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FUN WITH THE FOUNDERS

By ERNEST MORRIS

THE article by P. A. on bell inscriptions with invocations to the saints was very timely. It is amazing how many ringers (and more especially peal ringers) know little or nothing about the bells they ring! So long as the bells go well and there are six or more, they are content. How many study the bells from an historical or archaeological standpoint? One can but call such persons bell ringers—not even church bell ringers, for they know and care little about the bells as part of the church. To them they are just something to practise and ring peals on. If they note a church in the country, no matter how grand or ancient and it has but three or four bells, they pass by on the other side! But should it contain, say, eight bells or more, then they are interested.

Yet what a wide scope there is for anyone, ringer or otherwise, to find out and learn something of the history, the romance, the unique inscriptions and other facts about the bells. Often one can find gems of the founder's art of bygone ages, and initial crosses, stops, illuminated lettering, arabesques and other decoration in great variety and interest. The inscriptions, too, are often quaint and amusing. Besides the invocations to the saints mentioned by P. A., there are inscriptions as to the usages of the bells: the early morning bell, which says, 'I ring at six to let men know when to and from their work to go,' as well as the curfew, the knell and many others.

In the Middle Ages and down to the 19th century the bell founders had more or less a free hand with inscriptions, and in the 17th and 18th centuries often let their imagination run riot. They often inscribed their bells with their name like:—

'Be yt knowne to all that doth me see
That Newcombe of Leicester made mee'

and variations from other founders, but in the West Country the Bilbies especially flaunted their prowess as founders far beyond others. Thus at Mark, Somerset:—

'Come here brother founders and here you may see
What sort of a workman young Bilbie may bee.
Hele challenge all Ingland for casting a bell,
Who will be the workman can be but dun well.
Tho Bilbie cast me 1727.'

At Publow:— 'I am a good bell
And Bilbie cast me
Which that a good workman
Come here and see. 1728.'

The tenor at Somerton (1714) will take some understanding:—

'Friend wroth and night (Knight) for all your spit
Ould Ed. Bilbie hath me rund

Pull me round and hear me sound friend such work you never don.'
And the Bilbies were not shy in calling other founders. Thus at Kilmersdon, Somerset, we read:—

'You Ruddle (Rudhall) & Cockey and see
Which is the best workman of us all three
Thos Bilbie cast me 1733.'

At Compton Martin:—

(3) My sound is good which once was bad
Lets ring my sisters and be glad. 1719.
(4) Bilbie come hear and see the shap of me.
(5) Sing sisters sing when I do ring
Some praise I will my maker bring
All thought I am the fourth bell
My makers praise Ile boldly tell.'

At Dunkerton, Somerset, we read:—

'Before I was broke I was as good as aney
But when that Cockey casted me I neer was
Worth a penny.'

One cannot imagine present-day founders calling each other's work by such means, but in those days they were not so particular. Thus at Backwell in 1758 a Chepstow founder proclaims:—

'Bilby and Boosh may come and see
What Evans and Nott have done by me.'

On a bell at Richmond, Surrey, is:—

'Lambert made me weake not fit to ring
But Bartlett amongst the rest hath made me sing.'

The well-known lines at Badgworth, Glos, are here worth repeating:—

'Badgworth ringers they were mad
because Rigbe made me bad—
But Abel Rudhall as you see
has made me better than Rigbe.'

Recently the writer, who is on the Advisory Committee, had some difficulty in getting the following inscription passed for the new flat 6th bell at St. Margaret's, Leicester:—

'My name is Margaret—I was cast
To show five hundred years have passed
Since this benign and glorious tower
Was erected in fourteen forty-four.'

What would the Chancellor have said to this from Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset. 1658:—

'I often have been beate and bandge (banged)
My friends rejoyce to see me handge (hanged)
And when my friends doe chance to die
Then I for them aloud will cry.'

At Churchill, Somerset, we have:—

'Although my waise is small
I will be heard amainst; you all
Sing on my jolly Sisters.'

And in the same county at Sunkerton:—

'Harke how the chirping treble sounds so clear
While Rowling tom com tunbling in the reare. (1732).'

At Isle Abbots on the third we have:—

'I will not fayle to singe the part
Aording unto musick art
With my side mates I do agree
In perfect shape and harmony.'

And so one could go on finding inscriptions both witty and quaint. It is a common thing for the names of vicars, wardens, donors and others to be placed on bells even to-day, but very rarely do we see a whole family pedigree complete with ages given. At West Alvington, however, we have: (1) Bridget Mary Ibbert aged 5, Frances Ibbert aged 4 [given by Catherine Ibbert 1775]; (2) Willoughby Ibbert aged 1; (3) Peter Ibbert aged 9; (4) Peregrine Ibbert 10; (5) William Roope Ibbert aged 12; Roope Ibbert aged 1, Roger Prideaux gent, Catherine his wife, sister of William Ibbert Esq.; (6) William R. Ibbert Esq., Frances Ibbert his wife.'

Thus for anyone tracing this family tree these bells would be the greatest asset.

So one could go on finding not only such quaint inscriptions, but an endless variety of others, all of historic and archaeological interest, well worthy of a closer study than many get to-day. To sum up all in a few words, the inscription at Buckfastleigh and other places around will suffice: 'Religion—Death and Pleasure cause me to ring.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CINQUES

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

*GWEN I. RUSBY .. Treble	DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN .. 8
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3	JOHN WALDEN .. 9
ARCHER T. LOWMAN .. 4	H. LESLIE PASK .. 10
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 5	RAYMOND F. SMITH .. 11
WALTER TOMLINSON .. 6	HERBERT LOWMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman and first peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
J. EDWARD CAWSEY .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN .. 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5	PETER BORDER .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DABBY.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*FRANK C. PRICE .. Treble	†THOMAS J. LOCK .. 6
†RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	†JOHN D. ROCK .. 7
†ANNE B. SPEED .. 3	†RICHARD E. PRICE .. 8
†ROBERT G. LAY .. 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 9
THOMAS B. BANNISTER .. 5	TONY PRICE .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Treble	COLIN HARRISON .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
DENIS A. FRITH .. 3	PETER BORDER .. 8
JOHN PINFOLD .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 9
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT .. 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND .. 2	RONALD KENRICK .. 7
*JEAN BROWN .. 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY .. 8
PETER COXALL .. 4	JACK BROWN .. 9
MARGARET C. RIDYARD .. 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., who was installed the Dean of Manchester the same day.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 LUDGATE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

PETER LAFLIN .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 6
ALAN A. POTTS .. 2	JOHN WORTH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS .. 8
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4	WALTER ALLMAN .. 9
JAMES FERNLEY .. 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal in the method.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

FRANK E. HANSFORD .. Treble	ALAN A. HILLIAR .. 6
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 2	HENRY J. SANGER .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 8
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 4	THOMAS J. SETTER .. 9
ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 5	WILLIAM G. GIGG .. Tenor

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by ENID LLOYD ROBERTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1954, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.

A PEAL OF 5152 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ANTHONY AGER .. Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
PETER BORDER .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all the band.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt. in F.

DENIS A. FRITH .. Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSEY .. 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 6
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER .. 3	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 7
MURIEL REAY .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of London.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. L. Wilson, M.A., R.D., who was installed Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral on January 25th.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS .. Treble	*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 5
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
REGINALD A. REED .. 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
†DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. † First peal of New Cambridge Major

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BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
MURIEL REAY 2	*DENIS A. FRITH 6
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	PETER BORDER Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN J. STANIER Treble	DENIS N. LAYTON 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
ALLEN MORGAN 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
GERALD BOWEN 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal.

Rung in memoriam William Ranford.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
REGINALD ROWLEY 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM 6
JOHN R. MAYNE 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
D. KAY ADKINS 4	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED.

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROGER BALDWIN Treble	BRIAN J. LUFF 5
*NORMAN J. SMITH 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major and 50th peal together.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

JOHN J. STANIER Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
GERALD BOWEN 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

Rung on the eve of the Ringers' Festival. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer's wife. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN .. Treble	JOHN A. HILTON 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
RICHARD J. SUMNER 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
KEVIN S. HOHL 4	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

* First peal of Major.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1954, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in E sharp.

*MONICA E. COLLINS .. Treble	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 5
A. PATRICK CANNON 2	†JOHN KING 6
HERBERT COLCOMBE 3	E. JOHN WELLS 7
GEORGE W. MASSEY 4	JAMES F. DODSON .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JAMES F. DODSON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. SMITH .. Treble	CYRIL W. ROWLES 5
LESLIE EVANS 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 6
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 3	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 7
†BRIAN WERRY 4	W. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung on the eve of Dewi Sant, to the glory of God; and as a compliment to the Right Rev. Glyn Simon, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon; and the Rev. David R. James, both former curates at Crewe.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

*BERNARD LAWTON .. Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	*ARTHUR PEAKMAN 6
*FREDERICK JUKES 3	STANLEY PRESTIDGE 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	FREDERICK HANDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal in the method.

In memoriam William ('Father') Ranford, of Suckley, and Freeman of this Association.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*JOHN S. WYBREW 3	GEORGE W. PIPE 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY (No. 2). Conducted by GEO. W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN .. Treble	PETER BORDER 5
MURIEL REAY 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JOHN PINFOLD 7
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*AUBREY BAREHAM .. Treble	REGINALD RIPPINGALE .. 5
OLAVE E. BROYD 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. 6
†MRS. E. C. JARVIS 3	JACK H. BRETT 7
VICTOR CONNELL 4	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.'

