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INCALCULABLE SERVICE.

The passing of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president of Cambridge University Guild, has taken from our midst one who has done, in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, incalculable service to the Exercise. Except during the three years that he occupied the distinguished position of president of the Central Council, to which he succeeded after the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. Boughey was seldom a conspicuous figure in the Exercise, but his influence has spread to almost every corner of it. His work was mostly done in the seclusion of his own rooms at Trinity College, Cambridge, where year after year he interested young undergraduates in the art of ringing, instructed and encouraged them in their practice. Afterwards these young men went out to become leaders in the Exercise and to hold responsible office in many of the principal ringing organisations.

Cambridge University Guild, of which he was the president from its first year, owed its very existence at times to his steadfast and persistent work, for the conditions of University life make the maintenance of the Guild no easy matter. There is, however, no organisation which has indirectly contributed so much to the advance and benefit of the Exercise and the promotion of the art. The extensive influence of the Guild is shown by the fact that it has provided three of the four presidents of the Central Council, all three librarians, and the presidents, masters or secretaries of a dozen or more associations. Many who subsequently have joined the ranks of the clergy graduated in ringing through the Guild, while others, going out from Cambridge to other spheres of life, have been among the keenest promoters of the art. All of these have come under the influence of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and many of them he taught, guided and inspired.

Of Mr. Boughey's scholarly attainments, his many-sided interests in the life of the University it is not for us here to speak, but many ringers, apart from members of the University Guild who held him in affectionate regard, have enjoyed contact with his sunny personality and genial nature. He triumphed over physical infirmity. He could capture friendship with his smile. Age had laid him aside from recent participation in the pursuit he loved so well, but it failed to dim his interest. He has passed from us, full of years, but his great contribution to ringing will go down through the generations. His opportunities were, perhaps, unique, but in face of many disappointments, one less enthusiastic and determined than he might have been tempted at times to give up in despair. He has been the centre round which

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the University Guild has revolved for more than fifty years, and much of its success has come from his efforts. It will not be easy to find a successor to fill the gap who can bring to bear his practical attainments as a ringer or his gifts in inspiring interest in the art. Cambridge University Guild has lost a great and beloved president, and the Exercise a member to whom its indebtedness can never be fully known.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HARRY GRUNDY Treble	†FRANK VARTY 6
EDWIN BREEZE 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 8
*GEORGE LEDSHAM 4	LESTER L. GRAY 9
†CHARLES BLACKBURN 5	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon F. Glid), who is leaving to be Vicar of Tonbridge, Kent. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells in their present tower.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 8
EPHRAIM W. RANDE 4	FREDERICK J. MILNER... .. 9
RICHARD F. ROE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	HERBERT J. AUDSLEY 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	JOSEPH MARKS 8
HARRY HOVERD 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5	JACK A. WAUGH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5151 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT W. T. MAYNARD Treble	HENRY RUMENS... .. 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	HENRY J. MAYNARD 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 8
*HENRY STREET 4	FRED. C. MAYNARD 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD... .. 5	†FREDERICK C. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. W. T. MAYNARD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal. Composition No. 1 on Carter's Broadsheet. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Robert J. Maynard, which occurred on September 23rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 12 lb.

THOMAS A. DOICK Treble	GEORGE W. BARTON 5
CHARLES H. SHEPHERD ... 2	ERNEST R. WARNER 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
*GEORGE T. ROGERS 4	FREDERICK W. STEMP Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. W. BURNETT.
* First peal 'inside.'

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED J. BELL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method (Carter's No. 22). The name is given to it as a compliment to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in recognition of his services to the Art and the Exercise.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
R. GORDON CROSS 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF BROOK'S.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	DANIEL J. WILLIAMS 5
*GILBERT HOWELL 2	EDWARD PHILLIPS 6
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
WALLACE DOBBINS 4	*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Twenty-fifth peal of Stedman Triples for the ringer of the treble, who has now 'completed the circle' in this tower. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 7 lb. in F. sharp.

*GEORGE MALYAN Treble	*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 5
*MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THORLOW 6
JOHN H. BOTHAM 3	R. GORDON CROSS 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	A. PATRICE CANNON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Mr. G. Malyan, the local towerkeeper, has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH Treble	CLAUDE WOODWARD 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 2	GEORGE FARNISH 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
KEITH WHITTELL 4	GARHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 21 lb.

*FRANK JONES Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 100th anniversary of the renaming of the village from Bullock's Smithy to Hazel Grove.

TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
HENRY E. COX 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 6
JACK BRAY 3	WALTER GODDARD 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ROBERT WAITS Treble	ALBERT NORTH 5
GORDON BACON 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
NORMAN TOWNSEND 3	FRANK LUFKIN 7
WALTER TAYLOR 4	ERNEST FORBANK Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major as conductor.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
FREDERICK SEAGER 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON
Specially arranged as a compliment to Thomas B. Kendall for his 70th birthday. He has been a Sunday service ringer at the above church for 53 years. Also to George Titterton, of Bradford, for his 81st birthday, and to the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER J. POOLE Treble	GILBERT W. RENDALL 4
EDWARD T. BARRINGTON 2	SIDNEY A. RICKETS 5
TREVOR E. MARKS 3	PERCY N. G. RAINEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER LEE Treble	*FREDERICK C. REEVE 4
FREDERICK J. REEVE 2	HARRY C. JONES 5
HORACE L. WAITE 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL Tenor

Conducted by W. J. RANDALL.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC R. WEBB Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE 2	ALBERT E. JONES 5
G. HARRY GRIFFITHS 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a welcome home to the District Ringing Master, who was recently married at the above church. After the peal the ringers were invited to tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. R. Price.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burton, Capel, London Scholars', Kingston, Sandal, Kent and Killamarsh. Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS NICHOLLS Treble	WILLIE GREEN 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	DANIEL SMITH 5
ARTHUR GILL 3	ARTHUR PANTHER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal and first attempt.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, comprising 720 each of Hereward Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CECIL W. BAILEY Treble	MISS MARIE R. CROSS 4
WILLIAM J. PAICE 2	R. GORDON CROSS 5
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal in eight methods on the bells and first on the bells since their restoration by R. White, of Appleton. First peal in eight methods by the 'spectacle band.' Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his silver wedding.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-two 120's and five 240's by Pitman and Morris. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS Treble	ERIC R. WEBB 4
FREDERICK SMITH 2	*ARTHUR INSEAL 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	† W. IVOR PROSSER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble and two of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JOSEPH PAPWORTH Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON 4
*VICTOR MORLEY 2	AMBROSE MASON 5
† ERNEST MINGAY 3	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE MASON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*DEREK M. SHARPE 1-2	† GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	HARRY HOVERD 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal in the method 'in hand' away from the tenors. The greater part of the peal was heard by Edwin Barnett.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT COTSWOLD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3-4	* EDWIN JENNINGS 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.' 200th peal as conductor.

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A CORNISH TOUR.

The following six peals, kindly arranged by Messrs. Lanxon and Roberts, to whom the thanks of the party are due, were rung during a short tour of Cornwall under the auspices of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

REDRUTH.

On Monday, September 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. UNY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER 1	... Treble	*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2		CHARLES POTHECARY 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3		ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4		JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Major on the bells. J. Bennett has now rung a peal in every county in England.

LANIVET.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NYVETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 1	... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2		*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3		JAMES BENNETT 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4		JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

ROCHE.

On Tuesday, September 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GONANDUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES 1	... Treble	CHARLES POTHECARY 5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER 2		ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3		JAMES BENNETT 7
*HARRY HOSKINS 4		CYRIL E. LANXON... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON,

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

KENWYN.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COBY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1	... Treble	CHARLES POTHECARY 5
C. EDWIN LANKESTER... .. 2		JAMES BENNETT 6
JOHN W. JONES 3		*CYRIL E. LANXON 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 4		ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells. E. A. Barnett's 200th peal.

PHILLACK.

