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ART PLUS SCIENCE

SHIPWAY, in his preface to the 'Campanalogia,' after pointing out the doubtful sanction of the description 'recreation' or 'amusement' to some pursuits from which men derive pleasure but which 'have a direct tendency to corrupt and deprave the mind,' goes on to say, 'Laudable, therefore, is the attempt of him who endeavours to direct the attention of men to an amusement, innocent in its nature, and productive of the highest advantages, as well to the mind as to the body—THE ART OF RINGING.'

The whole aim of his work is, of course, to promote interest in changeringing, and he has nothing to say about that form of ringing which, in so many towers, is confined to callchanges and is practised without any inclination to probe beyond it.

It would be wrong to suggest that callchangers do not get a certain joy and satisfaction out of handling their bells, and from their competitions. As they aim at faultless striking and rhythmical raising and falling in peal they know, undoubtedly, the thrills which belong to such. But, from the changer's point of view, they do not get beyond the realm of monotony—the same change many times repeated; the same routine set of changes Sunday by Sunday. That sort of thing, good as it may be within its narrow limits, is, we claim as would Shipway, but the fringe of the art of ringing and cannot be held to include more than a very small taste of the 'advantages' of ringing as a recreation, or of the possibilities involved in it both as an art and a science. For those, therefore, who are content only to paddle, as it were, in the backwater the joys and skill of navigating the wider, deeper and open river must be lost to them. And ringing, whether as an amusement, or as a contribution of service to the Church, holds something far more fascinating than callchangers dream of; making an ever increasing claim upon the mind and offering a continually enlarging fellowship.

Among changeringers all that will be freely conceded: but if the uninitiated are to be enlightened, or the callchangers are to be converted to the acceptance of the fact, it may benefit changeringers to have a few reflections on hand for augmenting their persuasive powers, and even their demonstrations.

Take, for one thing, the cultivation of the team spirit with the fellowship arising from it. That is common both

to changeringers and callchangers. Neither, obviously, can get on without it. But it must be more than merely local. While every band is dependent upon it, with changeringers it extends far beyond the home tower and becomes the means of ensuring a welcome amongst other groups of ringers; also into any tower. Thus opportunity is found for a widening of experience, especially through Association meetings where ringers mix up in touches with those from other towers. The system prevalent in some call-change regions of each band at meetings ringing only as local bands—thus excluding any visiting ringer who may be present—certainly shuts the door to expansion of knowledge and tends rather to lower the level of brotherhood than to encourage it.

Is the difference between the two modes of ringing always to be held irreconcilable? The main difficulty at present is, of course, to convince the callchangers that scientific half-pull ringing is an advance on their method, opening up a new field of interest and experience—parallel, one might say, to the growth from childhood into maturity. At least, surely, it is reasonable to ask for an open-minded recognition, on the part of callchange ringers, of the scope and virtues of scientific ringing even quite apart from any desire to experiment in it. That might pave the way for the breaking down of the prejudices which do exist.

The writer would not wish to give the impression that callchanges are to be despised. By no means. So many, like himself, began their ringing under those conditions and gained much pleasure from it. It proved to be but a stepping stone to higher education in the art and had its value accordingly. So it may be still.

Another consideration to be stressed in arguing for the 'advantages' of changeringing is that, based upon the cultivation of ropesight, one's powers of observation are developed and, as familiarity with this or that particular method grows, the working of the other bells in relation to one's own can be followed and checked. This, obviously, is essential for any ringer who aims at even the simplest conducting. And the practice of such observation is bound to heighten the interest of a ringer whether he aspires to conducting or not.

Again, scientific ringing is a most useful medium for widening and strengthening the faculty of memory. And the more intricate the method the greater is the test on the memory if accurate ringing and accurate conducting are to be achieved and sustained. It does provide a training

which can prove effective not only in the tower but in all spheres of work which make demands upon mental exactness, retentiveness and endurance.

Further, changering holds the door open to such a wide range of accomplishment that no one need be at a loss in the effort to satisfy his or her ambitious instincts. Here 'nothing succeeds like success.' And one achievement after another adds fuel to the fire of ambition for reaching still greater heights of prowess. All to the good, if a ringer's own enthusiasm and progress carries others along too and offers them every opportunity. But the warning note must be given against that particular form of pride which is not free from selfishness.

Trite as much of all this may seem, it is written in the hope that some of the barriers which now exist between the call-change adherents and half-pull ringers may be broken down; and that the real art and science of ringing may penetrate, surely if but slowly, into the fastnesses where at present it is taboo.

C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	WILLIAM BUTLER 7
JOHN CHILCOTT 2	† W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 8
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 9
*AUDREY GLADWELL 4	ROGER O. FRY 10
RAYMOND G. BURTON .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT 11
NOEL J. DISERENS 6	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON .. Tenor

Composed by D. E. PARSONS.

* First peal. † 200th peal.

Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. Treble	*PETER R. SANDERS 6
R. JOHN NASH 2	† DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 7
† WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3	PETER BORDER 8
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 4	ROBIN G. TURNER 9
*DAVID A. EDWARDS .. 5	*DAVID HODGSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method.
First peal as conductor on ten bells.

ST. LAURENCE, THANET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*CHRIS. DURHAM Treble	*PHILIP J. WESTWOOD .. 6
† JOHN F. PENFOLD 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7
† MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE .. 3	† PETER J. RYE 8
MRS. N. BRIDGES 4	† J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. 9
† FREDK. W. LAWRENCE .. 5	† EDWARD DIXON Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Caters.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

DENIS A. FRITH Treble	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	*ALAN E. HARTLEY 7
*LOUIS WILLDERS 3	H. REGINALD WOODS .. 8
WILLIAM A. HOLMES .. 4	RONALD C. NOON 9
JOHN G. AMES 5	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal on ten bells.

In remembrance.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF 5088 CANTERBURY IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

JOHN S. WALTON Treble	DAVID BEACHAM 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 2	FRANK W. LEWIS 6
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
GEORGE F. BURTON 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method (Central Council Collection of Plain Major Methods No. 258).

Rung within the octave of All Saints.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FREDERICK JAMES .. Treble	ERNEST GARRARD 5
JOHN CASTELL 2	JAMES BLOND 6
CLAUDE CORDEROY 3	JACK BERRY 7
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 4	ROBERT BLOND Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND

* First peal of Major.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

PETER J. SKINNER Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 6
VIVIANNE M. HORTON .. 3	DEREK P. JONES 7
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 4	PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN.

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung in memoriam Albert H. Ward, of this tower, who gave the new second bell when the ring was augmented to ten in 1923. Also in memory of Clement Glenn, of Nottingham.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
WILLIAM T. GRICE .. Treble	REGINALD RICH 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
WILLIAM R. MANSER .. 4	HERBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Birthday peal for William R. Manser; also for 50 years in the Kent County Association for the conductor.



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BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

PETER NASH Treble	† JOHN KNIGHT 5
RAYMOND E. FINCH 2	DEREK C. JACKSON 6
*RUTH A. CAREY 3	TREVOR A. CROSS 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

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

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5184 DONISTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY 5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK 2	JOHN A. ACRES 6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
JOHN M. JELLEY 4	BRIAN G. WARWICK Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

100th peal to the Guild as conductor.

First peal in the method, which is Wye with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE Treble	*GEORGE W. CREASEY 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	*DENIS A. FRITH 6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
NORAH M. BIBBY 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

Rung for Remembrance Day.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BASINGSTOKE DELIGHT MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

EDWARD J. BRAGG Treble	HARRY POYNER 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH 7
ERIC N. HARRISON 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

The first peal in the method. First peal of Delight Major by all the band.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.

SIDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. Treble	RONALD KENRICK 5
*THOMAS BARKER 2	*CYRIL CROSTSWAITE 6
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 3	ARTHUR HATCH 7
ERNEST J. GOWER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTSWAITE.

* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, SURREY ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 3,552 changes of Cambridge and 1,536 of Superlative with 90 changes of method

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. Treble	*MICHAEL J. BEST 5
*JAMES E. DANIELS 2	*JOHN HARTLESS 6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	*FRANK L. HARRIS 7
*DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BASINGSTOKE DELIGHT MAJOR

38, 14, 58, 16, 34, 18, 36, 58.

2nds place lead end, 4263857.

F.C.E. 24365.

