CARTER (C.C.C. 30). Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of H.M. the Queen's visit to King's Lynn during Festival week. Believed to be the first peal on the ten bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

BARNABAS G. KEY .. Treble	ALAN G. FOSTER 6
PETER BERESFORD 2	WILLIAM J. LEACH 7
JOAN BERESFORD 3	LESLIE EVANS 8
NOREEN BRAIN 4	DENNIS BERESFORD 9
GORDON HARRISON 5	GEORGE E. OLIVER .. Tenor

Composed by WM. HALEY.

Conducted by ALAN G. FOSTER.

First peal as conductor. A farewell peal for the conductor before leaving to join H.M. Forces, and a welcome to Angela May Key, daughter of the treble ringer, born August 15th.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

F. CHARLES GOODMAN .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBESON 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 3	BERT GOGLE 8
ERNEST G. SHORTING 4	GEORGE SAYER 9
WILLIAM LOVE 5	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung in honour of Princess Margaret's coming-of-age.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1951, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

MURIEL REAY Treble	MICHAEL E. CALLOW 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 9
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Royal in the method by all.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. O. F. ROGERS .. Treble	JOHN H. LOTT 6
HAROLD W. ROGERS 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 7
WILFRID G. WILSON 3	JOHN W. WARD 8
THOMAS E. DAVIES 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
SQUIRE CROFT 5	FRANCIS D. BISHOP .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Wilfred Taffender, late general secretary and trustee of this Association, and son of the present General Master. The above composition was called to seven peals by the deceased.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT .. Treble	ALBERT J. ADAMS 6
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 7
ANNE B. STOCKDALE 3	JOHN HILL 8
FRANK E. DARBY 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
DAVID W. BEARD 5	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 7, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY .. 5
WILLIAM S. MAY .. 2	GERALD FROST .. 6
*WILLIAM PERRY .. 3	DONALD COOMBS .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	*FRANK B. LUFKIN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by VICTOR W. GRIMWADE.

* 60th peal together. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank C. May. Also in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. J. Wright, former curate of St. Mary's, Prittlewell, and Sheila Featherstone, of Prittlewell.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 17, 1951, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY .. 5
HILARY HAZELL .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 6
CHARLES ROUSE .. 3	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 7
ERNEST F. PAYNE .. 4	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Composed by BRUERTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

NORTHWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.

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

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 5
*GEOFFREY INGHAM .. 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM .. 6
†DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 3	JOHN PEARSON .. 7
‡W. GEORGE TURNER .. 4	ERIC NAYLOR .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.
‡ 25th peal. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major for all except treble and 6th.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 20, 1951, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. WALKER .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	JAMES BENNETT .. 6
*RALPH BIRD .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* 150th peal and 50th for the Association. The conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOHN SIDDLE .. Treble	HARRY WILD .. 5
*ALFRED ASHTON .. 2	ERIC NAYLOR .. 6
CYRIL S. JARRETT .. 3	DONALD R. MARSHALL .. 7
JOHN PEARSON .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Matthews' Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN M. ELLWOOD .. Treble	JOYCE HEARN .. 5
MARY PEMBERTON .. 2	FREDA D. MURKITT .. 6
FRANK V. SINKINS (86) .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT .. 7
MARY R. JAYCOCK .. 4	ALAN RIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Triples. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE .. Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 5
HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 3	LEONARD TREVOR .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,344 Rutland, 1,280 London, 1,152 Bristol, 576 Yorkshire, and 384 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 128 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALICK CUTLER .. Treble	*FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 5
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Rung as a farewell to Frances Edgar, who is leaving London.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN B. BENNETT .. Treble	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 5
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged for the Sileby Festival celebrations.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. Treble	THOMAS YEOMANS .. 5
*BRYNLEY J. PARRY (12) .. 2	*A. RYAN PRICE .. 6
†DONALD G. CLARKE .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. 7
†FREDK. J. BAILEY .. 4	†DAVID S. VOSS .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to Donald G. Clarke.

**CHURCH & TURRET CLOCKS**

New Installations · Repairs · Maintenance

Estimates and Advice Free

JOHN SMITH & SON, Midland Clock Works, DERBY LTD.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
ROBERT COLLINS 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The conductor's 200th different composition.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RALPH HARRIS Treble	ROBERT G. FREEMAN 5
MARGARET ROWLAND 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	PATRICK HARRIS 7
MRS. J. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Ten-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*J. DOUGLAS B. LEYLAND .. Treble	A. EDWARD REEVES 5
Rev. R. D. ST. J. SMITH .. 2	†FRANK REYNOLDS 6
G. ARTHUR BELL 3	RICHARD BENSON 7
FRANK J. MAUDE 4	‡CHARLES H. HARDISTY .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

WALTER G. SOAR Treble	*MARK J. BARKER 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	*FRANCIS R. LOWE 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PATRICIA S. GATTY Treble	*GORDON A. HALLS 5
JAMES CARTER 2	ALAN WARD 6
WILLIAM HARRISON 3	†DEREK OGDEN 7
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY .. 4	JAMES B. ROBINSON .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First eight-bell peal. † 50th peal. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wolstencroft and as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Wimpenny. Mr. Wimpenny and Mr. Wolstencroft have been ringers at Ashton for over 50 years.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ARTHUR CHAMPION Treble	JOSEPH GODDARD 5
FRANK BARRACLOUGH 2	ALEC CAIRNS 6
RICHARD BENSON 3	FRANK JOHNSON 7
BURLEY WALSHAW 4	JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

To commemorate the peal of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major rung here 45 years ago. Joseph Goddard ringing the 3rd on that occasion. The conductor's 25th peal on tenor bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ARBORFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Bartholomew and April Day, eight of Plain Bob, two of Stedman and 20 of Grandsire.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
JOHN FROOME Treble	JOHN A. HARLAND 4
*ALFRED G. STREET 2	STANLEY G. DAY 5
Laurie Hall 3	*MAURICE J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. DAY.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 4, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

JANICE PARSONS Treble	DOROTHY HUGHES 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	FREDK. R. HARRIS 5
MRS. E. CHANDLER 3	JOHN D. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 5, 1951, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	DOROTHY HUGHES 4
DENNIS SHARPLES 2	FREDK. R. HARRIS 5
MRS. E. CHANDLER 3	*DESMOND J. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.

* First peal. Leslie Evans has now completed the 'circle' in this tower.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 14, 1951, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALAN HEMSLEY Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN... 4
STANLEY G. PONTING 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE 5
ARCH. G. GRIMWOOD 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal. A birthday peal for Frank H. Hicks.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 18, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of Norbury, College Exercise, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Kent and Oxford.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	*BERTIE BEE 4
RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 2	LOUIS WILLIERS 5
*AMOS INGALL 3	W. ROBERT PARKER .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBERT PARKER.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Parker, father of the tenor ringer and grandfather of the treble ringer.

MULLION, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELAINE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's.

*A. JAMES VINCENT .. Treble	JOHN D. NIBLETT 4
*MARION L. LIDGE 2	HARRY MILES 5
JOAN E. NIBLETT 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*MRS. T. J. MARRIOTT .. Treble	LEONARD WARREN 4
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON 5
PETER MARRIOTT 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 21, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. CECIL MOGFORD .. Treble	† HENRY BALL 4
* ALFRED G. HAZZARD .. 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
† MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' † First peal in six methods.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 22, 1951, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* ROY TAYLOR Treble	* DUDLEY SURMAN 4
WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 2	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. 5
* GORDON CRAINE 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 23, 1951, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN R. G. SPICER .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 4
FRANK W. LACK 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 3	BRYAN S. COPE Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

First peal in eight Minor methods by all except conductor. In honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's 21st birthday.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH .. Treble	DAVID SMITH 4
ERIC HORNBY 2	* WILLIAM HORNBY 5
A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A first birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the second. A. G. Lawrence has now completed the circle at the above tower.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	CYRIL WANDER 4
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	GEORGE W. MOODY .. 5
JACK BRAY 3	* PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* 100th peal.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

* EVELYN M. CAPON .. Treble	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN .. 4
† C. JOHN PIPER 2	* BENJAMIN STEPNEY .. 5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods 'inside.' First peal in four methods on the bells. A Festival of Britain peal.



GILLETT AND JOHNSTON

LIMITED

No matter in which corner of the country you happen to be, as likely as not you will come across Gillett and Johnston bells or tower clocks.

Gillett and Johnston craftsmanship is embodied in an all-embracing service—as much in the preservation and restoration of old rings of antiquarian interest as in the installation of new.

BELL FOUNDERS
AND
CLOCK MAKERS

CROYDON



MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

J. BENJAMIN BUDD Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 4
*BRIAN HARRIS 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 5
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 3	*R. GORDON CORBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal in seven methods.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE T. BUSSEY Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 4
†KENNETH L. BROWN 2	*A. WILLIAM BIRD 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

GERALD L. BOWEN Treble	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD 4
*G. BOUGHTON 2	†ALFRED C. BOXLEY 5
JOHN H. PAGETT 3	JOHN H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. PAGETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 25, 1951, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*DONALD H. METTAM Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4
MARGARET A. SWANN 2	†HUGH LONGLAND 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Hugh Longland and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Clarke, to the conductor and his son, Rodney, aged seven.

ST. MELLONS, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLONS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores (ten callings) and one Morris's 240. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. MONK Treble	JACK R. WORRALL 4
*DYLLIS L. HULBERT 2	LEONARD I. HULBERT 5
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 3	GODFREY CHOULS Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Rung by the service band in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEOFFREY E. LAMER Treble	RONALD G. LARTER 4
DENNIS W. GREEN 2	JOHN S. POWLES 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in two methods by all (members of local band), except conductor.

