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THE main impression of the Central Council meeting at Leicester was that it was a happy conference. True, there were differences of opinion; no big gathering of ringers would have complete unanimity; but the atmosphere was one of determination to advance the Exercise. Above all, there was a recognition that ringing was not merely a pastime or a healthy recreation that disciplines a man's or woman's physical and mental faculties, but when performed in conjunction with Sunday service ringing is an act of worship. For this we have the authority of the Bishop of Leicester. The ringing that precedes a service is not only a summons to worship but a part of the worship, he maintained. Ringers at times have differed on this point, but the endorsement of the Bishop on this matter is heartening and an encouragement to all to make Sunday service ringing something very different from a practice or a peal attempt—an offering to the Highest given with all our best skill. And this worship is not in the method but the perfection of the performance.

This thought seemed to dovetail into the afternoon's debate arising from Miss Marie R. Cross' notice of motion dealing with the reprinting of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners.' Miss Cross carried the Council in her desire that not only should there be a complete revision, but a section should be incorporated of special use to beginners. Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson has been appointed to the sub-committee entrusted with the revision. He prepared a little booklet for his own beginners and it proved so popular that in two or three years he has disposed of between 2,000 and 3,000 copies. Although the demand was good he lost money on it, and is not prepared to face the costs of a new personal publication. At the present time the Central Council has only one booklet for beginners—'Village Bells'—a popular production which was commended by speakers with teaching experience. The idea is not to compete with the standard text books in the Jasper Snowdon series, or 'The Ringers' Handbook,' by the late Rev. E. S. Powell, but something inexpensive to whet the beginner's appetite. One of the pleasing features for the future of ringing is the increased interest on the part of H.M. Inspector of Education in ringing, both on handbells and on tower bells, as an evening institute activity. Experiments are being conducted in Yorkshire and other parts of the country. Simple text books, both for change ringing and tune ringing, are required; and while the latter is perhaps outside the purview of the Central Council, we know

of many bands of change ringers who are first-class exponents. Literature on the subject is badly needed.

There are, however, other publications in the offing which might be confidently expected in the next 12 months. The Central Council librarian is anxious for a new edition of 'Minor Methods' and a new edition of 'Triples Methods,' and the Methods Committee are enthusiastic about 'delivering the goods.' There is plenty of new material to be incorporated, including Spliced Minor and various Triples methods at present unnamed and probably never attempted. The final manuscript of the Council's handbook is now ready for the printers. This is an urgent necessity. It is a deplorable fact that in view of the intricacy of our art there is no printed copy of the Council's Rules and Decisions available, and the appropriate back number of 'The Ringing World' is the only guide. Fortunately the Council is in a position to face the initial cost of publications. On December 31st the Council had £1,600 in investments and also a substantial cash balance which more than covered existing liabilities. Since then the Council has received a bequest of £815 from the will of the late Mr. Clement Glenn.

The Council's most difficult child is 'The Ringing World.' With the increase of price to 6d., and by exercising stringent economies, 'The Ringing World' profit and loss account showed a credit on the right side of £1,049, which included £217 in donations. Within the last six weeks the position has changed completely with the new award of wages in the printing industry, and other factors that have to be met. To ensure the solvency of the paper additional revenue has to be found. This is being met by a slight increase in charges for notices and advertisements, and the hope that those who ring peals and quarter peals will make a voluntary donation when submitting their reports. The committee are strongly against an increase in price. We want a circulation fillip, and this will not be forthcoming if the selling price goes beyond sixpence. The position of 'The Ringing World' will be elaborated in a later editorial.

Another important step taken at Leicester was the paving of the way for a new president. A nomination in favour of Mr. Frederick Sharpe for this office will be presented to the 1957 Council meeting at Chelmsford. A new office is also to be introduced, that of vice-president, and the name of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is to be submitted. This does not preclude other nominations being submitted for these offices, but the names mentioned have the support of the Standing Committee.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

JOHN E. ALLEN Treble	H. LESLIE PASK 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 8
JACK BRAY 3	HERBERT LOWMAN 9
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 4	JOHN WALDEN 10
ARCHER T. LOWMAN 5	JOHN FREEMAN 11
DONOVAN R. WHITE 6	RAYMOND F. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung to celebrate Mr. John Walder's 50 years' membership of the Guild.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 14, 1956, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Being 2,160 of Belgrave and 2,880 of Yorkshire, with 30 changes of method.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*DOREEN DUTTON Treble	*JOHN A. ACRES 7
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 2	S. ANTHONY JESSON 8
MRS. P. J. STANFORTH .. 3	*ERNEST MORRIS 9
*PHILIP A. CORBY 4	†TERENCE A. THORNER .. 10
†PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
†SHIRLEY BURTON 6	†WILLIAM J. ROOT Tenor

Composed by H. J. POOLE.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First of Spliced Maximus. † 500th peal. ‡ First of Spliced Maximus in two methods.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FREDERICK W. STONE .. Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER .. 6
JACK BAILEY 2	ALFRED MOULD 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 8
*GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 4	*BENJAMIN BARKER 9
†DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 5	GORDON A. HALLS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † 200th peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Gillian, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Whitaker, of Derby.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Containing 1,960 changes of Plain and 3,056 of Little Bob, with 172 changes of method.

Tenor 20 cwt 38 lb in E flat.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE .. Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING .. 6
*E. CHARLES GOODMAN .. 2	GEORGE SAYER 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 8
*ERNEST WHITING 4	BERT GOGLE 9
*CLIFFORD BIRD 5	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Royal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*JILL TOMBS Treble	*JOHN SLATER 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	ALLEN MORGAN 7
REGINALD WOODYATT .. 3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 8
DENIS R. MORRIS 4	JOHN N. LINDON 9
JOHN F. BUTLER 5	FREDERICK C. PUGH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. WOODYATT.

* First peal on ten bells.

An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Thomas.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 41½ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. SMITH 6
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 7
ROGER LEIGH 3	*NEIL D. LOMAS 8
*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 4	*IVOR R. NICHOLLS 9
†BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE .. 5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First of Royal. The conductor's 100th peal. Mr. Ivor Nicholls has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	JOHN WORTH 6
*HAROLD LONYON 2	ALAN J. BROWN 7
BASIL JONES 3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	PETER LAFLIN 9
JAMES FERNLEY 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Rung in memoriam George Holbrook, a ringer at the above church for many years.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Roker,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*E. ALAN RAWLINSON .. Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 6
*ROBIN G. LEALE 2	*A. NEVILLE BROWN .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	*BRIAN HARRIS 8
DENIS A. BAYLES 4	ERIC N. HARRISON 9
*†KENNETH LAWSON 5	J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † 25th peal. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D. flat.

LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	W. NORMAN PARK 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
PHILIP A. CORBY 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 9
THOMAS E. SONE 5	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,440 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 1,408 Bristol, and 768 London, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	*DAVID BEACHAM 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

Rung in the Octave of Ascension Day.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*PHILIP N. TUBBS .. Treble	WILLIAM T. GODFREY .. 5
HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. 2	MICHAEL J. BEST 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 4	RONALD N. MARLOW Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REV. P. T. ROBBINS.. .. Treble	G. ARTHUR BELL 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	A. EDWARD REEVES 6
REV. F. F. RIGBY 3	FRANK REYNOLDS 7
REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH .. 4	DAVID VINCENT Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.
JOHN HALL Treble	C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 5
FRANK LORD 2	JACK BRAY 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	HARRY HALL 7
RONALD CHAFER.. .. 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5056 BILLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in A.

BERNARD H. DALTON.. .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER.. .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES.. .. 6
DENIS A. FRITH 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
GWEN I. RUSBY 4	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in this method.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

STANLEY G. PONTING.. .. Treble	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS.. .. 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON .. 6
HILDA OAKSHETT 3	ALLISON PURDOM 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 4	ERNEST J. LADD.. .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 5
PHILIP A. CORBY 2	JOHN M. JELLEY.. .. 6
A. PATRICK CANNON 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 7
FREDERICK E. DUKES 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

300th peal as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*PETER HURCOMBE Treble	DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 5
*PETER CLARKSON 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS 6
THOMAS NEWMAN 3	THOMAS BOREHAM 7
G. LEONARD HEWITT 4	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

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

* First peal of Major.

BILLINGBOROUGH SURPRISE

-58-14-12-38-34-58-16-18.

Second place lead-end. Fourths place bob.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) .. Treble	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath.'s) 5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) 6
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.'s) 3	G. C. GALLEY (Queens') .. 7
J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 4	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Non-conducted.

First non-conducted tower-bell peal by the Guild.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. P. K. Williamson and Miss Gillian A. Smith.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS .. Treble	ALLEN W. CANSDALE.. .. 5
ROSEMARY SEABROOKE .. 2	RALPH BIRD 6
ROBERT LESTER 3	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 4	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Composed by RICHARD B. SPEED. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

This composition contains the minimum 8-2s.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE Treble	GEORGE E. PRESCOTT.. .. 5
JAMES E. LOOKER 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
HENRY G. KEELEY 3	HARRY J. GAYLARD 7
GORDON GAYLARD 4	ALBERT W. DYRE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.

A birthday compliment to Gordon Gaylard.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*LEWIS F. COBB Treble	†MICHAEL J. BEST 5
NELIA M. LEAHY 2	†CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 3	†MAURICE J. BUTLER.. .. 7
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Warwickshire. Mr. Michael Best's 100th peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JENNIFER M. HIGLEY .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 5
PETER F. BORER 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal.

Arranged and rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower.