Any Rutland composition suitable.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

OLIVER G. BARNARD Treble	LESLIE FORSTER 5
*ALICE E. LESTER 2	ARTHUR E. COOK 6
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

ALAN F. THIRST Treble	*DENNIS BERESFORD 5
*PHILIP MEHEW 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 6
BRIAN BLADON 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
*JOHN L. MORRIS 4	*PETER N. BOND Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 7 methods: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method. Containing all the work of every method for each bell.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER WOODWARD Treble	GORDON BENFIELD 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
HOWARD SCOTT 3	J. MARTIN THORLEY 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

The first peal of spliced on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

WM. GEOFFREY HAIR Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 6
GORDON H. LANE 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

In memoriam Clement Glenn.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. CYR AND JULIETTA,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE SKINNER Treble	BRIAN PIDGEON 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	FREDERICK WREDFORD 6
HAROLD P. BURTON 3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL 7
SIDNEY SKINNER 4	JOHN QUICK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

The first peal of Major on the bells.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
*BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	† ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	† B. S. CHAPMAN 7
† RALPH ELKINGTON 4	† JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by H. POYNER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 100th peal of Surprise together. † First peal in the method.

‡ 50th peal.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	R. ROGER SAVORY 5
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 2	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 6
*NELIA M. LEAHY 3	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
*PETER NASH 4	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

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

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*MARION J. PARKER Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 6
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*B. ATKINSON Treble	*MISS J. K. BARRETT 4
*MISS O. W. BARRETT 2	B. H. HALL 5
J. NEVIN 3	P. CROOK, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the completion of the renovation of the church.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, five of Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's, all called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*PETER A. HILL Treble	PETER E. PARRY 4
BRIAN HUNT 2	BRIAN BUTTERTY 5
W. RUSSELL READ 3	DENIS A. FRITH Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 31, 1955, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose and Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON Treble	JOHN G. AMES 4
MAURICE BENNETT 2	RONALD C. NOON 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Stedman (ten callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. HENRY FLOYD Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 4
REGINALD BEALE 2	ARTHUR H. REED 5
WILLIAM H. TARR 3	FRANK MATRAVERS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

First peal on the bells.

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD .. Treble	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD .. 4
*WILLIAM SYKES 2	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
*FRANK RAYMENT 3	*JOHN MOORE Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Bradford.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BARHAM DELIGHT MINOR

Seven different extents (C.C.C. 58, 59, 64-66, 68, 69). Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. Treble	GORDON HALLS 4
VIVIANNE HORTON 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE 3	HAROLD TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Believed to be the first complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 3D. 14). In memoriam Albert G. Ward, of Derby, and Clement Glenn, of Nottingham.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

MERVYN DAY Treble	THOMAS F. STONE 4
RALPH E. W. WENBAN 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN 5
JOYCE MORSE 3	*JOHN S. CAREY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all.

Rung to mark the centenary of the restoration of the church.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

J. DESMOND PAINTER .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 4
WILLIAM T. COOK 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	ROGER B. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Susan, to Richard and Rita Housden.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in eight methods, called differently: four each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; eight each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's; nine of Grandsire and one of Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*JILL G. DRAPER Treble	PHILIP MEHEW 4
DAVID K. WALKLATE 2	DEREK P. JONES 5
†PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER 3	*BRIAN R. MANNING .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First attempt at a peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

FREDERICK WATSON .. Treble	JOHN VERNON 4
*DAVID HOUGHTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
MICHAEL VERNON 3	J. HARRY COOK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. J. Harry Cook has now 'completed the circle' of his own tower.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*†DAVID E. WEST Treble	†MICHAEL A. MILLS 4
†ALICE E. LESTER 2	ROBERT C. LESTER 5
†MARIAN H. MILLS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods.

CALVERLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.

STANLEY N. BRISTOW .. Treble	CLAUDE W. J. TARR 4
DOUGLAS M. BELLAMY .. 2	REGINALD BEALE 5
GORDON WALFORD 3	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. EXTON .. Treble	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
*HERBERT T. ROOKE 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	J. BRYAN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman.

Rung in memoriam Mr. Clement Glenn, of Nottingham.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores and two 240's. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

D. WALFORD DAVIES .. Treble	MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS .. 4
HARRY GREEN 2	WILLIAM T. PETTY 5
*SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK .. 3	THOMAS YEOMANS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since 1928.

Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PERCY CROWE Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 4
*RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 2	WILFRID G. SAUNDERS .. 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in seven methods.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS Treble	GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN .. 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 2	*BRIAN M. BARKER 5
WALTER AYRE 3	EDWIN J. UPTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in thankful remembrance of the life and service (both church and public) given by Miss G. V. Peake, J.P., President of the Women's Institute since its foundation, etc. The conductor would also like to associate this peal with the memory of Clement Glenn.



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STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.
 MICHAEL HATCHETT Treble | FRANK T. BLAGROVE .. 3
 MONICA HOWARD 2 | *WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM .. 4

PETER A. LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

*175th peal. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Day.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Fulbeck. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 *WILLIAM L. GILKS Treble | †MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. 4
 DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2 | HARRY P. FLOYD 5
 †DONALD H. NIBLETT 3 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in 12 Minor methods.
 Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

BREDE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.
 *ERIC A. FELLOWS Treble | STANLEY G. PONTING .. 4
 WILLIAM BUTTON 2 | CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
 †FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3 | †WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

*First peal. †100th peal together.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.
 *FREDERICK J. PAYNE .. Treble | †RICHARD SEABROOK .. 4
 †STANLEY G. HONEYBALL .. 2 | ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 5
 OWEN C. BALLARD 3 | SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in seven methods. ‡First peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob; (4) Childwall and Thelwall Bob; (5) Double and Plain Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
 CECIL BARKER Treble | WALTER ARNOLD 4
 ALAN R. SYDER 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
 JACK H. BRETT 3 | TERRY EARLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.
 ADRIAN P. BECK Treble | S. ARTHUR READ 4
 EUNICE D. OVEREND 2 | ERNEST E. BRAY 5
 W. JOHN PHIPPEN 3 | DAVID HOARE Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

No 6-5's at backstroke.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
 A. WALPOLE Treble | F. GUNTON 4
 J. FORDER 2 | G. WALPOLE 5
 S. COPLING 3 | E. LONG Tenor

Conducted by E. LONG.

Rung as an appreciation to John Cable, an honorary member of the above Association, who has resigned after 32 years as sexton at Norton Subcourse Church. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, the new sexton.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt.
 DAVID C. WOODWARD .. Treble | ALEC GAMMON 3
 CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2 | MALCOLM JOURNEAUX .. 4
 PETER R. SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.

First peal of Bob Doubles by all. First peal as conductor.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 *MAX W. UNDERWOOD .. Treble | FREDERICK VICKERS .. 4
 †DAPHNE CASTELL 2 | GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 5
 HERBERT H. ALEXANDER .. 3 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor 'inside' in more than one method.

Rung for the Feast of St. Martin, and as a thankoffering for 21 years of ministry in this place of the Rev. Canon C. A. Wheeler, this being the first peal on the bells during that time.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.
 GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 4
 *F. HECTOR BENNETT 2 | JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 5
 DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 3 | PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal of Minor in seven methods on the bells.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.
 LEONARD TUFFREY Treble | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 4
 MURIEL REAY 2 | ARTHUR MORRIS 5
 VINCENT A. HEMMING .. 3 | GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

HANDBELL PEAL

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT 56, FOSTON AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.
 *ALAN G. FOSTER 1-2 | †BARNABAS G. KEY .. 5-6
 DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3-4 | †E. MARION KEY .. 7-8

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal in hand and 50th peal. †First peal 'in hand.'
 Rung as a welcome to Jane Temple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Addison, born Nov. 8th, 1955.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The annual meeting of the Society was held at The Ship, Talbot Court, City, when the retiring Master, Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts, presided over the transaction of ordinary business. This included an interim report of the Committee appointed to bring the Rules up to date. That concluded, the Master said how much he had enjoyed his period of office, and thanked the other officers for the support they had given him.

He then vacated the chair and the meeting proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. Mr. J. F. Smallwood was voted to the chair to conduct this part of the proceedings, and the new officers elected were: Master, Mr. John S. Mason; secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. Schwyn H. Dearden; junior steward, Mr. Philip A. Chalk; trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The new Master was then conducted to the chair by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who congratulated him on his election, and wished him a successful year. He said Mr. Mason was liked and respected by all and he felt sure their affairs would be quite safe in his capable hands.

The new Master congratulated the retiring Master on a very fine year's work, and said he would do everything possible to justify the confidence the Society had placed in him by electing him as its Master.

A fine start was made by the election of nine new members, mostly from the West Country.

Prior to the meeting, ringing took place at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Twenty-seven members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch at Souldern on November 12th. The Rev. Hugh Benson conducted the service and preached the sermon.

The branch president (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) presided at the business meeting which followed an excellent tea provided by Mrs. H. Benson and her helpers. The next meeting was arranged for Middleton Stoney in January. The Guild Librarian mentioned the renewal of the appeal to the Parochial Church Councils for an annual donation of 2/- per bell to the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund. This appeal has enabled the Guild to increase its grants to parishes who have to raise a substantial sum from, perhaps, a parish with a small number of inhabitants.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Benson and the ladies who provided the tea. C. H. K.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The November meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on November 5th. This light ring of light had not been rung for some time owing to the shortage of ringers. There was no service as the new vicar was not yet in residence.