ST. STYTHIANS, CORNWALL

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STYTHIANS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOAN E. NIBLETT Treble	†HARRY MILES 4
*JOHN D. NIBLETT 2	†FREDERICK A. SALTER 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells. First peal of Surprise Minor in the county and for the Guild.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 27, 1951, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of six six-scores each of Place Bob, New Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*THOMAS W. CROWE Treble	ERIC N. HARRISON 4
EDMUND P. CROWDY 2	*KENNETH ARTHUR 5
J. ALAN AINSWORTH 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* 25th peal together. First peal in seven methods of Doubles for the Association. Believed to be the fastest peal on tower bells by this Association. First peal of Doubles by all except the treble ringer. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson, and the Rev. H. R. Tate, curate of St. James's, Moss Side, Manchester, whose marriage took place at St. Paul's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on August 22nd.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 29, 1951, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising ten six-scores each of Kennington, Old Bob, April Day and twelve six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*ALAN C. COZENS (15) Treble	*ANTHONY J. BAKER (14) 3
M. ELIZABETH ROE 2	KENNETH D. PERKINS (13) 4

IVOR J. DICKIN (15) Tenor

Conducted by IVOR J. DICKIN.

* First peal. Average age of band 16 years and 2 months. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is leaving the district.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 16, 1951, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CORNER HOUSE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Clifford Pleasure, 360 April Day, 1,440 Grandsire, 2,520 Plain Bob (11 callings in all).

Tenor size 15 in C.

REGINALD BEALE 1-2	JACK W. DREW 3-4
REGINALD C. BEALE 5-6	

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal in five methods by all.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 24, 1951, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT OLIVE HOUSE, HORSEBRIDGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents each of Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Northrepps, four extents each of Old and Norfolk, and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN .. 1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS 3-4
*C. JOHN PIPER 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in eleven methods. † First peal in eleven Doubles methods. Believed to be the first peal in eleven Doubles methods for the Association.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 26, 1951, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 53, LEYS ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

M. ELIZABETH ROE 1-2	†RONALD C. NOON 5-6
*JOHN KING 3-4	ROBIN G. TURNER 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Major 'in hand' for the Guild.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, J. Bramley 2, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 3, J. Bennett 4, J. Udale 5, A. Bradshaw (first quarter) 6, T. Thornber 7, R. Barrow 8. Rung for the Belgrave festival celebrations.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Donohoe 1, W. Parrott (first quarter) 2, P. Richardson 3, P. Leach 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, J. Clarke 6. First quarter since the tower repairs were completed.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Moir (first quarter) 1, F. E. Roberts 2, Miss S. Green 3, R. Poston 4, W. Poston (cond.) 5, J. Harris 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower on Aug. 25th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, C. Stannard 2, S. Sturgeon 3, A. Ballam 4, R. Simmonds 5, D. Rowlands 6, J. Banks 7, F. Buckle 8, W. Godship 9, H. Doel 10. Rung fully muffled in memory of H. W. Foulger, who was a member of the company for 20 years, interred at Great Barton on Thursday, August 23rd.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Bob Minor: Stella Kingdon 1, D. Peers (first quarter Minor) 2, R. B. Morris (first quarter Minor) 3, J. Bagley 4, B. Harris 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Tuck 1, Miss J. Tubb 2, D. Gant 3, Miss S. Klofacz 4, J. Fowler 5, Mrs. E. Smyth 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, K. Tuck 8. First quarter of Triples for 2, 3, 4 and 6. For H.R.H. Princess Margaret's birthday.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. G. Lintern (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, W. Starr 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Page (first quarter Stedman) 1, Pat Page 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, J. Meade 4, W. H. Glasspool 5, Joyce Cox 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, D. W. Longman 8.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—On August 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Butler (first quarter) 1, S. Meadows 2, Anne Heath (first quarter doubles) 3, E. J. Heath 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, C. W. Denyer 6.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,224 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Evelyn M. Capon 1, E. G. D. Tonkin 2, W. M. Stepney 3, C. J. Piper 4, B. Stepney 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Treble Bob by all and by the local band.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Richardson (first in method) 1, H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, A. R. Chapman 4, C. E. Brown 5, S. Penfold 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, W. J. Carter 8.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Bassett 1, W. Morland (first quarter) 2, A. Bassett (first quarter of Minor) 3, S. J. Ponting 4, A. Relfe (cond.) 5, J. Bassett 6. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, E. Drake 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Denness (first quarter Triples) 4, C. Champion 5, S. Moody 6, C. A. Drake (cond.) 7, W. C. Scott 8.

PENTRE, RHONDDA VALLEY, GLAM.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies (first quarter) 1, G. Williams 2, J. Edwards 3, F. Lasbury 4, J. Lovett (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6, J. Evans 7, H. Crabb 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. Page, for many years leader of the St. Peter's Society.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss B. Harris 2, Miss P. G. Kitchen 3, H. Eldred 4, F. Blondel 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8. Rung for the opening of Festival Week.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Joan M. Exeter (first quarter on treble) 1, P. Rayfield (first quarter) 2, W. A. Wood 3, S. M. Evans (cond.) 4, S. V. Rayfield 5, G. Wood 6. In honour of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's birthday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Perry 1, J. Philips 2, Miss S. Booth 3, L. W. Bullock 4, C. W. Ottley 5, R. F. Deal (cond.) 6, J. Bullock 7, A. T. Langstone 8.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 19th, 540 Plain Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Cheese 1, G. Lindley 2, F. G. Rawson 3, K. Rawson 4, F. Ball 5, A. L. Rawson (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 4.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. French 1, D. Cave (first quarter) 2, Miss S. Jenner 3, W. H. Goodwin 4, Miss D. Colgate (cond.) 5, R. Fairweather 6. Rung for the christening of the son of Major P. V. F. Cazalet (patron of the living).

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sharplin 1, F. J. Wood 2, J. Sunnocks 3, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 4, D. J. Crouchman 5, F. W. James 6.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Violet Farrow (first quarter) 1, H. Keynon (first quarter 'inside') 2, Joan Hill 3, A. Hammond 4, Constance Chinnery (cond.) 5, H. Chinnery 6. A 21st birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Also a 69th birthday greeting to the tenor ringers.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH



The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

'THE RINGING WORLD'

The Official Journal of the Central
Council of Church Bell Ringers

EDITORIAL OFFICE: c/o Woodbridge Press,
Ltd., Guildford, Surrey.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: Six months, 11s. 8d.;
three months, 6s. Send remittances to Mr.
J. E. Jeater, 11, Frankswood Avenue, Petts
Wood, Kent.

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

PRESIDENT: E. H. LEWIS, M.A.

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER: G. W.
FLETCHER, The White House, Caister-on-Sea,
Norfolk.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:—

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD (convener), 122, Lee
Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3.

FRANK I. HAIRS.

JOSEPH T. DYKE.

HAROLD J. POOLE.

EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

Out of the 1,038 annual postal subscribers
399 have kindly sent the sum of 1s. 5d. or more
to cover the increase in postage. Is your name
amongst them?

The memorial service to
Thomas Wilfred Taffender
will be held at St. Mary's,
Lambeth, on September 15th. It was at this
church that Mr Taffender rang his last peal,
immediately after which he had great difficulty
with his sight.

A reader from Lancashire writes: 'What did
the Lancashire Association secretaries think
about the "cartwheel" at Mossley?'

When sending in a peal from Youlgreave.
Mr. Francis R. Lowe writes: 'I have enclosed
a small donation of 5s. towards the publication
of peals in "The Ringing World."' Thank you,
Mr. Lowe

The peal of Minor at Paul, Cornwall ('Ring-
ing World,' August 24th), was not his 'First of
Minor' but 'First of Minor in four methods,'
writes Mr. Gordon Walford, from Wellington,
Somerset.

Owing to a typographical error in last week's
'Ringing World,' it was stated that the Roving
Ringers' tour in East Anglia was the eighth of
its kind. It was, in fact, the fifth.

To help forward the ringers of Hamilton
Cathedral, New Zealand, Mr. A. White, of
Auckland, their nearest bell-ringing neighbour,
makes the journey of 80 miles once a month.

The ringer of the second bell in the peal of
Stedman Triples at Caldicot, Mon., on August
25th, was Brynley J. Parry. He is only 12 years
of age and rang his bell faultlessly. This young-
ster is to be commended for his outstanding
performance.

A correspondent writes us that Mr. Frank
V. Sinkins is the second oldest ringer to ring
a tower-bell peal. On August 22nd he took
part in a peal at Burnham for Princess Mar-
garet's birthday, his age being 86 years and 7
months. Mr. James Wilkins rang a peal one
month after his 87th birthday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A short account of the
history of Evesham Bell
Tower and its Bells will
be broadcast in the Midland Home Service at
6.30 p.m. to-day (Friday, September 7th) in the
programme 'Around and About.'

The conductor of the quarter peal of Sted-
man Triples rung at Ealing, Middlesex, on July
29th, was Mr. H. J. Gaylard.

Mr. E. Eade, of Buxted, Sussex, would like to
know if there are any other churches with the
same dedication as at Buxted, St. Margaret,
Queen.

Prebendary E. V. Cox calls attention to one
of the clues in 'The Times' crossword puzzle
of August 23rd: 'Robert with a crown among
the bells (3. 5).' The solution, 'Bob Major,'
we feel certain is apparent to all our readers.

The peal of Doubles at Winford, Somerset,
on August 21st, besides being a birthday com-
pliment to Princess Margaret, was also in cele-
bration of six silver weddings, viz.: Mr. and
Mrs. B. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. A. Worle, Mr.
and Mrs. R. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. F. Patch,
Mr. and Mrs. S. Stock and Mr. and Mrs.
E. Ball, all of Winford.

The Editorial Committee acknowledge with
gratitude donations towards 'The Ringing
World' costs from Mr. A. M. Morris, Childer
Thornton, Cheshire (£1 1s.), Anonymous (£2),
Mr. E. H. Mastin, Downham Market, Norfolk
(5s.), the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Mulbarton, Nor-
wich (8s. 6d.). The last-named says his remit-
tance atones for the 'sins of omission' of some
five others in his county. Mr. F. White, of
Ipton, in sending £1, any surplus to go towards
the same object, says he is now debarred from
ringing but retains his interest in the art and in
this journal, having been a reader of the first
issue.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY

ESTABLISHED
1570

MEARS & STAINBANK

at

34, WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON, E.1

Telephone BISHopsgate 2599

FOUNDERS OF THE NEW RING OF TWELVE FOR LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Tenor 82 cwt.

HANDBELLS

BELL ROPES
Etc.

