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THE BLIZZARD

For 36 years 'The Ringing World' has maintained a continuous publication. The break that occurred after our last issue was unexpected. For the first time in history a nation-wide stoppage of an important section of the Press was ordered. The Trade and Periodical Press was one of the sacrifices insisted upon by the Government in its endeavours to conserve fuel. Testimony is not lacking as to the severity of the blizzard that has swept the country and disrupted communications by land and sea. We trust that the electricity not required for the production of this journal was used to bring warmth and comfort to some families and that the surrender has not been in vain. The first Sunday after the imposition of the ban had that famous epistle of St. Paul's in which he defines charity or, as the word was intended to be used, love. It was not the reference to 'tinkling cymbals' that appealed to the writer, but rather 'though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.' And so we trust that the sacrifice the Exercise has made has been accompanied by the greatest of those three virtues—charity.

In this issue is compressed three weeks' news. The most striking thing the pages of this journal show is the undimmed enthusiasm of ringers in almost every part of the country to carry on. Climatic conditions were not interpreted as cancellations; meetings were held and programmes carried through. Perhaps the most outstanding example of this 'Excelsior' spirit overcoming snow and ice comes from Pocklington, Yorkshire. All the roads into the village in the Beverley district were blocked with snow; the only approach was by train; nevertheless 30 members attended and were greeted with the sight of rescue teams of the R.A.F. going out on their errands of mercy to bring relief to snow-bound villages.

Naturally the veterans who remember the severity of the winter of 1884-5 were unimpressed by conditions that have prevailed during February. One member of 80 in the Oxford Diocesan Guild area walked two miles on the slippery roads from the nearest bus halt to attend a meeting at Chieveley. Kent will play second fiddle to no other part of England. Accordingly, Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., for his 80th birthday on February 21st, left his own village of Horsmonden to go to Benenden and successfully rang his 250th peal! There is nothing anæmic about such forbears who show the pertinacity of the English ringers.

Another county apt to suffer from being snowbound is Derbyshire, especially in the Peak District. Three lady members were among those who made the journey to Newhall—Arctic Newhall. Our suffering correspondent described the occasion. On the journey home the drifting snow dislocated the bus service, and the three members experienced the greatest difficulty in trudging through the deep snow for the last two miles. The great thing, however, behind these past three weeks is that the bells of the British Isles have been rung proclaiming the message of the Church to her people.

TEN BELL PEALS

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN BIBBY Treble	THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 6
MISS NORAH BIBBY ... 2	*FREDERICK GRUNDY ... 7
CECIL RADDON 3	*WALTER ALMAN 8
GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
*CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY 7
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 8
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 4	*DENIS A. BAYLES 9
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 5	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. 50th peal as conductor, also first of Royal as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge Royal by the Association.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALBERT M. TYLER ... Treble	EDWIN J. RIDLER 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT 8
*ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 4	DAVID MACKAY 9
THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 25, 1947, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN D. A. CLEAVER ... Treble	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 6
PATRICIA HOLMES 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

ELY, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 4, 1947, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY W. SHARP Treble	ARTHUR W. ROLFE 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4	RONALD H. BULLEN... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Ely, in which Mr. H. W. Sharp took part.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part, 7th Observation. Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALBERT TURNER Treble	CLAUDE TARR 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	HARRY CHURCHILL 6
HARRY PURCHASE 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG... .. 7
RONALD W. HAYWARD... 4	HARRY COMMINS Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

* First peal on eight.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*ALWYN E. A. SMITH ... Treble	†CHARLES OSLER 5
†RONALD A. HICKMAN ... 2	ERNEST P. AUSTIN 6
*OLIVE J. OSLER 3	DAVID H. ANSTHEY ... 7
CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 4	JOHN B. WOODLEY Tenor

Conducted by DAVID H. ANSTHEY.

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

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS GWEN MURKITT Treble	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 5
GORDON W. LIMMER ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
MISS PATRICIA HOLMES 4	CYRIL A. BURGESS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal (age 15).

CHOLSEY, BERKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11 cwt. approx.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	*PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
EDWIN G. MOORE 4	RICHARD WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. PORTER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on the bells since being augmented.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS M. E. RIDYARD... Treble	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 5
MISS E. M. SUART ... 2	*CHARLES GREGORY ... 6
TOM MARSHALL 3	*TOM H. SMITH 7
*JACK POUNDS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.



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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
ALFRED B. PECK ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
*ERIC A. DENCH ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's Composition.

*HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2	*FRANK REED ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Surprise.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt 7 lb.

MRS. M. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOM PAGE ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
ERNEST F. HOWELL ... Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
*RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... 6
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 3	PETER N. BOND ... 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	*STANLEY G. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal in the method.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 13 cwt.
SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	ROBERT LARKEY ... 5
JAMES MARSH ... 2	*WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 6
JAMES TAYLOR ... 3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 4	HARRY MOORCROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. DEACON.

* First peal of Grandsire.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE ROMMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
JOHN S. MASON ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — On Feb. 10th, 1260 Stedman Triples: Dr. Spencer-Phillips 1, Ian Hall 2, George Green 3, William Singer 4, Harry Carter 5, Richard C. Clark 6, Percy Green (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, Leslie Ainger, 8. First quarter of Stedman by the ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Green, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at Great Baddow.

GUISELEY, NEAR LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*J. D. ARMITAGE ... Treble	H. M. HEATON ... 5
*A. WEAR ... 2	*A. C. WALSH ... 6
*G. DIXON ... 3	J. MCLENN ... 7
M. ROBSON ... 4	W. DIXON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. MCLENN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

* KILBURN, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild.)

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
MAURICE HODGSON ... 2	*ALAN TOZER ... 6
*ALFRED BONE ... 3	*STANLEY PACEY ... 7
*MISS R. MARY DAVIES ... 4	D. C. BIRKINSHAW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 26). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* 250th peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RUTH TABRAHAM ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	*WILLIAM H. EASTWELL ... 6
*HENRY A. R. POSNETT ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
DAVID PEARCE ... 4	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

TOTTENHAM, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE ... 6
ROBERT W. GREEEN ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	SQUIRE CROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 11, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... 5
*MARY WALSHAW ... 2	*REV. R. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 6
*HAROLD WALKER ... 3	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 7
*FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 4	*RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. 100 peals by Harold Walker. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mary Walshaw.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 14, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Treble	MARIE R. CROSS ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*GEOFFREY HOWELLS ... Treble	JAMES WEBB ... 5
†ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	ALAN J. BROWN ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	†JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 7
†BASIL JONES ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Bristol.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Pistow's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	†ERIC T. LEE ... 5
WILKIN MASSEY ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* 75th peal together. † First in the method. The 43rd anniversary of the wedding day of the ringer of the sixth

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN J. RIDLER ... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	DONALD G. CLIFT ... 7
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 4	*DAVID MACKAY ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

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

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ROBERT H. TYLER ... Treble	EDW. V. RODENHURST ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 2	THOMAS PRICE ... 6
*WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	†SIDNEY HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

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

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
*PHILIP WALKER ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
†CECIL O. W. BUSTIN ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
JAMES HIGGINS ... 4	CECIL G. CALCUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MILTON RIGBY ... Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	†CHRIS. JOHNSTON ... 6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3	ALBERT MORLEY ... 7
FRANK HEYS ... 4	FRED READ ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	*NORMAN W. GENNA ... 5
CHARLES A. LEVETT ... 2	†FRANK BLONDELL ... 6
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... 3	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 7
*WILLIAM PICTHALL ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in the method. 50th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4	ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

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

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN CAVANNAGH ... Treble	ERIC BRUNTON ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	*FRED READ ... 6
JOSEPH WOODS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mrs. M. Williams, mother and grandmother of tenor and 4th ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 20, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*S. M. RUDDLESDEN ... Treble	†JOSEPH W. L. LINNITT ... 5
ERIC NOBLES ... 2	†WILLIAM J. DOVE ... 6
FRANK BURGESS ... 3	WILLIAM B. ATTERBURY ... 7
BERTIE O. SODEN ... 4	†WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... Tenor

Composed by F. WARRINGTON.

Conducted by W. R. HAMMONS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on eight bells. This composition has now been rung for the first time.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

The Barabool Peal.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. B. ROWSELL ... Treble	E. J. LINDLEY ... 5
E. M. ATKINS ... 2	R. LEIGH ... 6
J. H. HAYWARD ... 3	S. E. DARMON ... 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4	R. F. B. SPEED ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. E. Bankes James, once Master of this Guild.