On Thursday, September 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER 1	... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2		WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 6
CYRIL E. LANXON 3		JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN W. JONES 4		JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

J. W. Jones' 400th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HELSTON.

On Friday, September 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 1	... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
JOHN W. JONES 2		EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER 3		JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES POTHECARY 4		JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE TRIPLES.

While the Bob Minor ringers are making up their minds to depart from the rut into which they have got, and are studying the other ways of ringing the same method, that is by reversing or doubling it, as we described last week, let us turn to something fresh for the ringers of Grandsire Triples. Not that we have not already given in this column sufficient material for those, who desire to launch out, to ring something fresh. In May and June, for instance, we explained Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Court Bob Triples, and those articles are still available.

All these methods have another bell in the hunt with the treble and, being pure Triples methods, have place-making only in 3rd's or 5th's.

For instance, Oxford Bob, in addition to the 3rd's place which makes the Grandsire method, has 5th's place made twice in each lead, one immediately before the treble leads and the other immediately after the bell in the hunt has led. These two places are joined by a single dodge in 4-5.

Now this method can be rung in a double form, and the name is Double Oxford Bob. In addition to the places made in the single version when the treble is in front, similar places, in relation to the back, are made when the treble is behind.

Thus, after the treble has laid its whole pull behind 5th's is made (3rd's place from the back corresponding with 3rd's from the front). Further, immediately before the treble lays its whole pull behind, and immediately after the bell in the hunt has laid its whole pull behind, 3rd's place is made (5th's places from the back, corresponding with the 5th's places from the front).

A method very similar in construction is Hereward Bob. It is the same as Double Oxford, but with the omission of the 5th's place made after the treble has laid its whole pull behind.

Double Oxford.	Hereward.
1234567	1234567
2135476	2135476
2314567	2314567
3241576	3241576
3425167	3425167
4352617	4352617
3456271	3456271
4365721	4365721
3456712	4637512
4365172	6473152
3461527	4671325
4316257	6417235
4132675	6142753
1423657	1824735
1246375	1267453

You will probably find it easier to go from Oxford Bob, if you have learnt it, to Hereward, than to Double Oxford, because in this latter the place-making when the treble is behind compels dodging in 3-4 and 1-2, as well as in 4-5 and 6-7 when the treble is in front. We will, therefore, leave Double Oxford for the moment to those ringers who would care to make a study of it for themselves, the real purpose of introducing it here being for constructive illustration.

Let us turn to Hereward. A table of the method constructed from passing the treble may be set out in the following order:—

Pass treble	
1-2	make 3rd's and lead.
4-5	three-pull dodge in 6-7 (up), lie a whole pull, make 3rd's.
3-4	make 5th's, dodge 5-4 (down), dodge 2-1 (down) and 1-2 (up).
2-3	dodge 4-5 (up), make 5th's and 3rd's.
5-6	three pull dodge in 7-6 (down), dodge 2-1 (down).

You will probably see the method better if you will write out the full course of five leads and make a diagram by drawing a line from top to bottom through the path of one of the working bells.

A bob in Hereward is made as in Grandsire, by the bell in the hunt double dodging in 5-4 (down), while the bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 3rd's and goes into the hunt. The bell making 3rd's, after passing treble in 1-2, and the two bells dodging behind are unaffected. The bell that passes the treble in 3-4 double dodges in 4-5 up before making 5th's and 3rd's and passing the treble in 5-6.

A touch of 168 can be got by calling Middle, Before, Right (or at the 1st, 3rd and 4th leads of the course) three times. A longer touch of 378 is produced by calling M. B. R. R., three times.

MUFFLED BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Church of St. Mary and Margaret, Castle Bromwich, on Tuesday, August 25th, muffled as a token of respect for the Dowager Countess of Bradford, who passed away on August 22nd, and was interred at Weston-on-the-Lizard earlier in the day: J. R. Greaves (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Cox 2, J. L. Stokes 3, J. Wilkinson 4, W. H. Rhodes (conductor) 5, C. Bolton 6. The band are all Sunday service ringers.

BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, GLOUCESTER

CURFEW BUNG FOR NEARLY A THOUSAND YEARS.

In the tower of a Gloucester church, from which for nearly 1,000 years the curfew has been sounded and many important historical events have been proclaimed, the bells rang out joyously once more after a long silence on Sunday, September 20th.

The harmonious sounds signalled an event in the history of St. Michael's Church—the rededication, following their restoration, of the fine peal of ten bells in the embattled tower by the Archdeacon of Gloucester (Ven. A. J. Hodson). Some of the bells are over 250 years old, and most of them bear inscriptions indicative of the loyal sentiments of the citizens and of local patriotism.

For a long time it was realised that the bells needed attention, and recently the advice of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was obtained, following which it was decided to undertake their restoration. The ten bells, the tenor of which weighs a ton, were thoroughly overhauled and the upper tier of the framework was entirely rebuilt, thus materially reducing the strain that was formerly imposed upon the ancient tower when the full peal was being swung.

The bells are of varying ages. The two oldest, Nos. 5 and 6, were cast in 1667. Next come Nos. 1, 7 and 9, cast by the famous Gloucester bellfounder, Abel Rudhall, in 1703 and 1705. No. 8 is another Rudhall product, cast in 1770. Then come the more modern bells—the tenor, 1872; Nos. 3 and 4, the Jubilee bells of 1887; and No. 2, the gift of Mayor Estcourt of Gloucester in 1898. On No. 1 is inscribed, 'Prosperity to the City of Gloucester.' No. 7 says, 'God save Queen Ann.' No. 8 wishes 'Prosperity to Gloucester and all our benefactors.'

Many parishioners and others interested attended the rededication service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Prichard). Following the singing of the hymn, 'Thy hand, O God, has guided,' prayers and the chanting of the psalm, 'O praise the Lord of Heaven,' the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Rector, curate and choir, proceeded to the belfry, where the first named, laying his hands upon one of the bell ropes, rededicated the bells to the glory of God. Prayers for the ringers and others followed, after which a short 'peal' was rung on the bells.

An address was given by the Archdeacon, who observed that Gloucester and Gloucestershire people above all others ought, in his view, to love bells and bellringing, because the city at one time supplied most of the bells which hung in the steeples of the churches in England. Most of them were familiar with the names of Purdew and Rudhall, whose bells were famed throughout the country and whose bell foundries were in the city. He believed there were something like 4,000 and 5,000 Rudhall bells hanging in different steeples in England, while it was the steeples and bells dotted all over the countryside of that county which surely gave rise to the old saying, 'As sure as God's in Gloucestershire.'

AN UNSPOILT ART.

Bellringing, proceeded the Archdeacon, was a great art as well as a great mystery. 'Indeed, it is one of the few natural arts of the countryside which still survive to-day,' he observed. 'The old country games, sports, drama, music and dancing have gone. Sentimentalists and antiquarians, I know, try to revive them and call them folk dancing and folk music—whatever that may mean—but bellringing is an art which has been handed on unaltered and unspoilt by generations of bellringers.'

Change ringing on bells was, of course, quite peculiar to the English people, for in foreign countries they were content to ring their bells by mechanical means, carillons and the like. They rejoiced to-day to think how the interest in bellringing was reviving. At St. Michael's they had one of the best peals in Gloucestershire, and the bells sent out their message for all to hear from the very heart of the city.

He had learnt from the Rector that there were originally six bells in the peal which certainly went back to the time of Edward the Confessor, but had since been recast. Three others were added as private gifts, and the tenth bell was formerly the fire bell at the old Tolsey. The bells had been rung to mark many important historical events, and the church records showed that they were sounded to mark the marriage of Philip of Spain and Queen Mary in 1554, the defeat of the Armada in 1588, the restoration of the Monarchy at the time of Charles II. in 1660, and, curiously enough, they were also rung at the Proclamation, only seven years before, of Cromwell as Protector. Another interesting fact was that the curfew had been rung from the church tower for nearly 1,000 years.