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WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5120 WEM IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING.. .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST.. .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	HARRY HOWARD 7
F. HECTOR BENNETT 4	PERCY SWINDLEY.. .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in the method, C.C.C. Major methods No. 370 and composition No. 2 group D.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, and Robert Griffiths, son of the conductor.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*RONALD C. BURNS.. .. Treble	EDWARD C. BARTON 5
RALPH BIRD 2	IAN H. ORAM 6
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	†GEORGE KENWARD 7
†ALBERT J. DUNK 4	CYRIL S. JARRETT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER (C.C.C. 33). Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HANBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., April 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. TURNER .. Treble	*NIGEL BRIDGES 4
LOTTIE R. PIMM 2	*PETER R. COVENEY 5
HARRY P. FLOYD 3	*ALBERT W. FRANKLIN .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY P. FLOYD.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

EWHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND MARK,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas',
Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3
CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 2	STANLEY G. PONTING.. .. 4

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. COLE Treble	JOHN H. GOULD 4
ARTHUR G. BUTTON 2	ROY DUESBURY 5
FELIX H. ERITH 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

SAXILBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford,
and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID CROSBY Treble	*JOHN M. BLAIKIE 4
*HARRY DOVE 2	*H. WALTER COX 5
*JOHN B. NICHOLSON .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal. Rung at first attempt.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
GEORGE A. WALKER.. .. 2	ARTHUR YARROW 5
*JOYCE P. LANT 3	STANLEY SHIPP Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal.

The ringers of the second and tenor have now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 14, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 12 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Lightfoot and Wearmouth,
(3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Cambridge and Primrose,
(6) Netherseale, (7) Norwich.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER.. 4
WALTER AYRE 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 5
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in 12 methods.

Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of St. Benedict's Church, Bennett's End, the Daughter Church of St. Mary's, by Sir Malcolm Trustram Eve, Bt., First Church Estates Commissioner, on Saturday, May 12th.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two
720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's each of Plain Bob.

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

GEORGE FRANCIS Treble	*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS .. 4
LEONARD STILWELL 2	A. PATRICK CANNON .. 5
*JOAN N. PHILLIPS 3	W. LESLIE WELLER Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten different callings).

Tenor 7 cwt.

*RONALD A. BERRY Treble	†ROY HORNBY 4
*FREDERICK K. COOKE .. 2	†BENJAMIN G. BURTON .. 5
†ALFRED LIVINGES 3	*CHARLES A. PAWSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN G. BURTON.

* First peal. † First peal for Hertford County Association. First peal ever rung in this tower.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the fourth who is leaving for service in Germany.

DEEPIING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Norfolk, Primrose,
Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in D.

CHARLES BLACK Treble	*THOMAS COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY.. .. 2	ALBERT SCOTT 5
CECIL WADE 3	LEONARD BLANCHARD .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WADE.

* 60th peal.

HIGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and
Grandsire, and one Morris' 240.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*RUTH HIGHLEY Treble	JOHN L. MORRIS 4
†MARY R. ANDREWS 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
†IAN H. ORAM 3	*RONALD C. BURNS Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal. † First peal in four Doubles methods.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*R: ANTHONY TRICKETT .. Treble	EDWARD J. BOFFEY 4
GEORGE A. PACKER 2	*JOHN E. BROUGH 5
†HERBERT SUTTON 3	*JOHN R. JOYNER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside' in the method.
E. J. Boffey (fourth) has now 'completed the circle' of the tower.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and 2,160 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY W. MILLS Treble	MRS. LESLIE MILLS 4
MARIAN H. MILLS 2	LESLIE D. MILLS 5
MICHAEL A. MILLS 3	DONALD L. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pipe, who were married at Bedfield, Suffolk, on May 12th. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Hynard, of Bures.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and one 240 Grandsire (Morris's Arrangement).

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

PERCY AMOS Treble	*ALAN J. FROST 3
*GEORGE F. ROOME 2	DAVID W. JAMES 4
ALAN C. COZENS Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the 60th anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

CAISTOR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD THOMPSON .. Treble	PETER MASON 4
AMOS INGALL 2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 3	LOUIS WILLDEERS Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDEERS.

* First peal of Plain Bob. First peal on the bells.

OCKHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Stedman, 20 extents of Plain Bob and 12 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*GEORGE TALBOT .. Treble	†E. JOHN WELLS 3
*EUNICE A. HILEY 2	*EILEEN M. TURNER 4
*ROY COLLINS Tenor	

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal in three doubles methods. † 100th peal.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 21, 1956, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford, two extents of Single Court and three extents of Bob Minor.

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. MARSH Treble	F. FRENCH 4
A. SCOTT 2	B. BOYFIELD 5
CECIL WADE 3	L. BLANCHARD Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Neville Whitney, captain of this tower, to Elizabeth Mary Browning, at Yaverland Parish Church, Isle of Wight, on March 31st, 1956.



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QUARTER PEALS

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Bradford (first quarter at first attempt) 1, B. Willgress 2, Doris E. Lidbetter 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5, May Lidbetter 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June A. Grieveon 1, Pamela R. Gough (first in method 'inside') 2, Diana M. Gough 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. L. H. Yorke) on his birthday.

ASHBRITTE, SOMERSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Walford (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. North 2, Miss M. Alderman (first of Stedman) 3, G. Gammon 4, D. T. North 5, J. Smith 6. For Ascension Day.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, P. R. J. Lester 2, W. Girling 3, R. E. Lester 4, A. E. J. Lester (first as cond.) 5, J. J. Prentice 6. For Evensong.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane E. Langton 1, B. E. Matthews 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. Newman (first of Doubles) 4, H. Wood 5, R. A. Brown 6. First local quarter since the war. Rung for Evensong.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On May 22nd, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Brown 1, F. Dewey 2, S. Jessop 3, A. H. Bennett 4, R. Brown 5, F. Leggett 6, A. B. Dawson 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8, J. Petch 9, T. Freeston 10. Rung as a compliment to the new Mayor (Councillor Mrs. B. M. Roe).

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. North 1, W. C. Hart 2, Miss R. K. How 3, A. W. Bond 4, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 5, A. S. Carter 6, J. Riddleston 7, S. E. Armstrong 8, F. Page 9, W. A. Riddington 10. First quarter of Royal for 1 and 7. Rung for Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Stebbings 1, E. Rouse 2, D. Sims 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, S. W. Bignome 5, G. M. Rouse (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Minor (extents of London and Norwich Surprise): S. Twitchett 1, Miss M. Mills 2, M. Mills 3, Miss R. Seabrook 4, T. Bird 5, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6. First in the methods for 2 and 3. Rung after a peal failure.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On May 10th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Culley 1, Mrs. D. Parsons 2, J. Parsons 3, J. Romain 4, W. Mortimer 5, W. Beavan 6, S. Grant (cond.) 7, H. Sturgeons 8. First of Triples for 3 and 6. For Ascension Day.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Cockman 1, D. J. F. Oakshott 2, G. F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Parrott 4, N. Webb 5, Cherie Payne 6, A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On May 6th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. J. P. Lant 1, S. Shipp (cond.) 2, D. E. R. Knights 3, L. Norfolk 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. For morning service.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): C. Hinton 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Batchelor, senior member of this band.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Crutenden 1, E. F. Packham 2, F. Godsmark 3, Mrs. C. A. Crutenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, B. W. White (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. Lish, a member of the local band for many years, and father of Mrs. C. A. Crutenden; also of J. Lish, his brother, of Worthing, a former member at Henfield, who passed away the previous week.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hazell (13, first of Minor) 1, W. Woodward 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, K. Seymour (cond.) 5, R. Wright 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Edwards 1, F. Absolom (cond.) 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulkner 5, E. Morris 6. Rung for the birthday of the tenor ringer.

LYMPHAM, SOMERSET.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant 1, M. Stone 2, C. T. Clarke 3, P. Cox 4, R. D. Short 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. The conductor's 1,200th tower.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral on Whit Sunday, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: G. R. Parker 1, Gwen T. Rusby 2, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 3, G. Paul 4, J. Walden 5, D. R. White 6, H. Lowman 7, W. Tomlinson 8, G. H. Randies 9, R. F. Smith 10, H. L. Pask 11, J. Freeman 12. Longest length of Treble 12 by all the band. For morning service.

NORTON, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. A. Farmer 1, D. W. Beard (cond.) 2, Miss S. M. Parsons 3, I. Goulter 4, Miss V. Willard 5, E. T. Newbury 6, C. A. Wratten 7, R. G. Corby 8. First of Superlative for 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (being 720 Cambridge and 720 Norwich): W. Warner 1, B. Barber 2, G. Walpole 3, S. Copling 4, J. Forder 5, E. Long (cond.) 6. For evening service.

OXFORD.—On May 13th, at New College, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss E. M. T. Powell 1, D. H. Niblett 2, R. A. Hodgson 3, C. Taylor 4, D. J. Roaf 5, W. H. Jackson (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 6, F. A. Barrett 7, P. R. Sanders 8, Major J. H. R. Freeborn 9, A. C. Pugh 10. First of Stedman Caters for 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10.

POUNDSTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stacey 1, B. Bissett 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohn 4, R. M. Stubbs 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. First quarter on the bells.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Ward 1, A. Reeve 2, G. Sandwell 3, D. Fraser 4, J. Blower 5, P. Coward 6, B. Howard 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Rung for the dedication, by the Bishop of Chelmsford, of the new Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Green 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Miss R. Jarrett 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. J. Webb 5, A. T. Poulton 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, L. L. Quartermain 8. First of Stedman for 1, 2 and 3. Rung in honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan Chaddock 1, Miss E. Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, H. Woodall 5, G. S. Lee 6, F. Fisher 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Arthur Frith, of this company, who passed away suddenly on the previous Sunday in his 53rd year.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Bishop (first of Minor) 1, D. Sawyer (first of Minor) 2, R. Brewin 3, R. Wilmore 4, B. S. Payne 5, G. M. Brewin (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. M. Payne, of Syston.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Beard 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, H. Meek 4, L. H. Jones (cond.) 5, H. G. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Morgan.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On April 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. W. Lake 1, S. Ashton 2, L. Runnacles 3, A. C. Harris 4, R. Head 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,290 St. Clement's Bob Triples: T. Barton 1, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 2, Miss E. Wyles 3, E. C. Barton 4, G. Kenward 5, W. S. Palin 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, L. E. Dobbie 8. First in method by all. Rung for Rogationtide, also a wedding compliment to Brenda Harris and Frank E. Fagg, married the previous day at Milton Regis; both are local ringers.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sweet 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. G. Sparks 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, A. Bowa 6. Rung before Evensong on Whit Sunday.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Exwood 1, Miss R. Carey 2, Miss I. Inman (first of Triples) 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, M. V. White (first of Triples) 5, R. E. Finch (first of Triples as cond.) 6, D. C. Jackson 7, P. Jones (first of Triples) 8. First quarter of Triples for the Guild Rung by members of the Southampton University Guild on the eve of the University's Commemoration Day.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Bowden 1, B. Edwards 2, C. Aldridge (first of Triples 'inside') 3, N. Tomlinson 4, S. Wade (cond.) 5, S. G. Peck 6, R. G. Cross 7, J. Perrett (first quarter) 8. Rung for Festal Evensong on the even of the Ascension, and to mark the fifth anniversary of the institution and induction of the Vicar.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Batley 1, T. H. Tafender 2, T. Wyatt 3, J. A. Hales 4, E. D. Smith 5, P. J. Hutchings 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong. Birthday congratulations to John Hales.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on May 13th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Cubitt 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, M. Rowe 5, E. J. Rowe 6. First of Treble Bob for 1, 2, 3 and 5. By the Sunday service band.

STEEP, HANTS.—On May 20th, 480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. C. M. Mainland (17, first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, Miss E. M. Slater (17) 3, R. A. Routh 4, N. Edwards (18, cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Roberts 6. For morning service.

STOKE ROCHFORD, Lincs.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's): Miss L. Holmes (first quarter) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, W. R. Read (cond.) 3, B. Hunt 4, D. A. Frith 5.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Lester (first of Major as cond.) 1, L. Foster 2, W. Girling (first of Major) 3, A. E. J. Lester 4, W. B. Duncan 5, J. B. Morley 6, C. Snowden 7, O. G. Barnard 8. For Confirmation service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On May 20th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Euston 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, T. Welbourne 3, R. Sanders 4, J. Rea 5, A. Lewry 6, J. Chapman (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. For Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Horton 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Diana M. Gough 3, B. W. Farhall 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A.) by three members of his present parish and three members of his former parish at Aldington.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marian Mills 1, Mrs. P. W. Mills (first 'inside') 2, I. Cooper 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills (cond.) 5, P. Mills 6. Rung for Evensong on Whit Sunday, also to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on May 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Hayes 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, E. E. Holman 4, D. Hewitt 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, A. E. N. Boyack 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for the visitation of the Archdeacon.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church, on May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Talbot 1, J. Rea 2, C. Nichols 3, J. Hawkins 4, M. Sinden 5, A. Lewry (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung after nearly 17 years' silence. The Lord Bishop of Kingston, in the presence of the Mayor of Wandsworth, rededicated and blessed the tower.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Union Doubles: O. Pole 1, M. Stone 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Dymott 6. First in the method by all and on the bells.

WILESBOURGH, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, L. C. Smith 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Miss R. E. Gower 1, Miss P. Lawes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6. For Matins. Also 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, R. J. Carlton 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancefield 5, D. Staples 6. For Evensong.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On May 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dorking (first quarter) 1, B. Crook 2, Miss S. Rudkin (first 'inside') 3, E. Bright 4, W. S. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. For evening service.

WITNEY, OXON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Lewis (first quarter) 1, E. Hill 2, Angela Kitto (first 'inside') 3, B. J. Coggins 4, L. T. Olliffe (cond.) 5, D. J. Smith 6. For Evensong.

OUTINGS**NORTH SOMERSET RINGERS**

Eight North Somerset ringers had an outing to Windsor on April 21st, ringing en route at Andover and Basingstoke Parish Churches. A quarter of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's, Windsor, and later through the introduction of Mr. A. J. Glass, the Curfew Tower bells.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

The ringers and friends of St. Margaret's, Leicester, had, on May 12th, one of their best outings. Leaving Leicester at 8 a.m. a brief halt was made at Stratford-on-Avon, thence to Stroud, Glos, where the Vicar had—at very short notice—granted permission for half an hour's ringing.

Then on to Bristol, where at St. Stephen-the-Martyr good touches in various methods were rung from 2 to 3 p.m. 'Uncle' Ernest recalled his previous visit in January, 1927, when he rang the 9th here to a peal of Stedman Caters called by Mr. A. E. Reeves. Down the street we went to Christ Church, where the ten bells were rung and a good half-course of Cambridge Surprise Royal brought round. Thence to the 'highlight' of the day—St. Mary Redcliffe—with its magnificent ring of 12 (tenor 50½ cwt.) and a flat 6th. After raising the back ten in peal a short touch of Grandsire Caters for 'the girls,' a well-struck half-course of Cambridge Royal and a course of Double Norwich (on the back eight) were successfully rung. Ringing concluded with a course of Stedman Cinques and a good 'fall.'

The journey home was interrupted for a visit to Bourton-on-the-Water to see the model village, and home was reached at midnight.

E. M.

**JOINT MEETING AT
ASHBRITTLE**

The 1956 joint meeting of the Taunton Deanery and the North-Eastern Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held on May 5th at Ashbrittle and attended by representatives from 14 different towers. A Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Ralph-Bowman), who also took the chair at the business meeting.

Amongst those present at the meeting was Prebendary E. V. Cox and Mr. W. Ware (secretary, N.E. Branch, Devon Guild). During the ensuing business the chairman congratulated the Ashbrittle tower on completing 21 years' membership of the Bath and Wells Association; also Mr. Stanley Bristow, one of the original members of the tower, on his having recently rung his 50th peal for the Association. The first peal by the local band was rung on November 23rd, 1935.

Four new members were elected (all from the local tower) and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Hilverton in September, subject to the incumbent's permission.

The Branch's representative on the General Committee informed the meeting that the Association had made Mr. J. Pugsley an honorary life member, to mark his long service to the Association, also that he hoped by the next meeting the proposed new rules for the Association would be available for the members to discuss and propose any further amendments.

The meeting closed with Mr. A. W. Hayward voicing the thanks of the meeting to all who had contributed to its success.

F. W. S.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual report of the Reading University Society, presented at the A.G.M. held on May 10th, stated that the Society had had a good year. Practising as a band at St. Giles' had helped the ringing immensely, and the Society had maintained Sunday service ringing at St. Giles' as well as helping at St. Laurence's.

Eight ringing meetings were held during the year, ringing at which ranged from Treble Bob to rounds. Two joint meetings have been held with Oxford and Southampton Universities. Three members have rung their first peals, and several more have rung first quarters. The Society lost two quarters, but two 'end of term' quarters have been rung with help.

The officers elected at the meeting were: Master, Miss Jean Dawson; secretary, Mr. John White; treasurer, Mr. John Coates.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL
ASSOCIATION**

The rehung bells of Warmley Parish Church were put to good use on May 5th, when the Bristol Rural and Bristol City Branches held a combined meeting. A service was conducted by Rev. L. Stevenson, Rector of Winterbourne.

About 50 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea at the nearby School Hall, and this was followed by a short business meeting, with Mr. T. T. Walters, Bristol Rural chairman, presiding.

Replying to the welcome to visitors, Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst, the Bristol City chairman, thanked the Rural Branch for allowing his Branch to visit Warmley.

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How about a Central Council cup or certificate to be competed for annually and to be awarded to the local band of regular service ringers judged to be the best strikers, suggests a Hull reader. Contest could be at three levels—district, county or association and finals. Collective glorification would then be substituted for individual glorification.

Mr. Albert Walker received an invitation to come to London for the National Savings celebrations. He had the privilege of calling the service touch at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood had a memorable day of service ringing on Whit Sunday. He rang for two services at each of the following towers: St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

Who was the member of the Central Council who blotted his copy book by breaking a stay at Leicester during Whitsun? Were his protests that the stay must have been cracked before the unfortunate incident accepted by the rest of the company?

Shaftesbury, Dorset, Chamber of Trade had a complaint at their recent meeting, of church bells ringing at 6.30 a.m. at certain times of the year. The complaint emanated from a local hotelier, who was reminded that complaints might also be directed to the noise made by people leaving hostelrys at 10 and 10.30 p.m., and waking up other people's children.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers had a spring weekend in Hertfordshire, starting on April 21st. Ringing took place at Great and Little Munden, Bennington, Aston and Kimpton. The night was spent at Whitwell Youth Hostel. For Sunday morning ringing the party divided, some going to Hitchin and others to King's Walden. It was a most enjoyable sunny weekend in a corner of rural England.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To celebrate Mr. John Walder completing 50 years as a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, peals of Stedman (his favourite method) were rung at Caythorpe, where he learned to ring, and at Lincoln Cathedral, where he is tower secretary. A wide circle of friends, we are sure, will wish to congratulate him.

The Rev. K. W. W. Felstead writes that the last peals rung at Elstree (page 308) and Rendcomb (page 309) were both in 1922.

Members of the Ladies' Guild attempted a peal of Cambridge Royal at Chilvers Coton on Whit Monday. It was unfortunately lost after two hours' ringing.

Using Thomas Hood's description of bells as 'music's laughter,' a ringer of experience writes entertainingly and instructively on bells in 'Pivot,' the excellent house magazine of Smiths of England.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, during their visit to Cornwall, were welcomed by the bells from the ancient Parish Church of Stokeclimsland. After inspecting the church the Duke spoke to the ten ringers, of whom the captain is Mr. Walter Rowe. At the Duke's request they gave a five minutes' demonstration of their art.