Tea was served in Church House; the only pity was that more ringers did not turn up to do justice to the ladies' effort. Visitors included ringers from Bristol and Coventry. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

S. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham's Woman Master

Members from Bexley, Bromley, Crayford, Chelsfield, Chislehurst, Dartford, Erith, Farn- ington, Greenwich, Hayes, Eltham, Lewisham, St. Mary Cray and West Wickham and visitors from Hughenden, Milton Regis and Melton Mowbray attended the annual meeting held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, October 29th.

Ringing during the afternoon was directed by Mr. J. Cannell, of West Wickham. The service was held in the ancient Parish Church. The Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Willoughby, who officiated, extended a warm welcome to the members to St. Mary Cray. Mr. E. Stopes was the organist, and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford.

A company of 62 was present at tea.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. S. Richards, three new members were elected. A report of the past year's work was adopted. Mr. A. G. Hill (Erith) and Messrs A. S. Richards (West Wickham) and J. Dafters (Lewisham) were re-appointed District secretary and District representatives respectively. Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley) was appointed as Ringing Master—this appointment was an innovation for Miss Andrews thus became the first woman to hold office in the District.

St. Mary's, Lewisham, was chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 28th, and it was decided to continue the series of combined meetings with the Northern District of the Surrey Association.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist, the caterers and St. Mary's ringers and to Mr. W. J. Cannell were acclaimed, as was the reply by Mr. F. G. Wheller, the mainspring of the day's pleasantness. The chairman warmly welcomed the visitors, especially Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby. Further ringing followed.

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At the recent meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association, at Hartfield, a non-ringing visitor from Cornwall asked if he might be allowed in the ringing chamber 'just to watch.' He was, of course, made welcome and spent a very interested half-hour. On his departure he expressed surprise at the number of lady ringers, commented on the sociability of everybody and asked the secretary to accept ten shillings towards the funds!

The bells of Holywood, Northern Ireland, Parish Church will be broadcast on Christmas morning.

Mr. John T. Dunwoody writes assuring us that St. Columb did exist. He is an Irish saint and Londonderry Cathedral is dedicated to him.

Miss Audrey Gladwell has started her peal ringing career with flying colours with Stedman Cinques at Reading. Previously her longest touch had been three courses.

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside has found a new cure for a cold. When he arrived at Brede to conduct a peal of Minor he had an aching back and the worst cold of his life. On the way home he found that the cold had practically disappeared.

Members of the R.A.F. stationed at Hednesford who rang the peal of Minor at Rugeley (see page 724) would like to express their thanks to Mr. Toyner, captain of the Rugeley tower, for placing the bells at their disposal. His welcome was a very great asset.

Stanwick, Northants, ringers are working hard for a new treble to make a ring of six. They have raised over £100 towards £200. Any ringers wishing to help us in this happy work are asked to send their gifts to Mr. E. A. Knight, Longwood, Stanwick, Northants.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Following quickly in the wake of Chester Guild's performance of ringing Mr. A. J. Pitman's peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major methods comes a similar performance by Mr. W. Eric Critchley's Yorkshire band. What about it, Kent?

Mr. John E. Cook has now achieved his ambition of turning in Grantham tenor to a peal.

The quarter peal at Ashcott on October 24th was the first of Surprise as conductor for R. Short, and not the first of Surprise.

Mr. Evander Littlewood celebrated his 82nd birthday by ringing a quarter peal at Asfordby, Leics, on November 10th. He sets a splendid example by being always in his place on a Sunday and never missing a District meeting of the Guild.

It was unfortunate that the band who met at St. Andrew's, Derby, for the memorial peal to Mr. Albert H. Ward were one short. This prevented the second bell, the gift of Mr. Ward in 1923, when the bells were augmented, being rung. His ringing service and his gift are, however, remembered with gratitude.

With regret we learn of the death of Mr. Thomas Goodchild, of Maidenhead, on November 11th, aged 79 years. For 30 years he rang at St. Michael's, Bray, and then moved to Maidenhead, where he rang for 40 years at All Saints', Boyne Hill. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Netherseale on November 12th was arranged by Mr. Clement Glenn and Mr. J. William Cotton two days previous to the former's death. In the circumstances it was an in memoriam peal to Mr. Glenn. It was also Mr. W. F. Woodward's first peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

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318th ANNUAL DINNER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

WITH traditional dignity the Master (Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts), escorted by the stewards (Mr. John S. Mason and Mr. Selwyn H. Dearden), made his entry at the 318th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 12th. The popularity of this great reunion was manifest on every hand—strong contingents from the provinces were present and it was a happy gathering that responded to the various toasts with Mr. Albert A. Hughes, the treasurer of the Society, as toastmaster.

During the meal the Master took wine with the Past Masters present, those he did Sunday service ringing with, and the grand old men of the College Youths, those with 50-60 years' membership. These were: Richard Stannard, 65 years; E. T. Elson, 64; Isaac Emery, 64, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, 58; G. N. Price, 58; Ernest G. Fenn, 57; Henry Hodgetts, 54; A. B. Peck, 54; George Cottis, 54; A. A. Hughes, 53.

After the loyal toast the Master proposed the toast of 'The Church,' with which he coupled the name of the Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown). He said that for some time past much had been written in 'The Ringing World' about their duties and responsibilities towards the Church but he would suggest that they had still a long way to go before they could achieve the result they desired—good Sunday ringing in all towers, with bells in a ringable condition. It was towards that object, he suggested, that members of the Society were best able to help, as they came from all parts of the British Isles.

To the criticism that the Church authorities were not interested in ringers and ringing, the Master suggested where indifference existed they could meet it by interesting themselves in church activities other than those connected with bells. He commended to them the advice of the Rev. Charles Edwardes, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, in which he urged ringers to have their own representatives on parochial church councils. He felt that not only would a better understanding exist but that recruitment to the Exercise would be stimulated.

The Provost of Southwark, in reply, said that one of the headaches of the Church to-day was that of stones, mortar and timber, and he thought he was right in saying that just over half the churches in the country were older than 1,500 years, so they would understand the colossal task before them. If the tower fell down there would not be much for the ringers to do.

THE WOBBLING CANDELABRA

'I am thankful that despite the efforts of Hitler and others we are very fortunate with our tower at Southwark. We are very grateful to the College Youths for their ringing in an emergency, and we are fairly sure with the very worst you can do (as regards ringing) the tower will stand. I have watched the candelabra wobbling beneath the tower but I am still assured by my architect that all is well.

'I am also responsible for another tower, which has no bells and is not attached to a building for public worship. It is still attached to an ecclesiastical authority and I want about £8,000 to prop it up. I feel certain that you are all sorry to see St. Thomas', Southwark, in such a position, but I would be very pleased to see someone come along and take it down. If anyone can suggest how it can be repaired and used, please send me a postcard.'

A pleasing ceremony followed, during which Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, presented a new gavel to the Society, the work of Robin Nance, of St. Ives, to replace one that was broken two years ago. He was thanked by the Master for his kind gift.



MR. CYRIL G. J. WATTS

One of the newest members of the Society, Mr. R. S. Anderson, of Stoke-on-Trent, proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He recalled that the College Youths were founded in 1637 and was the oldest ringing society with a continuous history. The list of members was an impressive one as it included men in all walks in life. Ringing was democratic; irrespective of a man's position when once he took a rope he was but a humble member of the band. Englishmen were inclined to make light of their capabilities and achievements and this was an occasion when they could say, 'Let us now praise famous men.' He suggested that they were the ordinary Sunday service ringers who attended Sunday by Sunday and taught the young week by week on practice night. These men were the backbone of the Exercise; they regarded this as their duty to the church and they were satisfied to see their work well done. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. B. Peck, who had served the Society faithfully and well as secretary for over 18 years.

THE YEAR REVIEWED

Mr. Peck, who received a warm ovation on rising to reply, read apologies from the Bishop of Southwark, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. Symonds (Ipswich), Mr. L. Head (Maidstone), Mr. W. H. Theobald (Salisbury, who was ill with phlebitis), and the Fenn brothers (who were both ill).

There were not many peals rung during the year, the total being 13, and these included Stedman Cinques at Southwark for the golden jubilee of the Southwark Diocese. A peal of Stedman Cinques was also rung at Southwark for the 200th anniversary of the formation of St. Martin's Guild. On October 23rd a peal was rung at Arundel to mark the centenary of the bells, when the Duke of Norfolk engaged a band of College Youths to come from London to ring the first peal on the bells.