A 68th birthday compliment to Albert Catterwell, and a birthday compliment to Jean, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

DAVID BRAND Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
WILLIAM E. STANNARD .. 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN .. 4	ALAN G. FEVER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
A compliment to Mr. J. Dale, towerkeeper, on his 75th birthday.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ALAN A. ELSMORE Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 2	DEREK K. KNOWLES .. 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 3	DEREK J. TRANTER .. 7
*ERNEST STITCH 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. E. J. Tyler, a ringer at this church for 58 years.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 six-scores Grandsire (10 callings), ten of April Day (three callings), and 10 of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

CECIL T. CLARKE Treble	*WILLIAM T. E. HAYWARD 4
WALTER STEVENS 2	*HERBERT POPE 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	*WM. W. BARTHOLOMEW .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD D. SHORT.

* First peal. First peal in more than one method of Doubles on the bells. A welcome to Mr. F. Fackrell on his return to the village and tower.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) Court, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb.

KENNETH MITCHELL Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN 4
ANNE V. LEWIS 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON .. 5
ROY DUESBURY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Andrews.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
*RONALD HILL 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 5
JOHN H. BLUFF 3	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT WITHOUT.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 six-scores (10 callings), six Morris' 240's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*KEITH B. KEAR Treble	ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 4
†DAVID J. MARSHALL .. 2	†JACK R. WORRALL 5
†MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. †150th tower bell peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles for the Society.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Oxford Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

CLIFFORD J. WALL Treble	ARTHUR F. WALL 4
ROWLAND PRICE 2	FREDERICK MERRICK .. 5
JOHN CLEMENTS 3	THOMAS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Ranford.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

EILEEN M. TURNER Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 4
ANN M. COX 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 5
E. JOHN WELLS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

ROLAND W. MORANT Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 4
*EILEEN M. TURNER .. 2	E. JOHN WELLS 5
ANN M. COX 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in five Minor methods. First peal in five Minor methods as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MAURICE BENNETT Treble	FRED BRIGHTMAN 4
*ERNEST BRITAIN 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	*†FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MICHAEL C. CARTER Treble	HENRY C. FOSTER 4
MICHAEL N. BLAND .. 2	MARIE K. ROBERTS .. 5
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. J. S. Hepworth, instituted as Vicar of Histon on February 23rd.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES Treble	*JOSEPHINE A. GREEN .. 4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB 5
*MOLLIE TILBURY 3	REGINALD T. JONES .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal of Minor.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*J. M. A. KENNETT (15) .. Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR .. 4
BERT W. MAY .. 2	EDWARD C. BARTON .. 5
†TERENCE BARTON .. 3	GEORGE KENWARD .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Paine, grandmother of Terence Barton.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

R. REED Treble	W. SEEKINGS 4
H. GOAKES 2	T. A. BEVIS 5
W. YOUNG 3	F. S. PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by T. A. BEVIS.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Goakes on their golden wedding anniversary; also to the daughter of Mr. H. Goakes, who celebrated her 27th birthday on this day.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Notts District.)

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

DOREEN ARMSTRONG .. Treble	*GEORGE CHALLANS .. 4
MARION BRADLEY .. 2	J. PHILLIP EASTLAND .. 5
E. GLYN HOLDGATE .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

* 50th peal. Miss Doreen Armstrong has now 'circled this tower.'

EDITHWESTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.)

RONALD HILL Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY .. 2	JOHN H. BLUFF 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK .. 3	J. FREDERICK HUBBARD .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST J. PADGETT .. Treble	*ALEC WILSON 4
ALBERT HULLEY 2	JOHN WARDLE 5
FREDERICK JACKSON .. 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) and 22 extents of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 15 cwt.

*COLIN DUNHAM (16) .. Treble	FRANK ARNOLD 3
COLIN JOHNSON 2	GEORGE A. HOLLICK .. 4

EDWARD W. MARTIN (15) .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. MARTIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Colin Johnson and also to mark his engagement to Miss Jean Dunham, of the Lubenham band and sister of the ringer of the treble.



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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E. (approx.).

GEOFFREY K. DODD Treble	HAROLD P. REED 4
REGINALD W. REX 2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 5
ROLAND W. MORANT 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1664. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 200th peal as conductor, and his 100th peal of Minor, rung in 92 towers.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEOFFREY J. LEWIS Treble	ERNEST E. CUBBERLEY 4
ROLAND E. LEWIS 2	FREDERICK MERRICK 5
WILLIAM C. NUTT 3	CHARLES J. CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

Rung half-muffled in memory of William Ranford, of Suckley, Worcestershire, who rang his last peal of Bob Minor on these bells on July 11th last year.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores of St. Simon's (four callings).

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*JACK AVENELL Treble	EILEEN M. TURNER 4
ANN M. COX 2	E. JOHN WELLS 5
*FREDERICK CHERRYMAN 3	†FREDERICK CREAGH Tenor

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Believed to be the first peal in the method.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY SMITH Treble	*GWILYM G. SALMON 4
PERCIVAL H. HULL 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
*STANLEY G. ATWELL 3	*EDWIN G. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL H. HULL.

*First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration and augmentation to six.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Double Bob and Reverse (2) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Fulbeck, (5) Thelwall, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Childwall.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	WALTER AYRE 5
DEREK E. LATCHFORD 3	*REGINALD E. J. SHEPPARD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

*First peal in nine methods. First peal in nine methods on the bells.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 4
†W. LESLIE WELER 2	GEORGE FRANCIS 5
LEONARD STILWELL 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WALPOLE, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN Treble	HARRY FOLLEN 4
WALTER J. HAMMOND 2	JOHN E. FOX 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY 3	*EDWARD BARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

*100th peal for Ely Diocesan Association.

STANTON LACY, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.

MRS. E. CHANDLER Treble	REGINALD T. JONES 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS 3	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

First peal on the bells.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four 240's and 34 120's (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

*LESLIE ANDREWS Treble	ROY EGGLETON 4
HARRY C. JONES 2	WALTER LEE 5
†FRANK KIRTLAND 3	*RONALD STALLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

*First attempt for a peal. †First peal away from tenor.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., March 1, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 of York Surprise and 1,440 each of Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

LEONARD WOOLLARD .. Treble	JACK PILGRIM 4
ARTHUR A. LING 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
RAY PECK 3	*JOHN W. BLYTHE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

*First peal in four Surprise methods. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Master James Thompson, of Southwold.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sun., Feb. 21, 1954, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 86, CHAPLTON ROAD, KINGSWOOD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALAN E. PEDLER 1—2	JACK R. WORRALL 5—6
*ENID LLOYD ROBERTS 3—4	DAVID J. MARSHALL 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

*First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal of Major 'in hand' for the Society.

A compliment to Mr. Ivor H. Trueman and Miss Heather Tesson, both former officers of the Society, on their engagement.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1954, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,

AT 32, HENGROVE LANE, KNOWLE.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

DAVID J. MARSHALL 1—2	ALBERT M. TYLER 3—4
JACK R. WORRALL 5—6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

100th peal as conductor. The fastest peal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to David J. Marshall.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District at Stevenage

A very successful and well-attended meeting of the Northern District was held at Stevenage on February 27th. The weather was springlike and the bells were soon going at 3 o'clock to various methods under the District Ringing Master, Mr. D. P. Jones.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. King), who also played the organ. The text for his sermon was taken from Psalm 111, 'I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.' This, he said, was what a bellringer did, gave thanks behind a curtain or tucked away in some ringing chamber where he was not seen. The hymn was taken from the dedication service held here some four years ago.

Tea was provided by the local band and served in the Rectory by the ladies. Some 39 members and friends did justice to the good fare.

The Rector most ably conducted the business meeting. Two new members were elected—Miss C. Chambers and Mr. P. Wells (Knebworth)—and Mr. S. W. Mynott (Graveley) was re-elected.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Aston on March 27th with Annable's London as the special method. A joint meeting with the Biggleswade District was left to the District secretaries to arrange. It is hoped to run a coach to the annual meeting on April 24th at Hemel Hempstead.

The Rector and the ladies were thanked for all they had done to make the District meeting a success. Further ringing continued until nine o'clock which ranged from rounds to Bristol and London Surprises.

The amount collected for the general funds was 23s. E. G. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Eastern Branch Annual

For their annual meeting the Eastern Branch visited Loddon, where, headed by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard) and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. N. Golden), they were cordially welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. C. K. Ninham) and the Master of the local company (Mr. H. W. Barrett), who is also the Branch Ringing Master. The eight bells were soon going to a wide variety of methods and the new ropes were well and truly stretched.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson read by the president and the organ was played by Mr. W. Bond.

The business meeting, following an excellent tea, was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) and amongst the very welcome guests were three members of the Parochial Church Council, who have been of great assistance to the local ringers.

All the Branch officers were re-elected, and because Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, to the members' regret, did not wish to stand for re-election to be one of the representatives of the Branch on the Association Standing Committee, a vacancy was created. Mr. G. G. Walpole was elected her successor.

Thirteen new members were elected to the Association, which was very gratifying to the assembled meeting.

Subject to permission being obtained, the members voted to hold the next meeting at Reedham on May 29th.

The proceedings concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett and the band of ladies who provided the splendid tea.

A BRECON PEAL

The Brecon peal recorded this week had close associations for the tenor ringer, Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, for whom the peal had been kindly arranged by the conductor, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton.

Mr. Stenson was associated with the Bishop (Glyn Simon, the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon) whilst he was deacon and priest at St. Paul's, Crewe, and took duty for him on the occasion of his Ordination at Chester Cathedral in 1928.

The Bishop met the band, thanked them for their compliment and wished them success with their peal.

Also included in the compliment was the Rev. David R. James, Mr. Stenson's Bible Class teacher when he was curate at Christ Church, Crewe, from 1908 to 1914, and now Rector of St. Mary's, Great Brickhill, Bletchley. Both are very loyal sons of the Principality.

It is nice to say that the peal was preceded by a prayer.