LATE NOTICE.—WRONG OVERCOAT.—Will the person who attended Ilkeston meeting on Feb. 22nd and took the wrong overcoat please get in touch with Mr. E. F. Gobeve, 2, Shipstone Street, Ilkeston. 1057

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Javies' Transposition.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5
HARRY C. WALTERS ... 2	*DENNIS ROE ... 6
BERNARD MOODY ... 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 7
JOHN H. LENTON ... 4	FRED NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD K. LANKESTER Treble	*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
*JOHN H. BOTHAM ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHNSON'S Variation.	
H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... 7
ARTHUR JONES ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5
*JOHN H. HUNT ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOM PAGE ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of London.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pittow's Variation. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. VIGGARS ... Treble	PERCIVAL ELDRIDGE ... 5
*G. SYDNEY JOYCE ... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 4	CHARLES W. DENVER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on eight bells.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	*ALAN BROMLEY ... 5
*EDWIN BROMLEY ... 2	†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
F. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 7
*FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 4	†ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal in the method. † 70th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal for F. J. Lambert, sen., who was 80 years of age the previous day. Also a birthday peal for Miss Florence Lambert, daughter of ringer of the tenor.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Watts 1, C. P. Chalk 2, T. Jordan 3, F. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, F. W. Thurby 6, P. A. F. Chalk (first quarter as conductor) 7, F. P. Morton 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

10 Callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED NEWMAN ... Treble	GEORGE FOLLEY ... 4
IAN TAYLOR ... 2	PETER BAKER ... 5
LESLIE ASTON ... 3	ERNEST RICHENS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE ASTON.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HARRY CARR ... Treble	S. THOMPSON, JUN. ... 4
STANLEY PROUD ... 2	†ERNEST RODDAM ... 5
GEORGE WALL ... 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss May Buckton (conductor's niece) to Mr. F. Bacon.

HAVERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty six-scores and Morris' 240, ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT ... Treble	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD ... 4
DENNIS BLOWS ... 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 5
THOMAS A. LAYBOURN ... 3	REGINALD R. FUNNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Thomas Laybourn.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars, Norbury, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES NETHERWOOD Treble	HAROLD CHANT ... 4
*SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 2	WILLIE GREEN ... 5
JOHN W. MOXON ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor in seven Treble Bob methods. To commemorate the first peal rung together by the ringers of the 4th and tenor, 20 years ago in February, 1947. First peal on these bells since recasting.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 1, 1947, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

†JOHN B. ROWSELL ... Treble	ROGER LEIGH ... 3
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	*PETER BORDER ... 4
	†STANLEY E. DARMON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. LEIGH.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

COOMBE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 7, 1947, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

*C. JOHN DICKINSON ... Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
*FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	*CECIL G. CALCUTT ... 5
BETTY SPICE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

UBLEY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Dirbin 1, O. Tossell 2, J. Tossell 3, W. F. Webb (conductor) 4, J. House 5, E. Dirbin 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PATRICK ALLEN Treble	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4
GEORGE LATHAM 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
THOMAS WITTS 3	RAYMOND THAIN Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Cole on his 83rd birthday.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Higher Sutton,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Sandal, Kingston, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. L. SLACK Treble	MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 4
ALAN A. POTTS 2	JOHN WORTH 5
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-on-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

BARBARA PODGER Treble	*CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN ... 4
JENNY PYM 2	†IAN W. FULFORD 5
MARIE R. CROSS 3	E. GEOFFREY BEYNON ... Tenor

Conducted by MARIE R. CROSS.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Minor.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 8, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent of Cambridge Surprise, and three each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ED. V. RODENHURST ... Treble	WILLIAM TYLER 4
*THOMAS PRICE 2	FREDERICK PRICE 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* 50th peal together. Rung muffled in memory of Jesse Berry, who was a ringer at this church more than 50 years.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 2	†WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
*E. CHARLES TURNER ... 3	†ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together, and 250th peal of the ringer of the tenor.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Feb. 10, 1947, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Two different 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS ABBOTTS Treble	EDWARD T. LLOYD 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	ARTHUR MORRIS 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Treble	*FREDK. G. HUCKSTEP ... 4
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 5
*PERCY PAGE 3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 13, 1947, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS 4
JOHN D. ROCK 2	E. PETER ROCK 5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

STANGROUND, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 15, 1947, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS D. WRIGHT ... Treble	PERCY AMOS 3
JOHN H. BLUFF 2	HERBERT GOAKES 4
GEORGE BUSH Tenor	

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

Bells augmented from four to five by Mears and Stainbank, 1935.

HANDBELL PEALS

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 17, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At PORTERS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
OLAVE BROYD 1-2 | THOMAS BIRD 5-6

ERNEST W. PYE 3-4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 7-8
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Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. W. PYE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 24, 1947, in 2 Hours,

At BROAD ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
THOMAS BIRD 1-2 | ERNEST W. PYE 3-4

OLAVE BROYD 5-6	
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Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 12, 1947, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At 18, SECOND AVENUE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

*R. GORDON CROSS 1-2	ALBERT W. BOND 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. G. CROSS.
* First handbell peal on trebles.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 21, 1947, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At 31, GEORGE ELIOT ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 3-4
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5-6	

Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.

First peal as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 22, 1947, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

In the Vicar's Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
FRANK K. MEASURES ... 3-4	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 7-8

ERNEST MORRIS 9-10

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
Composition with Tittums and Home-at-Hand in alternate courses, now rung for first time.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Feb. 9th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Doubles: W. H. Short 1, L. Butcher (first quarter inside) 2, K. Stacey (first quarter inside) 3, W. M. Rowe 4, J. B. Watts (conductor) 5, J. Clark (first quarter) 6.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Margaret D. Pilcher (first quarter) 1, F. W. Burnett 2, M. Lawrence 3, H. A. Nobes 4, E. A. Jurd 5, F. G. Barron 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawrey 8. In memoriam, Canon Guy Landon.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove 1, W. Eastwell (first quarter in method) 2, D. Cox 3, D. Lamb 4, W. Henley 5, D. R. Fletcher 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, R. Newton 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 9th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: J. Scott 1, J. S. Mason 2, S. O'C. Holloway 3, G. Wm. Critchley (conductor) 4, L. Tuffrey 5, J. F. Harvey 6, J. Pinfold 7, H. C. Spencer 8, A. Walker 9, G. E. Fearn 10.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Sear 1, W. Daniels 2, H. Sear (conductor) 3, J. Meager 4, R. Cadamy 5, F. Sear 6, H. V. Sear 7, W. Sear 8. First quarter-peal with five of the Sear family together.

BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire: R. R. Agg (aged 17) 1, M. B. Clifford (aged 15, conductor) 2, P. R. Banks (aged 21, first quarter) 3, P. Baker (aged 21) 4, A. J. Clifford (aged 17) 5, N. F. Davis (aged 15) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Caters: K. Hart 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. G. Cross (conductor) 3, A. Gravett 4, M. Thomas (longest length on 10 bells) 5, G. Aides 6, R. Overy 7, W. C. Hart 8, F. Page 9, A. Hobden 10.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. E. Cook 2, C. Taplin 3, M. Sinden 4, R. H. Jarvis (conductor) 5, I. Harris 6, F. Perry 7, C. Tompkins (first quarter) 8. A 76th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Davis 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss E. George 3, J. Perrott 4, P. Gray 5, T. Blow 6, H. Simmons (conductor) 7, W. Brownett 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by all except 6 and 7.

EALING, LONDON.—At St. Stephen's on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. King 1, K. L. Brown 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, A. Cutler 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. J. Paice 6, J. C. Birt 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise by 1 and 2. Rung for service of dedication in connection with the Bishop of London's Church Appeal.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Anderson (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, Babara Pottinger (first inside) 3, J. E. Beams (conductor) 4, A. A. Hadley 5, J. Hoyle 6, F. Oakshett 7, G. Hubbard (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. G. Scowen, aged 81, some time ringer and verger of St. Mary's for 46 years.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary on Feb. 11th, 1,272 Bob Minor: W. Stepney 1, J. Hobden 2, E. E. Breed 3, G. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, F. H. Hicks (conductor) 6. First quarter other than Doubles by treble. First quarter of Minor by 3 and 5.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Feb. 9th at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, P. D. Oldham (first in method) 4, A. W. Coles 5, C. Potheary 6, R. H. Begrie (first in method as conductor) 7, A. Warren 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 5th at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Beresford 1, Miss J. Beresford 2, G. E. Oliver (conductor) 3, A. Sedgewick 4, W. J. Cope 5, J. Allport 6. First quarter by 1 and 2, aged 13 and 14 respectively.

LIVERPOOL.—On Feb. 16th at Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: P. W. Cave (conductor), T. W. Hammond, G. R. Newton, D. Vincent, T. S. Almond, E. C. Brikell, T. W. Hesketh, A. Lintoff. First quarter-peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 15th at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, C. Coles 3, N. Allnatt 4, H. Badder 5, W. F. Judge 6, W. C. Porter (conductor) 7, E. G. Moore 8.

POPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' on Feb. 16th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: N. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, S. Croft 3, C. Otley 4, G. Green 5, R. Begrie 6, E. Holman 7, A. W. J. Appleton (first quarter) 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Partiss 10.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Veale 1, G. Alsop 2, W. J. Paice 3, S. Webb 4, H. W. Page 5, R. Sanders 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, O. W. Thompson (first in method) 2, A. E. Head 3, O. J. Barber 4, G. Gower 5, F. W. Munnings 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. J. Flatt (conductor) 8.

SEAL, KENT.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Collins (conductor) 1, Miss D. E. Colgate 2, J. O. Weller 3, G. Cook 4, L. A. Tidy 5, F. E. Budgen 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Ware (first quarter of Triples) 1, L. May 2, P. Mayne 3, R. J. Bowden 4, E. Richards 5, J. Upton 6, L. Parris (first quarter as conductor) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, W. Hayman 2, F. Dimond 3, C. Deem 4, J. Skinner 5, J. L. Glanvill (conductor) 6, J. Deem 7, G. Rendell 8.

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year
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its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

'Going without "The Ringing World" is worse than going without my dinner,' writes one of our subscribers, who has taken the journal every week since it was first published.

In future the names of Colleges or Universities will not appear after the names of ringers of University peals. The Publications Committee, in coming to this decision, had the wish for uniformity before them. Conductors of University peals will note this new arrangement by writing the ringer's name with one Christian name as in ordinary peals.

Corrections.—The peal rung at Penshurst, Kent, on February 1st, was Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the name of the ringer of the 4th was Ernest V. Ladd. With apologies to all concerned.

Mr. Walter Idle, of Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, celebrated his 82nd birthday by entertaining some 20 ringing friends to tea. Proceedings started by ringing various methods at the Parish Church. After a bountiful tea there was handbell and church bell ringing. Many more happy birthdays was the sincere wish of the company.

Plans are in hand for a Leicester Diocesan Guild festival, consisting of ringing during the day, dinner in the evening and a dance at night. The de Montfort Hall, the largest in the city, has been booked for the date, Saturday, October 25th. The Exercise is asked to take a special note of the date.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Westbourne, Sussex, on December 28th, 1946, was rung for the Sussex County Association.

Many favourable comments have been received by the Editor of the excellent broadcast by Mr. F. Grisewood with the co-operation of the bells of St. Mary's the Great, Cambridge. Addressed to the non-ringing public, it was full of interest.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The new Archbishop of Perth, Australia, is the Rev. R. W. Haines Moline, Vicar of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. When Vicar of North Cadbury, Somerset, he was taught to handle a bell and took part in ringing. The Bishop of Liverpool on Feb. 15th rang after dedicating new bells at Emmanuel Church, West Derby, Liverpool. There are, therefore, at least two members eligible for the episcopal peal.

A Yorkshire memo. The local company at St. Oswald's, Guiseley, have rung their first peal since 1912. There were three first peals.

The peal of Cambridge Major at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was rung after meeting short for Cambridge Maximus, which would have been W. P. Garrett's 100th peal of Maximus. It was a birthday compliment to W. P. Garrett and C. J. Sedgley, who are both on the sick list.

That fine ring of ten at St. Bartholomew's Wednesday, is to be rehung on ball bearings with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who installed them 35 years ago. It is hoped to have the bells ringing again on Easter Sunday.

When Mr. George Hawkins, tower master of St. Michael's, Bath, went to switch on the light in the belfry recently for practice, there was a flickering. Suspecting trouble, he descended and found the fuse box near the nave on fire. A quick turn out by the brigade saved the church from serious damage.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley has undergone an operation and is a patient in Lower D Ward, Borough and General Hospital, Ipswich. Another operation is to be performed and it is expected Mr. Sedgley will be in hospital until after Easter. He is, however, as well as can be expected and would welcome a letter from anyone who cares to write.

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THE 59th HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MR. ALBERT WALKER'S FIFTY YEARS' MEMBERSHIP BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM FORESEES DEEPER RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING

The 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner still holds its unique position among the ringing festivals. There was a full attendance for the 59th commemoration dinner at Birmingham on Saturday to do honour not only to the memory of that great ringer of the last century, but to congratulate the present chairman, Mr. Albert Walker, who this year has completed 50 years of conspicuous service to St. Martin's Guild. 'He has all the characteristics that mark a really good citizen and a good Christian,' was the happy phrase Canon T. Guy Rogers paid to the genial chairman.

Supporting him were the Bishop of Birmingham, Canon Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), the Rev. J. S. Billings (Vicar of Shirley), Canon Rogers, the Rev. F. G. G. Werman (Vicar of Aston), Cclr. A. Paddon Smith (Master of the St. Martin's Society), Mr. G. E. Fearn (Ringing Master) and Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary and treasurer).

Among the many visitors were Messrs. H. Knight (secretary, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), F. Pervin (Master, Coventry Diocesan Guild), F. Skidmore (Bristol), W. H. Viggers and C. W. Denyer (Aldershot), A. V. Davis and Mrs. Marshall (Bournemouth), Capt. E. F. M. Samson (Leicester Guild), C. H. Kippin (Southampton), F. E. Collins (Croydon), W. F. Judge, W. C. Porter and Miss M. R. Cross (Oxford), D. C. Mears (Hitchin), H. Middleton and J. Hemming (Evesham), J. F. Smalwood (London), J. Freeman, R. S. B. Croft, J. L. Millhouse, Miss M. Lyon, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Wayman, C. McGuinness (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), J. E. Cawser (Rotherham) and Stafford Green.

Apologies were received from the Lord Mayor, the Provost, Canon Maskell, the Rev. A. E. Fraser, Messrs. S. F. Palmer, C. Dean, W. C. Dowding, (ill with gastritis and first dinner he had missed for 25 years), J. George, J. H. Shepherd, J. W. Jones (Newport), J. P. Fidler and R. Bragg.

Proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' Mr. E. O. Shepherd said to-day the State professed a great interest in the religious education of the children and no one could dispute its importance as they had a generation of children growing up who accepted the materialistic state of things as the natural course of life. As headmaster of a school of 400 children, the State required of him to produce a syllabus of religious education, but unless the individual teachers taught that syllabus as an inspired subject, there would be no religious instruction. He submitted a special plea that their teachers in their training colleges be given the help and encouragement to teach that subject, and it was a matter in which the Church could help the State.

The Lord Bishop of Birmingham, in reply, said it was difficult to imagine an occasion in which Church and State was not more naturally linked together than that. They carried the name of St. Martin's Church in their title, and that church, he supposed, stood for more than any other building in Birmingham. The first reference to their city was about 1520 or 1530, but St. Martin's Church went back to the 13th century and it also had distinct traces of Norman work.

CHURCHES NOT MONUMENTS OF THE PAST.

There were pessimists who suggested that religion was decaying and the State was becoming increasingly secular and they must look forward to the time when their churches so far as they existed were interesting monuments of a past that was slipping away.



MR. ALBERT WALKER
50 Happy Years With St. Martin's.

'I personally do not accept that prophecy of the future,' said the Bishop. 'At times there will be friction between Church and State when one seems in importance to outweigh the other, but during the centuries there has been a singular continuity, and I can quite imagine a century hence when the present turmoil and rapid intelligent advance has ceased that man will turn once again to reformulate Christian belief and realise how profoundly important it is for the well-being of this land.'

'We are likely to have many difficult times ahead, but as I see the situation a deeper religious understanding will arise. In the first half of the 18th century did not Wesley and his followers try to overcome social disorder by the message they carried through England, and did not they succeed marvellously in raising their own religious standard as they sought to raise man to understand the Gospel of Christ? Let us, therefore, look confidently to the future of Church and State continuing in happy association as in the past.'

'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by the Chairman, who said that he had not the advantage of many who had presided at those gatherings of knowing Henry Johnson in the flesh. Henry Johnson was born 138 years ago at Lichfield and moved to Birmingham when he was about four or five years of age. At the age of 17 he started his ringing career. There was a man named Roberts, a change ringer at Aston, who taught Johnson to handle a bell. He progressed rapidly and conducted his first peal when he was 21.

ASSOCIATION WITH FAMOUS COMPOSERS.

In 1833 Henry Johnson joined the St. Martin's Society and remained a member until his death in 1890. A point about Henry Johnson was his early association with some of

those great conductors and composers—Henry Cooper, Charles and Thomas Thurstans, Lates and Day. Some of these men took part in those famous peals recorded at St. Martin's—the 7,200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, conducted by Henry Cooper, and the Stedman Cinques conducted by Thomas Thurstans. It was Thomas Thurstans who composed the famous four-part peal of Stedman Triples, and that was rung on the front eight of St. Martin's on May 18th, 1846. Eight members of their society on the centenary—May 18th, 1946—rang the same peal on the front eight. Johnson was famous not only as a ringer and conductor, but also as a composer, and it was recorded that he was a tremendous help to Lates and Thurstans in producing their peals.