At the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Benedict, Bennett's End, Hemel Hempstead, Bob Major was rung on handbells and broadcast over the loudspeakers. The ringers were Miss P. A. Martin, G. Dodds, W. Ayre and D. E. Latchford. A tower with a ring of bells is contemplated in this church. A meeting of the Western District of the Herts County Association prevented a peal attempt on that day, but a peal in 12 Surprise methods was rung in the Mother Church at Apsley End the following Monday.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEICESTER

SERVICE RINGING AS WORSHIP — THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE — UNIVERSITY OF LONDON ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP — CLEMENT GLENN'S LEGACY OF £815 — 'THE RINGING WORLD' FINANCES — INCREASED CHARGES ABSORB PROFIT — PUBLICATION OF PEALS CHARGE AGAIN DEBATED

THERE was the second largest attendance at a Central Council meeting when the 27th Council (59th annual meeting) was held at the Council Chamber of Leicester Town Hall on Whit Tuesday. The cordiality of the welcome to Leicester made a deep impression upon all members. The Lord Bishop gave a very gracious message at the opening of the Council meeting and the Lord Mayor, in a homely manner, made members feel welcome at the close of the long proceedings.

Of the business transacted perhaps the most important was the preparations for the retirement next year of Mr. E. H. Lewis from the office of president. A nomination supported by the Standing Committee will be submitted in favour of Mr. Frederick Sharpe as his successor. The Council also felt that it was desirable to have a vice-president, and for this office the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow will be the official nomination.

The most disturbing thing arising from the reports of committees was the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee. The trading for 1955 resulted in a profit of £832 after disregarding donations, but the revised charges for printing introduced recently are so heavy that this favourable result will be nullified and new sources of revenue will be necessary.

THE BISHOP'S WELCOME

The Lord Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams), in a welcome to the Council to the Diocese of Leicester, said he felt that the Council had come to a good centre, where bell-ringing had a prominent place and was held in high honour.

"I am afraid to talk about bellringing," said the Bishop, "because it is a world where it is easy to drop a brick or a clanger. When I saw the film 'Richard III.' I did not realise all the mistakes in ringing until I read 'The Ringing World.'"

Ringers in Leicester owed much to the late ex-Inspector Harold Poole. The presence of this conference here was largely due to him, and during the week-end they had placed a plaque in the tower of Leicester Cathedral to the memory of the late ex-Police Inspector Harold Poole, a lay canon of the Cathedral and a prominent bellringer.

On a more cheerful subject, the Bishop said they had some good towers, which no doubt many of them had tried. He would like to mention one—St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. He was particularly interested in that tower because if it had not been for him that tower might not now be in being. When he came to Leicester there was a well-thought-out proposal for the demolition of that church. "I do not know what would have happened to the bells if I had not found some excuses, other than the bells, for keeping the church. If that plan for closure had been approved I might have had the Central Council of Bellringers 'hollering for my blood.'"

They also had in Leicester in Mr. Morris, of St. Margaret's, a great exponent of the world of bells. He was an authority on the subject, and he saw from their journal he held the record of having more peals to his credit than any other living ringer.

They also had their foundry at Loughborough. They would realise that they had not come to a diocese where the art was not appreciated. He felt that bellringers had a very vital part to play in keeping a link between the church and the people. It was a national institution—an institution in which he thought

that their English tradition was unique and it was something he hoped would long continue.

"I have to do a great deal of peace-making for you sometimes because it is not everybody who appreciates bells and ringing. I always try to do my best to keep the bells pealing and the people from squealing. I think the best way is to have as many people as possible taking part in ringing."

BELLS: WORSHIP OF CHURCH

Wishing the Council and ringers every success in the coming year, the Bishop said the bells were the only part of the Church's worship that was heard by all the people, and when church-going was not so strong they could let people hear that very outward sound of worship. "I hope you realise that your bells are part of the worship of God and not merely calling people to take part in worship."

The Bishop then said prayers and pronounced his Blessing on the conference.

Mr. P. L. Taylor, as president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, also extended a welcome to the conference. He had already written a letter to Mr. Lewis, their president, to say how pleased they were that they were here.

It was 45 years since the Central Council was at Leicester and at that time his father was vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, from which the Leicester Guild was formed. Further, in 1911, 'The Ringing World' was started, and it was through Billy Wilson, of Leicester, that it started. There was a lot of talk about what was to happen to 'The Ringing World.' They all knew it was going strong, and Leicester had given a hand to keep it going. He welcomed them all to Leicester.

LEICESTER IN 1911

The president, on behalf of the Council, thanked Leicester for its welcome. He remembered being at Leicester in 1911, when they met in the old Moot Hall, and they were very glad to come back because they looked on Leicester as one of the big centres of change ringing for the past 200 years. About 200 years ago there was great rivalry between Leicester and Nottingham as to who should ring the first peal of Gainsire Caters. Leicester won by a few weeks.

The Lord Bishop mentioned the objection that some people had to ringing. He might say that one of the problems of the Central Council had been the modification of the sound of bells so that they should not be noisy to people living near the church. In that matter they had been very successful, but unfortunately there were churches who would not ask them for advice. Where they had asked them for advice they had been successful.

THE ATTENDANCE

Life members: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. A. B. Peck, J. F. Smallwood.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. S. G. Coles, H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams. Bedfordshire Association: Messrs. B. F. Sims, S. Foskett.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, R. G. Corby.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. A. Mould, W. Robinson.

Devon Guild: Mr. E. F. Biffin. Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck. Durham and Newcastle Association: Messrs. F. Ainsley, W. N. Park.

East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. Border, F. W. Lack.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, T. Borcham, W. B. Kynaston, F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. F. Moreton, G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. C. Bell, E. Edmondson, C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Cullingworth, T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. F. Dunkerley, J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, P. A. Corby, A. E. Rowley, P. J. Staniforth.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. T. J. Lock, R. F. B. Speed, E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society: Mr. R. B. Meadows, Mrs. P. C. Wright.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles, W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. G. E. Fearn, F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. H. Harding, W. C. West.

Scottish Association: Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chadcock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. P. N. Bond, F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. W. Raithby, J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. G. Key, C. Wallater.

Surrey Association: Messrs. F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway, H. N. Pitslow.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway, H. Stalham, L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. B. Burnett, A. Carveth, Miss M. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles.

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Central Council—Continued

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild:
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. C. H. Kippin,
G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association:
Messrs. B. C. Ashford, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. W. E. Critchley,
P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris, S. F. Palmer.

University of London Society: Mr. D. N. Layton.

CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL

The hon. secretary reported that there were 54 Associations affiliated to the Council, having in all 150 members. There were 24 honorary members and seven life members, giving a total of 181. There were two vacancies among the representative members and six among the honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except from the East Derby and Notts Association.

NEW ASSOCIATION AFFILIATED

The hon. secretary said there had been an application from the University of London Society to affiliate. The Standing Committee considered the application and recommended that the application be granted.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed, and Mr. N. Chaddock seconded, that the application be granted. This was agreed to.

The president said the New South Wales Association were anxious to affiliate to the Council. If granted they would elect some representative member in this country who had knowledge of their country.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in proposing affiliation, said he thought it was the first overseas Association to be affiliated.

Mr. Leslie Morris seconded and the resolution was carried.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Messrs. F. D. Boreham, J. Bray, T. R. Butler, W. Cathrall, P. A. F. Chalk, G. H. Cross, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Francis, R. O. Fry, F. W. Goodfellow, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. G. J. Lewis, J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, H. S. Peacock, C. W. Roberts, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mrs. P. J. Steeples, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, B. D. Threlfall, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. J. J. Webb, J. Willis, J. R. Worrall and E. A. Young.

The hon. secretary said the Rev. F. L. Edwards, in his apology, wrote that he was leaving Kingston Magna after 45 years.

The president said that Mr. Alex. Young was 91 that day and they were arranging that a telegram of congratulations and good wishes be sent to him from the Council.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented to the president: Messrs. B. W. Boswell, Southwell Diocesan Guild; A. Carveth, Truro Diocesan Guild; D. W. Layton, London University; A. J. Pitman, honorary; B. F. Sims, Bedfordshire; P. J. Staniforth, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The hon. secretary reported that the following honorary members retired but were eligible for re-election: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn and A. J. Pitman. The Standing Committee recom-

mended that they be re-elected and the six vacancies left in the meantime.

Mr. Leslie Morris proposed, and Mr. J. Dunwoody seconded, their election, and this was agreed to.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The Council stood when the following members of the Council who had died since the last meeting were remembered:—

J. Ashmole, Chester Diocesan Guild; W. H. L. Buckingham, St. James' Society and Middlesex Association, Rev. W. W. Covey-Crump, Ely Diocesan Association; Clement Glenn, Yorkshire Association and Southwell Diocesan Guild; Alfred W. Groves, Sussex County Association; S. J. Hughes, Dudley and District Association; John W. Jones, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; Walter E. Longman, Chester Diocesan Guild; J. Maddock, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; John C. Mitchell, honorary; Harold J. Poole, Midland County Association and Leicester Diocesan Guild; Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Truro Diocesan Association.

The president said Mr. Buckingham and Mr. Mitchell were the two surviving members who rang Holt's Original 'silent' on handbells rather more than 40 years ago. They also missed very much Mr. Jones, who was such a familiar figure at their Council meetings, and, last of all, it would be in their minds the sad loss of Mr. Harold J. Poole.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, as circulated to members, were accepted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

There is little of outstanding interest to report for the year under review. Perhaps the most interesting event was a bequest to the Council by the late Mr. Clement Glenn of the residue of his estate (about £800) for such purposes as may be thought fit.