MUFFLES

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION TOUR

BRISTOL WEEK, AUG. 3rd-11th — SMALL PARTY SHARE LARGE SURROUNDINGS WITH W.A.E.
SUMMER SCHOOL — C.C. PRESIDENT TRAVELS 1,424 MILES TO PARTICIPATE — RINGING IN
WESTERN COUNTIES

BY invitation of the University Association, the 1951 U.A. ringing week was at Bristol, with headquarters at Wills Hall set in ideal surroundings on Durdham Downs. Opened in 1929, Wills combines the quadrangular form of the Oxford and Cambridge colleges with all the 'mod. cons.' of to-day: and though having acquired a ring of satellite dwellings to meet the demands of an expanding university, is still able to seat all its 250-odd students in the great dining hall. Our party was 'small fry' for the staff (in contrast with its overwhelming effect last year at the small hotel in Lincoln!), and it took just a little time for the large W.A.E. summer school to realise our presence ... but it did!

Early arrivals on Friday were served tea and the atmosphere of past 'weeks' was soon recaptured. But there were new faces to the summer gathering, and we were thrilled to have with us our president, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who had motored down from his Highland home. Evening ringing was at Emmanuel, Clifton, where we were met by Mr. H. S. Gregory, who before the war was with Stephen Wood at Clifton Parish Church. As we recalled, both Church and Stephen were the victims of air raids at Bristol. Our president quickly assumed keen interest in the raising and lowering of the bells, which he maintained throughout the week to the benefit of many of us. Later that evening a small group assembled in the secretary's room for committee duties (selecting Saturday peal bands this time) while the lucky majority indulged in freedom!

Except for peal attempts the whole week-end was spent in Bristol, which, despite the loss of bells by enemy action, still has rich fare to offer. On Saturday morning we visited the ancient city church of SS. Philip and Jacob, Old Market, and the modern Church of St. Ambrose, both of which are proud possessors of vigorous bands. Mr. Edwin J. Brown greeted us at the former, and the 'going' of the bells (eight, tenor 20 cwt.) left nothing to be desired. It was no 'surprise' to hear that the Sunday band ring a whole array of 'Surprise' methods and the air of leadership was very refreshing. For their weight (tenor 11½ cwt.) the eight bells of St. Ambrose's gave good account of themselves and a whisper about their 'pealability' was overheard all right.

The afternoon peal attempts were at Mangotsfield and Wrington. The band sent into Gloucestershire lost Superlative but better luck attended the efforts of those who went to the Somerset tower, for ever to be associated with the name of Maier Hesse. Stedman Caters in 3½ hours is a tribute to the perfect 'going' of the superb bells with their 37-cwt. tenor; and it was not spoilt by speed—or if so the president of the Central Council and Joe Dyke were parties to the crime! Non-pealers rang on the light octave at Holy Nativity, Knowle (church blitzed, tower intact), where William Cave instructed the band for the bells when installed; and also ascended the tall, slender tower of St. Stephen's to try the recently-rehung ring of ten. There was also opportunity for ringing at St. John's-on-the-Walls (six, 11 cwt.), and St. James', Horsefair (ten, 28½ cwt.), where the Bristol City Branch were meeting.

On Sunday we divided up into groups for service ringing and spread our resources to maximum extent. We were privileged to ring on the twelve bells at famous St. Mary Ratcliffe both morning and evening (where the Master, Mr. E. Hancock, warmly welcomed us), and twice also on the tens at St. Stephen's and St. James'; while once during the day we were at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (eight, 22 cwt.), Em-

manuel, Clifton, St. John's-on-the-Walls, Christchurch (still another ten) and at Stoke Bishop (six, 13½ cwt.).

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

At lunch we were privileged to receive as guests, Sir Philip Morris, vice-chancellor of the University, and Lady Morris; Colonel Kendall, warden of Wills Hall, and Mrs. Kendall; Professor S. H. Piper, president U.B.S.C.R.; and Professor R. J. Brocklehurst, captain of the ringers at Stoke Bishop. Demonstration handbell ringing preceded the group photograph which will long be treasured by all.

After supper U.A. again played hosts at Wills, this time to the ringers of Bristol from both City and Rural Branches of their Association, a happy, combined company of nearly 70. Our president spoke appreciatively of the great welcome being accorded us, and the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Mr. John G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, responded simply but effectively.

So came Monday and our first excursion, with the expected mixture of cars, motor-bikes, auto-cycle and humble pedallists. First stop was at Long Ashton, of Cedar Institute fame, where at the Church of All Saints, with its glorious 30-cwt. tenor octave, we were met by Mr. Yeo, a grand old man of the bells, and his Vicar. Thence to Wraxall (eight, tenor 23½ cwt.) and already the richness of Somerset towers had been sampled and appetites whetted for more. A course of Somerset Surprise suitably expressed our appreciation. It was a trifle difficult finding the old church at Nailsea and a rather frightened dog effectively kept us at bay until Leonard Derrick came to our aid. An adjoining 'Ring of Bells' was then visited and packed lunches kept good company with local cider as approval of our Somerset environment steadily (?) mounted. Before finally parting company with Nailsea and Leonard, Ronald Clouston had viewed grandfather clocks, and Joyce Lewis been presented with a fragment of Nailsea glass. Onwards to the Bristol Channel at Clevedon where St. Andrew's Church (eight, 14½ cwt) was our venue, and then to St. Peter's, Portishead, where the first ladies' peal was rung. By this time the Bank Holiday weather was fast deteriorating into a deluge which was experienced in good measure en route to Abbots Leigh, but fortunately the journey home over Clifton Suspension Bridge was short and hot baths and dinners proved excellent restoratives: so much so that most members endeavoured to visit two evening practices, at St. James's and Stoke Bishop, an enterprise which if anticipated would have benefited from a modicum of direction.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

On Tuesday morning a service of Corporate Communion was conducted by Canon Peacey in the beautiful Wills Hall Chapel. The day's peal efforts both came to grief, at Winford (six, 16 cwt.) a missed 'bob' preventing Joe Dyke from approaching one step nearer his century of Somerset towers: while at Banwell (eight, 23 cwt.), tower-sway helped to jeopardise a peal of Cambridge. Non-pealers had much better fare, first at Backwell and then on to the newly-restored bells at Yatton (eight, 24 cwt.), where a wonderful job has been done by the bell-founders to elevate this ring into the premier class. Here the overhead view of the bells recalled the unique set-up at Buckfast Abbey. Other towers visited this day were Congresbury, a rather heavy-going eight with tenor of 35 cwt., Winscombe (eight, 19 cwt.) and following a ringers' tea at the Bell Inn, Wrington, Barrow

Gurney (eight, 14½ cwt.), which was reached only after most of the transport had piled up in a cul-de-sac to provide a good U.A. tale for the future. In the evening there was a further opportunity of visiting Redcliffe when we joined with the St. Philip's ringers in their monthly practice.

A claim that Wednesday's tower itinerary provided a feast of ringing without equal would be difficult to refute. A 35-seater coach absorbed the whole party except for one car-load, and first call was at Chewton Mendin of wide renown; perhaps it was understandable that the touch of Spiced Surprise was not curtailed sufficiently to leave on schedule. Next, Wells Cathedral, the heaviest ten-bell tower, where half a course of Cambridge Royal fittingly ended our ringing, and then Evercreech, not long since augmented to ten, where we were glad to meet Henry Sanger whose youthful band is making such tremendous progress. At Queen Camel the stately tempo of the heaviest six was experienced with no little thrill, but Somerset just misses being able to claim the heaviest eight, for Sherborne lies over the border in Dorset. The Abbey Church, with its warm coloured stone striking a contrast with the greyness of Somerset towers, has a beauty of its own and the bells and Abbey, we felt were worthy of each other. The return journey was more devious than intended and we reached Ditchat 45 minutes late, but not too late to enjoy this further Somerset 'prima donna' among octaves (tenor 24 cwt., like Chewton Mendip and Yatton), or to hear a favourable comment on the perfect lower from Joe Dyke who had motored over for his final glimpse of us. Back at Wills full justice was done to a cold supper and about 10 p.m. we embarked on a general meeting of the Association.

Two peals were scored on Thursday morning. Double Norwich at Bitton and New Gloucester at Marshfield: non-pealers en route to Bath ringing at Keynsham and Newton St. Loe, and in Bath at St. Mark's, Lyncombe. After lunch we were made extremely welcome at All Saints', Weston, which church boasts a band of over 20 loyal and keen ringers, and then at Twerton. Unfortunately Bath Abbey bells were not available owing to a broken clapper so visits were made to the sixes at Bathaston and Bathampton. On our return journey to Bristol some brisk ringing was effected on the very light octave at Corston (tenor 9½ cwt.). At 9.30 p.m. the Order of Compline was sung unaccompanied at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stoke Bishop, this being taken by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow.

THE LAST FULL DAY

Friday, our last full day, discovered a fully-mechanised fleet of seven cars and four motor-bikes heading north into Gloucestershire, a complete change from the Somerset days. Calling first at Henbury (eight, 20½ cwt.) where the stone tombstones to freed African slaves of over two centuries ago had recently been painted, the column advanced to Almondsbury, another octave ring, thence to Olveston. The cider here at lunch was more potent even than the Somerset products but perhaps it was the very receptive state of the crowd of happy but tiring ringers. In the afternoon we visited Thornbury a first-class eight (tenor 24 cwt.), the detached tower at Berkeley where three leads of Clifton Royal were rung and finally Stone with its midget six (tenor 7½ cwt.) in its midget tower.

So our farewell social evening had arrived. All week we had more than held our own with the summer school (indeed they displayed much more interest in us than we in them). Like us.

(Continued on next page)

Universities Association Tour—Cont.

they too were due to make merry and far-sightedness on the Wills staff had transplanted us from our adjacent common room to the lounge and conservatory at Down House, one of the annexes. It was a warm August evening and while daylight lasted we lingered on terraces, seemingly relaxing for the first time since we arrived. Slowly we became drawn into the warmth and lightness indoors, slowly too our own spirits melted and vaporised into a spirit of jollity. Mr. Lewis told Scotch yarns, York-Bramble as well as mystifying us spun some excellent stories, certain members of U.B.S.C.R. rang tunes on handbells—results of secret and assiduous practice during the week—and we danced to Percy Cave's piano medleys. When we returned to Wills the summer school was already abed.