In 1881, on his 72nd birthday, Johnson took part in a peal recorded on a tablet at St. Martin's of 9,238 Stedman Cinques, which he composed. He rang the sixth in 6 hours and 42 minutes. In 1886, when he was 77, he was presented on his birthday with his portrait and an illuminated address. On his 80th birthday in 1889 there was a three days' celebration at Birmingham at the invitation and expense of Sir Arthur Heywood. Johnson died in 1890 and was buried at Aston.

At the request of the chairman, those who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh stood up. They were Messrs. W. A. Clark, Charles Williams and G. T. Michieson.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was proposed by Cclr. A. Paddon Smith, who said during the last year death had dealt very lightly with them and they had lost only two members—Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who was a great ringer and a great man in every sense, and William Davis, who was for some years towerkeeper at Aston, a staunch member of the Guild and a regular Sunday ringer. The aim and object of their ringing was to provide the best ringing possible on a Sunday, and it was in that respect that the St. Martin's Guild took a just pride. They had members in almost every tower in the Diocese of Birmingham.

A LIVE ORGANISATION.

As evidence of their continued prosperity the following rings were recast between the two wars: St. Martin's; the Cathedral; Aston, which was augmented from 10 to 12; King's Norton, from 8 to 10; Edgbaston, from 6 to 8; Selly Oak; Bishop Ryder's; St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral; Solihull; Shirley, from 5 to 6 (and now to be augmented to 8, the order having been placed with Messrs. Taylor); Knowle, from 6 to 8. Adjoining them were Walsall, which had been recast and augmented from 10 to 12; West Bromwich; Wednesbury; and Willenhall, from 8 to 10. He quoted those figures to show what a live organisation existed because augmentations and recastings only took place where they had good and enthusiastic ringers.

In extending the congratulations of the company to Mr. Harry Middleton, who would be 81 next birthday, Cclr. Paddon Smith recalled that he was one of the few remaining who rang in the 11,111 Stedman Cinques on Boxing Day, 1901. That had now been beaten at Oxford; he did not know if St. Martin's had any youngsters who would take up the cudgels. Their success was due in recent years in no small measure to Mr. Reeves, who had done 18 years as hon. secretary and treasurer, while he (the speaker) was secretary for 20 years.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, responding, said the prosperity was due to the spirit that permeated the Guild, the spirit of Henry Johnson, a real gentleman who was ever ready to help

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A Selection from Three Weeks' Post Bag

Treble Bob Major Now In Hairdressing

Dear Sir,—Many bellringers who have read the Lord Peter Wimsey series of detective stories will recall the ingenious use of Kent Treble Bob Major made so cleverly by the authoress Dorothy Sayers in one of her crime mysteries—'The Nine Tailors.'

I was, however, intrigued by the words Treble Bob Major appearing as the title of an article in a recent issue of a hairdressing periodical through which I happened to be glancing. The article, which was fully illustrated, dealt with a particular style of ladies' hairdressing which the author had named Treble Bob Major.

He likened, in effect, three curls at the back of the head to three downward peals of bells and 'the centre sweep,' to quote the author's words, 'to the harmony of the second bell in a full peal of Kent Treble Bob Majors.' Doubtless due to my ignorance of the art of hairdressing, I failed to see any similarity, and my hairdresser friend, an ignoramus of change ringing, could not help me.

Many other styles of ladies' hairdressing could, no doubt, be invented in which our standard methods of bellringing play a part. However, this example opens up but another field of application in which 'the hidden intricacies' of change ringing can be utilised, and I shall be interested to hear the observations of any of your readers who may have read also the article appearing in the hairdressing journal.—Yours truly,

Cheltenham. D. A. NEWCOMBE.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER (Continued)

the younger man. As secretary he must pay tribute to the assistance he got from his officers; the table plan, for instance, was the work of George Fearn, their Ringing Master.

One of the features of St. Martin's Guild was their good striking which had been with them for generations. That tradition, he felt sure, would continue with their younger men. As evidence of good ringing Mr. Reeves called attention to the record that had been made of the broadcast of their Cathedral bells, of which a few still remained and were for sale.

Canon T. Guy Rogers proposed the health of 'The Chairman' and spoke of his services to the Guild and to St. Martin's. In reminiscent vein, the Canon recalled his induction to St. Martin's and the consternation that arose when the rope broke when he pulled it to toll the bell. Mr. Walker was not then Master of the tower, but he still remembered Mr. Walker's concern on that occasion and how he repaired the rope.

The Chairman acknowledged the compliment rendered with musical honours, and said Canon Rogers was the seventh Rector he had been connected with at St. Martin's. He had had 50 happy years with the Guild and it had been a most pleasurable service.

'Kindred Ringing Societies' was the toast submitted by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who mentioned that among the societies represented at that gathering were the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Worcester and Districts Association, the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Coventry Diocesan Guild, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the Surrey Association, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, the Kent County Association, the Yorkshire Association and the Leicestershire Association.

Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and Mr. J. Frank Smalwood replied.

During the evening songs and duets were given by Mr. G. J. Hemming and Mr. G. Neilan, with Miss Joan Reeves, daughter of the hon. secretary, as accompanist. There was change ringing by members of St. Martin's Guild.

Ringers' Names on Bells

Dear Sir,—In the campanile at Beccles, Suffolk, the ninth has the name of a ringer. This bell was recast in 1909. Under the names of the rector and churchwardens is 'Henry Hopson, Captain.' It was through the latter's energy and contributions that the ten bells were rehung and ropes put in proper order; before rehanging they were 1, 9, 7, 8, 10, 2, 6, 5, 4, 3. Mr. Hopson was neither a naval nor army captain.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

EXAMPLES IN KENT.

Dear Sir,—At two adjoining parishes at Gravesend, Kent, ringers' names appear on a bell at each tower.

At Gravesend, the old peal of eight were recast and rehung in 1923, and on the 6th bell is inscribed, 'Edward Hadlow, a ringer of this town, collected the greater part of the subscription money.' The amount the late Mr. Hadlow collected was over £500.

At the adjoining parish of Milton-next-Gravesend the ring of six was rehung and two trebles added to complete the octave in 1930, and on the 2nd bell is inscribed, 'F. M. Mitchell, 21 years leader.' In this instance also the ringer mentioned was mainly responsible for raising the necessary funds.

'ANON.'

MR. W. H. FUSSELL.

Dear Sir,—In 1913 Slough Parish Church received a new octave, the tenor bell of which was inscribed, 'The gift of William H. Fussell, Esq.' Mr. Fussell, who died in 1944, became famous as organising secretary of the party of English bellringers who journeyed to Australia in 1934, as the only ringer to complete a peal in every county of England and Wales, and as one of that select company whose peal total exceeded a thousand.

A beautifully carved plaque to the memory of the late William Herbert Fussell was unveiled in the belfry of Slough Parish Church on February 22nd.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

A DENIAL

Sir,—Mr. Limpus' letter in your last issue, February 14th, is rather misleading. We may have met somewhere, but I certainly was not in the peal he mentions at Old Windsor, and, in fact, never rang in the tower until 1942.

Anyone who has 'The Ringing World' for February 2nd, 1912, can see for themselves, and from my knowledge of that band I do not think they would find any necessity to fire the bells in Grandsire Triples.

A. H. PULLING.

CAMBRIDGE MAJOR 5,090 CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Report of peal of Cambridge Major, 5,090 changes. Is this correct, please, or are Messrs. Price and Kippin putting the cat among the pigeons?

Circle specialists.—Looking through my records I have nine towers to my credit with three more on the waiting list. Two of the towers I have circled twice. When my good health returns—I have been on sick list since January 15th—I hope to complete the dozen.—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

BELLS RUNG BACKWARDS

Dear Sir,—With reference to F. A. Cluett's letter mentioning bells being 'rung backwards,' further mention of this practice may be found in Nicholls' 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' page 123, is an inscription on the bells of St. Ives, Hunts.

'When backwards rung we tell of fire,

'Think how the world shall thus expire.'

Yours faithfully,

PETER D. WENHAM.

Kington Ex-Captain's Protest

Dear Sir,—I saw the letter in 'The Ringing World' regarding the peal of Minor at Kington. I had been arranging a peal myself and I was going to attempt to call it. Imagine my disappointment when these peal snatchers sneaked into our tower and rang it. Three of our members had been in company with this 'peal snatching' band at a meeting at Eardisland on the previous Saturday, when nothing was mentioned about desiring a peal on our bells.

The ringers of Kington tower have raised £186 themselves towards the cost of two new bells for our tower. What encouragement have these 'peal snatchers' given us by going over our heads to get the bells for a peal?