Members will note the more encouraging results of 'The Ringing World' arising from the increased price of 6d. per copy, which made it possible for £800 to be invested at the end of the year in the then new 4 per cent. Defence Bond Issue. It must not, however, be thought that solvency in the future is assured. Disregarding donations, the profit of £832 represents little more than a two months' printing bill and is less than 3d. per copy. The new postal rates from June 1st will cost an additional £112 this year if the present postal circulation of just over 2,000 copies per week is maintained.

Were it not once again for the kindness of Mr. Wilson and Miss Groves in undertaking the typing and duplicating work, it might well have been impossible this year for a number of reports to have been circulated before the meeting.

Finally my thanks are expressed to those who very kindly send copies of reports and other publications.

The hon. secretary moved the adoption of the report. Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the report was agreed to.

THE ACCOUNTS

The income and expenditure account of the General Fund showed an excess of income over expenditure for 1954 of £50 1s 6d. Expenses were: Biography Committee £4 11s 1d.; hon. secretary £7 9s. 2d.; Council meeting, Bristol,

£1 5s.; stationery and printing £14 12s. 1d.; postage £6 1s.; telephone and telegrams £1 0s. 5d.; typewriter written off £3; bookcase written off £3; cheque book and bank charges 8s.-10d.; insurances £1 16s.; typing £1 1s.

The balance sheet of the General Fund showed cash at bank £176 2s. 9d.; with hon. librarian £53 0s. 5d.

The balance sheet of the Central Council gave its assets as follows:—Goodwill and blocks, 'Ringing World,' £200; library £10; bookcases £12 15s.; typewriter £15; stock of publications £323 7s. 8d. debtors £726 2s. 7d.; investments, Defence Bonds, £1,600; cash at bank and in hand £1,638.

The profit and loss account of 'The Ringing World' gave the following items of expenditure:—

To Woodbridge Press, printing £3,297 11s. 3d.; blocks £3 10s.; total £3,301 1s. 3d.

Editorial Office expenses £439 7s. 5d.; postal subscribers £861 14s. 1d.; accounts department £166 4s. 10d.; miscellaneous expenses £9 15s. 4d.; audit fee £21; income tax on interest receivable £11 11s. 7d.; making a total of £4,810 14s. 6d.

Income was: Rolls Publishing Co. £2,312 11s. 8d.; postal subscribers £2,419 6s. 11d.; donations £217 4s. 5d.; advertisements £442 3s. 6d.; notices £416 2s. 11d.; sundry receipts £24 11s. 10d.; interest receivable on £800 3½ per cent. Defence Bonds £28 3s. 4d. The profit for the year was £1,049 10s. 1d.

The balance sheet of 'The Ringing World' gave Goodwill, blocks, etc., at cost £200; debtors £725 1s. 7d.; investments at cost £1,600; cash at bankers £1,407 17s. 7d. and in hand £1 2s. 11d., making a total of £1,409 0s. 6d.; amount due from General Fund £86 15s.

Upon the president's suggestion the accounts of 'The Ringing World' were considered with the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the accounts be adopted. The General Fund had been audited by Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens. Members would have noticed that there was an excess of income over expenditure of £50. He hoped no one would feel that they were accumulating funds, as they would require a great deal of money for printing, such as the Council's handbook, which would have to be undertaken this year. The publications account had made a profit of £18 in spite of the payment of £20 for advertisements in 'The Ringing World.' He moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded.

CLEMENT GLENN'S BEQUEST

The president said he would like to mention two matters. They would see from the secretary's report that they had a bequest from the late Clement Glenn. That money had been received from the solicitors and amounted to £815 15s. 5d. The money had been placed on deposit at 3½ per cent. and the Standing Committee had asked the officers of the Council to consider a good way of making use of that bequest. It was left to the Council to use as it thought best. There would be some sort of memorial stone to Clement Glenn and it was left to the secretary of the Council to contribute to the cost as he thought fit. Another thing that would come into the accounts next year was that the Standing Committee decided to send ten guineas to the Bow Restoration Fund. The accounts were adopted.

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'RINGING WORLD' FACES NEW PROBLEM

The hon. secretary, in presenting the accounts of 'The Ringing World,' said on the income side members would notice that in 1955 there was an increase of over £500 from postal subscribers and a smaller increase from the Rolls Publishing Company. These were due to the increased price of the paper which followed from January 1st, 1955. Similarly, notices showed an increase because there was a further addition to the minimum charge for notices. On the expenditure side printing costs were a little less due to the fact that in 1954 there were 53 issues. The increase in the number of postal subscribers led to an addition to the cost of dispatch of copies and wrapping. He moved that 'The Ringing World' accounts be adopted subject to audit.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

Mr. N. Chaddock: Do we pay income tax on the profit?

The Hon. Secretary: That was dealt with last year. We only pay on the investments of the Council and we are liable to any profit from sales of 'The Ringing World' to non-members. I estimated that the sales to non-members was one per cent., and that figure was accepted by the Inland Revenue authorities, and, as that was so small, they raised no charge for the fiscal year 1954-55. We are definitely liable to income tax on investments.

Mr. Chaddock: Can you give me the circulation figure and the price of production per copy?

Mr. R. S. Anderson: The circulation figures for April 22nd, 1955, were: Rolls House 3,406; postal 2,144; sundries 22; total 5,572. The figures for April 27th, 1956, were: Rolls House 3,276; postal 2,078; sundries 17; total 5,371. This represented a drop of 200.

The accounts were then adopted.

THE REPORT

The report, signed by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, stated:—

Your committee is able to report a more satisfactory year. The measures taken to secure greater financial stability would appear to be satisfactory, and although final figures are not available at the time of writing this report, the indications are that at long last the corner has been turned. There is, however, still much to be done and your committee is of the opinion that the first charges against any profits should be the adequate remuneration of those directly responsible for the production and distribution of the paper. After that has been done, steps will be taken to improve the paper wherever possible. Already it has been found that a few illustrations can be included, and it is hoped to increase the number.

The committee is not too sanguine yet for there is the matter of increased costs to be faced, due to the impending increase in printers' wages. Then there are increased postal charges, which, in the opinion of your committee, should be passed on to subscribers.

Ever since 1946, the charge in 'The Ringing World' for small advertisements has been one penny per word. We have this matter under review and it may be found necessary to raise the figure to 1½d.

Since our last report your committee has suffered a grievous loss by the death of Mr. H. J. Poole, whose able judgment and wise counsels are very sadly missed. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family.

We desire to place on record our appreciation of the efforts of the Woodbridge Press and its staff, who through a most difficult period during the printing dispute contrived to produce the paper regularly and on time. This speaks volumes for the good relations which exist among directors, editor and employees. If the paper had been produced in London instead of in Guildford it would have had to cease publication until the end of the dispute.

Once again the committee places on record its grateful thanks to Mr. Tom White, the Editor, and his assistant; to Mr. Jeater for his supervision of the accounts; to all literary contributors and district representatives; to Major J. H. R. Freeborn for the gift of blocks; and finally to those who have sent donations towards the cost of producing the journal.

CONVENER'S BAD NEWS

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, in moving the adoption of the report, said as they would see from the report of the committee and the statement of accounts they had made a little progress in regard to profit. But as against that profit they made last year he had some very bad news for the coming year, and already they were paying an increased cost of printing. So far as they could see, against any profit 'The Ringing World' would thus cost something like £700 or £800 more. If anyone was feeling smug and comfortable he would dissuade them for they were exactly where they were a year ago.

It was obvious that new ways of revenue must be found and increase charges for various kinds of revenue to try and meet the extra cost. It had been suggested to them that the time was ripe for the reconsideration of the proposition made at Bournemouth when a peal levy was suggested. It remained whether the Council would see fit to consider that matter but the committee made no recommendation about it.

They had also heard that the circulation now was about 5,400 per week, and in his mind that was a disgrace to the Exercise, because they were all aware that the number who read the journal was considerably in excess of that number. Why these people did not take the paper was a mystery. 'We appeal to all interested ringers to support the paper. It belongs to them and we hope that they will see that there is a very substantial increase in the circulation. As it is not our habit to ask for any subsidy to help "The Ringing World," we are determined to get this revenue and keep it solvent. We look for support from all who value the paper to help us.'

Mr. R. S. Anderson, in seconding, said the circulation of 'The Ringing World' had dropped 200 copies per week and that was partly through newsagents and partly from postal subscribers. In appealing for new subscribers he said there was a bigger margin from postal subscribers than from newsagents.

RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. P. A. Corby said he would like to pay tribute to the splendid work done on their behalf by 'The Ringing World' Committee and congratulate them on the way they had kept the journal solvent. He commiserated with them that in spite of their efforts they were again in for a difficult time. On the question of postal subscribers he believed that arrangements were made that each of the Guilds and Associations should have special representatives whose duties would be to boost the postal sales and report items of news. It seemed to him that some of these people were slacking in their efforts.

Another point he would like to make was that it was rather disappointing to see so little reference to the great amount of new building work to the churches in and around the City of London. In recent years there had been several new rings of bells hung in London. Presumably they had been dedicated, but no news had appeared in their journal. He would welcome the opportunity of reading about these churches and their bells. One was St. Giles', Cripplegate, where there was a new ring. He was wondering if a correspondent could be found in the London area who would supply the news about these bells and the dedication services.

Mr. N. Chaddock also thanked the committee and Editor for their work. He pointed out that there was a fall in voluntary donations since the price had been increased and felt that something must be done about it. There was an attitude that they were all right now and people need not send donations. Another was the falling off of about 130 postal subscribers and that was a big disappointment. Some people did not like 'The Ringing World' because they understood it was a peal-ringer's paper. If they had articles to appeal to young ringers they might increase the circulation. His experience was that quite a proportion of capable ringers did not like 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. D. Barker said some months ago figures were given of new subscribers in counties. Perhaps the figures in reverse could be given.