'We may learn a lot of history from the bells up and down the country,' concluded the Archdeacon, 'but it is their message I want you to think about. They call you to worship; they ring out the good news of the Gospels at the great festivals; they ring for the wedded and carry a message to the sick, while the passing bell bids us pray for the dying, at the same time assuring us of the life beyond the grave. Yes, above all the noise of the world—and it is noisy in these days—we want to keep the music of our bells.'

The service concluded with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' and the Blessing, pronounced by the Rector.

A big gathering of ringers attended the service and took part in ringing for the remainder of the afternoon; those present including the Rev. E. Bankes James (who with his family were formerly identified with Gloucester), Messrs. S. Romans (Master of the

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BIRMINGHAM'S OLDEST RINGER DEAD.

TAUGHT BY WILLIAM CHATTELL SIXTY YEARS AGO.

We regret to record the death of the oldest ringer in Birmingham. After a long illness, Mr. Robert James Hunt passed away at his home in Lea Bank Road, Edgbaston, on September 18th, at the age of 84 years.

Bob Hunt, as he was always familiarly called, was taught to ring 60 years ago at St. Philip's Church, now the Cathedral, by the late William Chattell. After Chattell's death he succeeded to the leadership of the company. He was an excellent ringer and conductor and had rung many peals in the four standard methods both on tower and handbells.

He rang a pair of bells to the then longest length of Stedman Caters in hand, 3,888, rung at Aston, conducted by Bernard Witchell. He was also in the first performance on handbells of Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman Triples. Previously in 1880 he rang in a peal of 8,720 of Major double-handed.

A REMINISCENCE.

Mr. Tom Miller, another of Birmingham's veterans, who knew Bob Hunt all his ringing life, tells us an amusing incident of their early ringing days together. In 1878 the then Chief Constable of Birmingham married a daughter of Canon Balby, of St. Philip's Church. The bells were rung for the occasion, and, of course, it was 'a paid job.'

'I was one of the ringers,' says Mr. Miller, 'and we went for Holt's ten-part peal. After over an hour's ringing there was a stop. The same thing happened again, but we started once more and rang the peal in 3 hours and 16 minutes.'

'Afterwards we went to the usual meeting house, and in came John Banister. Jim Hinton, who was also in the ringing, asked Banister what he thought of the hard-earned peal. The reply from Banister was that there had been no peal rung, to which Hinton made a rough reply.'

'The matter dropped for a quarter of an hour or so, and then Hinton brought it up again, so Banister asked, "Who called the peal?" "Bob Hunt answered, "I did." Then Banister told him that he called the bell in the seventh part of the peal only three instead of four times, before. So, after all, there was no peal got.'

The funeral service took place at the Edgbaston Old Church. Canon Blofeld conducted the service, and there was a representative gathering, including many employees, the deceased having been in business as an ironfounder (R. J. Hunt and Son, Ltd., ironfounders, Lifford Foundry). The St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. E. T. Alloway, G. E. Fearn, Tom Miller, H. Withers and A. Walker. At the end of the service a course of Triples was rung in the church on handbells, and the cortege then proceeded to Perry Barr Crematorium.

DEATH OF MR. E. COTTON.

On Monday evening, September 21st, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a mark of esteem and respect for the late Mr. Ernest Cotton, who for many years held the position of Ringing Master at Market Harborough Parish Church. The following members took part: C. A. Manning (conductor) 1, L. E. Rudd 2, W. Wallington 3, W. Hector 4, J. Chester 5, R. March 6, F. Wallington 7, W. Kilsby 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, September 26th, with a rather poor attendance. The bells were kept going afternoon and evening with a break for tea and the usual business meeting, at which five new members were elected.

The places of the next three meetings were provisionally fixed as Rodbourne Cheney, Lydiard Millicent and Christ Church, Swindon.

Good practice was obtained in the standard methods.

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Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), R. Daniels (Cheltenham), J. Austin (Gloucester), W. P. Pullin (Upton-on-Severn), J. Jagger (Birmingham), F. Price (Lyne Regis), who was a ringer in Gloucester when the trebles were added in 1898, and a large number of members in Gloucester and the surrounding districts.

The ringing chamber is, owing to the circumstances of the tower, on the ground floor, and the draft of rope is exceedingly long. All those who were privileged to try the bells, however, were entirely satisfied with the 'go' of the peal and the results of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work.

When St. Michael's bells were augmented to eight, the brothers H. Law James and E. Bankes James, whose father was Rector, formed a band of young ringers, and St. Michael's Juniors (Gloucester) was founded on September 6th, 1887. Their first peal at St. Michael's was Grandsire Triples on September 15th, 1888, conducted by S. E. Romans. The society made great progress, especially after the advent of Mr. J. Austin, who came from Burton, and among their performances were the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London in the county, and the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters and Gloucester Surprise Major ever rung. The London and Gloucester Surprise were rung in St. Michael's tower.

DEATH OF A WOKINGHAM RINGER.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Wokingham, on August 29th, of Mr. George Green, one of the local ringers. He had been a ringer at All Saints' for many years. The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow took the service, which was preceded by touches with the bells fully muffled (tenor open at backstroke). A 504 Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening, with the bells half-muffled.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Kintbury on September 19th, when 25 members attended from Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beedon, Compton, Chieveley, East Halesy, Newbury, Peasmore, Thatcham and Kintbury, and one visitor from Bramley. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Kintbury (the Rev. H. L. G. Alison), who gave an inspiring address. Miss Moorby was at the organ.

Tea was served in the Coronation Hall by Mrs. Barnett, 25 sitting down to an excellent meal. The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided at the business meeting.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury on Saturday, November 21st.

The Rev. H. L. G. Alison and Mrs. W. Grimshaw were elected honorary members of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were accorded with applause to the Rev. H. L. G. Alison for his address and welcome; to Miss Moorby for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Barnett for providing the tea, on the motion of the chairman.

The tower was again visited. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ROTHERHAM.—At St. Stephen's, Eastwood, on Sunday, September 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Casswell 1, K. Makin 2, L. Parkin 3, S. Briggs 4, L. Parkin 5, N. Chaddock (conductor) 6, P. Maughan 7.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, September 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, H. Mance 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, L. G. Franks 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—At the Parish Church of St. John, on Hospital Sunday, August 23rd, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Brookers (age 15, first 720) 1, A. R. Paul 2, Ernest Wakeling 3, L. Skeggs 4, C. Goodyear 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S THREAT.**ROD IN PICKLE FOR GUILDFORD MEMBERS.**

The meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ockham afforded ample proof that a meeting at a five-bell tower can, when enterprise is the driving force, be made a very interesting and enjoyable event.

The Parish Church at Ockham, where hangs a light peal of five recently restored and rehung on ball bearings, was awarded its first district meeting on Saturday.

Unfortunately, the district members chose the very curious method of stopping away as a means of marking their interest in this 'red letter day.' Only six were present and only one tower (Holy Trinity) was really represented, as the other district members consisted of the Master, an unattached life member and the district secretary.

The situation was, however, saved and the proceedings very much enlivened by the attendance of youth and beauty, age and experience from Cobham, Hillingdon, Uxbridge and Aldershot.

The Rector (the Rev. W. Lorimer W. Kitching) conducted the usual service, and, after tea in the Parish Room, the Master presided at the business meeting.

One new member was elected, and it was decided to rearrange the date of the next district meeting, as the one originally fixed, namely, November 14th, clashed with the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

In the tower the well-known stock methods of Grandsire and Stedman were placed on the shelf, and among other efforts the party explored the mysteries of St. Simon's and New Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course, Bob Singles for the two local men present (who rang it from boards and did not recognise the method by name or the path of their bells by the time-honoured expressions), Treble Bob Singles, in which every course end was as false as the plain course itself; Stedman Singles, which has rather too many blows behind ever to find its way into even the most enlightened methods committee's collection of methods, and one very special arrangement believed to have been composed by Edna specially for the meeting and rejoicing in the name of Bedford Treble Bob Surprise Doubles.