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LATE NEWS

A new method of Surprise Maximus was rung
at Leicester Cathedral on Monday. It is named
Gartree. While the peal was in progress the
conductor, Mr. Harold J. Poole, became a
grandfather. Congratulations to Jill and Peter.

The Kingsclere peal recorded this week is particularly interesting, as these bells have long been considered a 'tough' job. They are hung in a huge timber frame, arranged diagonally in the tower. There are no windows and the sallies go round the wheels. However, a really good peal was rung with not much difficulty. The Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Thomas, was highly delighted and congratulated the ringers at the finish of the peal.

Owing to pressure on our space the third instalment of 'The Bells of Tewkesbury' is postponed until next week.

With the peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral, Mr. John Freeman and Mr. Raymond F. Smith have 'circled the tower.'

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight has recently been appointed organist and choirmaster at Chilham Parish Church, Kent, where he hopes to render assistance to a struggling band of ringers.

The custom of ringing the Pancake Bell was observed at Morpeth Watch Tower on Shrove Tuesday. Miss J. S. Armstrong rang the sixth, the recognised bell, for 15 minutes.

The absence of one of the band enabled Miss Jennifer M. A. Kennett to score her first peal at Bobbing, Kent, on February 27th. Previously she had not rung a touch longer than 20 minutes. 'Congratulations, Jennifer, you rang well,' writes Mr. George A. Naylor, the conductor.

The handbell team at Guildford who on four evenings have found a peal of Plain Bob Major elusive would like to congratulate their conductor, Mr. Jack R. Worrall, on the success that attended his efforts with his colleagues of the University of Bristol Society. There must be something wrong with the air at Guildford.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The beautiful set of handbells used for ringing at the Henry Johnson dinner was being tried for the first time. The bells were a gift to Mr. G. E. Fearn from his wife. A wag suggested that now he might be able to score some of his peals at home.

The peal of Plain Bob at Hersham on Feb. 25th was a 'first conducted' by Mr. J. F. Dodson after nearly 32 years at the same tower. It was also a first peal for Mr. John King after 20 years' service in this tower.

Oxford University Society of Change Ringers had a special mention in Television broadcast, 'Conversation Piece,' on March 2nd. Mr. John Betjeman, the poet, was a member of the party. A correspondent suggests that he was once a member of the Oxford University Society.

The Hunts District make a speciality of quarter peals on Sunday morning. Meeting one short because of sudden illness, they set off seven miles where the service started a little later, picking up one more ringer en route. The quarter peal was completed with seconds to spare.

In connection with the Central Council's visit to Newcastle we are asked to state that with the exception of Silver Court Hotel, Jesmond, all the hotels mentioned in our issue of February 26th are within a few minutes' walk of the Cathedral, the Central Station and Headquarters.

The peal nearest perfection in which Mr. Jack R. Worrall has participated was one of Grandsire Doubles, which he called at Bristol on February 22nd for the University of Bristol Society. There were three small trips which hardly needed correction and the same number of bad blows. Mr. Keith B. Kear, the treble ringer, who was ringing his first peal, is to be congratulated on a faultless performance.

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SIR THEODORE PRITCHETT A GENIAL CHAIRMAN — WHAT WOULD HENRY JOHNSON THINK OF TO-DAY? — RINGING TOO FAST AT ST. MARTIN'S — 'YOUNG AND LITTLE WONDER': ALBERT WALKER — 500 MORE POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS WANTED FOR 'RINGING WORLD' SOLVENCY

WHEN the 69th annual commemoration dinner of Henry Johnson was held at Birmingham last Saturday, the chairman was Sir Theodore Pritchett, M.C., D.L., a member of one of the most distinguished of ringing families. Sir Theodore, a former Lord Mayor of Birmingham, was a most genial chairman, and knitted together both members of St. Martin's Guild and their visitors into one happy family.

Sir Theodore was accompanied by Lady Pritchett and Mr. John Pritchett. Supporting him on the top table were Ald. A. Paddon Smith, Col. D. and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. Albert Walker (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mrs. Walker, Mr. F. Walker, Mr. G. E. Fearn (hon. secretary), Mrs. Fearn, Canon F. F. Guy Warman (Vicar of Aston) and Mrs. Warman, the Rev. C. H. Smyth (Vicar of Bishop Latimer's Church), the Rev. G. C. and Mrs. Potts, Mr. J. Pinfold (Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. F. E. and Miss P. Haynes and Mr. T. W. White.

THE VISITORS

The visitors included Mr. John E. Chilcott (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bayles (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs (Titchfield, Hants), Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth and Miss Worth (Macclesfield), Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis (Altrincham), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bibby (Frodsham), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay (Bournemouth).

Messrs. H. J. Poole (Leicester), F. Dunkerley (Oldham), E. Jenkins (Oldham), L. W. G. Morris (Bradford), W. Allman (Runcorn), W. Lomas and B. Jones (Macclesfield), G. J. Lewis (Worcester), H. Walker (York), J. F. Smallwood and W. T. Elson (London), J. E. Cawser (Lichfield), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. M. Thorley (Thorne), J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln), L. Walmsley (Leyland), R. S. Anderson (Newcastle, Staffs), F. E. Collins (Croydon), D. T. Matkin, J. E. Daniels and M. J. E. Best (Bournemouth), H. G. Summers (Coventry), W. F. Moreton (Wakefield), A. P. Cannon (Dorking), R. I. Shepherd (Egham), F. E. Willshaw (Stoke).

The Misses P. Reeves (York), S. Parker (Bournemouth), R. M. K. How (Epsom), M. E. Collins (Guildford), S. R. Collins (Newcastle, Staffs).

After the toast of 'The Queen,' submitted by the chairman, the hon. secretary read apologies from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Provost of Birmingham, the Rev. Bryan Green (who was on his way home from America), the Archdeacon of Birmingham, Canon R. S. O. Stevens, and Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers).

The toast of 'Church and State' was entrusted to Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. He said that since their last dinner they had had the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II., and only that week it had been hinted that ringers would be called upon to ring when their Queen landed in this country.

MAYOR MAKING

Last year the Provost of Birmingham reminded them that there were occasions when the Church and State did not work well together. He was very surprised when attending a conference with the clerk of Solihull over the

ceremony of incorporation of this new borough to discover, when it was suggested that the children of Solihull should give a Bible to be used in the making of a mayor that there was no religious service attached to that ceremony. It was very strange that in making a mayor there was nothing of religious significance laid down by custom or law.

Mr. Shepherd paid a tribute to the contribution Church Schools had made to the education system of the country and that the educational principles in those schools were based on those taught by Jesus Christ.

Both the Church and State were very conscious of the importance of religious instruction, but while the State prescribed certain religious instructions he was afraid that they (the State) did not follow it up to see how it was done. Some of them felt that the Church was not sufficiently outspoken on matters of State policy or critical enough of the machinations of the politicians.

The Queen's Homecoming

A request has been made that church bells should be rung throughout the United Kingdom on May 15th, when the Queen sets foot on her native land.

This followed a question asked in Parliament on March 4th by Mr. Spencer Summers, M.P. for Aylesbury. Mr. Crookshank, Lord Privy Seal, in his reply, said that the Prime Minister had communicated with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, both of whom had welcomed the suggestion. The Prime Minister was sure that the leaders of other Churches would be glad to consider it, and that so far as possible it would be put into effect.

In a supplementary question, Mr. Summers asked whether Mr. Crookshank would assure the Prime Minister that his answer would give widespread satisfaction to many of her Majesty's loyal and admiring subjects who were only waiting the occasion to greet her on her return.

The announcement was received with general approval, but there were some ironical cheers from the Opposition benches. Mr. I. O. Thomas, Labour Member for the Wrekin, asked: 'What about the bats in the belfry?'

Canon F. F. Guy Warman, in replying to the toast, took up Mr. Shepherd's point that the Church was not outspoken. He reminded the assembly of the recent death of Dean Inge, who wrote a book of outspoken essays and for his trouble was afterwards called 'The Gloomy Dean.'

A RINGING PARABLE

Although he could not claim to be a bell ringer, he knew when a new method was being rung on the bells of Aston by a band not familiar with it or when there were one or two novices in the band. He remembered being in the ringing chamber and two of the bells were rung too close to each other. Some of the more experienced members then started ringing with one hand and pointing in an accusing way to numbers 3 and 5. This went on for a

minute or two and the conductor who was in charge said, 'Stand,' and the post-mortem started. Instead of ringing separately these two bells had tried to ring together. That was the trouble of Church and State. So long as they engaged in 'a plain hunt' and passed each other like bells at the proper place things were all right, but when they mistook each other's functions they were like two bells striking together and ringers knew what was the result.

The memory of the late Henry Johnson was honoured on the call of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. At one time, he reminded the company, that important toast was proposed by men who knew Henry Johnson. Unfortunately, the number of such people had dwindled very sadly, so the duty of proposing the toast fell on those of the next or following generation. His memory would, however, be kept green.

Certainly the influence of Henry Johnson was very great. He was a man whose influence radiated all round and his work had stood the test of time, and his influence, even to-day, was still felt. He was a wonderful man—a man of great character as they had heard many times in that room. Men like Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies even sought his opinion and advice, and there was no doubt that in later years John Carter built on the very rough foundation which Johnson laid.

WHAT HENRY JOHNSON WOULD THINK

He wondered what Henry Johnson would say if he could come back and survey the present ringing fraternity in that city. He would find things considerably altered in Birmingham. He would find three rings of 12 where there was only one, and one of those 12's was in his beloved Aston. He would find that one ring of 12 had come from each of the leading bell founders. Which was the best it was not for him to say, but his friend Langdon would say they were all drawing room jobs. He would also find that every ring of bells in Birmingham had either been augmented or restored, which was a great tribute to the keenness of the ringers.