Mr. F. I. Hairs, in a reference to voluntary donations, said they had worked it out that if they made a charge for quarter peals they would not get a great deal of extra money. It was estimated that last year 17,342 names appeared in the peal columns, and voluntary donations from peal ringers did not represent 12 per cent. of that number.

Miss M. Lidgey (Truro Diocesan Guild) moved that the proposition submitted at Bournemouth of one shilling for the publication of peals be adopted for one year.

THE WHIRLPOOL OF CHANGE

Mr. P. Johnson said they were in a whirlpool in the world where the continuous change of prices made it impossible for anyone to prophesy. If any of them had experience of the printing trade they would know that it was impossible for them to try to square the circle. He did not believe they could do anything but wait the course of events. As to why people did not want to read the paper the answer was obvious—because they would have to pay for it. They had to face the position—if the publication was to cost more they would have to pay more. He had the deepest sympathy with the committee in their work. He thought they should be honest and go to the support of the paper—pay for it and work for it.

Mr. N. Chaddock maintained that 'The Ringing World' was a good sixpennyworth. He did not think that peal ringers would be so mean as not to do their full share. They had had mention of one shilling a peal; he would like to see threepence per rope. Even if a charge was made he did not see why voluntary subscriptions should cease. Those who could afford the odd shilling would do so.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said at Bournemouth when it was suggested that people who rang peals should make a donation the statement was made: 'You don't pay people for news.' If they were going to charge for peals they were making a charge for news. It was not often that he agreed with Mr. Johnson, but he agreed that the only answer was that they must put up their subscription. Associations had to face the fact of increased prices and had increased their subscription. He appealed to any members who had suggestions to make to send them to Mr. Smallwood or other members of the committee.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I would deprecate a charge for peals. Think what a calamity it would be if peals were rung and not published. Various records could not be kept.

The Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith said peal ringers were people particularly interested in 'The Ringing World.' If they wanted anything they must pay for it. It meant that peal ringers should pay more for their 'Ringing World.'

ANOTHER THREEPENCE

Mr. John Fidler: Let us get down to brass tacks. Bell ringers get the use of valuable instruments for nought. They will spend bus fares to go for a peal. What is another 3d. to that? If a peal is worth ringing it is worth publishing. The other 3d. on your travelling expenses is nothing. But if you go to a ringing meeting and there is a charge of 2s. 6d. for a tea then only

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Central Council—Continued

half turn up. There are a lot of peal ringers who don't buy 'The Ringing World,' but they are always pleased to look at someone else's. I am not going to agree it is news. It is only news to the small crowd; it is personal glorification.

Mr. J. Crampion: 'The Ringing World' is a good thing. Let us tell all that it is a good paper and what a good thing it is.

Mr. H. Miles: The proposition I made at Bournemouth of a publication fee for peals and quarter peals is now being recommended by 'The Ringing World' Committee. ('No.')

Mr. N. Chaddock asked if the increased charges for notices and advertisements would solve the problem.

INCREASED CHARGES NO SOLUTION

Mr. J. F. Smallwood: 'The Ringing World' Committee do not say that putting up the cost of advertising will solve the whole problem. Our difficulty is to find the way to meet the extra cost. The Council will agree that the charges for small advertisements are very modest and we feel that it would not be inflicting an undue hardship on the Associations if we ask them to pay a little more, and that we shall, but it will not solve the problem. I hear it suggested that 'The Ringing World' is the peal-ringer's paper. I assert that 'The Ringing World' is published for all and sundry interested in ringing. I don't regard peals as of greater or lesser importance. I would stress with all the force I can that the solution lies in an increased circulation. It is not outside the bounds of possibility for 'The Ringing World' to be 10,000 a week, and the fact that it is 5,400 is a disgrace to the Exercise. We are not receiving the support from the members of this Council or the Exercise generally.

Mr. R. G. Blackman: I wonder how many in this room can say they have persuaded one person during the last two years to buy 'The Ringing World.' We should resolve as we leave this meeting we shall persuade one ringer to buy 'The Ringing World.' Unless we do something ourselves it will not continue.

Mr. Harry Sanger: Very little has been said about voluntary subscriptions. I am rather proud of the fact that if I see a peal or a quarter peal in 'The Ringing World' from the West Country I invariably see a small sum in the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column. This problem would be solved if every time a peal was rung there was a small contribution.

Mr. J. W. Raithby: I am not a defeatist in any way. I feel you are going to have a great difficulty in persuading another 5,000 people to take 'The Ringing World.' Those who take the journal are those who keep ringing going; the other people are on the fringe. It is very difficult to persuade people to take 'The Ringing World.' Not that it is not a good journal. I know a president of a Guild who will not be bothered to take it through the post, but buys it through the newsagent. If you get people like presidents doing that you cannot expect smaller fry.

ONE COPY IN A TOWER

Mr. Bernard Ashford: One of the principal difficulties is the idea of tower copies, and I have not been able to break it down. I can assure you that in my district of 37 towers quite a lot have only one copy per tower. It is surprising how well-informed they are but they don't pay for it. In several cases 'The Ringing World' comes out of the tower funds—from the 1d. or 2d. fines for being late. I have tried hard to break this down but have not yet found the answer.

Mr. N. Chaddock thought if conductors of peals made it a habit of collecting a contribution for peals rung nobody would begrudge it. It was just the idea that had got to be got used to. He would like to move as an amendment that a charge of 3d. per rope be made for publication of peals.

The President: I think we have had a very good discussion on the report. I put it to the meeting that the report of 'The Ringing World' Committee be adopted.

This was agreed to.

The president said in regard to the motion of Miss Lidgey that a charge of one shilling per peal be made for publication, he did not think they should tie down 'The Ringing World' Committee on that matter. He did not think they had a right to make the charge. He would ask Miss Lidgey to accept a motion in this form: 'That "The Ringing World" Committee be asked to consider once more the question of charging for peals.' He did not think that they ought to tie down the committee.

Mr. N. Chaddock: I agree entirely with that.

Mr. F. I. Hairs: Taking last year's figures, a charge of 3d. a rope for quarter peals would bring in £120. If we charge 6d. per rope for peals it would produce £433 11s.

Mr. Walter Ayre: How much would be saved if the Peal Analysis Committee tables were not published?

Mr. Hairs: We should save about £11.

The motion that 'The Ringing World' Committee consider making a charge for peals was put to the meeting and lost.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes reported that during the past 12 months some repairs and adjustments had been made. The machine continued to run very well. Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus had been rung, the latter for the first time. It was proposed to hold demonstrations on Saturday afternoons, and announcements would be made.

Mr. A. A. Walker, seconding, said they owed a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Douglas Hughes, who looked after the machine. The fact was that it had rung Cambridge Maximus, showing the work of the 11th and the treble. It took 26 minutes to demonstrate. The machine was in very good hands.

The president said that a diagram was available showing the work of the 11th and treble in red and blue lines, and would be passed round the room for the members' inspection.

The report was adopted.

(To be continued)

Eleven Towers In Half a Day

A half-day's tour of North Cornwall and Devon was organised by Mr. E. T. Paul Field on May 5th, the party including ringers from Kenwyn, St. Mawgan, Carbis Bay, Launceston, Bridgwater and London. Assembly point was the sleepy North Devon village of Welcombe, with its merry little six (tenor 7 cwt.).

Towers visited were Morwenstow (6, tenor 8 cwt.), Kilkhampton (8, tenor 11½ cwt.), Paughill (6, tenor 11 cwt.), Stratton (8, tenor 23 cwt.), Launcells (6, tenor 9½ cwt.), Whitstone (6, tenor 12 cwt.), North Tamerton (6, tenor 8 cwt.), Poundstock (6, tenor 10 cwt.), Jacobstow (6, tenor 7 cwt.) and Tintagel (6, tenor 7 cwt.).

Goodnight was said at Tintagel, an isolated church on the edge of the cliffs, to friends from Somerset and Launceston. Certain of the party departed to fill in the hour before 'Time, gentlemen, please' with ale and handbells. Grateful thanks are expressed to Paul Field and all incumbents.

Gratefully Acknowledged

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Peals.—Stretham 3s., Abbotsbury 2s., Marstock 4s., Gloucester 2s.

Quarter Peals.—Burnham-on-Crouch 3s., Haddenham 2s., Oxford 2s. 6d., Somerton 3s., Walthamstow 4s., Lympham 3s., Steep 3s., Poundstock 3s., Lane End 2s., Wandsworth 4s. 6d., Streatham 2s., Henfield 2s. 6d., Epsom 2s., Boston 2s. 6d., Brighton 2s. 6d.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Voluntary Subscriptions Suggested

The 71st annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held on May 5th in the Union Church Hall, Brighton. The service at the Church of St. Nicholas was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Walker), who, in his address, stressed three points—balance, rhythm and purpose.

At the business meeting the various reports were accepted. The treasurer stated that the Divisional levies would be 80 per cent. of income. Four new members were elected. The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

All officers for the previous year were re-elected. The peal secretary, Mr. Dearlove, had recently recovered from an illness; if he was unable to carry on Mr. L. Stilwell was elected to take over.

The printing of certificates, held over from the previous annual general meeting, was again discussed. Three suggestions were put forward, but as no decision was reached it was left to the General Committee to decide on design and price and to place the order.

To put the Association on a firmer footing the hon. general secretary suggested a voluntary subscription of not less than 3d. per member be introduced and put into a Capital Account to meet such items as certificates, binding reports, etc. Various propositions were made from a voluntary subscription of 3d. per member to altering the Rules to 3s. per member.

Finally Mr. Overy gave the necessary 14 days' notice to make an alteration to the Rules, and a proposition was carried that members should be asked to make a voluntary subscription.

Mr. Percy spoke of Mr. Stilwell's service to the Association and proposed that he be made an honorary life member of the Association. This was seconded by Mr. Weller and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Hart proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Nicholas for conducting the service and to the Vicars of St. Nicholas', St. Peter's and The Good Shepherd for the use of their bells.