The composer is confident that after careful research the full extent of this musical masterpiece will be produced and the practical ringing should not prove difficult to a band sufficiently expert to switch them over if rounds look like coming up in the middle.

The district secretary promises that on the presentation of his annual report he will give the district members the treat of listening to a further reference to this district meeting, and although by that time the sun will have gone down upon his wrath several times, there are not likely to be many bouquets handed out to them in respect of it.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. James Bennett, who recently succeeded in ringing a peal on every date in the year, has now completed the counties of England, having rung a peal in every one, his last being Cornwall, which he visited with other ringing friends last week.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have been selected, in international competition, to supply a large clock and bells, with an hour bell weighing 5½ tons, for the University at Giza, near Cairo, to the order of the Egyptian Government.

The ring of five at Walgrave Church, Northants, is to be rehung in a new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

His many friends will regret to learn of a serious accident to Mr. G. Popnell, of Bedwellty, Mon. While returning home across the mountain after dark, he fell and broke a leg. It was fortunate there were others with him, or he might have been on the mountain all night. He was conveyed to a farm, where a doctor set the broken limb, and he was then taken to Tredegar Cottage Hospital, which was reached about 4 a.m. We are glad to say Mr. Popnell is progressing satisfactorily and his friends will wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

A hand met 'short' for Maximus at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday, and had to fall back on Sledman Caters.

One frequently hears of an exchange of hats after a visit to a belfry, but at a recent Lincolnshire meeting there was an exchange of coats, which was not discovered by the 'culprit' until he was in the train on his way to Grimsby, where he was staying. He made the discovery when feeling in the pockets for his tobacco! Horror of horrors! His tobacco was not there. Neither was his wallet and money!

He dared not tell his wife, who was with him—strange that woman's eyes did not detect the strange coat—but the cat was out of the bag when he 'borrowed' a pipeful of tobacco from his host and the lady wanted to know whether he had smoked an ounce of tobacco since morning!

Three ringers missed the service ringing next day. One had no coat, one travelled from Grimsby to Bigby to restore the 'stolen' article (whose owner had been identified); the owner travelled from Bigby to Grimsby to do likewise with the garment that had been left in exchange. What a Ladd!

Mr. William H. Fussell was 75 on September 16th, and on Saturday week took part in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Haddenham, Bucks, in celebration of the event. One of the 'old brigade,' Mr. Fussell is more active than a lot of men many years his junior and he keeps steadily piling up his peals—for his health's sake. He will tell you that a peal or two a week at his age is as good as a 'daily dozen' of physical jerks to the younger generation. His 'holidays' this year have included the tour in the North and one in Cornwall last week. More power to your elbow, Bill!

The story of the successful Irish Tour is held over until next week, and we regret we have had again to postpone the appearance of Mr. G. Baker's letter on false rows in Minor methods.

TWO WONDERFUL JOBS.

BELL FOUNDERS' SUCCESSFUL WORK.

A few months ago the Lichfield Cathedral ringers were invited by the Vicar of St. Chad's, Lichfield (the Rev. Cousmaker) to ring and report on the 'go' of the four bells which had recently been rehung in the very old frame in that tower. The ringers, who previous to the rehangng had thought it almost impossible to rehang the bells in such an ancient frame, had to report that the 'go' left nothing to be desired, and, after examining the rehangng, they declared the job little short of wonderful.

It had been found impossible to raise sufficient money to have a new frame installed, and the bells had been unringable for some time, until it was finally decided to entrust the rehangng in the old frame to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and hope for the best as to sufficient funds being raised.

The result was so satisfactory that the Rev. Bigott, Vicar of Longdon, a village some three miles from Lichfield, where the peal of five bells was in a worse condition than St. Chad's, and where the church suffered in a like manner from lack of funds, was persuaded by Mr. F. Cope, captain of the Cathedral ringers, to entrust the job of rehangng to the same firm, and also to 'hope for the best' with regard to the money being raised.

The result was an invitation on September 10th to Messrs. F. Cope, A. Bowler, sen. and jun., W. Cope and F. Sedgwick, of the Cathedral band, to the reopening ceremony at Longdon, which was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, of Lichfield.

After the ringing and inspection of the bells, the ringers declared that again a wonderful job had been made of the rehangng, and the 'go' left nothing to be desired.

The Vicar invited the ringers to partake of refreshments, and at the gathering in The Swan the ringers were thanked by the Vicar for their assistance. He stated he was pleased to announce that the money for the restoration had all been raised.

The ringers then invited a few youngsters to visit Lichfield, and arrangements were made to instal a band of ringers and teach them the art of change ringing.

W. J. C.

THE LATE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS PRESIDENT OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president of Cambridge University Guild, died at his home in Cambridge on Tuesday, September 22nd, at the advanced age of 87 years. By his death the Exercise has lost one of its most valued members, for his services to the art are incalculable. Many of the leading figures in the past and present generation owe the first inception of their enthusiasm for ringing to the spirit which he fostered and the instruction which he gave.

Anchitel Harry Fletcher Boughey, born on August 14th, 1849, was the third son of Lt.-Col. G. F. F. Boughey, of the 59th Regiment, who died 81 years ago. He went up in 1868 to Trinity College, Cambridge, from the once famous Keisington School, where he was the favourite pupil of two successive headmasters, W. Haig Brown and Joseph Mayor. He came out as ninth wrangler and ninth classic in 1872. A Fellowship of Trinity followed in 1874, and soon after the posts of lecturer in classics and in theology, the latter of which he retained till 1903. He was ordained in 1877 to the curacy of St. Michael's, Cambridge, under his friend and contemporary, A. J. Mason, whom he succeeded as Vicar from 1878 to 1884. He was Junior Dean of Trinity from 1884 to 1886, Tutor (in succession to J. Prior) from 1886 to 1896, and Senior Dean from 1897 to 1908. The College then presented him to the living of Great St. Mary's with St. Michael's, and there he remained till 1913. He was Rural Dean of Cambridge for four years, and examining chaplain to Dr. Handley Moulle, Bishop of Durham, from 1904 till the Bishop's death.

In 1883 he married Miss K. A. Lovell; she died in 1935. Their elder son, C. L. F. Boughey, headmaster of Sherborne School from 1927 to 1933, died in 1934, and their younger son, a lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade, was lost at sea by enemy action in October, 1918. There are two daughters, Mrs. A. P. Scott and Mrs. R. M. P. Druce.

HIS WORK FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

Mr. Boughey was a great antiquarian and an expert herald and genealogist, but readers of this journal know him best for his association with ringing; and by the members of the Cambridge University Guild he was held in deep affection. He became the first president of the Guild; his rooms on the ground floor of the Great Court of Trinity College became the members' meeting place, and there scores of undergraduates were taught change ringing.

Cambridge University Guild was formed out of the society, founded in 1879 by W. C. Pearson (now Vicar of Henley, Suffolk), known as the Clare Society. This was established on February 4th, but on February 10th its title was changed to the University Guild, and on May 31st Mr. Boughey was elected president, an office he held until his death, a period of 57 years.

For years Mr. Boughey encouraged the art among the young men who went up to the university, and, despite frequent setbacks from the constant change of residents, he continued to 'turn out' ringers who, in after years, have succeeded to many of the leading positions in the Exercise.

He set an example in handbell ringing and many notable performances have been rung by Mr. Boughey's pupils. Progress at first was slow, but on April 28th, 1890, Mr. Boughey, with the brothers E. B. and H. L. James and C. F. Wedemeyer, rang the first peal for the Guild, a peal of Bob Triples on handbells, conducted by H. Law James. It was Mr. Boughey's first peal. Less than a year later, however, with C. A. Clements on the tenors, Mr. Boughey and the brothers James scored the 'first ever' of Double Norwich on handbells. As the years progressed Mr. Boughey, of course, took part in many other performances both in and outside the University Guild, but he was more at home on handbells than church bells, for a physical infirmity made tower bell ringing a somewhat exacting ordeal for him. He was never prouder of a performance than he was of a peal of Stedman Cinques, which he rang on the bells of his own church, when Rector of Great St. Mary's, and in which his curate the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, also took part—the first occasion on which rector and curate had ever rung a peal of Cinques together in their own church.