I suppose it will please 'the peal snatchers' to know that as a result of their peal I have resigned by captaincy and membership of the Kington tower (my own native tower) where I have been a member for 30 years and where my father was a member for 40 years and captain for 18 years. This took a bit of doing, but if sportsmanship in ringing is so low as it appears to be, then I can do without it.—Yours, etc.,

TREVOR JONES

(late captain, Kington tower).

Kington, Herefordshire.

THE YOUNGEST MASTER

Dear Sir,—At a recent meeting of the Minster Abbey Guild of Bellringers, Master Stanley Evans was elected Master at the early age of 16½ years. He had previously held office as Vice-Master.

Is he the youngest Master?

Perhaps some of your readers could enlighten me.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN M. WATSON.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—After consultation with the Essex peals secretary, I wish to withdraw the peal of Superlative rung at Bocking on May 11th 1946.—Yours,

R. SUCKLING.

Braintree, Essex.

RANG HIS 250th PEAL FOR HIS 80th BIRTHDAY

On February 22nd, a grand old 'Man of Kent' braved the elements to go to Benenden for his 250th peal. Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., of Horsmonden, who celebrated his 80th birthday on February 21st, rang his first peal 58 years and 9 months ago, and for a man who has lived all his life in a country village his list of peals is a very creditable one.

Mr. Lambert comes of a ringing family and has taught several of his sons to ring, not to mention his nephews the Bromleys. The Lamberts have managed to ring at least one 'family' eight-bell peal and hope to repeat the performance. The Lamberts and Bromley form the nucleus of the band at Horsmonden, where a great tradition of striking on the glorious ring of six has been carefully built up and worthily maintained.

In these days Mr. Lambert generally prefers the treble, but just before his 79th birthday he rang 'inside' to a peal of Cambridge Major, and on his present form could easily repeat the performance! Long may he live to ring many another peal! His peals are as follows:—

Doubles: 3.

Minor: One to seven methods 81, Fourteen methods 1.

Triples: Grandsire 39, Stedman 6, Plain Bob 2, Oxford Bob 1.

Major: Plain Bob 31, Double Bob 1, Oxford Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Norwich 10, Kent Treble Bob 18, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Superlative Surprise 18, Cambridge Surprise 12, New Cambridge Surprise 1, Norfolk Surprise 4, Yorkshire Surprise 4, Bristol Surprise 2, Ashstead Surprise 1, Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 3.

Royal: Kent Treble Bob 5.

Total: 250.

The Rev. E. Banks James

By the passing of the Rev. Edward Banks James on February 20th, the Cambridge University Guild has lost its last link with the little group who were well-known members of the Exercise before the end of the last century, and the whole ringing fraternity has lost one who brought a powerful and original mind to bear on problems of composition. Together with his brother, the late Rev. H. Law James, he was a member of the well-known band at St. Michael's, Gloucester, before coming into residence at Cambridge in 1889. He took part in the Guild's first peal, Bob Triples on handbells in 1890, and from that time figured in many of the Guild peals, often as conductor or composer.

At the time when much attention was being paid to the composition of Grandsire Triples he produced several ten-part peals of great merit. As is well known, he produced Bristol Surprise, and Little Bob, conducting the first peal ever rung of the latter in 1911. He also produced Silchester, and was discussing it with the writer only a month before his death. These are by no means all the contributions he made to the theory of composition.

He was one of the party who toured Australia in 1934, and a peal of Bob Major (the Barrabool peal), composed by him in the Mediterranean, was rung on handbells in the Arabian Sea. It was rung half-muffled in his memory by the Cambridge University Guild on February 22nd at St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge.

In addition to his activities as a ringer he was a very fine chess player, representing Cambridge University against Oxford during his residence. He was very interested in printing and possessed a printing press with which he produced some very beautiful examples of printing.

It was always a pleasure to be in his company, for one could be sure of interesting conversation full of original ideas, and he was always willing to impart his knowledge and help any who brought problems to him. Most of his life was spent in teaching, among his pupils being C. W. Woolley, of Bushey.

THE FUNERAL.

The interment took place at the Church of St. Lawrence, Surfleet, on February 24th, when he was placed by the side of his brother, the Rev. H. Law James. The Rev. G. H. Clark (Vicar) conducted the service, at which the 23rd Psalm and the hymn, 'For all the saints,' were sung. After the committal prayers a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Mrs. E. M. Wayman 1-2, Edwin J. Lindley 3-4, Mrs. R. Richardson 5-6.

The family mourners were Miss B. Wasley (niece) and Miss Holland (housekeeper). Mr. and Mrs. Wasley (brother-in-law and sister) were unable to be present. Mr. E. J. Lindley represented the Cambridge University Guild, the Rev. F. B. Shepherd being unable to attend owing to clerical duties. Lincolnshire ringers were represented by Mr. A. J. Farr, Mr. W. A. Richardson and Mrs. R. Richardson (captains of Spalding, Pinchbeck and Surfleet towers), Mrs. E. M. Wayman and Messrs. J. Ames, C. Rawding and N. King.

Later the same day the bells of St. Lawrence's were rung half-muffled and a peal of Bob Major was rung in the evening. The floral tributes included one from the Cambridge University Guild.

MR. STEPHEN WIGHTMAN

Mr. Stephen Wightman, of Creetingham, Suffolk, who died on February 15th, aged 77, was one of six brothers. He learnt to ring in 1885, rang his first peal the following year at Easton, Suffolk, and was a member of the Framden band. For the Norwich Association he rang 155 peals, but since 1909 through rheumatism he had been prevented from ringing. His last peal was Cambridge Surprise at Helmingham, Suffolk. His longest length was 10,080 Bob Major at Helmingham in 1895.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD MOUNT

It is with deepest regret we report the passing of Richard Mount, of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire. He was born at Saltby and first learned to ring on the three old bells.

Later he took over the Glebe Farm at Waltham and joined the ringers at the Parish Church. Not an extensive peal ringer (he had rung 23 for the old M.C.A.), he was a most conscientious Sunday service ringer and hardly ever missed a meeting of the Melton Mowbray district, whether it was of the Framland Society or M.C.A. He joined the latter association in 1906, and on the splitting into Leicester Diocesan Guild, he was chosen as the chairman of the Melton District. Of a most cheerful yet retiring disposition, he was greatly beloved by all who came into contact with him, and in all the villages around Waltham his loss will be keenly felt and his place will be very hard to fill.

After the funeral Waltham bells were rung to his memory when a 240 and 720 of Plain Bob were rung. F.M.

ALD. W. S. B. NORTHOVER

Bridport, Dorset, has lost a leading personality by the death of Ald. Walter S. B. Northover. For many years he had been in charge of Bridport belfry, succeeding his father in this position. His public work included Mayor in 1934 and chairman of the Harbour Board.

It was entirely due to his efforts that the eight bells at St. Mary's, Bridport, were recast and completely rehung in 1924. He was also a very active Freemason in Dorset and also a member of Grand Lodge. The funeral was on February 26th.

Mr. E. A. Pitstow

Mr. Ernest Alfred Pitstow, whose death at the age of 86 was reported in our last issue, was the youngest of the three brothers who did so much for ringing in the 80's and 90's. It was their enthusiasm for the art which brought Saffron Walden to the forefront as a centre for good ringing and made their name known throughout the Exercise.

Ernest Pitstow never took up composing and conducting—he left that to his brothers Nathan and Frederick—but he was a very safe ringer in all methods and a first-class striker. Of a very modest and kindly disposition, he was beloved by all who knew him.

His list of peals is not a long one—he rang about 120—but it contains many that are landmarks in the progress made in his time, and some are historic.

His first peal—Kent Treble Bob Major at Sawbridgeworth on Boxing Day, 1883—was followed by a trip to London in January, 1884, when he rang four peals in four days for the Cumberlands—Kent Major, Kent Royal, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples. His next was the first peal of Treble Bob in the City of Ely, and the next the first performance of T. Lockwood's 6,016 of Kent Major—rung at Lavenham in four hours.

In 1885 he went to Long Melford to ring in the late W. J. Nevard's first peal, and so started a lifelong friendship. In 1887 he rang in the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the Essex Association and followed this with a peal of Kent Royal at Chelmsford, the first on the bells and the first peal on ten by the Essex Association.

The next year saw him in Berkshire, where with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook he rang four peals in four days.

In 1890 he toured the Eastern Counties with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon G. F. Coleridge and J. W. Washbrook, when they rang nine peals in six days, including Kent Royal at Aylsham and Kent Maximus at St. Peter Man-

croft, Norwich, both on the one day, a considerable achievement in those days. This tour was rounded off with a peal of Stedman Caters at Great St. Mary, Cambridge, the first in Stedman's home town.

Following a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in April, 1892, the first by the Essex Association, he toured Devon and Cornwall with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Canon Coleridge, where they rang six peals. It was during this tour that the party rang the first course (Grandsire Caters) ever to be rung on Exeter Cathedral bells. There were four men on the tenor, the other bells being rung singlehanded.