R. W. L. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

Twenty-eight people attended the Chertsey District meeting at Thames Ditton (6) on May 12th.

Ringing was conducted until 4.30 by the Ringing Master, after which the Rev. G. Blacktop led the Guild's form of service whilst Miss A. Marwood did duty at the organ.

An excellent tea in the Church Hall was followed by a short business meeting at which four new members were elected. The secretary asked especially for a good attendance at the next meeting, to be held at Weybridge on June 23rd.

On return to the tower, rounds and Grandsire were in profusion, although methods up to Cambridge were also rung.

E. A. H.

UNIVERSITIES' JOINT MEETING AT SALISBURY

A successful joint meeting of members and friends of Reading and Southampton Universities Guilds was held at Salisbury on May 16th.

Ringing started at St. Paul's, Salisbury, followed by visits to two six-bell towers—Wilton and Combe Bissett. After tea at Salisbury visits were paid to the light six at Britford and later to St. Martin's, Salisbury. Ringing included Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Original arrangements included members of the Bristol University Guild, but at the last minute they were unable to make the journey.

Hopes are entertained for another joint meeting later in the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE TIME FACTOR IN OPEN AND CLOSED RINGING

Dear Sir,—It was gratifying to read that Mr. Moreton appears to think that the Barnsley and District Society's striking is above the average for the rest of the country. Although I have been a member of the Society since I could pull a bell I must confess that I have heard some really excellent Minor ringing in the Sheffield & District Society where open leads are the rule.

Assuming that Mr. Moreton is correct—and his experience of ringing outside Yorkshire far exceeds mine—then there must be some explanation for this other than the fact that the ringers are not Yorkshiresmen!

Personally, I do not mind whether the ringing is 'open' or 'cartwheel,' providing it is well done—I say this in case someone might think I have a personal axe to grind.

Perhaps we could approach the matter from a mathematical angle. Take the case of Felkirk, in the heart of the Yorkshire cartwheel area, tenor 10 cwt. (approx.), and which has, according to Mr. Felstead, had more peals of Minor than any other tower in the West Riding.

The average time for peals rung on these bells is about 2 hours and 50 minutes.

2 hr. 50 min. = 170 min. = 10,200 sec.

Now, slightly adapting Mr. Moreton's notation, let us call the interval between the clapper of one bell striking to the clapper of the next bell (i.e., the actual commencement of the sound) = T. Then cartwheel ringing would be represented by:—

T T T T T T T T T T T T T T (ad infinitum)
Or if the length of time taken for a complete change = L, then T = $\frac{L}{6}$

Then the number of blows struck in 5,040 = $5,040 \times 6 = 30,240$.

Therefore T = $\frac{10,200}{30,240}$ seconds.

= .3373 seconds to four places of decimals.
In open lead ringing there seems to be no fixed interval for the pause (x in Mr. Moreton's notation). Let us assume that t = T (in length). Then the time taken for two complete rows appears as follows: T T T T T T T T T T T T t t, i.e., the pause x = t to two intervals of actual blows struck. Tried out on the piano, a la Chopin, sans rubato, it seems a reasonable pause.

Then, using the previous symbols, T = $\frac{L}{7}$
seeing that two rows contain 14 intervals equal to T.

Therefore the number of intervals = the actual speed of striking (assuming 2 hr. 50 min. for peal) = $5,040 \times 7 = 35,280$.

Therefore T = .2889 sec.

Now .3373 - .2889 = .0484 sec.

Therefore increase in rate of striking = $\frac{.0484}{.2889} \times 100\% = 14.3\%$ Increase.

Or, assuming that cartwheel ringers struck at the same rate as open-lead ringers the peal would be long:

$.2889 \times 5,040 \times 6$ minutes

= 145.6 min. = 2 hr. 26 min.

Again, assuming that the pause x = t (which is extremely short) then T = $\frac{L}{6.5}$

Therefore number of intervals (I) = $5,040 \times 6.5 = 32,760$.

Therefore T = $\frac{10,200}{32,760} = .3113$ sec.

Or, assuming a 'cartwheel' peal at the same rate of striking:

= $3.113 \times 5,040 \times 6$ min. = 157 min. (approx.)

= 2 hr. 37 min.

Now the quickest peal on Felkirk bells is about 2 hours and 45 minutes, so that even with

the extremely short pause (and higher value of T) the difference is considerable.

With the more normal pause this difference amounts to something like 20 minutes, assuming that both of the original peals were rung at normal speed.

Now cartwheel ringers would condemn this speed immediately, asserting that it was impossible to control and ring the bell properly. The old Felkirk band, of which I was one, were sometime frowned upon because of their speed (2 hours and 45 minutes to a peal).

There is no difference at either handstroke or backstroke in the amount of weight exerted by a close-lead ringer, and consequently the bell's approach to its maximum height is the same on both strokes. Perhaps this enables the close-lead ringer to place his bell exactly where it should go.

With an open-lead ringer the amount of pressure exerted at hand is less than at back, as he has to allow for the hand-stroke pause. If care is not taken there is a tendency for a ringer to allow his bell to drop down from back-stroke; a frequent cause, I have noticed, of bad striking.

In both open and closed, of course, the experienced ringer will adjust force and check to accommodate his dodging and place-making—particularly the former.

THAT EXTRA POSTAGE

From this issue the charge for postage of copies of 'The Ringing World,' in common with other periodicals, will be 2d. instead of 1½d. This will cost the Editorial Committee another £250 for 1956. Postal subscribers are asked to meet their share of the cost by remitting 1s. 3d. either to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall, or to the Editorial Offices, c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey.

Most ringers will have had the experience of adjusting their striking to reduce faults. This can become, indeed, a fine art. The slight discrepancy of the minutest fraction of a second, almost inescapable to the ear, is 'ironed out' over a sequence of blows until the fault (if fault it was) is swallowed in the general rhythm. (I don't mean a 'trip' or 'clip,' but something like a dying ripple on a large pond.)

Even this is more easily accomplished in close-leads as the ringer has, generally speaking, more control over his bell on the back-stroke.

Close-lead ringers, I have no doubt, work harder than open-lead ringers. An old ringer, member of a team that won many contests, once said to me: 'Tha'll hev to put the bell there, noan let it drop there!' and this in general sums up the cartwheel ringer's attitude towards his ringing.—Yours sincerely,

Wakefield.

H. CHANT.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. T. Blagrove's letter makes strong reading. Surely he will agree that the College Youths absorbed more good ringers than they produced.

As to claims of rights, he reminds me of the sergeant-major who told us our only rights were 17 inches in the ranks and a blanket for burial purposes.

He should bear in mind what my old grannie used to say: 'Foolish are they who think they can't be done without. Some day they will be helishly deceived.'—Yours, etc.,

Nuneaton.

T. H. VALLANCE.

P.S.—I formed an opinion 40 years ago; no London ringer was allowed in the belfry under 60 years of age.

WOMEN IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Regarding the question of a woman's place in the belfry, I understand that the first 'all-ladies' peal was rung prior to the first world war. At that time we had the Suffragette movement that momentarily rocked the world, quite apart from Great Britain. No doubt the Isle of Dogs peal caused quite a sensation, too, and in all probability the validity of that peal was questioned by some of our 'worthies' at that time, by witnesses and listeners alike. By this, I do not mean the striking, time taken or the band's capabilities, but on account of the ringers being all women—just that!

From that first peal we, as an 'Exercise,' have seen the steady progress of the womenfolk in our belfries as ringers and for tower secretaries, etc., etc. It is to their credit that belfry reform, in the main, has come about, practical examples of tower cleanliness, furnishings and a Christian-like language on the part of the men have found their origin, no doubt, on account of the presence of the lady ringer. Each week, without fail, there appear in the peal columns the names of various lady ringers. In the issue of May 18th out of a total of 41 peals no less than 23 had been rung with their help—it might have been that some of those peals would never have been rung without their assistance.

Looking over some old 'Ringing Worlds' of pre-war issue I note that roughly the same number of peals on an average were rung, but there were not the corresponding number of female ringers. Now this is something to bear in mind—the ladies are here to stay; they make excellent ringers and are invaluable to the health and strength of the belfries throughout the land. Some of them do make good tenor ringers, and they know their stuff when it comes to the theory side of it, but it really is too bad when apparently certain of their sisters think fit to write abusive articles about themselves and try to undermine the prestige of the ladies.—Yours, etc.,

PETER MINCHIN.

OBITUARY

MR. STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK

It is with regret that we record the passing of Mr. Stanley J. T. Sherlock, of Gillingham, Kent, on May 21st, at the residence of his daughter at 12, Boleyn Avenue, Margate. He was cremated at Barham, near Canterbury, on May 24th.

Mr. Sherlock entered the belfry at St. Mary's, Chatham, in July, 1904, from the choir. A pupil of the late F. A. Holden, he rang his first peal in March, 1910. He was secretary of St. Mary's company for many years, also a member of the company at Rochester Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gillingham. For some years he was secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association. A man of great tact and integrity, he was a good instructor for learners. His peal score was about 60. He had suffered during the last ten years with rheumatism.