For three years he was president of the Central Council, from 1918 to 1921, following upon the death of Sir Arthur Heywood.

When the jubilee of the Cambridge University Guild was celebrated in 1929, the members presented Mr. Boughey with a handsome silver rose bowl in token of their appreciation and regard. Advancing years and ill-health had prevented Mr. Boughey from taking an active part in ringing for a considerable period, but his interest in the art and particularly in the Guild never waned to the last.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, the first part of the service being held in Trinity College Chapel. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Dr. H. F. Stewart, the Rev. B. Dennis-Jones and the Rev. P. F. Boughey (nephew). The Master of Trinity (Sir Joseph Thomson) read the lesson.

The University and the organisations connected with it were represented by a distinguished company, including the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. G. H. A. Wilson, Master of Clare College), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president)

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REVISED RULES ADOPTED.

The annual festival of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle on Saturday. The festival service, with an address by the Rev. R. T. Hesilton, of St. Paul's, Newcastle, was held in the Cathedral, and concluded with a short service at the Ringers' War Memorial, during which five of the ringers rang a short 'touch' on handbells to the memory of their fallen comrades. There was a large attendance and the service was a very impressive one.

After an excellent dinner at the Crown Hotel, the annual meeting was held, Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead, the president, being in the chair.

A very satisfactory report of the year's work was submitted by the hon. secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, of Sunderland, and the accounts, presented by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, showed a very satisfactory balance of 275 3s. 1d. in hand.

The rules of the association had been carefully revised by a sub-committee, and these, with one or two alterations, were unanimously adopted.

The certificates for the greatest number of points gained for Sunday service ringing were awarded to St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, and St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and the certificates for six-bell towers to Holy Trinity, Darlington, and St. Cuthbert's, Binfieldside.

Association meetings are to be held next year at Chester-le-Street, Hexham and Wylam; the annual meeting to be held at Durham.

Councillor Arthur Payne was re-elected president, the vice-president for the Northern District being Mr. Murray Oubridge, of Newcastle; the Southern District, Mr. S. Bryant, of Shildon; the Eastern District, Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland; the Western District, Mr. F. Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street; and the Wednesday Guild, Mr. J. E. Scott, of North Shields.

Mr. Roland Park, of Darlington, was elected secretary, and Mr. W. N. Park, also of Darlington, treasurer. The editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, and the auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird, of Newcastle, were also re-elected.

It was decided, as an experiment, to hold a meeting on a Bank Holiday, and this will probably be held on August Bank Holiday, at Sunderland.

The number of peals rung during the year was 23, 14 of which were rung by Mr. F. Bennett's touring band on their recent eight days' visit to the North—a very remarkable performance.

A vote of thanks to the Rules Revision Committee for their valuable services brought a very successful meeting to a close.

AFTER NEARLY 200 YEARS.

At Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berkshire, on Saturday, September 19th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. R. Cross 1, H. A. Edwards 2, R. G. Cross 3, F. F. Taylor (conductor) 4, the Rev. C. E. Wigg 5, A. P. Cannon 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Minor on the bells, cast by Henry Bagley, 1738. The tenor is about 18 cwt. and the bells are a 'rough old lot.'

WORSLEY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 8th, the ringers of Worsley Parish Church, with their wives and friends, 30 in all, set out to tour the Wirral by motor coach. A delightful run in equally delightful weather took them via Warrington and Chester along the Dee to West Kirby. Here a halt was made, while the ringers visited the Parish Church, where the bells were set going to Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Others of the party visited the sea front. The journey was then continued to Hoylake, where an excellent tea was served. Afterwards some played bowls and others visited the seashore with the children. The return was made via the Birkenhead Road and the notable Mersey tunnel. After getting safely through and well on the way home, a halt was made while the party attended to the wants of the inner man, then off again until we had practically dropped all the party. It was getting near midnight when another enjoyable outing had come to a close.

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dent) represented the Central Council, and, as senior steward, the Ancient Society of College Youths; the Rev. A. C. Blyth, Dean of Selwyn and vice-president of the Guild, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton represented the Cambridge University Guild; the Rev. R. Copeman the Ely Diocesan Association; and Mr. T. R. Dennis Cambridge Youths.

Parry's anthem, 'Crossing the Bar' (Tennyson), was sung by the choir, and the hymn was 'O God, our help.' Then as the funeral procession left the college precincts for Trumpington, where the interment took place, 'Nunc Dimittis' was sung at the Great Gate.

Members of the University Guild, with members of the Cambridge Youths, afterwards rang the bells at Great St. Mary's fully muffled, ceasing in the impressive Cambridge way, by stopping one bell at a time, beginning with the treble, until the ringing ceases with the solemn tolling of the tenor. In the evening half-muffled ringing took place by Cambridge ringers.

WALTHAMSTOW RINGER'S 80th BIRTHDAY

SEVENTY YEARS' CONNECTION WITH THE BELFRY.

The name of Maynard is well known in Walthamstow, especially amongst Walthamstow ringers, and it was not surprising that the ringers at the Parish Church desired to honour the 80th birthday of Robert J. Maynard, which occurred on the 23rd September. The Saturday after this day was selected for a peal, and ten members of the St. Mary's Society, including 'Old Bob' himself, met for a peal of Stedman Caters. If Bob had felt as young as he did only



MR. ROBERT J. MAYNARD.

four or five years ago, he would have mounted the tenor box to 'bang the drum,' at which particular job he had few equals, and none to excel him, as the late William Pyc often testified. As it was, however, he was content to ring the fifth, and he rang it well. Indeed, one of the band, a ringer with over 900 peals to his credit, said to him afterwards, 'Well done, Bob. If I live to be 80 I hope I shall ring as well as you did today.' But we anticipate.

Before starting, there were one or two preliminaries. Fred Maynard, the local captain, suggested that the peal should be rung for the Middlesex Association, as a compliment to Mr. C. T. Coles, the hon. secretary, who was a valued member of the band. This was agreed to, and Henry J. Maynard and Fred Taylor were there-

upon provisionally elected members of that association. 'Young Bob' was the conductor, and in a few minutes under 3½ hours a good peal of Stedman Caters was rung. The veteran received the congratulations of the band, some of whom afterwards drank his health. We presume the others had appointments at home which could not wait, but Bob had their good wishes just the same. Fred Taylor, the baby of the band (aged 38!) rang his first peal, and no doubt went home quickly to spread the good news.

Robert Maynard, who was born on September 23rd, 1856, started to ring at St. Mary's Church when in his tenth year. He has thus been connected with ringing in Walthamstow for almost 71 years! He became a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1877; of the Essex Association at its foundation; and was a member of the Middlesex Association even before the present County Association was formed. He rang his first peal in 1880, which was conducted by his brother, Thomas Maynard, and although he has not kept a complete record of his peals, he estimates that he has rung about 200, nearly all of them at St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

On his birthday he was the recipient of many messages of congratulation, including letters from Mr. W. T. Cockerill, on behalf of the Ancient Society; Messrs. C. F. Winney, C. S. Burden, A. A. Hughes and W. D. Smith, the latter three of whom have at some time or other been members of the St. Mary's Society. Indeed, we strongly suspect that some of Bill Smith's happiest ringing days were when, with the late Fred Rumens, Bill Manning, George Grimwade, etc., he rang many a 500 Stedman Caters for morning services. Well, here's to Old Bob, and may he be spared to ring many more peals!

NEW RING OF SIX FOR HANTS. TREBLE ADDED TO LONGPARISH BELLS.

The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Longparish, Hants, were opened on Thursday, September 3rd, by the Bishop of Winchester after being relunged and a new treble added.