At breakfast on Saturday morning our president expressed appreciation to the University of Bristol Society for the wonderful time they had given us, mentioning particularly Jack Worrall, its secretary, who had undertaken the preliminary arrangements, and Ivor Trueman, its Master, who had taken over the main organisation and seen it successfully through. Tribute must also be paid to Marie Cross for her sustained efforts as Ringing Master, catering for the needs of every individual, no mean achievement by any standards, and hers were high. Except for final peal attempts, the week was over for another year. Of these, Bob Major was lost at Wotton-under-Edge, but Cornwall Surprise at Dursley succeeded. Regrettably the afternoon attempt of Cambridge Royal at St. Stephen's had to be abandoned on account of time limitation. It will be recalled from a recent note in Belfry Gossip that there was to have been an attempt at Redcliffe, but this naturally gave preference to Canon Swann's farewell peal.

Looking back on this Bristol Week with with deepening pleasure one is amazed at the wonderful harmony achieved among a party of all ages. Everyone pulled his or her full weight, everyone felt enriched in experience. This account may indeed fittingly close with a quotation from a letter from Mr. Lewis:—

'My mileage was 1,424. The journey to Bristol via Tring was 616 and back from Bristol via Dursley and Cheltenham 516, and I did 292 on ferry service. I rang in 38 towers of which 32 were new to me and I didn't count how many stairs I climbed. I shall certainly try and come to Nottingham, my native city, next year.'

For in 1952, from August 5th to 23rd, we shall again enjoy the hospitality of a University Hall of Residence, though on this occasion we shall not have an established Society to tend our needs but the opportunity of doing that missionary work for which the Universities Association was founded. E. S. J. H.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. SIMMONDS

Mr. W. J. ('Bill') Simmonds, of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, band passed away on August 31st, at the age of 46 years, after a brief illness.

An enthusiastic member of the Cathedral band and of St. Martin's Guild, he was always most punctual and reliable both for Sunday service and other ringing and his passing leaves a gap that will be hard to fill. His kindly and cheerful good nature coupled with his keenness for anything connected with bells and ringing made him always most pleasant and congenial company.

Beside his worth in connection with ringing Mr. Simmonds was prominently connected with many aspects of parochial work at St. Chad's and he held the office of a churchwarden at the time of his death. Two of his sons are also ringers and members of the Cathedral band and St. Martin's Guild. Requiescat in pace.

W. E. B.

AROUND THE DISTRICT MEETINGS

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Meeting at Hanbury

In these days of modern transport, a meeting at an isolated tower is always a doubtful venture but, thanks to the shuttle service of cars, the Guild was able to invade for the first time the Staffordshire village of Hanbury, on August 25th.

This village, situated rather off the beaten track in truly rural surroundings, will be remembered as the place of a great explosion, for on November 27th, 1944, the countryside for miles was shaken by the terrific explosion at a nearby ammunition store, resulting in heavy loss of life and considerable damage. A stained glass window was recently placed in the church as a memorial to those who lost their lives in such tragic circumstances.

The bells, recently overhauled, are a good octave of moderate weight, easy to handle but a little noisy.

Ringers were present from Burton St. Paul's, Repton, Ticknall, Rolleston, Ashby, Measham, Seales, Hoar Cross and Norton-in-the-Moors. Service in the church was conducted by Mr. Bennett (Lay Reader) in the absence of the Vicar.

Tea was served in the schoolroom and was preceded by a short business meeting with Mr. A. E. Greening in the chair. Four ringing members, including the Rev. F. Pickering, Vicar of All Saints', Burton, and four non-resident life members were elected.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Lay Reader, organist and lady helpers were proposed by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton.

The next meeting is to be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on September 29th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Fine weather, a grand old church set on the North Downs overlooking the beautiful Stockbury Valley, and an attendance of over 70 ringers and friends from the Rochester, Maidstone and Lewisham Districts, combined to make this, the first District meeting held in Stockbury, a memorable occasion for all concerned.

After the rather steep ascent up the hill from the Maidstone road, the visitors were rewarded with a grand view of what must be one of the most lovely panoramas of the Kent countryside.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Edwards, and the lesson was read by Mr. A. Dunk, one of the local ringers. Mrs. Walker presided at the organ and the singing was led by the surplined choir. Opening his address the Vicar welcomed the ringers to Stockbury and said that, as he knew nothing about bells or bellringing, he had been warned not to talk about them, but although the address was based on a text from St. Luke's Gospel, a word dropped here and there left the impression that he knew more about the subject than he had been given credit for.

After the service a marvellous tea was provided by the local ringers and their wives and lady friends in the Village Hall. Needless to say full justice was done to this, and the District secretary thanked the Vicar and all the local friends for making the meeting so enjoyable.

Mr. A. Dunk said that he would like to thank the District Secretary for his help in teaching the local ringers during the past 12 months, and asked him to accept the gift of a cigarette lighter that the band had subscribed for as a token of their appreciation of his services. After this pleasing little ceremony a return was made to the tower and the five bells were kept going with some well-known methods, and also some that were not so well known. B. W.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

New Zealand Visitors at Otley

The August meeting was held at Otley on the 25th. The bells were raised early and ringing was enjoyed throughout the time available. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, immediately after tea. The president was absent owing to a broken wrist and Mr. F. Hutchinson (vice-president) occupied the chair. Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley St. Chad, Leeds Parish Church, Otley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Boston Spa and Liversedge. The last-named tower was inadvertently omitted from the report of the July meeting; apologies are tendered to the members who made the long journey.

The usual business details were easily dealt with and one new member of the Otley tower, Miss Claire Mountain, was elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. F. Gibbard and seconded by Mr. S. Keighley. Mr. Appleyard acknowledged the thanks and hoped everyone had enjoyed their visit to Otley.

The next meeting is due to be held at East Ardsley on September 22nd to enable members to attend the Snowden commemorative dinner at York on September 29th.

During the evening ringing, Professor and Mrs. Soaper, of Otago, New Zealand, came into the tower and showed great interest in the ringing and the bells.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting was held at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, on a very wet day. A rather small but a very happy meeting was held and some good ringing was enjoyed on a really beautifully-toned ring of six bells in a variety of methods. Ringers were present from Cawthorne, Felkirk, Horbury, Sandal, Silkstone, Liversedge and Leeds Parish, with members of the local company.

Tea was served in the nearby schools. The business meeting followed, the chairman being the president (Mr. N. F. Moxon). An apology for absence from the Rector (Canon Coney), who was away on holiday was received. The business was soon disposed of and the following arrangements were agreed upon for the cup contest at Wath-on-Dearne on September 8th, the annual dinner at Barnsley on October 13th, and the next meeting at Horbury in November. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing followed as far as time would allow, good use being made of the bells.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The August meeting of the Society was held at Bridlington on the 11th. Thirty-five members attended, with visitors from London, Luton, Batley and Thorne. The bells were rung in standard methods during the afternoon on the fine ring of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.).

A service was held in the Priory Church, conducted by anon J. W. Lamb, assisted by the Rev. G. Storer, of Hutton Cranswick. A few people on holiday in the town came and joined in the service, and three ladies, who said they had been 'charmed' by the form of service used and the inclusion of handbell ringing, asked to be allowed to take tea with the Society and listen to more handbell ringing, if possible, a request that was quickly granted.

After the business meeting the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going to Treble Bob, Little Bob and Stedman.

LEICESTERSHIRE VETERANS 'GET TOGETHER'

A NOVEL GATHERING AT TWYFORD

UNIQUE in the history of ringing was the meeting arranged by Mr. Harold J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, on August 18th, at Twyford and Ashby Folville.

Although the Leicester Diocesan Guild is one of the babies of the Exercise, it has behind it the traditions of the Midland Counties Association, from which it originated, and within its boundaries are belfry stalwarts and church workers of many years' standing.

Twenty-six elderly ringers assembled from various parts of the diocese and during the afternoon many stories of former days were overheard, from which it was obvious to the listeners that the whole complexion of ringing in the Leicester District had completely changed during the past 50 years. For instance, we were reminded of the alternative exit from St. Margaret's belfry, Leicester, to the street, and the reason why the Vicar had it bricked up. Many other interesting stories were narrated during the reminiscing of the various little groups of colleagues of former days. To those who find pleasure and satisfaction in pleasing others there was the reflection of happiness on the faces of all present.

Ringing commenced at Twyford soon after three o'clock, and, but for the break for the taking of photographs, continued until 4.30 p.m. All then attended a very delightful service conducted by the Vicar of Twyford (the Rev. C. N. Daybell), and it was obvious that much thought had been given by him in the selection of hymns, psalms and lesson, which were most appropriate for the occasion. In his address he congratulated the ringers upon reaching their respective ages and thanked them for the many years of faithful service to the Church.

A splendid tea in keeping with the usual Twyford standard had been arranged by Mrs. R. Spencer and her helpers.

THE OTHER END OF THE LIFE LINE

After tea Mr. H. J. Poole said how pleased he was that so many of the elderly ringers had been able to attend. The idea first occurred to him following the 'Youth Rally' in the Leicester Diocese when no less than 70 young ringers (boys and girls) under 21 years of age met at Belgrave for a tea and social evening. He thought it would be pleasant to arrange an assembly of those ardent church workers at the other end of the life-line. Much thought had to be given to it and in order that no one should be missed, information was sought through each district secretary.

Twyford and Ashby Folville had been selected because both had easy-going bells, with ground-floor ringing chambers, and of course the name of Twyford had long been famous for the very fine ringers' teas. In expressing a very sincere welcome, he referred particularly to the very great pleasure of having with them Mr. John O. Lancashire, now 86 years of age, and the only surviving member of the band which rang the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells many years ago. He also made special mention of Mr. Josiah Morris (old Joe—the Rhythm King), who is still ringing handbell peals at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Lancashire replied and thanked Mr. Poole for all his trouble and kindness in arranging the meeting.

A move was then made to Ashby Folville for some ringing on the ring of eight. The highlight here was the ringing of some Grandsire Triples by a band of over 80's, whose aggregate ages totalled 659 years. They were John O. Lancashire, 86; W. Henson, 80; G. Thompson, 84; E. W. Cartwright, 81; J. E. Clarke, 82; W. Willis, 81; J. Morris, 84; and F. J. Sutton, 81.

