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THE historian invariably prefers a lapse of 20 years to apprise the contribution of an individual to the community or to draw his conclusions to a set of circumstances. With the journalist his writings are generally confined to an expression of the immediate factual incident and the marshalling of facts and emotions as available at the time. Thus, in recording the passing of George Williams, the elements of greatness associated with his very long life have not the benefit of perspective.

In the realm of achievement he certainly earned the title of a great ringer. He had amassed the immense total of 1,508 peals, and the fact that he had called more than 1,000 peals on tower bells tells its own story of amazing accomplishment. Viewed from the varied lists of advanced ringing to-day, his contribution was not exceptional, but of his total there were 475 peals in Surprise methods, and this indicates that in the prime of his life he was in the very forefront as a master of his craft. And his mental faculties remained unimpaired; he stepped quietly across the threshold of the earthly to the spiritual life as a normal process just like going to bed.

This phrase 'stepping quietly' seems in a sense to sum up the life of George Williams. From the formation of the Central Council in 1891 he had enjoyed continuous membership. With Canon Coleridge he saw the birth, growth and development of change ringing on a national foundation. Quietly observant of the trend of decisions, he put into practice the principles enunciated, and in his own county of Hampshire worked diligently for their fulfilment. While he was naturally keen on peal ringing, in no sense could it be said that he neglected the art of teaching, and he had the satisfaction of seeing this work bear excellent results. When he started the county had to be scoured for a Grand-sire Triples band; to-day there are bands of advanced ringers in a number of centres.

'Stepping quietly' in life and character is one of the attributes of spiritual grace. Bellringing to him was not merely a pastime; it was accompanied by an inborn love of the Church. At North Stoneham he added to the beauty of the Church by a beautiful oak screen symbolic of a sense of knowledge that the belfry is not the spiritual centre and that there is a duty entrusted to ringers to enrich by gifts and service other Church activities. It is important to ringers both young and old to retain that true balance in spiritual and temporal things as George Williams followed in his life. Ringing was not the all-absorbing thought; in his locality he gained the respect of the community for his work for the friendly society movement and in local government, and running through his veins he had the Englishman's love of cricket. Thus mingling with the Hampshire earth at North Stoneham are the remains of one who stepped quietly amid a surround of greatness. Ringers in every Guild and Association will honour his name as one of the creators of modern ringing who has set a standard by quiet but purposeful endeavour that has enriched our art.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHEAD ... Treble	JOHN S. WALTON ...	7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ...	8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ...	9
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ...	10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	11
H. JAMES TURNER ... 6	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

First peal as conductor on twelve bells, also his 50th peal on twelve. A welcome to Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, B.D., who was inducted Rector on January 18th.

TEN BELL PEALS

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED... Treble	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
*THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	7
ALBERT DISERENS ... 3	*RONALD G. BECK ...	8
*HENRY J. SANGER ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	9
WILFRID F. MORETON... 5	†ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 350th peal. First single-handed peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*ALAN ELSMORE ... Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	6
*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
ARTHUR H. HINGLEY ... 3	MAURICE G. TURNER ...	8
WM. T. POWELL ... 4	HOWARD HOWELL ...	9
KENNETH W. KNOWLES ... 5	ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... Tenor	

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Treble	HARRY G. TIMMS ...	6
PETER N. BOND ... 2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW... 7	
FREDK. W. ELLIOTT ... 3	RICHARD G. BELL ...	8
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE... 9	
*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN... 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal on ten.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... Treble	GEORGE ADES ...	6
JOHN DEARLOVE ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ...	7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	8
MAURICE THOMAS ... 4	HENRY STALHAM ...	9
FREDERICK PAGE ... 5	*FREDERICK PULLMAN ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. A compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 80th birthday.

Tenor 18 cwt.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAWTHORNE Treble	HERBERT J. ELDERD ...	6
*BARBARA M. HARRIS ... 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ...	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ...	8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	9
JILL BRITAIN ... 5	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Royal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*GORDON HARRISON ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ...	7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	JOHN WORTH ...	8
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor	

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Royal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 5 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 9344 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	ALAN CATTELL ...	5
KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 6	
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ...	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Longest tower bell peal for the Guild.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ALEC RICHARDSON ... Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ...	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	*THOMAS E. SONE ...	6
ERNEST J. LADD ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor	

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 250th peal of Major. The 50th peal rung on the bells. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bishop. Also as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Brasier and for the christening of Andrew John Corby.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

Heywood's Transposition.		
MAJ. J. H. R. FREEBORN Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE ...	5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 6	
MARGARET L. TUTT... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	7
H. PETER RAYNOR ... 4	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. C. R. Freeborn, widow of the late Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, a former Vicar of this parish from 1886-1925.