During the service a few rounds were rung by a band arranged by the Rev. F. H. S. Marle and Mr. F. J. Knapp, of the Andover Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

An address was given by the Bishop, who stressed the point that bells were a national as well as a spiritual emblem of Great Britain, and no other country had bells that were rung in quite the same way as in this country.

During the service a collection was made on behalf of the bell fund, as a small amount is still needed to pay off the bill, but great credit is due to the Rector (the Rev. T. Marsden) and parishioners, who have raised the whole of the money necessary for the purpose.

After the service 360 of Bob Minor was rung by J. Marlow 1, H. Wooding 2, E. Austin 3, W. Ham 4, F. J. Knapp (conductor) 5, J. Chesterman 6. Other touches were rung by numerous ringers from the surrounding district, including the local band, who hope to make great strides in the near future.

The work of returning the old bells and casting the treble bell was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have provided Longparish with a very good 'six.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. NOLAN GOLDEN.

A large gathering of members representing all four branches of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at Salle on Saturday, September 19th, when ringers from Aylsham, Buxton, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Norwich, North Walsham, Reedham, Reepham, Saxlingham, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yarmouth rang short touches on the bells during the afternoon and evening. Welcome visitors were Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, and Miss Kitty Willers, of Trumpington, Cambs.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, Canon W. L. E. Parsons.

A business meeting followed tea at the White Horse, with the Rev. H. W. Benson in the chair, supported by Mr. N. Golden (honorary branch secretary), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. G. Bailey, H. F. Carter, W. Clover, W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers, members of the committee, and representatives from the towers aforesaid.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wroxham on December 12th.

The belfry election of Charles W. Cooke, of Newton, Cambs, was ratified.

Then followed what was described by the chairman as 'most serious business.' It concerned Mr. Nolan Golden, who was recently married to Miss Iris Daly, of Checkendon, Oxon. Apparently, said the Chairman, Mr. Golden had led a wild life till 1924, when he decided to become a ringer, but he had behaved well since, having taken part in about 300 peals for the association, and having been honorary secretary of the South Norfolk Branch since 1929, and of both the North and South Norfolk Branches since 1934. There were many other things, continued the Chairman, on the dossier with which Mr. Coleman had provided him, but he would not prejudice Mr. Golden's modesty by reading them out. Indeed, the only thing they were concerned with was his marriage. Accordingly the members had subscribed for two armchairs and an album, bound in red leather and containing the names of 168 subscribers, prefaced by an illuminated address as follows:—

'From the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers to Mr. Nolan Golden, on the occasion of his marriage, August 5th, 1936. This album contains the names of members subscribing to the cost of the two armchairs presented with the subscribers' best wishes for his future happiness, as a mark of appreciation of his services to change ringing in the diocese.'

Mr. Golden, in reply, thanked the members for their tokens of goodwill. He was grateful for their generous appreciation of his association with ringing in the diocese and for the expression of good wishes he had received from them on his marriage.

Mr. William L. Duffield, chairman of the South Norfolk Branch, spoke of the excellent work Mr. Golden had done for the branch, and conveyed the best wishes of the branch to Mr. and Mrs. Golden for their future happiness.

Mr. John G. W. Harwood, hon. secretary of the East Norfolk Branch, expressed his appreciation of the help Mr. Golden had given to young ringers in his branch, and stressed Mr. Golden's willingness to do anything for change ringing.

Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer, welcomed Mrs. Golden to the gathering. Mr. Coleman added that he was indebted to Mr. Golden for very great help, not only in the routine work of organising and conducting the business of the association, but also for bringing about a revival of interest in change ringing in the diocese.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. W. Benson, Vicar of Buxton, for conducting the meeting, brought the business to a close.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday week, when 24 ringers were present and spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. The following 11 towers were represented: Halstead, Earls Colne, Bocking, Gestingthorpe, Pebmarsh, Great Bardfield, Sible Hedingham, Wickham St. Paul's, Sudbury, Colne Engaine and Great Tey. Owing to the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Greening), there was no service at the church, but the bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until nearly 9 o'clock with the exception of a break for tea. This was prepared at the Lion Inn by the landlord, Mr. F. Jealous, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for the excellent way it was served.

The District Secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) apologised for the absence of the District Master, who was engaged elsewhere, and Mr. C. Snowden was invited to take the chair.

The next meeting, which would be the annual gathering for the district, was arranged to be held at Braintree on November 14th.

The Secretary said he had received a letter from their old friend, Mr. W. Keeble, who had lately been indisposed; he was pleased to say he was much better and looking forward to meeting them again.—The secretary was asked to convey the best wishes from that meeting to Mr. Keeble.

The following methods were rung during the day: Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

INVERARY BELLS RUNG.

PAISLEY RINGERS TRY HIGHLAND PEAL.

For some time past there has been a peal of ten bells hung in the new tower at Inverary Church, Scotland, on the estate of the Duke of Argyll, but they have not yet been consecrated. The ringers of St. James' Church, Paisley, recently paid a visit to Inverary with the object of inspecting the tower and bells. They enjoyed a fine coach ride by lakeside and mountain.

The Duke of Argyll, who happened to be at home, heard of the visit and came to greet the ringers. He expressed a wish to have the bells rung for evening service. The ropes were, therefore, adjusted, the front eight bells raised, and 120 Grandsire Doubles rung, with 6-7-8 covering, by P. R. Forrester 1, J. Porteous 2, A. Sunter 3, A. E. Wrecks (conductor) 4, A. J. Rodger 5, J. Colville 6, A. Forrester 7, J. McGregor 8. The tenor (4½ cwt.) was afterwards pulled up to enable the Duke to hear it.

The Duke thanked the ringers for what they had done and said how pleased he was to have heard the bells rung. He stated, however, that the bells would not be dedicated until all the necessary work was completed, and that about £1,500 was still required for that purpose.

The ringers then bade adieu and thanked him for the privilege of ringing the bells, instead of having them chimed.

The return journey was then undertaken and home reached without incident, except a stoppage on the summit of 'Rest and be Thankful,' where several of the party got out to admire the valley from the top. As one of the party remarked: It is awful, yet it is grand.

THE 32 SURPRISE METHOD PEAL.

AMENDMENT OF PUBLISHED FIGURES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World,' August 2nd, 1935, you published the figures of the peal of Surprise Minor in 32 methods, rung at Lamberhurst on March 2nd, 1935. I have just had it pointed out to me that the figures of the second 720 are false as printed there.

Either a misprint has occurred or I made a mistake in sending the figures to you. The course beginning 64235 should read:—

- 64235 Wearmouth
- 35426 Lightfoot
- 26543 Wearmouth
- 43652 Lightfoot
- 52364 Lightfoot
- 26435 Netherseale

I ought to have checked the figures as soon as they appeared, and I must apologise to any who may have used the figures as printed. Lamberhurst.

A. RELFE.

[In the figures as printed the instruction to ring Lightfoot in courses 43652 and 52364 was omitted.—Editor, 'Ringing World.']

WELCOME AND FAREWELL.

On Sunday evening, September 6th, prior to service at St. George's Church, Mossley, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Southworth, formerly curate at St. George's, Bolton, who commenced his new duties on that day: R. Taylor (conductor) 1, H. Taylor 2, H. Jackson 3, F. Wellham 4, J. Radcliffe 5, R. Walker 6, H. Pickles 7, J. Clayton 8.

At the Parish Church, Watford, Herts, on Sunday, September 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Earnshaw Smith, M.A.), who has been appointed to the living of All Souls', Langham Place, London. The ringers were B. Carr 1, A. W. Dix 2, F. Bullock 3, S. H. Hoare 4, W. Norris 5, E. G. Cashmore 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, F. H. Crook 8.

DOWAGER LADY LOCH'S BIRTHDAY.

The ringers of Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk, met on Tuesday, September 15th, to celebrate the 95th birthday of the Dowager Lady Loch. Among other touches on the recently relung peal of six, they rang five different 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, each conducted by a different ringer: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, J. C. Brown, W. J. Bensley, C. J. Pledger, A. Orbell and J. Mears.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CODSALL.