At the conclusion of the ringing all were transported either to their homes or to some convenient public transport.

The meeting was a great success. Seldom do the older ringers have the chance of ringing together in such numbers and to the exclusion of others and appreciation for the opportunity was expressed on all sides.

BIOGRAPHIES

Their chance of coming into the present day limelight is remote and no apologies are needed for appending brief details of each as a ringer and church worker:—

LANCASHIRE, John O.—86 years. His grandfather, Edwin Dolby, managed Lord Wantage's estate and lived at Ardington, Berks. As a boy he accompanied his grandfather to ring one of two bells usually rung at 8 a.m. on Sundays to indicate that there would be a service later on that day. His grandfather gave him the love of bells as he had been a ringer at Sutton Bonington, Notts, where he also played the bass viol in the days before organs were in common use. John O. was a member of the Leicester band which rang the peals of 'silent' Stedman on handbells and is the only surviving member of the band which rang the 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques. Also made a name as a composer and will be remembered for his 'odd bob' peal of Stedman Triples. He was for many years a regular member of the St. Martin's (now Cathedral) band at Leicester.

MORRIS, Josiah.—Commenced his ringing at St. Margaret's, Leicester, over 60 years ago. He is now 84 years old and, as will be seen in 'The Ringing World,' is still ringing in handbell peals. His peal total is nearly 400 and it is hoped that before long he will accomplish his 400th peal. For seven years he was tower keeper at St. Mark's, Leicester, where the bells have not been rung—owing to the bad condition—for 30 years. By his ability on handbells 'old Joe' is known locally as the 'Rhythm King.' He still rings for services at St. Margaret's and will be remembered as the verger there for many years.

THOMPSON, George.—84 years. Commenced ringing at the age of 15 years at Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire. He still rings at Hinckley and joined that band in 1888.

CLARKE, John E.—82 years. Commenced ringing at Forthampton, Gloucestershire, about 1884, under the instruction of his father. He rings regularly at St. Thomas's Church, South Wigston, and has been a ringer there since the bells were put in in 1901. He has rung in 58 peals.

CARTWRIGHT, W. Ernest.—81 years. Commenced ringing in 1886. His first peal was one of Grandsire Caters in 1888 and was conducted by J. W. Taylor. For many years he was a member of All Saints', Loughborough, band, but in recent times has found the many steps to the belfry just that much too much for him.

SUTTON, Felix J.—81 years. Has been a ringer at Kegworth for 66 years and for the past 50 years has been captain of the band there. He has rung in ten peals.

WILLS, Walter.—81 years. Commenced ringing at Hinckley about 1888. For some years did not do any ringing, but upon the augmentation of Aylestone bells to eight, his love of bells was rekindled and he has rung regularly for services at Aylestone since then. He regularly goes out to Guild meetings and other ringing practices.

COLLINS, Tom.—81 years. Commenced ringing at Rothley, Leicestershire, in 1885 and remained there for 15 years. He has been a regular ringer at Mountsorrel for the past 51 years and has rung in six peals.

HENSON, William.—80 years. Was born at Market Bosworth and has been a ringer there for the past 60 years.

BEADSMOORE, Ernest W.—78 years. Has been a ringer at St. Helen's, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, for the past 61 years and has conducted peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the bells there. He has also rung in peals of Surprise Minor and Major and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

READ, Stephen.—78 years. Started ringing at Easton, Hunts, in 1890. For the past 45 years has been a sidesman and regular ringer at Asfordby.

LITTLEWOOD, Evander L.—77 years. Regular ringer at Asfordby for 62 years. Was verger four years and sidesman 14 years. Has rung for five inductions at Asfordby.

LOMAS, E. E.—77 years. Has been a regular ringer at Asfordby for the past 53 years. He joined the Goscote Society for Ringers when 18 years old. He has been a sidesman at Asfordby for the past 25 years.

MANCHESTER, Thomas E.—77 years. Commenced to ring in 1907. He has been verger and sexton at Hose, near Melton Mowbray, since 1914.

WRIGHT, William John.—77 years. Commenced ringing in 1905 since when he has been a regular member of the band at Wymondham. He has rung in three peals of Doubles.

NEEDHAM, Joseph.—75 years. Commenced his ringing at Barwell and has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church for the past 66 years. He has been parish clerk for 43 years and was preceded in that office by his father and grandfather.

SHARPE, W.—74 years. Has been a ringer at St. Michael's Church, Hose, near Melton Mowbray, since 1902 and for the past 25 years has been a churchwarden there.

NORTON, Joe.—74 years. Joined the choir at Billesdon in 1887 and commenced to ring there in 1890. For the past 61 years has been a regular ringer and chorister at Billesdon.

GRUNDY, John H.—73 years. Rang his first peal in 1895 and for over 55 years has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Loughborough. He is also verger at the church and has held that office for many years. He has rung in quite a number of peals, some quite recently.

CLARKE, William H.—72 years. Commenced ringing at Thurlby, Lincs, in 1894. He rang for Queen Victoria's Jubilee for which he was paid 5s. Was formerly a member of Knighton, St. Mary's, band, Leicester, and for the past 30 years has been ringing at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester.

GRANT, John T.—71 years. Commenced to ring at Peatling Parva, Leicestershire, when he was ten years old and later rang at Gilmorton. He came to Leicester round about 1917 and rang regularly at St. Mary-de-Castro until the bells were condemned in 1919. For the past 20 years he has been a member of the Cathedral band, Leicester.

CADLE, Joseph.—71 years. First started ringing at Long Crendon, Bucks. He has been a ringer at Hugglescote since 1900 and for many years was conductor of the band there.

WALKER, George.—71 years. Has been a ringer at Hugglescote since 1900.

BOWLEY, E. H.—69 years. Commenced ringing at Copt Oak in 1900 since when he has been a regular ringer there. He is also a member of the choir which he joined in 1891. Although he has only one arm, he is a very able ringer and rings the treble for the multi-method Minor band at Copt Oak.

(Continued on next page)

Leicestershire Veterans—Cont.

MARRIOTT, Ernest.—67 years. Learned to ring at St. Martin's, Stamford, in 1903 and in 1904 went to live at Hull. He joined the Holy Trinity band under the conductorship of Charles Jackson and one of his choicest memories is a peal of Treble Ten in which he rang, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff and in which were the following other well-known ringers:—T. H. Taffender, Sid Palmer, William Pearson, Charles Jackson, Clement Glenn and James George. At the age of 24 years a physical disability in which he lost one leg put a stop to much of his ringing, but his interest did not diminish, and he is seen regularly at many of the Leicester Diocesan Guild meetings. He has been a regular member of the Wymondham band since he went to live there.

SMITH, Edward E.—79 years. Started ringing at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, and rang there for many years. He afterwards joined St. Martin's band, Leicester, and for some years rang there with George Cleal, Sam Cotton and other Leicester stalwarts. He took part in Queen Victoria's Jubilee peal at St. Martin's. He recalls being in London when Queen Victoria died and took part in a muffled quarter peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He now lives at Thurnby, near Leicester, and for some time has not been able to take an active part in ringing.

What a grand record of church work the above-named ringers have to their credit. Is it not on the foundation laid by them and of others who assisted them that the present advanced ringing has been built? Such years of faithful service to the church reflects just what the church meant and still means to them. Is it not right and proper to ask: 'Does it mean as much to us?' There is little doubt that many of the rings of bells upon which we have the privilege of ringing to-day were maintained and in some cases put in the church towers by and through the enthusiasm of these stalwarts of so many years' standing. Let us not forget what we owe to them and let us further see to it that they are not forgotten. H. J. P.

A DOUBLE SILVER WEDDING

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Mellons, Cardiff, recorded elsewhere in this paper, was of special importance to the Sunday service band. It was rung to celebrate the double silver wedding of four of its members. Mr. and Mrs. L. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams are all ringers, although ill-health has recently forced Mrs. Williams to give up. In addition, two other members of the Hulbert family, namely, the Misses Dyllis and Edna Hulbert, are both regular Sunday ringers at St. Mellons Church. Miss Dyllis Hulbert, who took part in the peal, is the first lady ringer to participate in a peal at St. Mellons.

Mr. George Monk, the treble ringer, will celebrate his 77th birthday in December, and he is one of the original band who started when the bells were installed in 1914. He taught the entire band to ring with the exception of Mr. Williams, who learnt at Rumney. Mrs. Williams was one of the ladies' band which was formed at Rumney during the 1914-18 war.

The tower captain, Mr. R. H. Addis, unfortunately had to withdraw from the band owing to a poisoned arm. Grandsire Doubles was chosen as being the method which the ringers knew best of all. The service band has, however, on its repertoire of methods (rung regularly for service the following:—Stedman Doubles, Plain and Little Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The peal was a great credit to the members of the band and they look forward to repeating the performance in celebration of a double golden wedding. J. R. W.

MORE AUGUST OUTINGS

IN SEARCH OF EXPERIENCE
From Wales to England

In contrast to the general movement of touring teams from the East to the West, Saturday, August 11th, saw an excursion in the opposite direction when the Sunday service band of Llanbadarn Fawr, near Aberystwyth, left that village at the early hour of 7.30 a.m. for a visit from Wales into England.

The scheduled time of arrival at Machynlleth, 18 miles distant, was 8.25 a.m. and dead on time the Rector, the Rev. L. Hughes, and Foreman Davies, as well as Mr. H. B. Fearn, were there to lead the visitors into church. After the opening prayer by the team's Vicar, the Rev. O. Geoffrey Rees, M.A., some Grandsire Triples and Doubles were enjoyed.

A quarter of an hour was gained on the schedule to Newtown by 10 a.m., despite the impediments of steep hills, narrow, sinuous roads and cattle on the highway. The Rector, the Rev. H. S. Willis, had already raised the bells, and, following the opening prayer by the Rev. E. E. T. Jones, curate of Llanbadarn Fawr, the band, joined by the Rector, indulged in a short session of Grandsire Doubles. They proceeded on their way only after accepting a kind and pressing invitation to Newtown again in the near future.