Johnson would then take a wider look round and he would see the Central Council, with the formation of which he had something to do, and observe that it was a great concern. He heard a well-known North of England ringer describe the Central Council as an outstanding example of 'complacent futility.' The best thing would be to put that sort of gentleman on the Council and make him lend a hand in improving it. He would also find that the ringers of to-day had their own newspaper when they had to be content with an odd column or two in a sporting journal. He thought Johnson would be pleased with it and he thought he would also be pleased to see that the youngsters were coming to the fore and playing a big part in the doings of the ringing Exercise.

There were, however, some things in Birmingham that he would not like. He did not think Johnson would be in favour of ringing peals on the front eight of 12. They must not say too much about that as on more than one occasion he rang the fourth on the front eight at the Bullring and they did not then have a flat six. They were now hoping to go one better and have not merely a flat six, but a sharp second.

ONE SURVIVOR

The toast was drunk in silence. Then the chairman asked those in the company who knew Henry Johnson to stand. There was only one, —Mr. George T. Mitchison—and he received a great ovation.

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JOHNSON DINNER—Cont.

Mr. F. W. Perrins proposed the toast of 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' The toast, he said, had been proposed year by year, and it struck him that by now 'this prosperity' must have produced a very fine guild.

There were many factors by which they could judge the prosperity of a ringing guild. As regards membership their numbers were small, but as the Guild covered a very small area in relation to the number of towers their membership was satisfactory. Also their finances were very satisfactory.

As to ringing he would divide it into two sections. If they were to judge by the increased number of peals rung in recent years, then the prosperity must be tremendous. Were they right with that? Of course there was a tremendous number compared with years ago—and he did not know what Henry Johnson would think of the many new major Surprise methods. Should it be quantity or quality? He did not refer to the difficulty or otherwise of the method, but rather to the striking in the method, and he thought that was one of the important factors to which they should give every attention possible. As to the more important section of service ringing, he thought anyone who knew the service ringing done by the bands associated with the Guild would agree that it was at a tip-top level.

Another factor was harmony and good fellowship, and they hoped it existed in all the bands and in the Guild as a whole. They often read in 'The Ringing World' about somebody making a speech and saying he had never met such a spirit in any other part of the country. He found that the spirit was much the same everywhere and in that respect the St. Martin's Guild claimed to be second to none.

THE OFFICERS

The St. Martin's Guild had been very fortunate in its officers for a great many years. They remembered when the late Ald. J. S. Pritchett, uncle of their chairman, was Master. To-day they had their 'young and little wonder' Albert Walker, as their Master, who was one of the outstanding personalities of the Exercise. They congratulated him on ringing his 800th peal as recently as last December and included in that list was over 500 twelve-bell peals—a record he thought that would last for many years.

As his right-hand man was John Pinfold, their Ringing Master. He happened to look at a ringing journal for 1907 and found that John was one of the founder-members of the Warwickshire Guild. Mr. Frank Smallwood's name was also in that select number. John Pinfold had a quiet, unassuming personality and he got on with the job and was a great asset to the Guild. Since his election he had proved one thing—that it was not essential for a very successful ringing master to be an expert conductor.

In the important job of secretary in recent years they had had very few holders of the office. Previously they had their late friend, Tom Reeves, a very faithful secretary for 20 years, and before him Ald. Paddon Smith did 20 years' service and they were pleased to see him with them. Their present secretary, George Fearn, was carrying on the job marvellously. He wondered if his wife did the work of secretary while he went out ringing. Apart from that he found time to do his own garden. Did he dig at the same rate as he rang, at roughly 30 rows a minute? (laughter). 'As long as the spirit as exists in this Guild continues, and as long as we have the same capable officers, I am quite certain that the prosperity of this Guild will continue year by year.'

Mr. Albert Walker, who was warmly received on rising to reply, took up the theme of what would Henry Johnson think to-day of their ringing. Ringing in the past, declared Mr. Walker, was much better from the striking point of view than to-day. He did not mean that the bells were badly struck, but they were rung much too fast and especially on 10 or 12 bells.

If they rang a good peal in the Bullring it must take 3 hours 40 minutes or 3 hours 45 minutes. The bells of St. Martin's were going the previous night at a deuce of a rate.

Mr. Smallwood had mentioned a flat sixth at St. Martin's. The new flat sixth was in, but they could not ring it until the £100,000 had been raised for the restoration of the church. Before the Rector went to America he had raised £93,000, and they hoped he would bring the remainder back with him. The bell was a good one and with it they would have an excellent middle eight.

He thanked Mr. Fearn for the excellent job he was doing as secretary and for his splendid arrangements for the dinner.

Mr. George Fearn's name was also coupled with the toast, and in a brief acknowledgment he spoke of the pleasure it gave him to work for the Guild and the valued support he received from Mr. John Pinfold.

BIRMINGHAM'S 140 RINGING BELLS

The visitors were honoured on the call of Mr. F. E. Haynes, who spoke of the attractions Birmingham had to offer to the ringing visitors. There were over 140 bells within the city boundary that were hung for ringing, he said. They had not so many visitors at this dinner as previously; many he thought were giving the dinner a miss for once in view of the bicentenary celebrations next year.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, who replied, said it was 46 years since he first attended a Johnson dinner, and he had not missed many times. Whenever they came to Birmingham they were assured of a very good time—wonderful ringing and wonderful hospitality. He felt certain that all the visitors would look forward with great anticipation to the bicentenary next year.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was submitted in a humorous vein by Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who said that in the National Press Directory there was a list of 3,087 periodicals. He found 'The Ringing World' sandwiched between 'The Ring,' which dealt with current news in the noble art of self-defence, and 'The Robin,' a comic for the young. Last year their paper was in severe financial difficulties and he understood that the position to-day was a little easier. There was a need in 'The Ringing World' for good articles, and in this direction Birmingham had made a valuable contribution by those from E. C. S. They had been some of the most scholarly and witty that had appeared.

NEED OF POSTAL SUBSCRIBERS

The Editor, in responding to the toast, said while the accounts for 1953 were not audited, they were confident that there would be a small balance in hand at the end of the year. This had been brought about by the magnificent contribution of £310 in the form of donations from those who rang peals and quarter peals and by personal gifts. The Editorial Committee deeply appreciated this generous gesture from friends of the journal. The committee did not like living on the charity of its friends, for these gifts were an uncertain form of income. The permanent solution was another 500 postal subscribers.

There was a strong feeling that everything possible was not being done to procure new subscribers by the Guilds and Associations, who through the Central Council were the owners of the journal. No man or woman should be allowed to ring a first quarter or a peal without being presented with a copy of 'The Ringing World.' Every young ringer should from the very start be encouraged to keep personal records—and older members knew that glancing through such a book in after years produced happy memories.

Mr. White stated that last week he received a letter from Mr. Lawson, the carillonneur of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, Chicago University, mentioning his proposal to establish a ringing library at the university. An advertisement appealing for this assistance appeared in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.'

He hoped that ringers would respond generously as a gesture of friendship towards the great English-speaking nation across the Atlantic which had such an enormous influence on the world to-day. Mr. Lawson would be very pleased to welcome any visiting ringers to Chicago.

SIR THEODORE

The chairman was honoured on the call of Ald. A. Paddon Smith. He said he entirely endorsed the remarks of Mr. Albert Walker that the bells of St. Martin's were being rung habitually too quickly. To get the music out of the bells a peal should take 3 hours 40 minutes to 3 hours 45 minutes. He spoke with knowledge and he had also been an offender because he rang the tenor to the fastest peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, which was completed in 3 hours 20 minutes. The peal was rung at this rate to enable a well-known ringer to catch a train to Newcastle.

Ald. Paddon Smith mentioned the contribution of the Pritchetts to ringing at King's Norton, where there were enough members of the family to ring the bells.

Of their president, Sir Theodore, he would remind them that he won the M.C. in France when he was in command of a Warwickshire battery of the R.F.A. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire and was elected to the Birmingham City Council in 1924 and an Alderman in 1940. He was Lord Mayor in 1939-40 and was the leader of the Conservative Party on the City Council. His recreations were given as hunting, yachting and campanology. He regretted that ringing was named last, as all his uncles were London Surprise men and some of them composed and rang peals of Stedman Cinques. They hoped that some day they would see him taking a rope to Stedman Cinques.

The chairman, in thanking the company for the toast, which was given musical honours, said it looked as if he got into the team and the chair by his family connection. He hoped that by his presence in the chair that evening he had not disturbed the happy relationship that had existed in the Guild for nearly 200 years.

The highlight of the entertainment was the handbell ringing by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who twice played selections and generously responded to an encore. Songs and duets were given by Mr. Albert E. Barley and Mr. Hubert G. Summers, with Mr. E. J. Woodhall as accompanist. As to be expected, there were touches of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' which were rung on a new set belonging to the secretary of the Guild, which was the gift of Mrs. Fearn. The band consisted of E. C. Shepherd 1-2, F. W. Perrins 3-4, Albert Walker 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, F. E. Pervin 9-10, and F. E. Haynes 11-12.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extracts from 'The Ringing World'

March 13th, 1914

HERE AND THERE

It is surely unique for a ringer to call his first peal of Stedman at the age of 68, yet this is what has been done by Mr. William H. Doran at West Ham.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT

During practice at the Parish Church at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, the other day, a singular accident occurred. Mr. James Lovering was being helped by a lad to raise the tenor when by some means the rope formed into a half-hitch round Mr. Lovering's right thumb and took the top of it off.