In December of that year he went to Christ Church, Southgate, to ring J. W. Washbrook's 7,072 of Superlative, the longest length yet attempted in this method. The peal was successfully accomplished in 4 hours 58 minutes, but he had the mortification of being told a week or so later by his brother Nathan that the figures were false.

He next rang at Saffron Walden in the first peal of Superlative in Essex and followed this with the 8,800 Superlative at Loughborough, rung in 6 hours 16 minutes, composed and conducted by Nathan Pitstow. Canon Coleridge rang in this peal and is believed to be now the only survivor of the band. This peal stood as the record for the method for many years.

Within a month of this achievement he rang at Saffron Walden in the first peal of Cambridge in the Eastern Counties. In 1895 he was in Devon again with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and rang four peals. The next peal of note was the first peal of London Surprise Major in Essex, rung at Saffron Walden on January 10th, 1899. Another notable peal was one of Stedman Triples on the bells of the Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge, in January, 1904 (tenor 32 cwt.), the only peal to be rung on this grand ring until last year.

His last peal was at Saffron Walden on October 6th, 1936, when at the age of 76 he rang the 8th to the first peal (Stedman Cinques) on the twelve bells.

In addition to his ringing activities, Ernest Pitstow had taken a leading part in the musical life of Saffron Walden. His exceptional qualities as a musician enabled him to teach and inspire others, and for 40 years he was conductor of the Saffron Walden Excelsior Band.

The funeral service was held at Saffron Walden Parish Church on February 12th and was attended by a large congregation. It was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Sinker), assisted by the Rev. Humphries, and the music was beautifully rendered by the organist and choir. As the cortege left the church for the Borough Cemetery the bells were rung muffled.

He leaves two sons—Harold and Leonard—to carry on the work which was nearest his heart, for both are ringers and conductors of music. His three grandchildren also are ringers.

MR. ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM

A life member of the North Staffordshire Association and for many years a member of the Essex Association, Mr. Andrew Shufflebotham died on February 14th, aged 72.

A native of North Staffs, he learned to ring at Hanley and later joined the Stoke-on-Trent band until his work took him to Braintree, Essex, where he joined the local band and rang most of his peals in that society. He always visited Stoke for his holidays and made straight for the tower, always ready to lend a hand either for call changes or Cambridge, and was a sure and safe ringer. After a lapse of 25 years he rang his 140th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Stoke on September 16th, 1944.

He was taken ill whilst on his annual holiday in August last year and died six months later in the City General Hospital. Four of the ringers of St. Peter's, Stoke, acted as bearers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by F. Wilshaw 1-2, N. Holland 3-4, C. H. Page 5-6, A. D. Steel 7-8.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

MEETING AT HATHERLEIGH.

Despite severe wintry conditions the North-West Branch of the Devon Guild held its annual meeting at Hatherleigh on February 15th, when members from Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bude, Marhamchurch, Okehampton, Petrockstowe, Pyworthy, Sutcombe and the local band were present.

The Vicar-designate (the Rev. B. C. Gough) welcomed the company and conducted the service. Mr. Manaton being the organist. Tea, served in Jerwood's Cafe, was followed by a business meeting. Reports were presented and the balance in hand was £7 17s. 8d. The Rev. W. H. T. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (secretary), Mr. W. Shears (treasurer), Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master) were re-elected with the Rev. W. H. Smale and Mr. P. Sangwin (representatives to the General Committee) with the addition of Mr. W. H. R. Smale. Four new members were elected, and it was decided that a practice meeting be held at Holsworthy on May 17th with a branch meeting at Halwell in October.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his striking address and the organist, as well as for the use of the bells. Methods rung were confined to rounds, call-changes and Triples.

POSITION OF MID-DEVON BRANCH.

Owing to abnormal weather conditions, the Mid-Devon Branch have found it necessary to alter the date of their annual meeting at St. James', Teignmouth, to February 22nd.

Despite the fact that this particular area is difficult to work, the past year has been a successful one. Four meetings have been held, at which a variety of methods have been rung, and the joint meeting with the South-West Branch last summer was highly successful, with a particularly high standard of ringing. Visitors from outside the county who have been on holiday in the area have also been provided for.

The branch laments the death of one of its outstanding personalities, Mr. Christopher R. Walker, and his death leaves a gap which will not very easily be filled. Financially, too, the branch has almost recovered its former status, and the branch generally is very grateful for all the help it gets from members of other branches and visitors from outside the county.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

RETIREMENT OF MR. W. J. LEE.

Owing to advancing years, Mr. W. J. Lee tendered his resignation as chairman of the East Norfolk Branch at the annual meeting held at Gorleston-on-Sea on February 8th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Corbell) presided, supported by the Rev. J. S. Heard (president of the association), Mr. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master), Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. H. Tooke (secretary of North Norfolk) and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (secretary of East Norfolk). Mr. H. J. Eldred was elected the new chairman, Mr. J. G. W. Harwood re-elected secretary, and Mr. P. Newstead added to the committee. On the proposition of Mr. Golden, a vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Lee for his long service in the chair.

A silent tribute was paid by all standing to the memory of Mr. Rupert Richardson. Sir Nicholas Bacon and Mr. William A. Arnott. The next meeting is to be held at Ranworth on May 10th. Mr. Chand'er was thanked for playing the organ as well as for assisting in the ringing.

Owing to the very severe weather, the meeting was poorly attended, the local company being conspicuous by their absence. Fourteen members attended from Caistor-on-Sea, Folkestone, Gorleston, Mulbarton, Norton, Norwich, Wymondham and Great Yarmouth. There was no ringing after tea, as everybody was frozen up. Methods rung during the afternoon were Plain Minor, Kent Minor, Stedman Triples, Grandire Triples and Double Norwich.

East Grinstead Guild

DIVISION INTO FOUR SECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at East Grinstead on February 8th. The weather conditions restricted attendance, only 31 ringers attending from Balcombe, Buxted, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Lamberhurst, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Wadhurst and Witherham. The service was conducted by the president (Dr. G. Golding-Bird, D.D.), with a short but telling address by the Rev. Scott-Gardner.

After entertaining the company to tea in the small parish hall, the president took the chair for the serious business of the day, although, with such a chairman, no meeting is allowed to be very dull.

Dr. Golding-Bird was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected except the Rev. H. Dennison, who had left the district. The Revs. G. C. C. Pepys and J. R. Missen are to be invited to become vice-presidents.

Mr. B. Collison intimated that in future he would not be able to attend very regularly, and asked for another chairman to be elected, but after Mr. A. Relfe had been elected vice-chairman to support him, Mr. Collison agreed to continue in office. Other alterations in officers were Mr. A. Ryman, hon. auditor, vice Mr. G. Lambert, and Mr. E. J. Ladd elected to the committee vice Mr. A. Batten, who has left the district. After some discussion it was decided that the Guild should be divided into four sections, North, South, East and West, and a meeting held in each section successively, so that all members had a meeting close handy at least three times a year. Mr. E. J. Oliver proposed that the Guild should hold a summer ringing outing. He was supported by Mr. E. J. Ladd and it was agreed to hold such an outing, the date and arrangements to be left to the committee.

The annual report showed that the Guild was in a very healthy state, the balance in hand being £55 2s. 5d.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The twenty-sixth annual meeting was held at St. George's Church, Doncaster, on January 25th. A short service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar, Canon L. Davies. Members were present from Arksey, Barnby Don, Campsall, Handsworth, Felkirk, Sprotborough, Adwick-le-Street, York Minster, Rotherham and the local company.

At the business meeting the secretary presented the balance sheet for 1946, which was accepted. The Walker Cup for the most regular attendance for Sunday ringing was won by Doncaster, and was presented by its donor, Mr. Harold Walker, to the captain, Mr. E. C. Stacey.

It was decided to raise the subscription for the society to one shilling, as it was evident from the secretary's report that sixpence per member was insufficient to cover a year's expenses. Ringing was then resumed on Doncaster's fine ring of eight until 9 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell kindly provided tea for the 40 members and friends when the Rochester District met at Milton-next-Gravesend on February 1st. The Rector officiated at the service with the help of the organist and choir, who were local ringers. Mr. G. H. Spice (general secretary) read the lesson.

At the business meeting the Rector presided and seven members were elected, including one life, one honorary, one non-resident life, one practising and two probationers. The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, in April. A combined practice will be held at Meopham and Robbing on April 12th at 5.30 p.m. Ringing on this very fine ring of bells was most enjoyable and included Cambridge and Double Norwich.

Leicester Diocesan Guild

PLANS FOR FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Important decisions were taken at the meeting of the Guild at Hinckley on February 8th regarding the holding of an annual diocesan festival at Leicester. The severe weather restricted the attendance, and the Market Harborough and Melton Mowbray districts were not represented.