An unofficial break for refreshments cost the party 15 minutes' delay here but the time table was duly honoured to Welshpool, where the curate, the Rev. Albert Edwards, M.A., was thus able to renew his association with the Rev. O. G. Rees, and where Montgomeryshire ringers were assembled in force to welcome the West Walians. They joined in a touch of Triples conducted by their captain.

St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was reached at 12.45 p.m. with a welcome from Messrs. Beddow, Owen, Brooks and Willcox. For the youngsters it was a unique experience to take part in the ringing of the twelve. These back bells, especially, leave one with memories of melodious resonance.

When lunch was completed, St. Michael's was the first on the programme but, unfortunately, it was not possible to do more than raise and lower the bells in this tower. There was compensation at St. Mary's where all ten bells beneath the 210 feet high steeple were manned by the tourists before Messrs. A. Owen and Ernie Willcox helped with some Grandsire. Of all the bells of Shrewsbury, these undoubtedly possess the best tone and cannot but delight every musical ear. The friendly quip of an affable constable on his beat outside, after the allotted half-hour's ringing, was 'You called a Bob in the wrong place.'

Condover, five miles distant, was the next rendezvous, the tower from which 'beautiful' ringing spreads itself across the hills and plains of southern Shropshire. Ringing from the floor of the church to the length of 60 feet ropes was certainly a novel experience for the adolescents. Towards the end of the half-hour, Mr. H. Lloyd, of Barrington, irresistibly called by the sound of the bells, arrived by motor-cycle, and he then acted as guide to the driver on the country lane journey to Berrington Church, approximately two miles distant.

This was the last tower to be visited and nothing that had happened in the course of the ringing tour surpassed the six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung by Messrs. A. Owen (St. Mary's, Shrewsbury) 1, E. Winstanley (Llanbadarn Fawr) 2, Ernest Cox (Berrington) 3, W. H. Lloyd (Berrington) 4, Ernie Willcox (St. Chad's, Shrewsbury) 5, and W. Ward (Llanbadarn Fawr) 6. This was conducted by Mr. Lloyd before the bells were dropped in peal in fitting climax to a delightful day's ringing.

There still remained the 80 miles' return journey along which everybody from time to time would note the comfortable coach, the

good shopping at Shrewsbury, the improvement of the weather from three o'clock onwards, the relaxation and singing through Mid-Wales, and the heavy rain and mist which came on near the Plinlimmon Mountains as they slope down to Cardigan Bay.

There is already an eagerness to save modest weekly shillings for next year's event, when it is hoped that the six ringers unavoidably absent this time will be among the party. As the Vicar so aptly put it: Mae hwn in siwr o fod yn brofiad i'r clochdyddion o gyd. (This is sure to be an experience to all the ringers.)

STAPLETON, BRISTOL

On August 18th, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Stapleton, whose ringing of Stedman Doubles was such an outstanding incident (ahem!) in a recent edition of Ted Ray's 'Calling all Forces' programme, took another opportunity of practising rounds on four different six-bell towers in Gloucestershire.

We thought it at least good form not to set off without the ringing captain so the start was a little delayed while a phone call to his wife succeeded only in worrying her to death because he had left home in good time. However, a belated bus brought not only its own but also our 'conductor' and we were soon under way.

Four more stops to pick up the rest of our party and an uneventful ride brought us on time to Wickwar (tenor 12 cwt.), where a quick review of our capabilities showed that although we could form two distinct bands, each capable of ringing up to Bob Minor, we should have been unable to make even one Triples team.

However, a well-filled hour passed all too quickly and yet the enjoyment of it was soon surpassed by the beauties of the drive towards Woodchester, near Stroud. The weather was perfect and from the heights of the Cotswolds we could see across the Severn to Sugar Loaf Mountain and beyond to the Brecon Beacons in Wales—a truly memorable view.

We were sorry to drop down once more into Woodchester but the whole of our party was soon fully occupied by the two attractions of our visit—the bells (tenor 13 cwt.) for the ringers, and the Roman Villa, with its famous mosaic pavement, for the non-ringers.

The archaeologists scored over the campanologists who found the bells somewhat lacking in tone, 'go' and audibility—the two trebles are hung ten feet above the other four. Early in the proceedings, those less stalwart had faded away, ostensibly to 'hear what they sound like outside' (Belfrymanship for 'you can keep 'em'). We covered most of our repertoire and, with two of the local ringers, completed a successful 'fall'. Thank you, Woodchester!

Our non-ringers, on the other hand, were greatly impressed by the Roman excavations, which have attracted 40,000 visitors in the last six weeks and the proceeds of admission at 1s. per head go towards the upkeep of the church. £2,000 in six weeks! Start digging, you hard-up parishes—you never know!

To ensure a prompt get-away, tea was arranged at the next stop, Stonehouse. Everyone did justice to a good meal, and then what should have been an hour's ringing was extended by twenty minutes because of the qualities of the bells, and here we rang Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Erin Doubles and Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob.

Before leaving, we thanked Mr. Tom Price for all his help in arranging tea, parking facilities, ringing at Stonehouse and for many helpful hints for the day's programme.

Reluctantly we made for Stone, our final stop of the day, where, with gentle handling, the tuneful little six (tenor 7½ cwt.) gave us an enjoyable hour. The 'Berkeley Vale,' opposite the church, claimed its gradual toll and when those of us in the tower finally called 'Lower away' we had been beaten to it. R. G. B.

(Outings continued on page 574)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHARGES FOR PEALS

Dear Sir.—I am in agreement with your correspondent who suggests a fee for the publication of peals. A charge of one penny per ringer, or say a standard charge of sixpence per peal would be no hardship and could be easily collected and sent by the person submitting the peal.

It would create little administrative work since publication of the peal would act as receipt of cash and evidence to 'The Ringing World's' auditor of so much income to be accounted for.

After all, a good proportion of our paper is devoted to peal ringing matters and it is only fair that we should help the paper during a difficult period.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

NOTE.—Any donations that accompany peals or quarter peals are most acceptable.—Ed.

PATERNAL CONCERN!

Dear Sir.—I write to give you warning that I intend to promote a Bill in Parliament to have church bells destroyed and bellringers exterminated. I also propose to sue someone for damages.

Some time ago my son caught the disease, and started a band or team or whatever it is called. He now spends most of his time touring the country ringing. Result: although I own a car it is never available for my use. I have a typewriter which is becoming sadly worn through typing strings of figures which I am told are 'methods.' I used to have someone who could do my shopping for me—I must now do my own. I find myself dreaming of minors and majors and bobs and doubles. Worst of all, I get impatient if 'The Ringing World' does not arrive on time.

As I like to be fair I enclose a small contribution towards the cost of briefing Counsel for the Defence.—Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR M. MORRIS.

Childer Thornton, Cheshire.

AN UNWRITTEN RULE

Dear Sir.—In congratulating the bands who rang peals at Sherborne and Wyke Regis during the Kent ringers' tour, may I remind those responsible of an 'unwritten rule' of the West Country—that peals rung in an area covered by a Guild should be recorded for that Guild. It seems strange that peals rung in a neighbouring Association were rung for that Association, but when the touring bands were welcomed into the Salisbury Guild the two peals scored were recorded for the Kent County Association.

The explanation given in the report of the tour by A. P. C. does not cover the point.

I should hate to think it was through lack of courtesy or the fact that life ringing members' subscription had been increased from 2s. 6d. to 5s.

W. C. WEST, Hon. Sec.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir.—I am informed by Mr. C. W. Roberts that he has discovered falseness in a peal of 5.100 Stedman Caters, rung at Gosforth, Northumberland, on August 16th, 1930.

It is included in the 1929-1930 report of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and I shall be pleased if ringers in possession of this report will mark the figures accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. DAVIDSON.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

EAST KENT'S FRIENDLINESS

Dear Sir.—Having just returned from a Kentish holiday I feel I would like to offer a word of thanks and appreciation to the ringers I met in the eight towers I visited.

I met with the utmost kindness and friendliness and would especially like to thank Mr. F. Cheal, of Rainham, who gave me such a grand welcome: also Mr. Knight and his band at Rochester Cathedral who helped me through my first attempt at Bob Royal 'inside': whilst at Canterbury Mr. Unwin and the Cathedral band enabled me, to ring my first attempt at Grandsire Cinques—with some measure of credit, I believe.

Greetings and thanks to Messrs. Mannering, Baker and Head, at Maidstone, also St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, as well as to Mr. Dobbie and his band at Sittingbourne, where I found a delightful ringing chamber, lovely bells, and a most helpful and friendly company. At Gillingham Parish Church I found a band of keen teen-agers who ring call changes quite well but are anxious to go ahead with changering if help can be obtained from one or two competent instructors, and it seems as if there is in this tower good material ready for development. At Rochester I received enquiries about Mr. W. Shute, of Ferndown, whilst Mr. J. T. Dyke's name is a household word at Canterbury.

So here's thanks once again to those likeable ringers of Kent who helped to make so pleasant and memorable the visit of an ordinary ringer of unknown quality.

J. B. P.

Dorset.

THE MUSIC OF THE BELLS

Dear Sir.—I thank the following peal composers who so kindly sent me musical touches containing Queen's, Tittums and Whittington changes:—Rev. J. Kingdon, Chester; Mr. J. T. Dyke, Bath; Mr. Wm. T. Slson, London. S.W.6: Mr. Wm. Shepherd, Addlestone, and an anonymous writer who sent me a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the whole three required changes, 30 calls, all bobs.

Now I want eight expert ringers to let the B.B.C. and musicians know what music can be had from a well-tapped touch. These musical touches ought to be published so that all ringers can perform them and give greater pleasure to the British public.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER.

Moulton, Northamptonshire

A DUPLICATE

Dear Sir.—I feel sure it would interest all those ringers who keep records to know that Nettleham Surprise rung at St. Giles', Lincoln, on June 23rd, 1951, had already been rung at Withyham on March 21st, 1948, and named Withyham Surprise. I have it noted as a method by E. W. Tipler.—Yours faithfully,

S. H. HOARE.

Watford.

KENT RINGERS' TOUR

Dear Sir.—I was interested to read in your issue of August 24th Mr. Cannon's account of the visit to Somerset and Dorset and especially that he had visited Coombe St. Nicholas', Whitestaunton and Wambrook. He stated: 'It is probable that the change ringing on two of them, at least, was the first on the bells.' I do not know to which two he refers but I am pleased to be able to say that I took a band of ringers to Whitestaunton and Wambrook in the spring of this year and change ringing was rung in both towers.