A most representative quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Codsall on Saturday, September 19th, when more than 80 members and friends assembled from Bilston, Bradley, Brewood, Cannock, Coseley, Darlaston, Rushall, Stafford, Tettenhall, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wombourne and a good muster of the local band. Welcome visitors arrived from Coventry (representing the Warwickshire Guild), Horsehay (Shropshire Association) and Stoke (North Staffordshire Association). The bells, a new and handy ring of eight, were set going at 3 o'clock and continued till 4.45, when shortened evensong was taken by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., clerical secretary and treasurer of the society, and an inspiring address delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. M. Spinney. Prior to his address, the Vicar gave the members a warm welcome, and added that he hoped they would come again. A move was then made to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea was much enjoyed. The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of a variety of methods to suit all comers.

This was the first time the society had paid a visit to this picturesque village, situated about five miles from Wolverhampton—hence the large number in attendance.

The old six bells have been recast and two trebles added (the latter being the gift of the Misses Moreton, in memory of their father, who had been a ringer at Codsall for 50 years), the whole being hung in a new iron frame, with all the latest fittings. The conditions for ringing, too, have been greatly improved. A new band has been formed, and progress in the art of change ringing has already made its appearance, under the leadership of Mr. A. G. Richards.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Tipton on January 23rd.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Lindfield on Saturday, September 26th, 35 members being present from Arundel, Balcombe, Burgess Hill, Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Lower Beeding, Shoreham, Slaughtam, Turners Hill, West Grinstead, Warnham and the local band.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service at 4.30 was conducted by the Rev. Canon Wilson, late Vicar of Cuckfield. Tea and meeting at the Bent Hotel followed, the business being of the usual routine nature. The tea was provided by the generosity of Mr. G. W. Huddart, secretary of the local band. The usual votes of thanks were accorded.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered, methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

FINAL LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Amounts already acknowledged	208	4	0
Mr. Sydney Taylor		5	0
Mr. H. Dawkins		2	6
Mr. W. Perkins		2	6
The Irish Association	1	1	0
Mr. F. E. Collins		5	0
Mr. C. T. Cotes, jun.		5	0
Mr. R. G. King		2	6
Mr. W. H. Shaker		2	6
Mr. G. H. Cross		2	6
Mr. W. A. Pye		3	6
Mr. Albert Pye	1	1	0
Mr. W. J. Rawlings		5	0
The Devonshire Guild	1	1	0
Major J. H. B. Hesse		10	0
Mr. E. Alex. Young		5	0
Mr. G. Pullinger		2	6
Anon.		2	6
Mr. Arthur Mason		10	0
Dr. E. Leonard Taylor	2	2	0
Christ Church, New Zealand, Society	10	0	0
The Oxford Diocesan Guild	5	5	0

Total donations received £222 10 0

The total expenditure on the bells, memorial tablet, faculty, printing, etc., amounts to £214 10s., leaving a balance in hand of £8. The committee will meet at an early date to consider how best to dispose of this amount, after which the balance sheet will be issued.

With sincere thanks to all subscribers.

W. H. HOLLIER, Hon. Treasurer.
E. J. BUTLER,
C. T. COLES, Hon. Secretaries.

THE BELLS OF VICTORIA CATHEDRAL.**ANOTHER VISIT OF VANCOUVER RINGERS.**

Vancouver ringers paid another visit to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on Sunday, September 6th. The party consisted of Messrs. G. W. Foster, A. B. Lomas, W. Sampson, T. Greenaway and A. C. Limpus. They were met in the tower by Messrs. R. J. Carrier, A. Trotman and E. W. Izard. Several touches of Grandsire were rung for both morning and evening services and afterwards a 504.

Writing to us of this visit, Mr. Limpus says: These bells are surely the finest which ever came to this Continent. It is certainly a pleasure to ring on them and travel that 85 miles over the water and return to do so. Now that the ropes have about done their stretching, they are much easier to handle. We find the bells cannot be rushed and sound much better rung somewhat wide, about the pace of those at Westminster Abbey, which I heard through the radio at the late King's funeral.

Our visit ended at Mr. Izard's residence with handbells and refreshments bringing a most enjoyable day to a close. Mrs. Izard informed us the bells were clearly heard at their house, which is five miles distant from the Cathedral.

What a pity, he adds, there are so few ringers in Victoria, but we are in hopes that those that are there, after a little more practice, will soon be able to come to Vancouver for a return visit. All of them, with the exception of Messrs. Carrier and Trotman, have not touched a rope for some 20 years or more. Mr. A. C. Melhuish, who is now staying two weeks in Vancouver, did very well on the 5th in our tower (the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary) last Wednesday, when we rang a 336 Grandsire Triples. He was not a little proud of the fact, it being his first touch for 31 years. We shall be able to give him some good practice whilst he is here.

AN EXCURSION IN SOMERSET AND DEVON.**LYME REGIS RINGERS' OUTING.**

The Lyme Regis ringers explored a portion of Somerset and Devon for their annual outing on Saturday, September 5th. Starting at 7.30 a.m., the road was taken over Hembury Port to Cullompton and thence to Wiveliscombe, which was the first halt for ringing. Something in the nature of a cloudburst on the Cullompton road was an early disappointment, but it could not submerge the high spirits of the party, and for the rest of the day nothing but intermittent showers were experienced, allowing the glorious scenery of Exmoor and the Exe Valley to be thoroughly enjoyed.

At Wiveliscombe they were met by the Vicar, and a very nice 'eight,' with a 20 cwt. tenor, were soon set going to Triples. This proved to be the right place for a cup of tea and a bun. A 'proper' cup which would make three of any Lyme production and Chelsea buns which stayed coiled to the last! Thus fortified, the party rolled along to Dunster. Here a meet of the staghounds was in progress, its attraction being rather lost by not having the surroundings of the picturesque old street. For the first time in history, it was said, the meet had been transferred to the show enclosure adjoining the polo ground. Mr. Tudball piloted the ringers to the belfry and joined in some good ringing of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A short ride afterwards brought them to Minehead in time for luncheon. Those who know Minehead will appreciate that the climb to the church immediately after lunch is a test of any ringer's enthusiasm. As a consequence the time table for the day suffered considerably. The first arrivals in the tower contented themselves with a course of Cambridge on the front six; later the back four were raised, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung and a few rounds on the ten to give the two juniors their first pull on ten bells. Mr. Thorne had everything ready here, and the visitors rejoiced in the well-furnished ringing chamber and the beautiful ringing order of the bells.

From here the run to Tiverton was leisurely, for Cutcombe hill had to be climbed, and a very winding road prohibited any speeding. After a splendid Devonshire tea, the fine toned eight (tenor 25 cwt.) at St. Peter's was heard to advantage in Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Bramford Speke, the last tower of the day, was reached about 7 p.m. Here the Rev. E. V. Cox had hoped to meet the tourists in his own tower, but a change of plans kept him away, and he was represented by Mr. Rowe. The light six (tenor 5½ cwt.) were soon rattling along in Stedman and Plain Bob, finishing up with a course of London, which, however, was a little foggy in the last half-lead. But the bells, being strangers to London, will probably like it better next time. One hour was left for shopping (at Woolworths, of course) in Exeter, and home was reached safely about 10.20 p.m.

The thanks of the party are conveyed to all the incumbents who so readily gave permission for ringing, also to those ringers who assisted with the arrangements at the various towers and gave, in every instance, such a warm welcome. C. C. C.