The President (Mr. H. J. Poole), who was in the chair, explained that a proposition which had been favourably received by the General Committee was to hold each year a diocesan festival. This would include ringing at all the churches in the city; in the early evening there would be a dinner followed by a dance. Any profits would go to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The President said that the proposed date was October 25th, and the De Montfort Hall had been booked, as it was essential to make early application. He asked ringers from other districts to make the event known as widely as possible. He wanted the festival to be an outstanding event in the Exercise. The meeting gave the proposal its unanimous support.

Other business before the meeting was a reminder to members that according to a rule the annual meeting would be held at Leicester on the first Saturday in May. It was hoped that similar arrangements would be made as last year. Mr. H. G. Jenney and Miss Jill Poole were elected auditors.

The President reported that the General Committee had decided not to print the annual report this year, the treasurer (Mr. A. E. Rowley) pointing out that expenses had been very heavy owing to the provision of books and stationery for the first year. Life membership certificates were available on receipt by the general secretary (Mr. H. W. Perkins) of 1s. 6d., plus postage.

Reference was made by the president to the passing of two ringers, an honorary member and a life member. They were Mr. F. Sharnan, of Thurmaston, who had been an active ringer for more than 30 years; Mr. C. Ison, of Hinckley, who had died very suddenly a few weeks ago and had rung at Hinckley for more than 15 years; the Rev. F. T. Ingle, Vicar of All Saints', who had died in his sleep a week previous after taking the evening service. The last named was an enthusiastic supporter of the local ringers and had been instrumental the previous year in achieving his object to have the bells of All Saints' rehung and increased to six. The frame was made to hold eight. The life member was Mr. Rupert Richardson, whose achievements were known not only in Leicestershire, but up and down the country. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Turner), who conducted the service, and to Mr. B. Ridgeway, the steeple-keeper, and his wife, who with other assistance had so ably arranged the tea, attended by a company of 45.

After more tower-bell ringing there was change ringing and tune ringing on the hand-bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESE AGAINST 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS

The Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches has expressed itself strongly against the use of 'synthetic' bells. The observation of the committee is as follows:

The use of 'synthetic' bells (the playing of bell records by gramophone) has been considered. It was felt not only that the mechanical reproduction of bell-tones was unsatisfactory, but also that nothing should be done to discourage the time-honoured art of bellringing. The committee have advised that this mechanical device should not be used.

The committee report that new bells have been placed in six churches, in two of which (as well as in two others) repairs to the bell frames have been approved.

Beverley and District Society

SNOW DOES NOT DETER ENTHUSIASM.

Having accepted an invitation to hold its monthly meeting at Pocklington on February 8th, the Beverley and District Society decided to go through with the programme. All roads into Pocklington from the Wolds were blocked with snow, and the only approach was by rail. Upon arrival visitors saw a R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service team leaving for the relief of Huggate, one of the cut off villages. The thirty members who braved these abnormal conditions were from the following towers: Beverley Minster, Cottingham, Hull (Holy Trinity), Hessle, Market Weighton, Nunburnholme and Pocklington.

The bells are a nice ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), and the members received a warm welcome from the Vicar (Canon Richardson), who officiated at the service. A substantial tea was provided by the local company, the Vicar presiding amid an atmosphere of real comradeship.

At the business meeting Mr. F. Dale (vice-president) presided, supported by Mr. Clem Glenn (Ringing Master) and Mr. A. E. Sellers (hon. secretary). The Chairman announced that Mr. A. S. Fox (vice-president of the Eastern District) had presented a peal record book to the society.

Invitations from the local ringers to visit Barton-on-Humber and also for a joint meeting with the Selby and District Society at Market Weighton were received and accepted, the secretary being asked to make the arrangements. North Cave was selected for the next meeting on April 12th. Thanks to the Vicar and local company for their warm welcome and splendid tea were voiced by Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Bairstow, in reply, expressed the hope that the society would come again. Seven new members were elected.

The company then adjourned to the tower, where the bells were rung to several different methods and rounds, and a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by 'ceasing' the bells in peal.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWBURY BRANCH.

One determined member of 80 walked two miles on the slippery roads from the nearest bus halt to attend the meeting of the Newbury Branch at Chieveley on February 1st. Despite bad travelling conditions, 28 members attended.

After the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Hazel), tea was served in the well-warmed Vicarage Barn.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, when six new members were elected and Thatcham was chosen for the spring meeting on April 12th. Ringing ranged from rounds to an attempt at Surprise Minor.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT AT SANDY.

The 20 members who braved the bad weather on February 8th enjoyed the meeting at Sandy, at which the following towers were represented: Henlow, Blunham, Eaton Socon, Great Barford, Tempsford, Bromham, Chatteris, Turvey, Cambridge and Sandy.

The Rector (the Rev. C. G. Hooper) presided at the business meeting, and Southill was chosen for the next meeting on March 1st. Four new members were elected—two performing and two non-resident members. A collection for the bell fund amounted to 14s.

The Rector welcomed the ringers, and the secretary (Mr. C. J. Ball), in reply, thanked him for joining the ringers at tea and also for the use of the bells. Mr. C. H. Harding thanked the ladies for providing tea.

Ringling included touches of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Bob Double and rounds.

Shropshire Association

RETIREMENT OF MAJOR E. V. F. CORBETT.

Through failing health and acting on doctor's advice, Major E. V. F. Corbett has resigned the Mastership of the Shropshire Association. This was received with regret at the annual meeting at Shrewsbury on February 1st, Mr. A. Pritchard presiding over an attendance of 45 ringing members, together with life members and visitors. A minute expressing appreciation of Major Corbett's services over a number of years was recorded.

Mr. Arthur Pritchard was elected the new Master. Other officers elected were: Central Council representative, Mr. G. L. Hewitt, trustees, Messrs. A. Woodvine and G. L. Hewitt; auditor, Mr. W. H. Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. E. D. Poole; assistant secretary, Miss P. Fletcher.

The audited accounts, which showed an improved balance, were accepted.

The secretary, in his report, stated that six meetings had been held in addition to the annual, and had been quite well attended. Nine new members had been elected and nine new life members. Fourteen peals were rung during 1946. At the meeting 15 new members were elected, viz., Claverley (9), St. Michael's, Shrewsbury (4), Stockton (1) and one life member for Crewe.

Meetings for 1947 were discussed. The joint meeting with the Crewe Branch (Chester Guild) at Market Drayton was fixed for June 7th. This will be the third joint meeting and the hope is expressed that it will become an annual event. The next meeting will be at Shifnal on March 22nd. It is hoped to arrange meetings at Worthen, Bicton and Montford. Hodnet and Newport, towers not visited by the association during the war years.

Ringling took place during the afternoon at St. Mary's Church (10) and in the evening at St. Michael's (6) and St. Chad's (12). The service in St. Aidan's chapel of St. Chad's Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. P. Huran).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch at Yeovil on February 8th attracted a fairly good attendance. The Vicar (Preb. H. Mortlock Treen) conducted the service and also presided at the meeting.

Officers re-elected were: Chairman, Preb. G. W. Saunders; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Farrant; Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Poole. Twenty-one new members were elected and the election of seven members in belfries was confirmed.

It was proposed that a message of sympathy be sent to Preb. G. W. Saunders on his bereavement by the death of Mrs. Saunders. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and organist concluded the business.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The District Master (Mr. B. G. Burton) gave a cordial welcome to the 41 members and friends who attended the annual meeting of the N.W. District at Harlow Town on Jan. 25th.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. B. G. Burton; secretary, Mr. G. Blake; committee members, Messrs. S. Clark and W. Aley. Six new members were elected, and Mr. E. J. Butler an honorary member. The next meeting was fixed for Saffron Walden on April 19th.

The proposal to raise the Guild subscription was discussed, and a vote showed that the majority of members were in favour.

Mr. Springham (Harlow Common) thanked the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Bevan) for conducting the service and for the use of the bells. Messrs. Wheeler and Cordell were also thanked for their services during past years. The compass of the ringing extended from Grandsire to Double Norwich.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

CLASH OF MEETINGS CRITICISFD.

Three out of the four districts of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their annual meetings on February 8th. This clash of meetings was commented upon by Mr. R. Whittington at the annual meeting of the Guildford District, which was attended by 40 members.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, district secretary, explained that owing to the inability to secure the use of S. Nicolas' Hall on January 18th, the original date, the meeting had to be postponed until February 8th.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said that the Chertsey District had also postponed their annual meeting because of the Cumberland Youths' annual meeting. It was because of these reasons that the annual meetings of Leatherhead, Chertsey and Guildford districts occurred on the same date.

Mr. A. H. Pulling suggested that the hall should be booked twelve months ahead.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, the district secretary, reported an increase of 18 per cent. in membership. There were, however, a few blank spots, Bramley with three members, Puttenham and Ockham with none. Despite this increase, the total balance of the district's finances had not increased accordingly, due chiefly to a grant made to the Dunsfold Bell Fund and more activity throughout the Guild. It had been the first post-war year in which a full programme of district meetings had been held.