Incidentally, I was sorry to learn whilst on holiday in Cornwall that one evening I probably missed Mr. Cannon and his party by about eight miles.—Yours sincerely

E. T. P. FIELD

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

IN COMPETITION

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Turner's letter inquiring whether there are touches containing Whittington's change, I should like to submit a few musical touches of Grandsire Triples, resulting from a little private war between Mr. Tom Farr, of Windsor, and myself, before the war.

Among my touches I found a 322 containing Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's, which I called, and remarked to Mr. Farr that I thought it possible to produce such a musical touch in less changes. Mr. Farr next week presented me with a 308, to which I replied the following week with a 294. Mr. Farr, I thought, broke the rules in winding up the contest with a 252 containing Whittington's at handstroke—I had not even considered using a handstroke row!

The touches referred to above are:—

322	234567	308	234567	294	234567
S	762453 2		752634 1	S	762453 2
S	357246 2	S	327546 3	S	357246 2
	263457 1	S	563427 1	S	643725 2
	572346 2		275346 2	S	526374 2
S	275346 4	S	362475 1		675243 3
	362475 1		753246 2		546732 3
	543762 1	S	357246 4		275346 1
	625374 2	S	643725 2		362475 1
S	526374 4	S	526374 2		753246 2
S	475632 2	S	475632 2		267453 1
S	234567 2	S	234567 2	P.L.	234567 2

252 234567

S 762453 2

S 357246 2

S 643725 2

S 526374 2

345726 1

673245 1

736245 4

P.L. 723564 1

S 467352 2

234567 1

Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

322 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir.—Here is a service touch composed by the late William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, containing Whittington's, Queen's and Tittum's:—

234567

1	572634	S
2	345267	—
3	563472	—
2	275346	S Whittington's
1	362475	S
2	753246	—
4	357246	S Queen's
2	643725	S
2	526374	S Tittum's
2	475632	S
2	234567	S

Yours faithfully,

B. G. KEY.

Burton-on-Trent.

CAPTAINCY OF MARDEN RINGERS

Dear Sir.—I find in August 24th issue of 'The Ringing World' that Mr. Cannon has conferred upon me the captaincy of the Marden ringers. This is entirely untrue.

While Marden has such a keen and conscientious Sunday service ringing band, led by their very able Ringing Master, Mr. Fred W. Mitchell, they will have no need of my help in this direction.—Yours sincerely,

S. GEOFFREY WATERS

Marden, Kent.

OUTINGS—Cont.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET

Ringers from Holy Trinity, Nailsea, with friends from neighbouring towers, held their annual outing on August 11th. An early start was made at 8 a.m., and from the opulent comfort of a brand new luxury 41-seater coach, reputed to have cost more than a heavy ring of twelve, the tourists viewed with equanimity the almost continual rain which fell that day, the only apparent adverse effect being a modification of Clifford's sartorial style, the headgear he affected on this occasion having more of a continental motif instead of the Edwardian elegance to which he usually adheres; still, he remembered the gallon jar, so all was forgiven!

This year the tour eschewed foreign parts and kept within the confines of native Summerzet, to Leonard's evident satisfaction. The first stop was on Sedgemoor at Meare; originally an island surrounded by an intensive lake; it was one of the residences of the Abbots of Glastonbury, part of whose manor is incorporated in a farm adjoining the church. The heavyish ring of six here proved a bit odd-struck, but the ringing was quite up to standard. At Ashcott, a new augmentation and rehanging job from the Loughborough foundry made things much easier and it was with reluctance that the party left in order to keep to their schedule. Somerton was reached at 12 noon, and while waiting for the tower key, the magnificent roof was duly admired. After ringing came lunch, and a hurried look around this old town with its ancient town hall and 17th century market cross.

The heaviest rain fell on the trip to Barrington, where the ladies braved the downpour in order to visit the great house. Barrington Court, now the property of the National Trust, but they could only admire the outside as the house was not open that day. Here the ringers made good use of a noisy little ring of six, but unfortunately the church, like the manor, was locked, and the only glimpse available was through a squint in the ringing room. The greatest treat of the day came at Ilminster with its magnificent heavy ring of eight hanging in one of Somerset's finest central towers; the church here is well worth a prolonged inspection, with its memorials to the Wadham family, who founded one of the handsomest of the Oxford colleges. The tourists had tea at Ilminster, a fully satisfying meal and ringing was continued until after 7 p.m., the time of departure, as they were loath to leave those superb bells.

The last call—for ringing—was at Montacute which, in addition to a noble church, boasts of one of the most splendid Elizabethan houses in the whole of England. The tall central tower here is reputed to oscillate to a greater degree than any other, and it is quite believable, as those ringers sitting out swayed backwards and forwards on their stools in an alarming manner, and the weather-vane on top of the tower careered round drunkenly to the dismay of some of the ladies; still, the Vicar, who welcomed the visitors, said the founders who had recently rehung the bells assured him that it was all quite normal, and the locals had become accustomed to this excessive movement, but it made ringing rather difficult as the bells are inclined to drop unexpectedly and they are anything but light to handle.

A final pause was made at Wedmore for liquid fortification on the way home. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and steeple-keepers through whose co-operation the arrangements were made and to the coach driver who manipulated his huge conveyance through some of the narrowest unsignposted lanes in the county without once losing his way. Ringing ranged from Queen's to Cambridge.

E. G. C.

KEYMER, SUSSEX

Together with the Rector, and visitors from Twineham, Hurstpierpoint and Godshill, the ringers of Keymer, Sussex, and their wives and friends, held their third annual outing on August 11th.

The coach left Keymer at 7.30 a.m. and set out for Salisbury. The weather very quickly deteriorated and by 11 o'clock had settled down to a steady downpour—a downpour which continued all day. At Stockbridge the pleasant ring of six (tenor 7½ cwt.) was put to good use for about half an hour.

On leaving Stockbridge we made for Stonehenge but as it was still raining we did not stop and went on to Salisbury. Lunch was taken at Salisbury followed by ringing at St. Martin's. The eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) were kept going for three-quarters of an hour before we made our way back to the coach and started for Romsey. After tea at Romsey, Mr. A. J. Backshall (captain) presented Mrs. Romney and Miss Clark with two brooches as a 'thank you' for organising whist drives throughout the year. (To anyone interested, these can prove quite profitable!)

Tea over, the local secretary was found and permission hurriedly obtained to ring the Abbey bells—a smart piece of tower-snatching described by the local paper with the words: 'had the unexpected pleasure of being invited to ring an eight-bell peal on the bells.' (We assumed that it was either the fastest peal on the bells or else some parts had been left out!) The last ring of the day was at Wickham (six, tenor 13 cwt.) and the methods included Cambridge (with the aid of four visitors!). Kent, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

The homeward journey was made via Chichester and Amberley (where a stop was made for 'light refreshment'). We arrived home at about 11.30 p.m.—damp but 'appy'!

M. U. G.

MID-DEVON BRANCH OUTING

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held its outing on Saturday, August 25th. The party were augmented by members of other branches and the Teign Valley was the venue, where there are a number of six-bell towers.

The first call was at Trusham, where there is a handy ring of six bells, and where the tourists were met by the Vicar. After three-quarters of an hour's ringing, the next objective was Ashton, with its long draught of rope. From here the journey was continued to Christow, where there is a fine ring, after which a halt was called at a wayside cafe for tea. The next venue was Dunsford with its long draught and springy ropes and where it seems the bells require some attention. The last calling place was Tedburn St. Mary, where the bells have only lately been restored after being silent for over half a century, and, incidentally, it was the best tower of the afternoon.

Despite the inclement weather the venture was quite successful and the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World'

September 8th, 1911

ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON

The bells of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter have done duty for more than two centuries. The bell frame being now in a dilapidated condition, the church authorities have decided to have the ten bells recast, with a tenor about 35 cwt., and to place a new steel and iron frame in the tower to carry twelve. The approximate cost of executing this work will be something like £700, and towards this amount about £550 has already been subscribed or promised.

NOTICES

New Scale of Charges

From the beginning of September, 1951, the charge for Notices of Meetings will be one penny a word, minimum 2s. 6d. For additional insertions with no change of type one half of the above charge for each insertion.

Other Notices one penny per word, minimum 3s.

All Notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received on the Monday preceding publication.

BIRTH

CULLINGWORTH.—On August 29th, 1951, at 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent, to Lucy Lillian (née Wickens) and Thomas Cullingworth, a son (Richard); a brother for John. 9423

SITUATION WANTED

BELLINGER seeks situation in horticulture, poultry or garage work. Married, no family. Accommodation required. 6 or 8 bells. Interviews, third week in September.—Box 9376, 'Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 9376

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

FOR SALE.—Set of eight handbells by Mears and Stainbank, size 14D. In carrying case. New condition, £12 10s.—Poyntz, Goring, Reading. 9438

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Ivor H. Trueman is now 19, Kenmore Drive, Filton, Bristol. 9406

PUBLICATIONS

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

'BELLINGER'S GUIDE TO THE CHURCH BELLS OF BRITAIN AND RINGING PEALS OF THE WORLD.' Indispensable reference book for every ringer; 5s., plus postage, from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 8999

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE,' 96 pages, 8 plates and 89 illustrations in the text. Price 10s. post free. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, 'Derwen,' Launton, Bicester, Oxon. 8368

'KEEP A PERMANENT RECORD' of the peals you ring and the towers you visit in a 'Delight' loose leaf book. Designed for all ringers.—William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 9003

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED.—Particulars of peals (prior to 1914) rung at Cawthorne: contests entered by Cawthorne ringers; visits by other teams; any data welcome. Postage refunded.—N. F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley, Yorks. 9405

VILLAGE BELLS.—The basic principles of change ringing with a novel system of diagrams. Price 9d., three copies 2s., post free, from Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring.

PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittance must be sent with peal report.