A MUFFLED PEAL AT HEREFORD

The peal at All Saints', Hereford, recorded in another column . . . was rung on the middle six of the peal of eight, with a tenor . . . which has been cracked for some 40 years. It was the first peal ever rung in Hereford outside the Cathedral, and also the first in the city by an entirely local band. Its accomplishment was a big surprise to local ringers generally, as the bells are rarely rung and were thought to be quite unpealable.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE QUEEN'S RETURN—MAY 15th

Dear Sir,—From a note in 'Belfry Gossip' I gather that my suggestion of general ringing on the Queen's return, published in your issue of February 19th, has received independent support from the writer of a letter to 'The Times.' According to the official timetable the date of Her Majesty's return will be May 15th. As that will be a Saturday it may well be found an appropriate occasion for many peal attempts, and in some cases a tower not normally available for peals may be granted for this special purpose.—Yours sincerely,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

A NEW JUNIOR SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—It was with extreme interest that I read of the formation of 'The Grammar and Technical Schools Association of Change Ringers,' and all responsible for such enthusiasm and initiative should be congratulated.

But I do hope very much that the constitution and title will be modified to include all schools. Besides, to be called simply 'The Schools Association' would be much more effective. I have in mind that modern schools, private schools, public schools and comprehensive schools, etc., are all excluded and I see no reason why.

There are already in existence quite a number of school societies, e.g., Bedford Modern School mentioned in 'Belfry Gossip' last week, and I hope they will offer their views on the matter.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, Maidstone.

SHAFTESBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—In the account of 'Shaftesbury and its Bells' it was suggested that William Cockey, who cast the 3rd and 4th at St. Peter's, was a travelling bellfounder. Lewis Cockey founded the firm in Frome, Somerset, shortly after 1680 and was succeeded by William and later Edward Cockey, and their bells are frequent in the West Country. The firm still exists as Edward Cockey and Sons, Ltd., though bells have now grown into gasholders!

There is a tradition, quoted by Arthur Mee in his book on Somerset, that one of the bells at St. John's, Frome, has the inscription, 'God made Cockey and Cockey made me in the year of our Lord 1743.' It is not there now, seems never to have been, and cannot be traced. Does anyone know of such a bell or of one by another founder with a similar legend which might have started the story?—Yours faithfully,

EUNICE D. OVEREND.

Frome, Somerset.

RIDICULOUS!

Dear Sir,—May I submit for consideration a few comments, which, I hope, will indicate the ridiculous nature of the controversy re treble and tenor ringers claiming a peal.

I have only been ringing for a short time, but I have not yet come across a peal rung without a treble ringer. This bell, in fact, appears to be essential in order that the working bells may do their work in the correct parts of a peal.

Also I am told that in an odd-bell method a peal rung without the tenor covering, even if the tower contains an odd number of bells, is invalid.

Thus a peal cannot be rung without these bells. They are, therefore in my humble opinion, just as important as any of the 'working bells' in the ringing of a peal.

This being the case their ringers have, therefore, no alternative but to claim the peal.—Yours sincerely,

A. HILTON.

Rochdale, Lancs.

'SPLITTING HAIRS'

Dear Sir,—'Splitting hairs,' I think, is the expression used to describe such a statement as that made by your correspondent, Mr. W. A. Stote ('Ringing World,' February 26th, 1954, page 139). His argument is ridiculous, to say the least. Would any ringer in possession of his full mental faculties suggest that because eight ringers take part in a peal eight peals have been rung? Truly enough this is the implication made by the heading 'Mr. So-and-So's 500 peals,' but why quibble over it when it is obvious that those particular 500 peals would not have been rung without 'Mr. So-and-So's' participation. Again, truly enough, Mr. 'Whatsisname' may have replaced 'Mr. So-and-So' in the peals, but then they would not be the same peals and neither could 'Mr. So-and-So' credit himself with having rung in them. May I ask Mr. Stote if, after having participated in a peal, he credits himself with having rung one-eighth of a peal?

May I also ask Mr. Stote what bores him when he reads the published list of peals rung by 'Mr. So-and-So'? Surely a ringer who acquires a few hundred peals is worthy of having his list published in a periodical which is intended for such a purpose among others? Any news about ringing, no matter what form it takes, is ringing news and is certainly not out of place in a ringing journal whether it bores certain individuals or not. Knowing that it is impossible to please everybody, I'm absolutely certain that our editor pleases the majority and it is not for Mr. Stote to write fatuous letters that are of no consequence, anyway, and are certainly boring beyond measure.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

Folkestone, Kent.

MORE ABOUT SUFFOLK PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was sorry to see that Master K. G. Brown is yet another young conductor who is not against putting sarcastic remarks in the Press. I would suggest that before making further accusations against people, he studies the reports first, because full stops are not printed for ornamentation.

Referring to page 106 of the issue of February 12th, it will be noticed that the first paragraph is composed of three sentences reporting three distinct items, yours truly being concerned with the middle one *only*, the third one concerned other members' remarks.

To explain further: As the District secretary, it is my duty to speak on behalf of my District members when attending a committee meeting and one's own personal views must take second place. At our annual District meeting held on January 9th Guild problems were fully discussed and one member stated that his whole band refused to subsidise the printing of peals such as the one rung at Monks Eleigh. When I mentioned this at Bury a member remarked, 'There you are, that's another one.' Who this member was referring to I don't yet know. The cap seems to fit somewhere because I cannot find the name of the tower mentioned anywhere apart from the committee meeting and the Sudbury one, and no member of the band was present at either, so who said Monks Eleigh?

It is only fair to state that the 'locals' he refers to are members of a Surprise Minor band at a neighbouring tower, due to the fact that their own bells have been crying out for the bellhanger for years but the money is not yet forthcoming.—Yours truly,

LESLIE D. MILLS,

Hon. Dis. Sec.,
Sudbury-Lavenham District.

THE QUEEN AT SYDNEY

Miss Joan Hills sends us the following account of H.M. the Queen's landing at Sydney on February 3rd and the ringing contribution to the great welcome:—

'There are two towers with rings of bells on the actual route of the procession, while St. Mary's Basilica is only about 100 yards away. We staffed our own tower (St. Mary's) while Christ Church St. Lawrence and St. Benedict's, Broadway, were manned by combined teams from all the ringing towers in Sydney.

'Being near the harbour, St. Mary's bells are clearly audible on the water, and we were requested to ring as the Queen came ashore from the "Gothic." A picked band rang a beautiful touch of Grandsire Triples during the ten minutes which it took Her Majesty to cross from the "Gothic" to Farm Cove.

'We "stood" then as the Queen's speech was broadcast along the route of the procession and we might have caused unwelcome interference, but rang again as the royal couple came round Queen Square—the nearest point to the Cathedral.

'We have been told that the commentator on the A.B.C. remarked on our ringing, and that the bells were faded in for a moment. We have also been told that Her Majesty turned round to look at the Cathedral when she heard the bells, and some of our Christ Church learners, who were sitting outside their church, were very thrilled when the Queen had a second look at the tower when she heard the bells.

'St. Benedict's bells are notoriously difficult to ring and strike, but Bobbie Ferris, of Parramatta, who was in charge of ringing there, said they rang rounds and Queen's as the procession went by, and the general opinion was that the bells sounded very well.

'In the evening ringers from all towers came into St. Mary's to see the harbour firework display from the top of the tower and also to join in the general ringing which continued until nine o'clock at night. Laurie was careful to maintain a very high standard throughout the day and we put over two superb touches of Major during the evening, which were among the best ringing I have heard in Australia.

'Other towers were unsuccessful with recordable lengths on the actual day of the Queen's arrival. St. Jude's, Randwick, lost a quarter of Doubles, and All Saints', Parramatta, were unfortunate enough to lose a peal of Doubles in seven methods in the last 360 changes.'

DEDICATION

WHIXLEY—THE LIGHTEST RING IN YORKSHIRE

After a silence of almost two years the light six bells (tenor 5½ cwt.) at the Church of the Ascension, Whixley, near Knaresborough, were heard again on Saturday, February 6th, when they were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Leeds (the Ven. C. O. Ellison).

The treble was cast by Dalton, of York, in 1785, the second in 1667, the third recast in 1952 and the back three are by C. Mears, 1861.

The bells have been tuned (the cracked third recast) and hung with new fittings in the old frame by Taylors and the work reflects their usual high standard.

The local ringers rang the bells before and during the service, and immediately afterwards a course of Kent Treble Bob was rung by ringers from Leeds Parish Church—thus ringers from the heaviest ring in the diocese were called upon to perform on the lightest ring both in the diocese and the county.

Visitors from Rothwell, Boroughbridge and Thorne also joined in the ringing afterwards.

Whixley is a rather isolated village with little change ringing within reasonable distance and during the ringing after tea some useful 'spade work' was put in with the local ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. N. Bristow 1, Miss E. A. Yarde 2, R. L. Yarde 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, J. Manning 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Heard, who was interred that day.

ASHWATER, DEVON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sangwin 1, J. W. Sangwin 2, R. G. Pearce 3, J. H. Bowden 4, C. Taylor (cond.) 5, H. Stacey 6. Rung for Mr. R. H. Moon's 80th birthday.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, T. Milsted 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (cond.) 7, L. Everest 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Capt. A. Saver, R.A.O.C., and Miss E. Reid, both members of the local band.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Tester (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Lambert 3, C. A. Tester 4, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 5, J. Breslain (first quarter) 6. Rung for morning service.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Short 1, M. Horseman 2, W. Stevens 3, C. Kortright 4, C. Clarke 5, J. Walton 6, D. Yeo 7, L. Derrick (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by 2 and 4.

BRISTOL.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Kear 1, T. Edwards (first quarter 'inside') 2, D. J. Marshall 3, Enid Lloyd Roberts (cond.) 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. E. Pedler (first quarter on tower bells) 6.