Mr. Sherlock entered the naval yard at Chatham as an apprentice shipwright in 1903. He progressed to draughtsman and was posted to the Admiralty at Whitehall, and later was transferred to Bath, where he gained his promotion to Chief. He was invalided from the Service on account of ill health during the last war, when he returned to Gillingham. Although unable to do any ringing, he retained his interest in the Exercise through 'The Ringing World' until the last. Unfortunately, owing to short notice, none of his ringing friends were able to attend the cremation service. His membership of the Kent County Association was for 47 years and he was a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

REED.—On Sunday, May 20th, 1956, at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, to Winifred and David Reed, the gift of a daughter, Pauline Ann. 8358

MARRIAGES

COX—COKER. — The marriage between Anthony Edwin Cox and Doreen Coker took place on May 19th, 1956, at St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks. Future address: 10, Wordsworth Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 8408

WILLIAMSON—SMITH.—On May 19th, at All Saints' Church, Heathfield, Paul Kenyon Williamson, of Coventry, to Gillian Anderson Smith, of Heathfield. 8357

DEATH

SHELLOCK.—On May 21st, 1956, at the residence of his daughter, 12, Boleyn Avenue, Margate, Stanley J. T. Shellock, of Gillingham, Kent, a member of the Kent County Association for 47 years. 8400

PUBLICATIONS

AN IDEAL GIFT

'TOWERS AND BELLS OF BRITAIN.'—This beautifully produced book will soon be out of print. Obtain your copy now, before too late. Direct from the author: Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester. Price 21s. net. 7100

MR. SCOTT B. PARRY, of the United States, is pleased to announce that his book 'The History and Art of Handbell Ringing' is to be published in America this summer. Anxious to make the book available to his many friends in England, Mr. Parry is asking that all persons interested in owning a copy make this known on a postcard addressed to him at the following address:—

32, Whitechapel Road,
London, E.1, England.

In this way you will aid the publisher in determining the extent of their edition, and you will be notified when the book is available. (Be sure to include your address.) The book treats all aspects of handbell ringing—its history, its spread to America, the foundry process and a history of different founders, change ringing on handbells, ringing techniques, arranging music for bells, and many others. Numerous pictures and diagrams. Copies to sell for £1 to £1 5s. 8356

MISCELLANEOUS

VISITORS TO BOURNEMOUTH will be welcomed at local towers: St. Peter's, S.R. 9.30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5.50 p.m.; P.N. Thursday, 7.30; St. John's (Surrey Road), S.R. 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; P.N. Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Inquiries answered. — Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8398

COOKHAM, BERKS.—Practice will be held in future on Tuesday until further notice. Visitors always welcome.—John Fowler. 8372

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reports for 1955 containing photograph and tribute to the late president (Mr. H. J. Poole) and 44 different compositions are now available, price 2s. 6d., from Gen. Hon. Sec., B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 8380

RINGERS on holiday in North Devon will be very welcome at Combe Martin (8, 10½ cwt.). Service ringing 10.30, 5.30. For week-night ringing contact Hon. Sec., B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. Tel. 3364. 8381

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum change). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, June 2nd, 4 p.m. Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. 8385

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Hatton, June 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring your own food.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 8391

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Swavesey on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 8340

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 2nd, Emmanuel, Clifton (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. Bennett. 8318

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Elstree (6), June 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 8349

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Goudhurst, June 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (2s.) 5.15 p.m.—Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 8287

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 8320

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Rhyl on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8324

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest and meeting at Clowne on June 2nd at 3 p.m.—J. S. Seagar. 8333

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Thorpe Bay, Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing 3.30 p.m., followed by tea (bring own cups—cups of tea provided) and service.—B. C. Sadler. 8328

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), Saturday, June 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 8316

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham, June 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—I. Butcher. 8327

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington, Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Lyndhurst evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 8397

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, June 4th, 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road Tube Station.—T. J. Lock. 8363

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice, Merstham, Wednesday, June 6th, 7.30 p.m. 8373

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting, Walton, Saturday, June 9th, 6.30 p.m.—W. Marsh. 8386

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield Contest, Penistone, June 9th, 3 p.m. For teas, please notify, not later than June 6th, Mr. A. Champion, 28, Lees Avenue, Penistone, near Sheffield. 8382

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Joint meeting at St. Mary's, Scarborough, June 9th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfields, Scarborough. 8404

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.20. Tea, at the Hare and Hounds, 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 8388

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston, June 9th. Bells (6, recently rehung) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday, June 7th. Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8403

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. Practice meeting at St. Bees, June 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by June 5th, to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.—G. McKay, Hon. Sec. 8378

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting. Newton St. Cyres, Saturday, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Catering by local ladies—extra support, please. Names by June 5th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 8334

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, June 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 7th, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland. Method: St. Clement's Bob Triples. 8371

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), June 9th. Bells 3. Tea 5, in Forrester's Arms. Method for practice: Single Norwich. Names to me by 7th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8387

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Swaffham Prior (6) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 8383

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Crusader meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss C. Chinnery, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orsett, Essex. 8384

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. Meeting at Castle Hedingham (6) on June 9th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. A. Pratt, Black Notley, Braintree. 8337

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Newdigate, June 9th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at The Six Bells. Number for tea by June 6th to E. Vine, 39, Winfield Grove, Newdigate. 8335

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 9th. Names for tea to Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 8360

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Ashton-on-the-Hill, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, before June 6th to J. Beech, The Pump House, Berrow, near Malvern. All welcome. 8410

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Saturday, June 9th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. J. Beadle, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8392

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chetton (6), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 8370

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley, June 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 6th, to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—R. Shutter. 8405

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Northaw, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea, Two Brewers, 4.15 p.m. Names must be sent, by Wednesday, June 6th, please, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 8379

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore (8) on June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must reach Mrs. L. K. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, Appledore, by Tuesday, June 5th. 8336

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on June 9th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Clapps Cafe, Exmouth, at 5.15 p.m. Other towers available: Heavitree 11.30-12.30 p.m.; Clyst St. George 1.45-2.45 p.m. A few seats available on coach from Bath-Bristol district. Names for coach, tea and lunch at Cyst St. George to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 8362

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, June 9th. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale.—N. M. Newby, R. F. Eccles, Branch Secs. 8375

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Halewood, June 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Price 2s. Meeting in School Hall at 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood.—G. I. Howlett. 8389

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, Littleborough, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please send names for tea, by Friday, 8th, to J. Lee, 71, Featherstall Road, Littleborough.—F. Pritchard. 8361

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Melton and Southwell Branches.—Joint meeting at Asfordby, June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea, by June 6th, to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby.—Mrs. P. A. Corby. 8395

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Queniborough, June 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (at 5 p.m.), by the 6th, to S. Parker, 6, Marsden Avenue. No name, no tea. First meeting in this tower. 8376

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Elsham (6), June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by June 6th to Rev. D. N. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 8329

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Putney, Saturday, June 9th, 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Business 5 in vestry. Tea, own arrangements. Barnes 7-8.30. Practice meeting, Thursday, June 28th, Clapham Common, 7.15-9.—Hutchings, TUL 0800. 8407

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Llanover, near Abergavenny, June 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 6th.—Jacqueline Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 8278

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Edgware Tube Station near to church in Station Road. Stanmore bells available in evening.—T. J. Lock. 8364

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, Heydon, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 5th inst., to Mrs. Horrocks, The Earle Arms, Heydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Winslow, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 8367

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice at Bradfield on Saturday, June 9th, at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 8409

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, June 9th. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. V. A. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 8396

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOUCESTER.—Ringing afternoon, Saturday, June 9th, on the newly-rehung six, 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Names for tea to Mr. F. Parry, The Village, Redmarley. 8366

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at High Ercall on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, by Wednesday, June 6th. 8353

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by 5th to Mrs. Rigby, Forest House Café, Edwinstowe, near Mansfield.—H. Denman. 8354

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stalbridge, June 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Visitors welcome. Please notify the Rev. R. A. Wells, Iwerne Minster Vicarage, Blandford, Dorset. 8377

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at Horringer (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Norman tower (10) in the evening after meeting.—Wm. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 8368

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8), June 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., Curd's Tea Rooms. Names, by June 6th, to Mr. A. K. Wood, 18, White Cottages, Holland, Oxted. 8374

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Milland, on June 9th, 2.30-4.30, and Stedham 6.15-8.30. Tea, Stedham, 5. Service 6. Names for tea by previous Tuesday. 8402

THE LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 5th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 8330

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 8344

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Kilmersdon, Sunday, June 10th, 8 a.m.—Bells 7.15. Names for breakfast to Mr. G. Pomeroy, 6, South View, Babington, near Frome. 8365

BEDS and HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Summer Festival at St. Albans on June 16th. Cathedral Service (with handbell voluntary) 4 p.m. Tea at Abbey Institute 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Redbourn (6) 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Sandridge (6) 10.30-11.30; Welwyn (8) 11-12; Hatfield (10) 10.15-12.15; North Mymms (8) 12-1 p.m.; Harpenden (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Peter's (10) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3-4 p.m.; St. Michael's (8) after tea, also St. Peter's and the Cathedral. Names for tea essential, by previous Wednesday, to H. V. Frost, 43, Leyland Avenue, St. Albans. 8399

DURHAM COLLEGE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Ringing day, Saturday, June 16th. Towers: Durham, St. Nicholas' (6) 2-3 p.m.; Chester-le-Street (8) 3-4 p.m. Tea 4-4.30 p.m. Houghton-le-Spring (8) 5 p.m. onwards. Service at Houghton-le-Spring 6.30. Ringing also at St. Nicholas' 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 12th, please, to: Secretary, D.C.S.C.R., Union Society, Durham. 8398

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, June 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Boreham. 8393

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, June 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 13th certain, please, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 8359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chipping Norton, Saturday, June 16th. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury. 8369

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Greet-ham (6), Saturday, June 16th. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 12th.—E. E. Gibson. 8390

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cosgrove, on June 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to E. R. Lambert, 8, Manor Close, Cosgrove, near Wolverton.—W. A. Yates, Branch Sec. 8391

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual quarterly meeting at Bingley on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by Thursday, June 14th, Miss M. Barker, Acland Hall, The Training College, Bingley. Special business: Election of District officers. Subscriptions now due and 1955 annual reports available.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8401

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 14th. Applications for lunch tickets (price 5s. 6d.), not later than Tuesday, July 10th, to Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.—M. R. Cross, Acting Sec. 8355

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