MARGATE.—On Sunday, August 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church: A. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, F. J. Reeve, sen. (Tring), 3, E. Spickett 4, J. Waghorn 5, F. C. Reeve, jun. (Tring), 6, C. J. Badrick (Tring) 7, R. Whybrow 8.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The second annual dinner will be held at the Greyhound, High Street, Croydon, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 6.30 p.m. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3.30. Tickets, 5/6 per head, are available from members of the committee or the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Talbot, 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon. Please bring your friends, etc.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting is on Saturday, October 3rd, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Holland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting is to be held at Ashford on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. sharp. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting after. All ringers will be welcome, and it is particularly requested that the Ashford district be well represented.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Saracen's Head, adjacent to the church. Short business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on October 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting 5.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on October 3rd, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock, address by the new Vicar. Tea and business after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Westbury on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Sculthorpe on Saturday, October 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting at Brize Norton on Saturday, October 3rd.—W. Evetts, Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Bus service from Sleaford. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bicester (8 bells) on Saturday, October 3rd. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden (8) and Launton (6) also available. If requiring tea, please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, Saturday, October 3rd. St. Mary's (10 bells) open 3 to 6; St. Peter's (10 bells) open 6 to 8. Visitors heartily welcomed at both towers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, October 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth (8 bells) tomorrow, Saturday, October 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, 9. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Late Notice. A quarterly meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, October 3rd. Musical service with handbells. Usual arrangements.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—The ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Church, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Felwyn Bean on Sunday, October 4th, at 3 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sunday service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, October 4th, at 10 a.m. Practice, St. Clement Danes, October 12th, at 5.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and October 26th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, October 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on October 15th and 29th, St. Michael's, Corn-

hill, on the 6th, St. Andrew's, on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th, Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern on November 14th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

UFFORD, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be inaugurated by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held in the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Chair will be taken by the president, Canon Marshall, at 6 p.m. Application for tickets, 4s. each, to be made to Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Tuesday, October 6th. The Minster bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and SS. Philip and James', Clifton (6 bells).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, October 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Unveiling of tablet recording first peal on the bells at 4.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meat tea (1s. 3d. per head) reserved only for applicants notifying Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, October 6th. Important business, election of officers, etc. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, October 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please let me know by October 7th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Radstock on Saturday, October 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., Timsbury Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 10th. Duty to your association and brother ringers should prompt you to ascertain that your tower will be represented at this meeting. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and very important business meeting. Will members who do not notify me of their intention to come to tea by Wednesday, October 7th, kindly let the others take their seats first. The tea will be free.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A joint meeting with the LADIES' GUILD and the OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on October 10th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. St. John's (10), 3.15-4.45 p.m., 6.15-7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Social evening in St. John's Hall from 7.30, to which all ringers and friends are cordially invited. Names for tea to me by October 5th, if you please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—October 10th, a meeting at Clifton Reynes at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Conversation afterwards about future meetings. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks, by Monday, October 5th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, October 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Will all members not clear on the books please make an effort to pay their subscriptions at this meeting?—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held on October 10th at the Parish Church, Middleton. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. A hearty welcome to all. Ringers please take the advantage of having a ring on these ancient bells, and come in crowds, and thus show that the Rochdale Branch is alive.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5 bells) on Saturday, October 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Old Palace will be provided by the association. Important business meeting afterwards. A neighbouring six-bell tower will be available in the evening (by arrangement). All ringers welcome. Please send me a postcard for tea before Wednesday, October 7th, so that there may be no difficulty in making provision.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come. Good bus and train service. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the association will be held in St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa, on Saturday, October 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow will come under the new rule of 9d. per head. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, October 10th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Worth (6 bells) on Saturday, October 10th (Cowden bells not available). Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—If it is a nice light peal of five bells you like to ring, come to Stanwick on Saturday, October 10th, to our quarterly meeting. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please let me know you are coming and require tea.—A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.15. Subscriptions are due for the current year.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting will be held at Wragby on Saturday, October 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea, please try to notify Mr. J. Brewin, Foulby, Wakefield, by Wednesday, the 7th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Wednesday, October 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—G. Dent, District Master, Potten Street, Harlow, Essex.

HOLBEACH, LINCS.—The ring of eight bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Grantham on Wednesday, October 14th, at 7 p.m.

EAST BUCKLAND, BARNSTAPLE, DEVON.—On Thursday, October 15th, at 7.30 p.m., special service to mark the reopening of the ring of six bells which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday afternoon, October 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8), newly hung and tuned by John Taylor and Co., available at 2.30. Also Woodbridge (8), Wickham Market and Pettistree (6). Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 4 for all sending word by October 14th. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 17th. The following towers will be available from 3 p.m.: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), and St. Dunstan's (6). The Cathedral bells (12) will be available after the business meeting only. Service at St. Stephen's 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Please help to make arrange-

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ments by sending names for tea to me not later than Wednesday, October 14th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. (Please note new address.)

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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MR. E. WEATHERBY'S CONNECTION WITH SHROPSHIRE.

As recorded in the peal columns last week, a peal of Grandsire Caters at Coalbrookdale was rung in honour of and to celebrate Mr. Ernest Weatherby's 65th birthday. Those who read with interest the dedication and opening of the new peal of eight bells for Victoria Cathedral, British Columbia, on Sunday, July 12th, will know that Mr. Weatherby travelled 2,000 miles to take part in the celebration. Born at Market Drayton under the shadow of the church, he soon became attached to the local ringers. The ringing chamber there resembles the Old Curiosity Shop, mainly due to Mr. Ernest Weatherby and his brother William. Ernest was one of the pioneers of the old Salop Guild, established on June 8th, 1833. The first meeting was held at Lilleshall. The Guild was reconstructed in 1889, when a special meeting was held in St. Mary's belfry, Shrewsbury. Mr. Weatherby and the Market Drayton ringers were present at that meeting, and were the first to receive instruction from Mr. Gibson, of Whitechurch, who was appointed instructor of the Guild.

During the whole period Mr. Weatherby was connected with the Market Drayton ringers and the county he was most energetic and popular. One of his outstanding undertakings was to organise the peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at High Exall, Shropshire, and conducted by William Shoot on October 22nd, 1910. Mr. Weatherby left nothing to chance. Owing to a long rope draught with a ground floor pull, he paid several visits previous to the peal and fixed a rope guide. No peal had been rung at High Exall since the year 1812, when the famous Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, and his band rang two peals there.

It is interesting to note that old Shropshire ringing records state that a peal of Bob Minor, 720 changes, was rung on Aitcham bells, Shropshire, on May 23rd, 1787. Three of Mr. Weatherby's relatives rang in this 720, which was considered a very good performance for those days. Arrangements are being made for six county ringers to visit Aitcham on May 23rd, 1937, the 150th anniversary, to ring another 720 of Bob Minor, providing the bells are ringable. Mr. Weatherby has already made arrangements to give the band a ham and egg tea after the 720.

At Coalbrookdale on Saturday last he had ordered a hot supper of roast chicken, apple tart, etc., for the birthday band, and Mr. Hugh D. Gold, a very old friend of his, as a guest. The supper and social hour took place at the Coalbrookdale ringers' 'den,' well known to visiting ringers as the W.E.F. headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bailey catered for the party in their usual wholehearted way. After supper the handbells were brought into action. Engraved on one of these is 'Music is medicine to the mind. E.W., 1936.' This and several other chromatic bells were a gift from Mr. Weatherby to the writer. The old Shropshire toast, 'All friends round the Wrekin,' was very loyally honoured, together with 'Health and prosperity to Mr. Weatherby.' A few arguments between the 5-6 and 7-8 handbell experts helped to pass a pleasant evening, and 'Time, gentlemen, please,' brought a very happy event to a close, with the usual explanation about the key to the most music in Grandsire Triples, over the prolonged handshake and 'good night.'

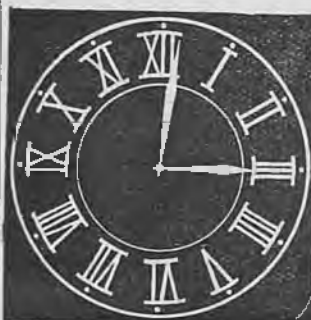
Mr. Weatherby, who, after leaving Market Drayton, resided in Guildford, has now been, for some years, in Los Angeles, California.

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