BUCKLAND DENHAM, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Carver 1, J. Phippen 2, P. Bray 3, T. E. Mallard 4, E. Bray (first quarter as cond.) 5, C. Pearce 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Hobbs and Mr. Trevor MacDonald.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Woolley 1, J. E. Rootes 2, W. Wenban 3, T. J. Clark 4, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 5, N. Jenkins 6, A. C. Wenban 7, R. Rowley 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Jones 1, M. K. King 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, J. E. Morgan 4, J. T. Sims 5, D. S. Voss 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, C. G. Bryant 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of Thomas Cranmer, grandfather of the ringer of the 3rd, and very good friend of the ringers.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Smith (first quarter) 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, J. R. Fleetwood 3, J. Armstrong 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, W. R. Barker 6, L. S. Woods (first in method as cond.) 7, I. Campbell 8.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Russell 1, H. Hovord 2, K. Noy 3, W. L. Lomon 4, F. Walker 5, H. Audsley 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, R. Jenkins 8. A 21st birthday compliment to B. Russell.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. L. Bishop 1, Miss D. Cuckhead 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, C. Corderoy 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. Jones 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, J. S. Seymour 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples for 2 and 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Sherman (first on treble) 1, R. Laming 2, W. Daynes 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder 7, G. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong. Also a farewell to P. Sherman on leaving for Cyprus.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Had (first quarter) 1, L. Fidler 2, W. Todd 3, K. Tumbury 4, G. Cherry 5, P. Croft (15, first quarter as cond.) 6.

HACKNEY, E.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Worboys 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, C. Hughes 4, F. V. Gant 5, T. East (cond.) 6, J. H. Crampton 7, C. E. Willmington 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Sexton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, Miss M. Cox 3, Mrs. A. Pearson 4, C. N. Pearson 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. D. Mozley and Miss A. F. McFarlane, which took place at Birmingham earlier in the day.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foot 1, R. Ridout 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, B. Ridout 5, W. Trevett 6. A wedding compliment to J. Stone and Miss A. E. Tolley, married at this church the same day.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Dear 1, Miss D. Hare 2, M. Orme 3, L. Bywaters 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Hall 1, H. Rowley 2, Miss P. Wood 3, M. Axford 4, R. F. E. Axford 5, E. Atkinson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of T. W. Clarke, at one time a ringer at this church. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Rowley (cond.) 1, A. Bowers 2, N. R. Hunt 3, J. W. Milner 4, M. Hunt 5, E. Atkinson 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,256 Cam Treble Bob Major: D. W. Beard 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method by all the band.

ILFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barrance (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, J. Merrett (first in method) 4, H. F. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6, Mrs. E. Merrett (cover bell) 7. Rung prior to a concert to raise money for the casting of a tenor bell to complete the octave. Donations would be gratefully received by the Rev. Comer-Stone, St. George's Vicarage, Ilford.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Belgrave Surprise Royal: Miss B. Cowlin 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, T. E. Davies 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, J. R. Mayne 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First touch in the method by all.

MARKET HARBOURHOUGH, LEICS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, R. H. Tyler 3, J. C. Chester 4, C. Windram 5, F. E. Wallington 6, G. A. Hollick 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8.

For Designers!

The Editorial Committee have under consideration an alteration of the title cover of 'The Ringing World' on the front page.

They invite designs from those readers who are interested, which should allow for two advertisements on each side two inches wide and two inches deep.

These should be submitted to the Editor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: M. Orme 1, H. Harding 2, A. Sinfield 3, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 4, R. Sharp 5, D. Jones (first of London Major) 6, D. Knox 7, B. F. Sims 8. Rung as a compliment to Alan Tuttle, of Hitchin, on his birthday.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Shefford 1, F. Uden 2, J. Uden 3, H. Allen 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, T. Money 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Parslow, a former member of the tower, who died February 23rd.

NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. S. Dare 1, C. G. Scull 2, W. H. Marsh 3, G. Grinter 4, H. Scull 5, B. S. Chivers 6, G. W. Stitch (cond.) 7, C. H. Wensley 8.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie W. Collins (first quarter) 1, Jean Sanderson (first quarter 'inside') 2, Ivy Werrett (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. M. Dixon 4, H. E. Werrett 5, M. A. Collings (cond.) 6.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Lewis 1, F. G. Hooper 2, A. W. Barley 3, W. A. Muddell 4, S. L. Barley (cond.) 5, C. J. Copp 6. In memoriam Mrs. J. T. Gascoigne, died February 24th.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 14th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. J. P. Ellam 1, D. G. Goodman 2, G. Harper 3, M. H. R. Glover 4, W. H. Jackson 5, D. A. Edwards 6, D. H. Niblett 7, J. H. Smart (cond.) 8.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. F. White 1, G. Howlett 2, J. W. Kindred 3, J. H. Kindred 4, G. A. Kindred 5, D. Mitchell 6, P. Kindred (cond.) 7, H. W. Easey 8. Rung at the conclusion of the gift day in aid of the Tower Fund. The first quarter by Sunday service ringers since the bells were augmented from five to eight. Mr. J. F. White is 79 years old, and presented the third bell when the bells were rehung.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Portsea, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, T. R. Taylor 2, F. W. Burnett 3, R. Baldwin 4, R. G. Leale 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. First quarter of Surprise by 4 and 5.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, G. F. Bryant 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. E. Corfield 6, C. W. Otley 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A farewell to F. W. Wicks, stepkeeper, and in memoriam Harry Whaanslaw, ringer and sidesman.

RAINFORD, LANCs.—On Mar. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. D. Roughley 1, C. Medcalf (first quarter) 2, F. Saunders 3, J. R. Austin 4, E. Roughley (cond.) 5, S. Sephton (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Saint.

RUDGWICK, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (C.C.C. 50 and 48): Miss A. Wilson (first of Minor) 1, Miss J. M. Phillips 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, D. J. H. Body 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. L. Weller 6.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Sherlock 1, J. Foot 2, B. Ridout (cond.) 3, F. Hilliar 4, R. Ridout 5, W. Trevett 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Stone, who were married at Hazelbury Bryan the same day.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Feb. 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. F. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. L. Pearson 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, A. R. Ling 5, C. A. Hughes 6, L. Pearson 7, E. D. Smith 8, G. Peters 9, J. R. Leeming 10, T. H. Francis (cond.) 11, F. J. Matthews 12. First quarter on 12 bells for 9 and 10.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clements 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, W. S. Peacock 4, C. Goodyer 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Goodwyn 1, F. J. Wood 2, J. H. Sunnicks 3, D. J. Crouchman 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Daphne Lodge, and a 16th to F. J. Goodwyn.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Woodley 1, A. Tapley 2, W. Panter 3, E. W. Rowe 4, W. Reeks 5, F. Southwood 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. First in the method by 3 and 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Twyman 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. L. Dadds 4, A. J. Dadds 5, L. Everest 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung at the institution by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the induction by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, of the Rev Thomas Estlin Prichard, M.A., as Vicar.

STOITFOLD, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, being one 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford and one of Oxford: S. Bonnett 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, T. Holehouse 3, C. Harwood 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, J. Dear 6. First of Treble Bob Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the wedding of Miss Enid M. Randall and Mr. Roy V. Webb, a member of the Norton band.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. Sinfield 2, D. Broyd 3, R. J. Scott 4, A. Broyd 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6, J. Newman 7, P. Horwood 8. First quarter of Triples in the method by all. First quarter on the eight by an all local band.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Bannister 1, A. Turley 2, V. J. Mitchell (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. Manchip 4, A. R. Tinn 5, F. Corke 6, H. W. Impey (cond.) 7, W. H. Coles 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Harold Dunning as Vicar.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Tuttle (14, first quarter on six bells) 1, Miss A. Willes 2, M. Collings 3, P. Mehew 4, D. Jones 5, M. Orme (16, first quarter as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson (first quarter) 1, Miss P. J. E. Lumbers 2, Mrs. D. J. Porter 3, D. Haynes 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the birth of a son, a heir to the Earl and of Countess of Dalkeith.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. Durrant 1, J. Schofield 2, S. Hoare 3, D. K. Adkins 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Wenban 6, R. Bell 7, J. Mayne (cond.) 8. First by all except 3, 7 and 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 600 Plain Bob): Jill Mackintosh 1, R. Bird 2, Wm. A. Hughes 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. W. Stephens 6.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Coleman 1, A. G. Fever 2, E. G. Catton 3, J. S. Wbyrcw 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. Rung for Evensong. Also on Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Coleman 1, E. G. Catton 2, J. S. Wbyrcw 3, A. G. Fever 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, D. Brand 6. Half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. J. Weaver, Rector of Wetherden since 1949, cremated this day.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, West Tarring, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Black 1, D. Saunders 2, R. Wilson 3, D. Smith 4, H. Weaver (cond.) 5, F. Chipper 6.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. GEORGE WILLIAM POUND

Mr. George William Pound, who had spent most of his long life of 84 years in Boxley, died on February 21st. Boxley was the village of his birth and where, also, he died and was laid to rest. Ill-health had kept him from ringing since the war, so in the Maidstone District he was unknown to the present generation. But verily he did much to further the great traditions which they inherit and which, therefore, they should be inspired to further by their own enthusiasm and loyalty.

George Pound joined the Boxley band in 1893, the same year as the tower affiliated to the Kent County Association. Four years later, when only 27, he became captain and secretary, continuing so until 1927. He was a contemporary of the late Mr. Charlie Sone, and during Mr. Sone's tenure of the District secretaryship was himself for some time a District representative on the County Committee. Most of his 25 peals, too, were rung with Charlie Sone, and many are remembered by Mr. Tom Sone, for he took part in them with his father.

Mr. Pound's greatest belfry interest was in the ringing for Sunday service and in the teaching of recruits.

In every way he was a keen churchman and Christian gentleman. For over 30 years he robed to take his place in the choir, and after that assumed the duties of sidesman. The keynote of his life was loyalty and his example contributed much to the Boxley tradition, evidence of which can be seen in the lists of members for each year, now 61 in number, which give uniqueness to the ringing chamber.