During the year they had held 49 meetings in London and one country meeting in Bristol, where they were very well received. They also had a nice meeting at Heston. He gave a special welcome to the three generations of the Howell family, from Barking, who were present that evening. They were honoured by a toast.

The company stood while the following, who had passed over during the year, were remembered: Frederick W. Townsend (Poole), Henry H. Flower (Sandown), Reginald P. Crump (Wood Green), Frank Warrington (St. Ives), Mrs. Reeves (Bradford), James C. Adams (Walthamstow), William H. Passmore (London), Harold J. Poole (Leicester), Thomas W. Hammond (Liverpool), Clement Glenn (Not-

tingham), Francis S. Wilson (Wincanton), Albert H. Ward (Derby) and T. H. Townsend (Great Staughton, Hunts).

New members elected during the year were: Messrs. W. A. Collins, D. Sutcliffe, C. Harwood, R. Castledine and D. Jewell (Baldock), J. H. Fielden (Halifax), G. W. Pipe (Grundsburg), W. L. Robinson (Sheffield), C. W. Jose (Truro), A. H. Eplett (Newquay), B. A. Tomlinson (Blackburn), G. Thrush (Heston), W. A. Riddington (Peacehaven), B. C. Ashford (Stourbridge), G. F. Bryant (Halifax), L. and D. Aston (Cheltenham), T. R. Edwards (Rhondda), D. J. Marshall (Long Eaton), W. R. Wright (Burton), W. J. Cook, G. Briggs, A. V. Bennett, T. W. Harris (Bristol), A. F. Lee, K. G. Brain (Bath), F. Vickers (Buckingham), L. Dawson, H. Nutt, F. White, G. Perrin, J. Smith, J. Burgess (Oldham), A. Farrand, A. J. Bennett (Mossley), Dr. D. Longridge (Victoria, B.C.), Dr. G. Neil Smith (Twickenham), E. Lambert (Pilton), S. Foskett (Bedford), B. F. Simes (Biggleswade), H. H. Hayns, D. G. Astridge (Ashted), R. G. Morris (Great Malvern), L. Head (Maidstone), P. G. Sherwood (Ash), D. MacPherson (Aldershot), E. Treagus (Bognor), C. H. Wood (Clapham), F. Howson (Wembley), S. Ivin (Bedford), E. J. Coode, J. F. Sims (Eltham), R. S. Anderson (Stoke-on-Trent).

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors' was proposed by a past master of the Society, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. He said he was very intrigued by the appeal of the Provost of Southwark on behalf of the tower of St. Thomas'. He suggested that he should write to Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who told him that he had 150 bells, some of which he did not know what to do with. He advocated that they should get together and from them make a ring of 12 and get the College Youths to open the bells.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE ANCIENT SOCIETY

The word 'kindred' was a nice word and indicated families and relationship, for they were surely all one family. Most of them were not only College Youths but members of kindred Societies, and he might say how pleased they were to see such a strong contingent present from the West Country. The claim of the College Youths was to be a parent Society and all the kindred Societies had sprung from it, and they were very pleased that the old Society had some influence in the management of those Societies and in setting them a standard to follow.

If he might presume to offer some advice he would ask the kindred Societies to encourage the youngsters. These youngsters would take over the burden—let them see that they had a good start. He believed the younger generation would make a big contribution to ringing. He noticed what a simple thing Surprise ringing was to them, and when he was a youngster Surprise 'frightened me to death.' They had the value of modern education and this was one of the dividends.

They often saw the words 'giants of the Exercise.' In his opinion they were not the men who had rung 1,000 or 1,500 peals, but those who rang Sunday by Sunday and came regularly to practices to help the young, although the latter's ringing might be a torture to them.

In London they were very grateful for the facilities at Southwark. They hoped for good things from Cripplegate and they looked forward with joy to the time there would be ringing there each Sunday. They had a new ring of eight at St. Olave's, another eight at Bow Road and the ten at Greenwich. In the offing there was something being done at St. Clement's and Bow.

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College Youths Dinner—Cont.

Mr. T. H. Francis, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, acknowledged the toast. He referred to the way ringing societies were at loggerheads 200 years ago and the happy relationship that now existed. As Mr. Anderson said, ringing was a true democracy, and the Ancient Society followed that example by encouraging everyone to attend their practices.

'A BRIGHT JEWEL'

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. A. York-Bramble, who said if the founder of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. John Sparkes Goldsmith, was alive to-day he would not be disappointed in the journal. He thought they could regard 'The Ringing World' as a bright jewel in the crown of journalism. In this respect they should remember not only the Editor but the contributors of articles, letters and reports. They could not please everyone and at times one heard harsh criticism from beginners, who said the pages of 'The Ringing World' were devoted to peal reports. The answer was to make themselves proficient. He thought the consistent publication of peal reports was very stimulating, for it was by the peals that the standard of ringing was maintained.

Mr. York-Bramble also thanked those generous donors who had saved the paper from bankruptcy. He asked each of those present to go home and get a new subscriber for 'The Ringing World,' the official journal of the Exercise.

The Editor acknowledged the toast.

'THE FRAGRANT MEMORY'

The toast of 'The Fragrant Memory of Masters of 100, 200 and 300 Years Ago' was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes from notes supplied by Mr. E. A. Young, who found it difficult to be present as he was now over 90 years of age. These were George Coney, 1655; William Veck, 1755; and William Lobb, 1855.

George Coney joined the Society in 1652, during the Mastership of Robert Roan, distinguished as being one of the earliest of their composers. Coney rapidly passed to the chair and was so successful that he was re-elected two years later.

William Veck joined the Society in 1739 during the Mastership of Francis Tudman, a very old member, who had to wait some 30 years before he was elected to the chair. Veck, in the year of his joining the Society, rang a peal of Bob Major at Fulham, when he rang the fifth with Annable. It was conducted by Stephen Picard.

William Lobb joined the Society in the late 1840's, when probably in middle age, for he was one of the early members of the St. James' Society (of which he was Master in 1838). He rang peals with men who had rung with some of their members now living.

THE COMPANY

The Master (Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts) was supported on the top table by the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown (Provost of Southwark), the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. A. B. Peck, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, R. S. Anderson, J. G. Haywood, J. S. Mason, F. E. Haynes, J. H. Jones, H. Miles, A. York-Bramble, P. Chalk, J. H. Fielden, W. T. Cook, C. M. Johnson, B. Threlfall, E. G. Fenn.

Others present were: Messrs. R. Begrie, E. Langley, J. Hawkins, H. Newman, L. Barry, T. Newman, W. Grice, W. Manser, C. Norris, R. Norris, S. Foskett, T. Boreham, C. Martin, H. Bishop, T. Townsend, W. Cook, F. Budgen, L. Tidey, J. Weller, E. Cook.

Messrs. H. Belcher, J. Phillips, M. Horseman, L. Derrick, V. Roberts, R. Bowden, F. Edwards, W. Williams, D. Clift, F. Skidmore, V. Savage, T. Setter, E. J. Taylor, J. T. Dyke, H. Fearn, R. Deal, D. Yeo, T. Look, R. Gard.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Revival of Annual Dinner

AFTER a lapse of many years the annual dinner of the London Counties Association was reinstated on October 22nd. The spirit of the functions of years ago was fully retained by a policy of short but adequate speeches and a first-class entertainment. The completely successful evening was presided over by the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, with Mr. H. W. Rogers as toastmaster. The Church was represented by the Revs. D. A. Vile (Vicar of St. George's, Camberwell) and E. H. Grimston (Vicar of All Saints, Isleworth). Mr. E. A. Barnett, accompanied by Mrs. Barnett and Miss Barnett, represented the Central Council and Mr. T. J. Lock the Middlesex Association.

The loyal toast was proposed from the chair.

MR. E. A. YOUNG'S PRESENTATION

One of the most regrettable apologies for absence was from the Association's old and highly respected friend, Mr. E. A. Young, now in his 91st year and not quite well enough to venture out for the evening. Mr. Young was, however, represented by his 'young' friend Mr. 'Ike' Emery. On behalf of Mr. Young, Mr. Emery presented to the Association the original certificate, appropriately framed. This certificate was drawn and lettered by Mr. Young some 45 years ago, and a reproduction and full description of it appears in the Association's History and Rule Book: a large size reproduction is also issued to each new member. One of the main features of the certificate is a view over London, and to obtain accurate details of this Mr. Young ascended to the top of Tower Bridge.

The Master replied to the presentation with a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Young for his kind action.

Other apologies were from Mr. C. Watts, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. T. H. Francis, Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths; Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Winnipeg; Dr. Kate Branson, Edinburg.

'The Church' was proposed by Mr. J. H. Lott, and the Rev. D. A. Vile replied with a very sincere speech, not unmixd with humour. The Rev. E. H. Grimston also responded with warm appreciation.