Many rings in the area have been repaired and restored, and future work of this kind includes a war memorial ring of six at Sand and a target of £500 at Shere for restoring the bells has already been reached. A new frame is needed at Womersley, and minor reconstruction, long delayed, is to be done to the frame at S. Nicolas' Guildford. The Hascombe five have been recast and rehung, also the six at Dunsfold, and the six bells at Merrow have been rehung.

Mr. Hazelden was re-elected district secretary, Mr. C. Ernest Smith ringing master, Mr. S. Petter representative on the Guild Executive Committee, and Mr. L. C. W. Hunter auditor. Nominations for election at the Guild annual meeting were: Mr. G. L. Grover, general secretary; Mr. A. Harman, Master; Mr. J. Corbett, treasurer; and Mr. L. C. W. Hunter, auditor.

District meetings for 1947 were agreed upon at Dunsfold, Witley, Puttenham and Cranleigh and five new members were elected.

The meeting was preceded by tea and the Guild service at S. Nicolas' Church, conducted by the Rev. Guy Moss, with Mr. W. A. Dollimore (Aldershot) reading the lessons.

Towers represented were Godalming, Seale, Hersham, Ewhurst, Shalford, Clandon, Womersley, Cranleigh, Aldershot, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' Guildford. The ringing included a touch of Cambridge.

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BIRTH

COOPER.—On Feb. 21st, 1947, at 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, to Doris (née Williams), wife of Daniel Cooper, a daughter (Glenda Joan). 1041

MARRIAGE

DITMAS—RICHARDSON. — At St. Mary's, Sundridge, on Mar. 3rd, 1947, Christopher George Hugh, son of the late H. D. Ditmas, of Debatgama, Ceylon, and Mrs. Ditmas, of Charing, Kent, and Monica Jane Fellowes, second daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson, of Sundridge, Kent. 1035

DEATHS

EMERY.—The death of Mrs. J. L. Emery, dearly loved wife of Isaac Emery, occurred on Feb. 20th, 1947, at her home, 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, Kent. 1003

WEEKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1947, at Antigua, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes, Josephine Brownlee, widow of Mr. Thomas Weeks, and mother of A. T. and J. S. Weeks. 1030

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The address of Mr. C. A. Levett, formerly of Slough, Bucks, is now 42, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. 1016

BARKING ESSEX.—Service ringing on first and third Sunday mornings each month, 10 a.m., and weekly practices on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m., commencing Feb. 20th. All ringers welcomed.—A. W. Beard, Hon. Sec., 159, Clements Road, E.6. 1054

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—South Forest Branch.—Ruardean, Mar. 8th, 3.15. Dedication of memorial to Wm. Bishop by the Bishop of Gloucester, 4.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers, Mar. 8th. Ringing both towers, 2.30 and after tea. Tea 5 p.m., Corner House Cafe, Upton.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 1026

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Next meeting Patrington, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea free.—A. E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 1017

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Joint meeting with Sussex Association at Cowfold (6), Mar. 8th. Tea 5 p.m.—C. A. Bassett, Hon. Sec. 1023

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cowfold, 3 p.m., Mar. 8th. Tea; names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 1022

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 5. Tea and meeting after.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent. 1052

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Burry Port, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 1001

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District (Southern Division).—Meeting at Henfield, Sussex, on Mar. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.15 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Bells afterwards. Masculine support welcomed.—Mrs. Cross, 18, Second Avenue, Hove (Tel. 4743). 1009

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—G. Radley, Dis. Sec., 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, Nr. Hoddesdon, Herts. 1008

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting Todmorden Unitarians, Saturday, Mar. 8th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at Co-op Cafe. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m.—I. Kay, Branch Sec. 1006

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church (10) on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec. 1004

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern Division.—Next meeting, Rettendon, Mar. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, New Hall, Boreham. 1012

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Battle Axes for all who notify me.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath. 1013

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Motcombe, near Shaftesbury, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Visitors welcome.—Rev. W. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost. 1036

SUSSEX ASSN.—Western Division.—Practice, Wisborough Green (6), Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 11th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 1020

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—St. James', Teignmouth, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornersways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121). 1021

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Heathfield (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me not later than Mar. 10th.—R. Tappenden, Gun Green, Hawkhurst, Kent. 1044

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Howden, Mar. 15th, 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Notify J. W. Thompson, 16, Northolmby Street, Howden, by Mar. 12th.—T. H. Foster. 1051

BEDS ASSN.—Luton District.—Tilsworth (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. C. Hillyard. 1050

LADIES' GUILD AND LEICESTER DISTRICT.—Joint meeting, Anstey (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Mar. 12th, to Miss Jill Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 1040

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Manchester Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, Mar. 15th at 3 p.m. Business meeting. Cafes handy for tea.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 1047

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Fulbourn (8), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Six Bells at 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 1049

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—Eastern District.—St. Ignatius', Sunderland, Mar. 15th. Joseph W. Parker Commemoration meeting, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those notifying me not later than Thursday the 13th.—Frank Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland. 1043

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Hinckley, Mar. 15th, 3 to 7.30. Tea 5. Names by the 13th to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthill Road, Hinckley.—W. A. Wood. 1042

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 2.45. Committee 3.45. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5. Numbers for tea not later than Mar. 10th.—F. Colclough, Hall Park, Bilston. 1032

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon, Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Business 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 1031

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.—Next meeting Harlington, Mar. 15th. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea after; names to Mr. J. Nelhams, The School House, Harlington, Hayes, by Mar. 14th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey. 1028

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Chew Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Easton-in-Gordano, Saturday, Mar. 15th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 1027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General committee meeting to be held at Reading on March 15th, Central Girls' Club, Chain Street, 3.15 p.m. Important business.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 1005

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, Mar. 15th, 3 p.m. Bus leaves North Bridge bus stand (Doncaster) quarter to and quarter past hour. All ringers welcome. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec. 1014

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Beccles, Suffolk, on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 at Y.M.C.A. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, without fail by Mar. 12th. Gentlemen very cordially invited.—Mrs. S. R. E. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 1010

LANCS ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at the Parish Church, Ambleside, on Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to T. Newton, 1, Vicarage Road, Ambleside, Westmorland, not later than Mar. 12th. 1055

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern District.—Meeting at Wethersfield (6), Saturday, Mar. 15th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names, if possible, to Henry A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree, Essex. 1039

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.—St. Albans District.—Sandridge, Mar. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Mar. 12th to T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 1033

CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.—Dedication and ringers' opening of augmented peal of ten bells (John Taylor and Co.) by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chester at 3.15 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 15th. Tea will be provided only to ringers who notify their intention to be present.—John Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 1015

YORKSHIRE ASSN.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Keighley, Saturday, Mar. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Names to Mr. R. Bottomley, Theaproyd, Beechcliffe, Keighley, before Mar. 19th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 1025

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Canterbury District.—Meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, Mar. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) to those who notify me not later than Saturday, Mar. 15th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 1037

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.—Shifnal (8), Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Cups of tea; please bring sandwiches.—E. D. Poole. 1034

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Mar. 22nd, 3 p.m., dedication of

new trebles by Lord Bishop of Coventry. Tea at Schools 4.30. Numbers for tea by Mar. 17th.—H. G. Summers, 77, Birmingham Road, Coventry. 1045

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6). Meeting St. Mary-le-Tower 9.30. Photograph taken 11.45. Service 12 o'clock. Lunch 12.45 at Nightingale's, Upper Brook Street. Business meeting after. Those requiring lunch must notify me by April 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge. 1038

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—Annual general meeting, Norwich, Easter Monday, April 7th. Bells of Mancroft, St. Giles' and St. Miles' available 10 to 11.45 and after 3 p.m.; St. John de Sepulchre also, after 3. Service Mancroft, 12; preacher, Rev. J. A. H. Waddington. Lunch, Bedford Grill, Bedford Street, 1 (4s.), followed by business meeting. Accommodation at lunch must be restricted to the first 70 who notify me.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Gen. Sec., 52, The Close, Norwich. 1011

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Annual meeting with luncheon at Canterbury on Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—G. H. Spice, Gen. Sec. 1046

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—Dedication Mar. 22nd postponed until May 3rd.—P. Fordham, Kingsway, Mildenhall. Tel. 2296. 1048

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—200th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, July 12th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn; tickets 12s. 6d. each. As numbers strictly limited, early individual applications are necessary from members with remittance. A small allocation reserved for non-members. All applications will be treated in order of receipt.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 1053

GUILDFORD DIO. GUILD.—Farnham District.—Will all concerned please note that the Hon. Sec. of the Farnham District, Guildford Guild, is now G. S. G. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants, C. W. Denyer now being Ringing Master. 1007

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