His friends, the ringers of Boxley, led by the present captain and secretary, his nephew, Wally Gosling, paid their tribute in muffled ringing on the eve of the funeral. E. S. J. H.

MR. DAVID WRIGHT

It is with sincere regret that we read of the death of Mr. David Wright on February 16th at the age of 93 years. He was the oldest member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

David was a native of Hampshire, but as a young man he moved to Westerham, Kent, to follow the occupation of joiner. For a number of years he rang with the Westerham Branch at a period when they could ring Surprise Major for Sunday service.

In the early years of the present century he left Westerham to join the firm of Gillett and Johnston, bell founders, of Croydon, Surrey, in whose employ he remained until he retired in 1938. During those years he rang regularly at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, and was well known in the county of Surrey as a ringer and conductor.

As well as being an able ringer, David was an excellent craftsman. During his service with the bell founders he produced much good work in the way of bell wheels, etc., which found their way to many parts of the country, and although his hands had suffered sadly in encounter with woodworking machinery, his skill in no way deteriorated. The writer knew him well at the Croydon Bell Foundry and always found him an excellent workmate and a cheerful companion. He was always ready with helpful advice at work or to sing a good song at a free and easy concert afterwards.

On his retirement he moved with his family to Southgate, Middlesex, and joined the band of ringers there. He rang at Southgate Church until his great age prevented his activities in that direction, and his last performance was a quarter peal of Stedman Caters on his 87th birthday.

We who knew him will mourn his passing. F. E. C.

MR. E. J. TYLER

It is with sincere regret that we record the death on February 25th of Mr. E. J. Tyler, Ringing Master of St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Tyler was connected with St. Paul's the whole of his life — Sunday School teacher, superintendent, treasurer for over 40 years, churchwarden, sidesman and a ringer for nearly 60 years. He had rung about 70 peals and conducted about 20 in the standard methods for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and Dudley Guild. He conducted the local band peals of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Erin Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Oxford Major and Double Norwich Major.

The outstanding peal he conducted was Thurstans' Four-part Stedman Triples, in which all the members were employed at the same firm (Edward Elwell, Ltd.) and all born within 100 yards of the church.

Mr. Tyler was cremated on March 1st, and in the evening after the service in the Church of St. Paul a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by his fellow-ringers from Wednesbury Parish Church, All Saints', West Bromwich, and St. Paul's, Wood Green. The band was as follows: B. J. Bicknell 1, W. Peart 2, A. Mills 3, E. Marlow (conductor) 4, J. Cotterill 5, J. N. Hadley 6, M. Turner 7, K. Knowles 8.

MR. C. P. CHALK

Many ringers will be sorry to hear of the passing in Bishop's Stortford Hospital on Feb. 28th of Mr. Charles Philip Chalk at the age of 68, the youngest son of the late Mr. William Chalk, Langford, Maldon, Essex, one of the founders of the Essex Association in 1879. For over 50 years he was a member of the Essex Association and, on moving to Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, he became a member of the local band, and although suffering from deafness, cheerfully assisted whenever possible.

Trained for the teaching profession at All Saints' School, Maldon, and at St. John's College, Battersea, he held posts at Tottenham, Southend-on-Sea, Romford and Elsenham. As headmaster of Elsenham School for 14 years he gained the respect of pupils and parents and for several years served as a churchwarden.

He started ringing at All Saints', Maldon, at an early age with his father and three brothers, William, Fred and Walter, and later on became a member of the Prittlewell band, occasionally ringing a peal. The two peals that gave him the greatest joy were the 'Chalk' peal of Minor at St. Nicolas', Witham, in December, 1913, and the first peal of Major (Kent Treble Bob) in that tower, October, 1932, the bells having been augmented to eight in September that year. On that occasion he rang with four other members of the family, assisted by E. Bright (Witham), H. J. Mansfield (Maldon) and W. Keeble (Feering), conductor.

He had a great love of music and in his young days took leading parts in operatic productions. His love of natural beauty was cleverly shown in his oil paintings of local scenery.

He was laid to rest at Langford on March 4th, the mourners including the widow, Mr. P. A. F. Chalk (son), Mr. W. H. Chalk (brother), the Misses E. and L. Chalk (sisters), Mr. C. Wingrave and Mr. A. Kingsbury (brothers-in-law), Mr. J. Chalk (cousin). Many nephews and nieces, and ringing friends from Maldon, Witham and Bishop's Stortford were present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. B. A. Whitford, Vicar of Heybridge, Rural Dean of Maldon, with Mrs. C. Wakefield at the organ. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by S. C. Easter, H. J. Mansfield, A. Hubble and S. R. Linnett.

MR. WILLIAM RANFORD

With the passing of William Ranford, in his 85th year, the Worcestershire and Districts Association loses one of its oldest and most respected members, who was also an active and esteemed member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, as his native parish of Suckley, where he lived the whole of his life, is on the border of the two counties.

William Ranford — 'Father,' as he was affectionately known by many of his wide circle of friends — learnt to ring at an early age on the bells of his native parish, and was a regular attendant for service and practice ringing there to the end. He joined the Worcestershire Association in 1900, and was Western Branch representative on the committee from 1921 until his death. In 1951 he was made a Freeman of this Association in recognition of his long and devoted services to the Association. Living as he did in the centre of a vast rural area, with very little transport except on a bicycle, he must have cycled thousands of miles for ringing, and a great deal of this was done to assist struggling bands in isolated towers to ring the elementary methods.

His total of 506 peals, rung in more than 100 towers, ranged from Doubles to Maximus in a wide variety of methods, especially on six and eight bells on which numbers he felt most at home and preferred to ring. He took part in peals on his 80th, 81st, 82nd and 84th birthdays. The attempt on his 83rd birthday unfortunately came to an untimely end when the clapper fell out of the tenor when the peal seemed certain. One noteworthy peal on which he looked with pride was a veterans' peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's, Worcester, in 1930. He was the youngest and last surviving member of the band.

The funeral service was held at Suckley Church on February 21st and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. M. Briscoe, who was supported by the full choir. The church was filled with the family mourners and a large number of his many friends, more than 50 ringers from Worcestershire and Herefordshire being present. Among the ringers present were Mr. J. R. Newman (Freeman), Mr. C. Skidmore (Master), Mr. C. J. Camm (Western Branch Master), Mr. E. F. Cubberley (Western Branch secretary), of the Worcestershire Association, and Messrs. T. Cooper, J. Ward and L. Evans (district secretaries of the Hereford Diocesan Guild). Four of the local ringers acted as bearers.

After the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Messrs. S. T. Holt, R. C. Morris, D. Beacham and T. W. Lewis, followed by half-muffled touches on the tower bells, in which many of the ringers present took part. A half-muffled peal of Minor was rung the following day.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the Worcestershire and Districts Association; his fellow-ringers, Suckley: Western Branch, Worcestershire Association; Ledbury District, Hereford Guild; Bromyard District, Hereford Guild; Worcester Cathedral ringers; St. John's, Worcester, ringers; and St. Peter's, Bromyard, ringers. S. T. H.

MR. C. N. SHARPLES

In connection with the passing of Mr. C. N. Sharples, C.I.E., which was recorded in our issue of March 5th, we are asked to add that he and his family left the farm in Cornwall in 1950, his first class honours degree enabling him to obtain a temporary post as chemist master at Lewes Grammar School and later a permanent appointment as science master at Portsmouth Grammar School. There are three children left to mourn their father.

CAPTAIN OF EYE, SUFFOLK

Some Memories of Bell Hanging

Our quarter peal column recently recorded a 70th birthday tribute to Mr. Frederick Brunning, captain of the ringers at Eye, Suffolk, and also a steeplekeeper and clockwinder.

Fred's name has not appeared frequently in our columns; in fact, his record since he learnt to ring at 18 is only 12, and includes Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major. His last peal was on July 16th, 1922, rung half-muffled at the memorial service to Frederick Day, of the firm of George Day and Sons, bell-hangers, of Eye.

It was as a bell-hanger with Day and Sons that Fred Brunning came in contact with ringers in many parts of the country. Traveling in his day was mainly by train, and he would go with his tackle, frames and so on by train unless the job was near at home, when the material went by a two-horse dray.

His first tower job was at Clare, Suffolk, in 1900, and his other jobs of hanging, frame-building and tower-strengthening have taken him to the following other places:

Suffolk.—Walsham-le-Willows, Bury St. Edmunds (St. James' and St. Mary's), Fressingfield, Earl Soham, Hopton (West Suffolk), Oakley, Wingfield, Thorndon, Worlingworth, Cotton, Debenham, Yaxley Heveningham, Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower), Stoke Ash, Mendlesham, Lawshall, Horringer, Wepstead, Cavendish, Thornham Magna, Hoxne, Palgrave, Thrandeston, Bacton, Framlingham, Weybread, Haverhill, Orford, Horham (the oldest eight in Suffolk), Leiston, Beccles, Rattlesden, Thorpe Morieux, and, of course, Eye.

Norfolk.—South Walsham, Blofield, Burgh Ampton, Pulham Market, Starston, Heydon, Salle, Ellingham, Rockland St. Peter, Bressingham, Loddon, North Walsham, West Toft, East Dereham, Earsham, Watlington, Downham Market, Suffield, Marsham, Hovingham, Wilby, Kenninghall, Quidenham, Brooke, Tharston, Long Stratton, Caston, Winfarthing, Diss, Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, Norwich (St. John Sepulchre and St. Peter Mancroft), Mattishall, Garveston, Wymondham, Attleborough, Aldby, Coltishall, Toney All Saints, Carbrook, Rushall, Bacton, Happisburgh, Foxley, Wiveton, Cley, Bunwell, Hethersett, Terrington St. Clement, Marham, Billingford, Fritton, North Elmham, Swanton Morley and Saxlingham.