COLLEGE YOUTHS — Cont.

ner, G. Salmon, G. Briggs, G. Bryant, L. Morris, F. Hansford, A. M. Tyler, H. Sanger, W. Osborn.

Messrs. R. Wilson, the Rev. L. Brewster, H. Pitstow, G. N. Price, V. Cherrill, H. Hodgetts, I. Emery, D. Hughes, W. Rawlings, W. Hughes, J. Hurrell, A. Richards, G. Hurrell, J. Cannell, F. Hurrell, J. Lott, C. Ottley, F. Mead, F. Blewer, J. Bullock, F. Howson, C. Wood, R. Howson, H. Edwards, J. Ward.

Messrs. T. Francis, E. A. Barnett, F. Wilkins, G. Massey, P. Walker, E. Moore, L. Reece, D. Burnett, A. C. Winn, K. Mackintosh, Jim Phillips, D. Parsons, R. Parsons, D. Fowles, P. Woodgyer, J. Sansom, M. Chilcott, B. Lunn, T. M. White, J. Chilcott.

Messrs. J. Whall, W. Elson, R. Wood, P. Shute, F. Shorter, A. Warboys, S. Smith, T. Lawrence, H. Thompson, E. Treagus, H. Weaver, H. Weedon, B. Brighty, J. Crampion, T. Fox, J. Waugh, J. Prior, L. Fox, G. Cecil.

Messrs. R. Stannard, A. Beard, G. Cottis, S. Holgate, C. Wardell, S. Holgate, R. Lathbury, F. Darby, P. Westwood, R. Davis, H. Milford, W. Oatway, D. Wheeler, S. O'Shaughnessy, S. Dearden, H. F. Myers, A. Mason, C. Sangwin, F. Collins, T. Myers.

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was submitted by Mr. A. D. Barker, who reminded the company, together with other pertinent remarks, that the foundations of the London County Association were laid by the joint efforts of members of the College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. T. J. Lock replied, both speakers leaving the assembled company in no doubt of the warm regard of fellow societies.

'The London County Association' was then proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, and this was answered very suitably by the Master.

THE ENTERTAINMENT

A very adequate programme of entertainment was arranged by the committee. A male voice choir, under the direction of Mr. Glyn Harry, gave an excellent performance of some well-chosen classical and popular pieces. A course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mrs. E. A. Barnett, and Messrs. W. G. Wilson, E. A. Barnett and T. J. Lock. An extensive selection of tunes on handbells was given by Mrs. C. M. Meyer, Miss V. Dupre, Miss J. Mead, Mr. C. M. Meyer, Mr. J. H. Lott and Mr. F. P. Mead. The scoring of the numbers, in which no fewer than 37 bells were used, was by Mr. C. M. Meyer, and the performance was a masterpiece of precision.

Mention must also be made of a performance on handbells by the versatile father and son, Messrs. J. and L. W. Bullock, who gave a very spirited rendering of popular tunes.

Thanks are due to the committee, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Lott, C. M. Meyer and F. P. Mead, who organised the whole function. In conclusion, the assembly were urged to note two important dates in 1956—the first Saturday in January for ringing, business and nomination meeting at St. George's and St. Giles', Camberwell; and the first Saturday in February for the Annual General Meeting at Southwark Cathedral.

THE COMPANY

In addition to those mentioned the company included Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Merrett, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Archer, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Neil, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Udall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ottley, Mrs. Udall, sen.; Messrs. L. W. Bullock, J. Bullock, J. Barrance, J. McPhail, J. Hales, A. D. Barker, F. Ranson, N. England, G. Harvey, N. G. Hollingworth, W. T. Elson, F. R. Blewer, Iveson, I. Emery, C. H. Wood, J. H. Lott, C. Fairman, W. Holmes, E. Stammers; Mrs. Udall (sen.); the Misses B. Nolder, E. Palmer, D. Luke, F. Brown, V. Willard, J. Creak, P. Howell, M. Hawksley, V. Howson, J. Mead, E. Gordon, V. E. Dupre, J. M. Weddell.

Stanwick Has a New Peal Board

Ringers from 11 towers came to Stanwick Church, Northants, on November 5th for the dedication of a peal board recording three peals—two firsts by Frank W. Nutt in 1932, and Edward A. Knight in 1946 and 1947. The Rector, the Rev. D. A. W. Brown, took the Guild service, and the collection, amounting to £12s., went to Stanwick Bell Fund.

Tea was afterwards served in St. Laurence's School. The Branch president thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and the ladies for a nice tea.

Stanwick ringers are hoping to have a new treble to make a ring of six. E. A. K.

LETTERS

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that the composition of 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major, published in 'The Ringing World' on November 11th, 1955, is not original. I understand it should be ascribed to Mr. Nolan Golden, to whom I tender my apologies. The composition, which first appeared in 'The Ringing World' of December 15th, 1950, was rung at Terrington St. Clement on September 2nd, 1950.—Yours faithfully,

D. KNOX.

Dunstable, Beds.

ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The claim is put forward from some quarters that the first 5,040 in the above method was rung in Bedfordshire just prior to the last war. My own peal book contains the following:—

Meriden, Warwickshire. The Warwickshire Guild. On Tuesday, June 5th, 1928. In two hours and thirty-nine minutes. At the Church of St. Lawrence. A peal of St. Simon's Doubles, 5,040 changes. Forty-two extents. Tenor 7 cwt. Alfred E. Bacon treble. Joseph E. Sykes 2, Charles G. Bates 3, William A. Stote 4, James H. Raper tenor. Conducted by James H. Raper.

Although it must have been the first in the method by all the band and for the Guild, no claim of any sort was made. But it must have preceded the Bedfordshire peal by eleven years.

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon.

GRUNDISBURGH

Dear Sir,—With regard to two points in your issue of November 11th:—

(a) Mr. Felstead writes of Grundisburgh as an eight-bell tower from 1891 to 1904, but unless my memory plays me false it was a six-bell tower at least until 1896.

(b) It may interest Mr. Amos to know that 'Mike' as a contraction of 'Michael' was familiar to a previous generation in Dorset. 'Michaelmas' was called 'Mikemas'.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

SAINTS

Dear Sir,—Re your inquiry about St. Simon. Of the apostles, St. Simon and St. Jude have no individual dedications, but are nine times commemorated together in English churches. We have an example here in Leicestershire at Earl Shilton, whose grand ring of eight is one of the best kept belfries in this Diocese.

I do not think Mr. Percy Amos need be unduly perturbed by the name St. Columba. St. Columba of Iona was baptised as Colum, at Douglas, to which later was added 'cille' (of the church) and his name is spelt variously as Colum, Colm, Columkill and Coluncille.

Of St. Miles. This probably refers to Miles Gerard (called Blessed and a Martyr), who was born at Wigan and became a schoolmaster; afterwards studied for the priesthood at Reims and was ordained in 1583. He was martyred for his priesthood at Rochester, 1590. Beatified in 1929.—Yours truly,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ROYAL IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I thank Messrs. J. C. Nash and W. Williams for their letters correcting the footnote which I was responsible for adding to the peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and I apologise to Mr. Williams and his band for the accidental oversight.—Yours faithfully,

F. HECTOR BENNETT.

Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District and Combined Practices

A fine, warm day favoured the meeting of the Ashford District at Willesborough on Nov. 12th. All the local arrangements had been made by Mr. R. J. Carlton, the tower secretary, and the bells were available from 2.30. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. E. Bowman). At the organ was Mr. W. P. Garner, and the lesson was read by another ringer, Mr. R. J. Carlton. The Rector has a soft spot in his heart for ringers, and the theme of his address of welcome was 'Faithfulness,' which he applied to ringers in general, and to his own in particular. The collection was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

An excellent tea, attended by about 45 members and friends, was provided at the old schools by the Willesborough ringers and their friends, with Mrs. Smith, the mother of one of the ringers, at the head of the catering.

The Rector presided at the business meeting when one new member was elected, and the election of a non-resident life member was confirmed.

The District Secretary referred to the popularity of the combined practice meetings which have started a second season in the Western area under Mr. S. G. Waters, and reports were given by the members who were organising similar meetings in the other three sub-district areas—Mr. R. J. Carlton the Mid-area, Mr. H. Birch the Eastern coastal area and Miss M. Vantom the Lydd area. These reports indicated that, although some bands felt they had nothing to gain from such meetings, on the whole the scheme was well received, and that very shortly combined practice meetings would be covering the whole district. The business meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. T. Cullingworth, the Ringing Master, to all who had contributed to the arrangements at Willesborough.

W. P. G.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On November 12th the Eastern District held a meeting at Cheshunt. By a coincidence proceedings started with ringing for a wedding. A short service was held at 4.30 p.m.

Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which Mr. A. J. House was elected to the chair. Mr. R. Durrant (Cheshunt) was elected a probationer member and 12 new ringing members were elected from Great Horstead.

The next District meeting, at Sawbridge-worth, on December 10th, will be a joint meeting with the Essex Association. The District annual general meeting will be at Hertford on January 11th.

It was disappointing to find so few ringers present, but it is hoped that members will make an extra-special effort in future.

C. E. H.

FATHER OF THE IRON TRADE

Dear Sir,—Apropos the article on 'Rotherham Church Bells,' by Norman Chaddock, I venture to point out that the 'Father of the Iron Trade' was surely Wilkinson, of Coalbrookdale, Salop.

Wilkinson and Darby, of the 'Dale,' built both the first iron ship and the first iron bridge, which can still be seen at Coalbrookdale.

There was a foundry at the 'Dale' a hundred years before the birth of Samuel Walker.—Sincerely yours,

E. J. ROWE.

London, N.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The 500th anniversary of the dedication of All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, was commemorated only a few days previously, so it was appropriate for the autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch to take place there on November 5th. It also provided a send-off to a happy couple who were leaving the church following their wedding.

The eight bells were rung until 4 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Pratt) conducted the Guild service and gave an interesting address.

Tea was served in the hall by ladies of the church, and the business meeting which followed was under the chairmanship of the Rector, who kindly deputised for Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Branch chairman, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

The chairman expressed his regret at Canon Markby's absence and also mentioned that Wyke Regis ringers were sorry to lose the services of Mr. Frank Stevens, who had recently removed to Devizes.

Mr. Pratt spoke feelingly on the loss the Branch had sustained by the death of one of its associate members, Mrs. Hill, wife of Mr. Eric Hill, and mother of Mrs. Doreen Symonds, both ringers at Wyke Regis.

New members admitted were Mr. F. C. Morris, of Charminster, and Mr. A. J. Boyd, a scholar of Milton Abbey School, whose home is at Cuffley, Herts.

Branch practices were arranged for November 19th, at Upwey; December 3rd, St. Peter's, Dorchester; December 17th, Charminster; January 7th, Wyke Regis; and the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 21st.

Mrs. Godley proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and all his helpers for the grand welcome they had given to the ringers and for the magnificent tea provided.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. under the direction of Mr. F. Precey, Ringing Master, and his deputies, Messrs. F. Stedman and H. Ford, methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. J. H. H.

CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS

On the feast of All Saints, November 1st, a service of thanksgiving was held for the restoration of the Parish Church of Cubitt Town. The church was brilliantly lighted, throwing its restored beauty into excellent relief and revealing several new features of the building. From the design of Mr. Alan Lindsay the sanctuary has been redecorated.

The stained glass east windows, which were completely shattered when the building was damaged by enemy action in 1941, have been replaced by prints, depicting the customary Biblical scenes in a most original manner. A great deal of the credit for this beautiful building must go to the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Peter Priest, who has never ceased in his efforts for restoration. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Stepney, the Right Rev. Joost de Blank, to a packed church.

Christ Church, Cubitt Town, is of particular interest to ringers, since it was there that the first peal by an all-ladies' band was rung. The splendid board which commemorates this unique part of ringing history, and which was donated by the ringers of Great Britain, is preserved in excellent condition in the belfry.

Before the service, members of the Northern District of the London County Association rang 1,260 Stedman Triples. Although the bells have naturally suffered owing to lack of use, it is hoped that they will soon be rung regularly, both for service and practice.

Band: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, L. Battley 4, J. Hales 5, J. Barrance 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, J. McPhail 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

170 Attend Annual Dinner

FORTUNATE in being able to obtain the use of the beautiful Guildhall, Worcester, the accommodation of which is hardly likely ever to be fully extended, the 18th Annual Dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held on October 23rd, attracted a large gathering of 170 members and friends. Visitors came from Reading, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Claverley, Southampton, Bromyard and Coalville.

Presiding, in his usual inimitable and genial manner was the President and Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, and he was supported by Mrs. Beck, the Right Rev. Bishop C. E. Stuart, the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. A. Webb (Cleeve Prior), Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright. Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. Holm, Mr. R. G. Morris and Mr. H. Shuck.

After the loyal toast the chairman said he wished to deviate from the official toast list. Ringers, he said, gave voluntary help and maintained a time-honoured tradition in the life of the Church. 'We have not got to take the ringers for granted and I do appreciate your services. You do literally occupy the highest places of our churches.' Bell ringing required a high degree of skill, obedience and close co-operation with one another. That was the secret of rhythm and harmony, without which the bells of world peace could not be rung. With that, he wished to propose a toast—that to their general secretary.

Mr. J. D. Johnson briefly replied.

In proposing 'Church and State,' Mr. J. Hall said a feature of this country was the stability and close cohesion between Church and State. He had been reading Dr. Jessop's 'History of the Church,' and drew comparisons between the conditions of the 12th century and the present day.

The Rev. A. Webb, Vicar of Cleeve Prior, in reply, said it was preferable that Church and State should be the subjects of a joint toast rather than too much undeserved criticism and 'harpooning.' Their service to the Church as ringers was also a service to the State, and he appealed for more young ringers to come forward and take up the art—the more Christians in the Church, the better for the State. He told the company his own contribution to ringing was two peals, one quarter peal, two broken stays, one rope and one clapper.

RANKED AMONG THE BEST

The toast of 'The Worcestershire Association' was entrusted to the Master, Mr. C. Skidmore. They had not, he said, a history of 200 or 300 years, but the Association had always been well served by its officers, and in personnel and ability it ranked among the best in the country. He appealed to the young ringers to take an active interest in the business of the Association and stressed the desirability of more local bands ringing peals on their own. But, while they were important, the ringing of peals was not their first aim—the main reason for bells in the belfries was to ring on Sundays 'to the glory of God' and to warn people of the approaching hour of worship. As long as the belfries are manned for services, peals are a secondary consideration, and the Association would continue to thrive.

In reply, Mr. D. Beacham said that although resident just outside the county boundary, he was very proud of his membership. Much of the strength of the Association lay in the efficiency of its officers, but they could get no-

where without the co-operation of the members. It was gratifying to see so many young people present that evening—a sign of enthusiasm—but there should be no complacency. The time would come for the older members to hand on the torch and they should be continually on the lookout for new blood, acting as missionaries and bringing others into the fold. Following the chairman's tribute to the 'belles of the belfry,' he said, 'Women are showing the men that they do not have the monopoly and are proving that they can pull their weight.'

The toast of 'Kindred Associations and Visitors' was submitted by Mrs. E. D. Wilson. She gave a special welcome to Mrs. Beck, wife of the president, who was present for the first time, and hoped the Dean would explain to her the ringing terms used that evening. In welcoming visitors they were only returning a compliment, for wherever she and her husband travelled about the country they made a habit of looking in at the local tower for Sunday service or practice ringing, and were met with every courtesy and kindness. The great interest of herself and husband was with young people and the encouragement of these to 'this magic circle of ringers.'

THE CORDIALITY OF WORCESTERSHIRE

Replying, Mr. A. Diserens, of Reading, said that it was his first attendance at that dinner, but it would not be his last. There was an atmosphere of cordiality in Worcestershire which would be found nowhere else. As the father of a band of ringers, he felt he could speak with experience of youth, and he was very pleased with the way youth was being wel-

comed and the amount done for National Servicemen while stationed in the area. Youth called to youth, and with youngsters getting on, they themselves would bring along others. Peals were rung by a comparatively small handful, but he commended them to 'watch the quarter peals.' More quarter peals for services could lead to peals and create enthusiasm.

The toast list concluded with the health of the chairman, proposed by the Rev. L. J. Birch.

A full and varied musical programme completed an enjoyable evening. An innovation by the combined Leigh and Stonebridge handbell bands, playing tunes in unison on two rings of 12, came over with great effect in the large hall; songs by Miss Patricia Lewis and Mr. Geoffrey Hemming were well received and appreciated; and variety provided by the Beoley male-voice quartette. There was a monologue by Miss E. Clarke, a course of Stedman Triples by Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Miss V. Barnes and Mr. J. D. Johnson, and, to add the final spice, the inimitable Percy Sanger kept the company in roars of laughter for considerable periods with his country yokel anecdotes. As M.C., Mr. D. H. Watson competently kept the programme in hand, and Miss E. Clarke was accompanist.

THE LADIES' GUILD Sussex Division

On November 12th a meeting of the Sussex Division was held at St. Mary's, Hailsham, a lovely old church at which the traditional curfew is still rung at eight o'clock each evening.