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Marv's, Nether Alderley, on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Short meeting to follow. Visitors most welcome.—W. Stevenson, Hon. Sec. 9363

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), September 8th. Tea at Mrs. Pollard's, 5. Names to Mr. C. Streeter, 2, New Cottages, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. Bassett. 9385

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Ingatestone (6), Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Fryerning (6) available after tea. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 9356

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fyfield (6), September 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea to F. Blatch, Rose Bank, Fyfield, Ongar. There is a taxi service from Ongar Station. 9355

EVESHAM BELL TOWER.—Dedication of ring of 12 bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. Saturday, September 8th, at 2.30. Service will take place at the base of the tower. 9384

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Lugwardine (8), September 8th. Bells 3. Tea 5. 9373

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin. Dis. Sec. 9392

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 9357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Boxley (6), Saturday, September 8th. Final Festival of Britain meeting. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, by kind invitation. 5. Everybody welcome, ringers and non-ringers.—E. S. J. Hatcher. 9349

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 9412

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 8th. Walthamstow. St. Saviour's, Markhouse Road, 3.30 to 5. Tea, Lyons Cafe, 5.30. Business and further ringing, St. Mary's, 6.30.—A. Boyack. Dis. Sec. 9372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks. South Bucks and South Oxon Mid-Bucks Joint.—Saturday, September 8th, Watlington. Oxon, at 3. Service at 4.—H. Badger. 9369

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Brightwalton (6), Saturday, September 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. 9374

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice at Henley, Saturday, September 8th. Bells 6.15—8.30 p.m. 9340

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hodnet (8), September 8th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Geoffrey C. Bagley, Hon. Sec., 34, Wharfage, Ironbridge. 9424

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Brighton, Saturday, September 8th. Bells: Good Shepherd 2.30—4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' during evening. Tea 4.30.—B. W. White. 9377

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, September 8th, at Heptonstall. Bells (8) 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Ambler. Hon. Dis. Sec. 9321

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—Ringers' Sunday, September 9th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (please notify). Ringing: Matins and Evensong, 9.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. All are welcome.—P. F. Romney, 21, Woodland Road, Hassocks. Tel. 703. 9347

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Branch.—Practice meeting at Cannington, September 15th, 6.30-9 p.m.—R. Short. Hon. Local Sec. 9418

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, September 15th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo. Long Ashton. 9419

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Westoning on September 15th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Bring food.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 9427

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH, KENT.—The new ring of eight bells, recast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated on Saturday, September 15th, at 4 p.m. by the Right Rev. Bishop Guy Warman, D.D. All ringers are welcome to have a ring after the dedication.—Rev. Murray Walton, The Vicarage, Bromley, Kent. 9434

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Astbury, 6 bells, September 15th. 2.30 p.m. Please send names, before 12th, to Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 9430

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting at Stoke, Coventry, Saturday, September 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., arranged only for those who notify, by September 13th, R. D. Hayne, 149, Avon Street, Coventry. 9410

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, September 15th. This meeting is in place of the one at Morpeth which was cancelled. Names for tea, by September 12th, to J. Palmer, 104, Bedford Terrace, North Shields. 9417

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 15th. Morton (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 12th, to Mr. P. Wright, 26, New Street, Morton, Derby. 9435

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, September 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. E. Fox. Dis. Sec. 9437

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's Cleeve on September 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—P. Baker, 31, Tolhysfield Road, Bishops Cleeve. 9416

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach, September 15th. Bells (8) open 3. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Ringing 6 to 8 afterwards. Names for tea by 12th, to E. H. Jefferies, 24, Saddington, Cirencester. 9440

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Bicker (8) on September 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea not later than Monday, September 10th.—Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 9390

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 followed by meeting (these arrangements subject to confirmation). All ringers welcome. Names for tea to Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.—J. Woods. Sec. 9433

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, September 15th. Bring own food.—S. Walmsley. 9432

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Breedon-on-the-Hill, September 15th. 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Breedon Cafe. Names by September 5th, to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Cont Oak, Markfield. 9429

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Husbands Bosworth, Saturday, September 15th. Tea 5 p.m.—Bell Hotel.—L. W. Allen. Dis. Sec. 9415

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Wilfred Taffender Memorial Service, Saturday, September 15th. St. Mary's Lambeth. Ringing, half-muffled, 4.30-6 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. All welcome. 9470

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Wrexham, Saturday, September 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea, by September 12th, to W. Cathrall, 19, Cynliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9439

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, September 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Village Hall, for those who notify, by September 10th, Frank Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison. Hon. Sec. 9371

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Britford, September 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Tea 4.30 for those who send their names, by 11th, to J. Lewis, 2, High Road, Britford, Salisbury. 9399

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Okeford Fitzpaine, September 15th, at 3. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 9404

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Netherbury on Saturday, September 15th. Usual arrangements. Beamster available after 6 p.m.—C. H. Lathey. 9422

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at East Bridgford, Saturday, September 15th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring food. Cups of tea available. 9382

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Upper Beeding, September 15th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 9408

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Mottisfont, September 15th. Bells 2.30. Lockerley after tea. Names for tea by September 11th.—M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 9421

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Stourbridge, Saturday, September 15th. 2.30. Business meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. Derek Watson, 4, Palfrey Road, Stourbridge.—Bernard C. Ashford. Sec. 9479

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and the CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on September 15th at 3 p.m. For tea, notify, by Wednesday, 12th, P. W. B. Semmens, 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 9400

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Corporate Communion, September 16th, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying, by September 13th, W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 9394

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Luppitt, September 22nd. Service 4.15. Names for tea, not later than 17th, to Mr. E. Thorne, Luppitt, Honiton, Devon. 9402

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and contest at Liversedge, September 22nd. For teas, notify, by September 15th, F. Hodgson, 103, Unlon Road, Liversedge.—A. Farrand. Sec. 9366

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, September 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 9426

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Burton Latimer, September 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, September 19th, to Mrs. F. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer, Northants. All ringers welcome.—J. Staniforth. Hon. Sec. 9388

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Scottow on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than Monday, September 17th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham. 9411

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting at Ardington on Saturday, September 22nd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30, for which, notify by 17th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon Berks. 9407

(Continued on next page)

NOTICES—Continued

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 20th, to Miss Lottie Pimm, High Street, Eynsham, Oxford. 9409

SUFFOLK GUILD.—St. Andrew's, Cotton. Dedication of the two new trebles and the opening of the bells, Saturday, September 22nd, by the Archdeacon of Ipswich. Service 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. 9300

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on September 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. St. Mary's and St. Mary's, Otlands Park, bells after meeting. Names for tea to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9353

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Barton Stacey, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Plough Inn. After tea, York practice. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 29, Fox Lane, Stanmore, Winchester. 9379

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting at Eltham, September 29th. Details later.—A. B. Peck. 9436

SNOWDEN DINNER.—York, September 29th, 1951. Tickets 9s. each. Applications to Mr. S. H. Steel, 7, Ings Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York. 9364

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester, 6.30 p.m., Saturday, October 13th. Tickets 10s. 6d. (juniors 7s. 6d.). Please reply and enclose remittance, before October 5th, to Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 9431

The CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS (MAJOR) ..	2 6
COLLECTION OF DOUBLES & MINOR METHODS ..	3 3
FOUR-WAY TABLE MINOR METHODS ..	4
CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS (Out of print) ..	
VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION ..	1 0
METHOD SHEETS—	
Cambridge Surprise Major ..	2
Double Norwich and Cambridge Court (out of print) ..	
Bristol Surprise Major ..	2
Stedman and Grandsire Triples ..	3
HINTS TO INSTRUCTORS & BEGINNERS ..	4
COLLECTION OF PEALS—	
Section II., Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob ..	9
Section III., Double Norwich C.B. ..	9
REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH S.P.A.B. ..	6
DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS ..	1 0
PRESERVATION AND REPAIR OF BELLS, etc. ..	1 0
INSTRUCTIONS ON CARE OF CHURCH BELLS (Card) ..	6
MODEL CODE OF RULES—	
Ringers' Society or Company..	6
VILLAGE BELLS ..	9

Post Free from

MR. W. H. J. HOOTON,
Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'THE WORLD'S BEST BELLROPE'S'

Noted for Easy Handling and Non-Stretching

Established 1820 Phone 2400

JOHN PRITCHARD

(ROPES) Ltd.

LOUGHBOROUGH

CLOCK AND CHIMING ROPES
SPlicing AND REPAIRS
BELL MUFFLERS

Price List on Application

The Ringers' Handbook

Reprinted 1949

FOR ALL LEARNERS

GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN,
PLAIN BOB AND KENT

4 to 8 bells 3/6 : : 4 to 6 bells 1/9
Postage included

Obtainable ONLY from Mrs E. S. Powell,
East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham,
Somerset

ESTABLISHED 1760

JOHN NICOLL

CHURCH BELL ROPE AND CLOCK ROPE MANUFACTURER

64, LEWISHAM PARK, LONDON, S.E.13

LATE OF BERMONDSEY AND PECKHAM

Maker to St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Imperial Institute, Canterbury, Edinburgh, St. Albans, Lincoln, Durham, Peterborough, Melbourne (Australia), Rochester, Dublin, St. Patrick's, Manchester, Durban and Worcester Cathedrals, etc.

MUFFLERS :: RINGING MATS :: MATTING :: FLAG LINES :: ETC.: ETC.

The JASPER SNOWDON SERIES

'ROPESIGHT,' 10th edition; 150 pages; 3/-.

'GRANDSIRE,' by J. A. Trollope; 130 pages; 3/4.

'STEDMAN,' by J. A. Trollope; 150 pages; 2/10.

'STANDARD METHODS,' 11th edition now ready. Letterpress 2/6. Diagrams 2/-.

'TREBLE BOB,' Out of print, being rewritten.

'SURPRISE METHODS,' by Rev. C. D. P. Davies; 126 pages; 2/10.

All post free on receipt of postal order from

MISS M. E. SNOWDON

The Cottage,
Cavendish Street, CARTMEL,
Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.

WILLIAM POTTS & SONS, LTD.

BANKFIELD TERRACE, LEEDS, 4

Established 1833

Cathedral, Church and Tower Clocks

Clock Repairs and Dial Restorations

And 9, Adelphi Chambers, Shakespeare Street, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
and 96, Carver Street, SHEFFIELD, 1