Gloucestershire.—Lechlade.
Wiltshire.—Wroughton and Amesbury.
Bedfordshire.—Blunham.
Derbyshire.—Shardlow and Brailsford.
Northants.—Brackley.
Surrey.—Wonsers and Compton.
Sussex.—Ardingly.
Warwickshire.—Ettington and Yelvertoft.
Leicestershire.—Catthorpe.
Essex.—Halstead, Great Maplestead, Southminster, Galleywood, Barking, West Ham (10 bells) and Gestingthorpe.

Hertfordshire.—Barley and Stevenage.
Cambridgeshire.—Fulbourn, Fordham and Barrington.
Lincolnshire.—Hough-on-the-Hill, Swineshead, Carlton-le-Moorland and Holbeach.

SUCCESS AT THIRD ATTEMPT

Three attempts were necessary for a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Bridgwater by four members of the Chew Deanery and four from the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. For the first attempt the away team had only covered four of the 29-mile journey when a fault in the car occurred. Whilst repairing this one of the sidelight wires was inadvertently cut nearly causing a fire. The trip had to be abandoned and the Bridgwater ringers were advised by getting the police to take a message. A snowstorm caused the second trip on January 28th to be cancelled and a good quarter was rung on February 25th

ON CONDUCTING

By WILFRID G. WILSON

IX. — PLAIN BOB—ROYAL & MAXIMUS

Now as I wrote in Chapter II., you will say that Bob Major is easy anyway and with practice it is just possible to keep the bells right and watch the path of two or three of them and see when the tenor is at a bob-calling position. Maybe that is so—though I suspect that a good many peals of Bob Major are lost each week.

But let us go on to apply what we have learnt to other methods and other numbers of bells. Let us first finish with Plain Bob. In the Major we only bother with the Coursing Order of five 'working' bells, as we know that they come between our 'framework' of the 7th and tenor which is constant. In Royal our framework consists of four bells 7, 8, 9 and 0, which course in the order 8, 0, 9, 7. And then following 7 come the five working bells 5, 3, 2, 4, 6 and so back to 8 again.

In Maximus our 'framework' is 8, 0, 7, 6, 9, 7 and our 'working' bells are the same 5, 3, 2, 4, 6 following the 7th.

In both Royal and Maximus the effect of the bobs at W, M and H is exactly the same as in Major. The distance between the W. and M. positions is longer, but that does not trouble us as we call our bobs by the bells which will be concerned in them. Bobs before are not usual in Plain Bob Royal or Maximus as they alter the order of one of the back bells.

There is another incidental but very important advantage of knowing the Coursing Order. We have all of us experienced the difficulty of dealing with the unaccustomed rope-sight when we first ring on 10 or 12 bells. That difficulty is almost entirely removed in a method like Plain Bob if we know and ring by the Coursing Order—we know which bell to look for.

(To be continued)

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The February meeting was held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on the 27th ult., when members were present from Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Collingham, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Halifax, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Thorner and the local company, together with visitors from Bridlington, Queensbury, Thorne and York.

Ringings commenced about 3.30 and continued till 5, when a pause was made to refresh the inner man and transact the business of the Society. An apology for absence was received from Miss M. Bryce.

The members stood in silence as a token of respect to the memory of three members who had died in the past month—J. W. Bente (Christ Church, Armley), J. W. Pinder (East Ardsley) and W. Whitaker (St. Chad's, Headingley).

The following new members were elected:—Miss B. M. Sanderson and Miss S. Schofield (Leeds Parish Church), Miss Betty West (Collingham) and Mr. W. Haley (St. Michael's, Headingley).

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by the secretary. Mr. R. Butterfield replied on behalf of the local company.

The annual nomination meeting will be held at Drighlington on March 27th, 1954. 1 S.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 21st. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, D. Reeve 4, S. Atkins 5, T. Stagg 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 25th. 1.264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, T. Stagg 2, S. Atkins 3, D. Reeve 4, J. Sharpe 5, W. Bower 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the Mayor of Thetford.

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BIRTH

STANIFORTH.—On March 8th, 1954, at Westcotes Nursing Home, Leicester, to Jill (nee Poole) and Peter Staniforth, the precious gift of a daughter. 4080

MARRIAGE

MOZLEY—McFARLANE.—On February 27th, 1954, at the Church of St. Laurence, Northfield, Birmingham, John David Mozley, of Haslemere, Surrey, to Anne Fawkes McFarlane, of Northfield. 4057

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, March 13th, 3.30. Business meeting, The Ship, Talbot Court, Gracechurch Street, E.C., 6 p.m. Preliminary notice: A summer meeting will be held at Leicester on May 8th; details later.—A. B. Peck. 3996

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined meeting at Kenilworth, Saturday, March 13th, 3 p.m. Tea at local cafe. All welcome.—R. J. E. 4054

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Practice, Brampford Speke, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 3.15. Special methods: Bob Minor, Bob Doubles. Cups of tea available; bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec. 4026

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Fryerning (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—A. H. Everett, Hon. Sec. 3993

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), March 13th. 3 p.m. Names for tea to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 4012

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Lawrence, Thanet, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 2s. per head. Numbers for tea with cash to Mr. S. J. Gee, 22, Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, Kent.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 3985

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Godalming, Surrey. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers welcome. Names to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 3997

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting March 13th. St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting St. Mark's, Dalston, 5.30 p.m., and further ringing. —L. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 4025

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. John-at-Hackney, Mare Street, E.9, on Saturday, March 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 4039

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Long Ashton, March 20th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.
BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Market Weighton, March 20th. Bells available 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Londesborough Hotel 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, 13, Princess Close, Market Weighton. 4072

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Church Lawton, March 20th, not March 13th. Names for tea by March 17th. Please note amended date. — W. Kerr, 26, Davenham Crescent, Crewe. 4059

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, March 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 17th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4073

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker Commemoration.—St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Committee meeting in the vestry 3.30. Names for tea, before March 18th, to F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland. 4045

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Swanwick, March 20th. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Brighthouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 4056

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 20th. Note altered date. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in Small Parish Hall, 5. Names, by March 18th, to Miss Shepherd, 34, Can-telupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 3982

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Colne Engaine, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Earls Colne bells (8) available 7.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. L. Dixey, Croft Villas, Colne Engaine, Colchester. 4032

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 4063

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 4067

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Tredington (5) March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, by March 16th.—J. Beech, Hon. Sec., 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury. 4060

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge, Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Special method. St. Albans Delight. Names for tea to S. Huckle, 39, Stonecross Road, Hatfield, Herts. 4079

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Combined meeting at Rolvenden (8), March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Bull Inn. Important: Those requiring tea inform, by Tuesday, March 16th, S. G. Waters, Bishops-dale Farm, Biddenden. 4021

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District.—Meeting at Rushden (8) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, March 17th, to Mr. A. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 4053

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Matthew's, Salford, March 20th. Meeting 3 p.m. Bells 5 p.m. Cups of tea. Altrincham bus from Piccadilly or Deansgate. All welcome.—R. Benson. 4074

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, March 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Practice method: Cambridge. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 17th, to K. Abbott, 109, Greenbank Road, Rochdale.—F. Pritchard. 4075

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Cups of tea provided. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter. 4076

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, March 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Crown Inn. Names, by March 17th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4064

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Kirton Lindsey (not Broughton) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton. Phone Kirton 316.—George L. G. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 4006

LINCOLN DISTRICT. — Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Meeting at Eagle (6) on Saturday, March 20th. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 4048

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — District meeting, Stanwell (6), March 20th, 4 p.m. Tea in Vicarage 5.15. Bells available after. St. Mary's, Staines (8), 2.45 to 3.45.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. 4061

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at Warborough, Oxon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by March 15th. Dorchester bells available after tea. **Preliminary Notice.**—Annual Branch meeting will be held at Watlington on June 19th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 4022

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gayton, March 20th. Names for tea, by March 13th, to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 4040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, March 20th. Names to T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 4078

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, March 20th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 4069

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Farnsfield, Saturday, March 20th. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—S. Barley, Hon. Sec. 4038

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting, Bletchingley, March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by March 17th, to F. W. Bird, Brad-don, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 4068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whit-church (8), March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at local hotel. Laverstoke (6) after tea. Names for tea by March 16th to Mr. G. K. Dodd, Andover Road, Highclere, near Newbury. 4071

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting at Brockenhurst, Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Bells in evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4071

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Romsey on Saturday, March 20th. Names for tea, by March 16th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 4062

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Bi-quarterly meeting, Kidderminster (12), Saturday, March 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. (own arrangements); Coventry or Oxford cafes near church.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 4037

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hallow, Saturday March 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 16th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 4077

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at Bradford Cathedral. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. General business meeting 6 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Special business: Election of officers. Association badges now available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4035

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting, Uffculme (8), Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by March 22nd.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec., 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 4052

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting, Boughton, March 27th. Names for tea, by March 20th, to G. F. Roome, 31, Clare Street, Northampton. 4036

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting at Sevenoaks, Kent, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 24th, please, to the undersigned. All ringers welcome. Frequent Southern Electric trains from Charing Cross or London Bridge.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 4058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Wells on Easter Monday, April 19th. Details of service, lunch, etc., will be announced shortly.—R. O. Fry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 5, Morford Street, Bath. 4049

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Bromley, Easter Monday. All particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec. 4065

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Bristol on Saturday, April 24th. Nominations for Master, together with names of proposer and seconder, to reach me not later than Saturday, March 27th. Full details later.—F. Skidmore, Gen. Sec., 80, Car-lyle Road, Bristol 5. 4055

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bicester on Saturday, May 8th.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 4070

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at Norton, Letchworth, Saturday, May 29th. Transport from London will be arranged if sufficient support forthcoming. Members and friends interested please write for details to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts, before March 31st. Gentlemen cordially invited. 4018

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