During the early months of the year a ringing platform was installed, which is a great improvement; the bells are heard more easily and there is not nearly as much rope to look after. An organ has been built, and to enter the belfry one must walk through part of the organ, up the spiral staircase and a few straight but very narrow steps. Most people have to go up sideways!! In the centre of the belfry is the organ blower, which serves as a table on which a very kind member of the local band had placed a vase of autumn foliage. This, unfortunately, was moved to the top of the cupboard, by request, to enable the shorter ringers to see across the belfry.

During the afternoon and evening at least 35 ringers attended, including 15 ladies, the best attendance so far. The only all-ladies' ringing was a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand,' rung during tea break.

After tea a short business meeting was held at which six new members were elected.

The next meeting, the annual, will be at Southover, Lewes (10), on January 14th.

K. M. Y.

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GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mansfield 1. C. Rigby 2. C. Massingham 3. N. Cox 4. G. Shellard 5. A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1. T. H. Taffender 2. Mrs. S. Bullock 3. F. Ranson 4. N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5. D. Wright 6. L. W. Bullock 7. J. Hales 8.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela R. Gough (first quarter) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mephram 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung for the patronal festival and for Remembrance Sunday.

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Benfield 1, P. F. Coombes 2, L. G. Pittaway 3, W. Lewis 4, H. J. Prately (cond.) 5, G. Longshaw 6. First quarter for 2 and 3. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. O. Shirley (a local ringer) and Mrs. Shirley.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Davies (first quarter) 1, S. J. Ivin 2, P. J. Shipton (cond.) 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, J. R. Taylor 5, D. Thompson (78) 6. Rung on the back six by the St. Paul's, Bedford, Company.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Hart 1, H. Stalham 2, W. J. Webb 3, S. G. Ridge 4, C. Riddlestone 5, J. W. Reynolds 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, R. W. Knight 8. Rung half-muffled by representatives of the three Brighton towers in memory of Charles J. Cooper, tower secretary and steeple-keeper since the installation of the bells in 1927.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 31st, at 56, Foston Avenue (on handbells), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Foster 1-2, D. T. Gardiner 3-4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5-6, E. M. Key 7-8.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, W. Fern 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, P. Smith 4, L. Busby 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the memorial bells in memory of the Fallen.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. H. Poole (cond.) 1, Dr. L. E. Wear 2, Miss S. Eason (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. S. Hacking 4, K. E. Pinney 5, C. G. Cleal 6, W. S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8. Rung as a compliment to Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Wear on the birth of a son.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. F. Oatway 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, N. G. T. Steere (first on 10 bells) 3, N. Brown 4, E. W. Razzell 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, W. F. Oatway 7, P. G. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, R. Davies 10.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Johnston 1, H. Perry 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, R. Hartland 4, T. Locke 5, G. Hartland 6, J. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. Johnston 8. Rung to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lang from their honeymoon in Spain.

FIVEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Watkiss (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, Miss J. Burge 3, H. Burge 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Priddle (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss V. Burge (niece of the ringer of the 4th) to Mr. T. Paul.

GLOUCESTER.—On Nov. 8th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Faulkner (first of Triples) 1, Patricia Prowse 2, G. L. Hewitt 3, G. Green 4, P. Clarkson (first of Triples) 5, J. Whiting 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, R. G. Corby 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Romans on attaining the age of 87 years.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, Mrs. J. Tait 2, Mrs. A. Woodley 3, H. L. Bishop 4, M. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. Woodley 6, G. W. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8. Rung half-muffled as a humble and grateful token of Remembrance.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Cornell 1, G. Penney 2, Mrs. A. Coburn 3, G. Dodds 4, F. Jacklin 5, J. Ewer 6, M. Frost 7, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 2, 3, 6 and 7.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lester 1, C. Martin 2, W. Whetham 3, S. White (cond.) 4, A. Robinson 5, A. Best 6. First quarter for 3, 5 and 6.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Sutcliffe 1, F. Pritchard 2, R. Cryer 3, C. R. Milthorpe 4, J. Cheetham 5, J. Walmsley 6, D. Sanderson (first of Triples as cond.) 7, T. Ogden 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all except the conductor. Rung at Remembrance week-end.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 5th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Henry 1, P. Dunderdale 2, J. Cunliffe 3, T. Barber 4, S. Walmsley 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, H. Calderbank 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Hazel Ingham and James Brindle; the bride celebrating her coming of age this day.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. T. Howes (first 'inside') 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong on All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 6th, 720 changes each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, H. S. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Harris (first quarter) 1, G. Marriner 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, C. Smart 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. H. Smith 6, H. V. Young 7, W. G. Newberry 8. Rung on the occasion of the laying up of a new flag at the Parish Church earlier in the day.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. J. Gall 1, Miss M. Wallace 2, D. W. Barr 3, J. B. Dinage 4, P. G. Goldier 5, M. W. Failey (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung for morning service and also as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, and a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Newbold, a member of the local band.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. N. Price 1, G. Prescott 2, R. H. Brice 3, L. W. Pullin 4, H. W. Knight 5, J. W. Owen 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First in method for 1, 6 and 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Wing 1, Miss J. Gladman 2, J. Rushton 3, Mrs. E. Scott 4, J. Scott 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, R. Kendall 10. For Evensong.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—In the Ringing Room, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. L. Exton (first quarter 'in hand') 1-2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3-4, D. Simpson (first quarter 'in hand') 5-6. Rung in memoriam Mr. C. Glenn.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—For harvest festival evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Dymont 1, G. Wiggins 2, H. J. E. Curtis 3, F. Tuffley 4, R. W. Rex 5, P. R. Sanders 6, M. H. Maisey 7, F. E. Turner 8, H. P. Reed (cond.) 9, B. Curtis 10.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 31st, 720 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Werrett (first quarter) 1, H. Werrett (cond.) 3, P. Flack 4, R. Dixon 5, R. Day (first 'inside') 6, E. Buck 7, Miss I. Werrett covering bell.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, J. Forster 2, B. Barber 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, F. Gunton 5, E. Long 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Powell 1, W. H. Ashby 2, Mrs. G. F. Rooome 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, R. Finch 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Rooome (cond.) 7, J. Vears 8. First in method for 1 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Powell.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: F. Doran 1, W. Lee 2, G. P. Powdrill 3, M. Bailey (cond.) 4, J. S. Harrison 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Ling 1, P. Hurcombe (first as cond.) 2, C. Wixey 3, G. P. Green 4, R. G. Corby 5, J. Cobb 6. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wixey 1, J. Cobb (first of Minor) 2, M. Ling (first 'inside') 3, P. Hurcombe 4, G. P. Green 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,080 Doubles, comprising 360 Plain, 360 Winchendon Place and 360 St. Simon's: A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, J. Forster 3, F. Gunton 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Love, of Raveningham.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Bartlam 1, Miss M. E. Hill 2, J. Butler 3, M. Colton 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, A. S. Colton 6. By regular Sunday service band for dedication festival, and farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who leaves on National Service.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Barbara J. Stevens 1, A. H. Reed 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, R. P. Selway 4, C. J. Stevens 5, W. H. Poole (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells. Rung on All Saints' Day, and as a 21st wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on Oct. 7th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: Miss A. Garnett 1, J. Chilcott 2, B. Bladon 3, S. H. Dearden 4, James Phillips 5, J. Crampion 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, P. I. Chapman 8, R. F. Deal 9, C. Watts 10 John Phillips (cond.) 11, B. K. Lunn 12. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Chapman, married the previous day.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (11 callings): M. C. Smart 1, C. R. Harding 2, L. E. French 3, F. Skidmore 4, J. W. Smith (cond.) 5, E. Thomas 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. George Guy, who died October 27th, aged 84. Mr. Guy was a ringer at this church for nearly 70 years.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Irene Holland 1, Margaret Thompson 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Sylvia Atkins (first of Stedman) 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Wight 6, D. Stone 7, P. Maskrey 8. For harvest festival.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Midgley 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. W. Webb 6, W. H. Cooper 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. K. Matheson 1, M. Darby 2, D. Knights 3, L. Lightfoot 4, C. Gimbert (cond.) 5, S. Shipp 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Tarr 1, R. Beale 2, F. Chidgey 3, F. Matravers 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, S. Jarman 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl King (first quarter) 1, Barbara Warboys 2, T. Camp 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, C. Warboys 5, T. Swann (first quarter) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,280 Belgrave Surprise Major: K. R. Dunstan 1, S. H. Hoare 2, R. Rowley 3, W. Wenban 4, R. G. Bell 5, D. K. Adkins 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by all.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: K. Garner 1, Miss L. Farmer 2, M. Hooton 3, A. Butcher 4, M. Underwood 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. Neale, a much-respected parishioner of Wavendon.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Grant (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. Romain 4, W. Bevan 5, T. Daniels 6. First quarter for 2, 5 and 6. Rung for the collation of the Rev. P. Sexty as a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Evelyn D. Adams (first of Treble Bob) 1, Elsie F. Feltwell 2, Patricia M. Howard 3, J. A. Howard 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First Bob in the method by 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the dedication of St. Barnabas' Church, Pound Hill.

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.—On July 16th, 1,264 Doubles (one extent of Old, one of Norfolk, four of Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): J. Giddens 1, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 2, A. Melbourne (first quarter in Australia) 3, J. Duncan 4, R. Edge 5, H. L. Curll 6. Also on the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Burden 1, H. R. Burden 2, Mrs. Phyllis Knox (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Giddens 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5, H. Curll 6.

OBITUARY

CANON T. J. ROWLANDS

Canon Thomas John Rowlands, M.A., B.D., Rector of Llandudno, passed away, aged 70 years, on October 26th, after a short illness of three weeks. He was a vice-president of the North Wales Association, and always warmly welcomed the Association when they met in Llandudno. His buoyant and lively nature and general appearance of good health belied an inner exhaustion which had been sapping his vitality for some months and which finally took its toll of him.

On July 9th, 1955, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Holy Trinity tower to celebrate his 21st anniversary as Rector of the parish. They were 21 years of faithful and active ministry, and he was taken in the midst of his work, looking forward, among other things, to the completion of the Church of Our Saviour, and to the dedication of new gifts at Holy Trinity, St. George's and St. Andrew's Churches.

His passing will be keenly felt not only in Llandudno and the other parishes which he served, but also by many regular visitors who worshipped at Holy Trinity and at the open-air services at St. Tudno on the Great Orme, where he was always at his best and happiest. It is those, however, who knew and loved him as a parish priest, a personal friend, a spiritual guide and wise counsellor who will miss him most.

The funeral service took place at Holy Trinity, Llandudno, on Saturday, October 29th, and the bells were rung muffled as the long procession of choir, clergy and bearers left the church.

KENT RINGERS VISIT SURREY

A long day in Surrey was spent by Brenchley and Horsmonden ringers and friends on the occasion of their annual outing on October 22nd. Ringing took place at Banstead, Epsom, Ashted, Leatherhead, Dorking, Betchworth and Buckland. Ringing ranged from rounds to Superlative and Bob Royal. Handbells were rung in the coach but after the last tower even this ceased and many of the younger ringers fell asleep. The coach arrived at Horsmonden at 11.15 p.m. Thanks are accorded to all the towers that made the party so welcome.

MR. R. G. CORBY'S 100 PEALS

With a peal at Haresfield on October 29th Mr. R. Gordon Corby completed his first 100 peals. Details are appended.

Royal.—Little Bob, Plain Bob.

Caters.—Grandsire 3.

Surprise Major.—Aldenham, Berkshire, Cambridge 3, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative 2, Yorkshire 3.

Plain Major.—Bebington, Double Bob, Little Bob 2, Plain Bob 8 (cond. 1), St. Clements 2 (1), Cholmondeley, Daresbury, Farndon, Grosvenor, Handbridge, Hereward, Liscard, Malpas, Double Norwich 5 (1), Double Oxford, Little Oxford, Painswick, Poulton, Queen, Shrewsbury, St. Valentine, Westminster.

Treble Bob Major.—Little Abdon, Kent 2, Oxford.

Triples.—St. Clement's 2, College, Single Court, Grandsire 7, Reverse Grandsire, Hereward, Double Oxford, Single Oxford 3, Stedman 2.

Minor.—Seven methods 3, six methods 2, four methods 1, three methods 3 (2), two methods 2 (2), one method 6 (3).

Doubles.—Three methods 3 (2), one method 4.

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26435	Alnwick
54326	Newcastle
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PILTON CHURCH BELLS

We feel certain that the many ringers who have enjoyed their visits to Somerset would like to be associated with the efforts being made to raise £409 for the repair of Pilton bells. The bearings are badly worn, most particularly those of the fourth and fifth bells. Unless these bearings are renewed soon the bells will become unsafe to ring. Donations should be sent to the Vicar, the Rev. M. St. L. Hurst-Bannister, The Vicarage, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty J. Marsh 1, J. W. Rose (cond.) 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, A. J. Slade 4, F. Crudge 5, J. Hart 6, F. Stedman 6, G. Abbott 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 4. Rung after Evensong on the 500th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church.

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MARRIAGE

BLYTHE—THOMPSON. — On November 23rd, 1955, at St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, John William Blythe, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. M. Blythe, of 18, Barnaby Green, Southwold, and Margot Rose Thompson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Thompson, of 2, Stanley Cottages, Southwold. 7322

DEATH

PIKE.—On Nov. 5th, 1955, at Caerphilly, the beloved wife of Henry Pike, highly respected member of the Caerphilly band. Aged 81 years. R.I.P. 7331

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, Nov. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 7266

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting at Horsley (6), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m.—M. Bailey. 7298

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7245

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting in Guildford, Nov. 26th. Tea and meeting Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.), Guildford, 4 p.m. Bells available: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; S. Nicolas', Shalford and Stoke 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 7237

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington (on main Leominster Road), Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. 7311

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common, R.C., 3.45 to 5.15. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Business meeting (nominations) in vestry 5.30. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 7267

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Fulmer (6), Nov. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7283

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. 7299

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Long Melford (8), Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford.—R. J. Seabrook, Dis. Sec. 7302

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Nov. 26th. Bells 4-6 p.m., 7-8.30 p.m. Tea available. 7310

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing 6.30 p.m. Bar available 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.45; St. Maurice (6) 3.45-4.30, 5.15-6. Service at St. Lawrence's 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. each, now on sale from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7259

WOBURN, BEDS.—A set of handbells are to be dedicated at St. Mary's, Woburn, on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 5 p.m. Short Evensong and dedication at 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers invited to attend.—K. S. 7276

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. — T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7324

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7317

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wrington, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7337

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Wembdon, Dec. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. — R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 7342

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—First meeting ever at Felmersham (new 8, 21 cwt.), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5. Buses to church. Names to Tysoe, Bromham P.O. No names, no tea.—Shipton, Sec. 7316

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Honiton Clynst, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 28th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymptone. 7297

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Dryden, 2, Harewood Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 3. 7315

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Stretham, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7314

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Rededication, Kirby-le-Soken (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m., by the Rural Dean. Buffet tea 1s. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 29th, must be sent to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby. 7288

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge (8), Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Dec. 1st. — Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7333

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Ruardean, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to P.C. J. S. Hemming, The Police Station, Ruardean, Glos. —D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 7320

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Redcliffe (12), Dec. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Canteen, Redcliffe Hall, Guinea Street, 5 p.m. Meeting follows. St. Stephen's (10) after. Notify tea by Dec. 1st.—A. Bennett. 7338

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Rickmansworth (10), 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7344

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Handsworth, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Notify for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 7335

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting and party will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Give in nominations for Branch Secretary at the meeting. Whist drive and dance 7 p.m. Tickets from G. Mills, 8, Manchester Road, Heywood, price 4/6 inclusive, 2/6 tea only, 2/6 dance only. Orders for tea by Nov. 30th. 7312

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Names to Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 7332

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnley, Dec. 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7318

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION (Llandaff Branch) and SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD (Southern District) and LADIES' GUILD (South Wales District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Cadoxton, Neath. Bells (6) at Neath and Cadoxton available 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please note: Names for tea, by Nov. 26th, to Mr. G. I. Lewis, 33, Cadoxton Terrace, Cadoxton, Neath.—J. A. Hoare. 7269

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhill, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 7336

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, New Buckenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7301

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 26th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7295

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Dec. 3rd at 6.30.—B. C. Castle. 7328

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Dec. 3rd. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby, Warwickshire. 7326

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dec. 3rd, Durrington (6) from 2.30; Amesbury (8) in evening. Tea at Durrington for those who send in names, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7280

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 28th.—Barrett, 22, Proutridge, Beaminstor. 7287

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Seend (6), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7339

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rawmarsh, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Parkgate.—J. Seager, Sec. 7325

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 3.15-5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance, please.—P. N. Bond, E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Secs. 7282

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Wollaton, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. Giles, The Rectory, Russel Drive, Wollaton. — C. W. Towers, Dis. Sec. 7286

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting, Dec. 3rd, Halesworth (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Holston Road, Southwold. 7308

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7293

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7309

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Priory bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. Notify Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7329

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Lye (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 7330

HERTS (Eastern District) and ESSEX (N.W. District).—Joint meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Small Gains, West Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—T. J. S. and G. B., Dis. Secs. 7340

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. F. Bishop, 43, Edinburgh Drive, Kirton, near Boston. 7334

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Cross, Hollywell, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting in the School Room 4.30. Names, by Dec. 6th, to T. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 7319

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Names for tea to me by Dec. 3rd, please.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7321

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