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WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

*ALLEN MORGAN Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
+WM. H. A. COMPTON... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
DENIS R. MORRIS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* 100th peal for the Association. † First peal of Surprise.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST WHITING Treble	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
THOMAS SIMMONS 2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE 6
ARTHUR W. ROOPE 3	ERNEST C. STAFF 7
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 4	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL 5
BETTY SPICE 2	*JOHN DAVY 6
+PETER T. ROBBINS 3	BRYAN F. SIMS 7
C. HENRY HARDING 4	GEOFFREY DODDS ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and on the bells. Tenor 13½ cwt.

STEWKLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOAN NEWMAN Treble	JACK SCOTT 5
*VALERIE WILLARD 2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER... 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD 7
HENRY B. WHITNEY 4	VICTOR W. CONQUEST ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. ARNOLD. Conducted by VICTOR W. CONQUEST.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal as conductor.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.	Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.
ALAN CATTELL Treble	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT 6
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 4	ROY COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Charles Marshall.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

A. LESLIE PEARSON ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... 5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 6
*MISS HAZEL DALE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol as conductor.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL ... Treble	WILLIAM A. CROWDER ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	PHILIP H. SPECK 6
ALBERT E. SELLERS 3	JOHN W. HOBSON 7
WALTER GODDARD 4	FREDERICK OSGERBY ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the nephew of the treble ringer.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK S. MACEY ... Treble	WILFRED W. RING... .. 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
FRANCES BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Quickest peal of Major and believed to be 50th peal on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lambert's wedding. Tenor 24 cwt.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH 5
RONALD G. BUGG 2	GEORGE W. MOSS 6
HARRY J. MILLATT 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by EDW. E. DAVEY. Conducted by ALAN A. ANDREWS.

First peal in the method as conductor. This composition has 108 singles and no bobs. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN SCOTT Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT 3	*ARTHUR D. COOK 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of London. Tenor 6½ cwt.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 5
*RODERICK J. LEES 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE 6
HARRY HILL 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
WILLIAM DAVIES 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 40th anniversary of Harry Hill's first peal, which was rung in this tower.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5
JOHN HAYES 2	*HENRY O. BAKER 6
PERCY SWINDLEY 3	+JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
JOHN W. BEST 4	HARRY PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Oxford Major. † 100th peal and first of Major as conductor. A welcome to the Rev. W. N. Digbie Thomas, the new Rector. Tenor 20 cwt.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*LUCY MOTTISHAW ... Treble	+J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	+ERNEST COOPER 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Treble	+PHILIP COOTE 5
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT 2	+GEORGE PRESTON 6
MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY... 3	PETER E. NORTH 7
JOHN E. TURLEY 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EALING, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILFRED G. WILSON Treble	ARTHUR JONES 5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS 6
FREDERICK A. FINCH 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
DEREK R. JUDD 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First peal on the bells since their restoration. In memoriam the Rev. Allan Augustin de Vere, Vicar, 1939-1949, through whose efforts the bells have recently been restored. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	ALLEN N. BROWN 5
MARY WALSHAW 2	†DERICK OGDEN 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	RONALD EDWARDS 7
R. MARY ELKINGTON 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by DAVID VINCENT.

* First peal of Major. A compliment to Mr. J. Hall, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble	*T. MARK WHITE 5
*GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	†WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal in the method. † 500th peal. First peal in the method on the bells and by the Guild. Tenor 17 cwt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... Treble	JAMES W. RATHBY 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	ARTHUR E. CHILTON 6
NAT T. MOXON 3	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	*WILLIAM S. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6½ Minutes,
At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.	
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 7
ALAN CATTELL 4	JOHN J. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*BRIAN WARWICK ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
DOROTHY UDALE 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 6
*ALAN JACQUES 3	J. FREDK. MILNER 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.	
SIDNEY CLEMENTS ... Treble	OLIVER NORMAN 4
STANLEY GILBERT 2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	DEREK SANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT F. R. SMITH ... Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 4
JOHN W. JONES 2	GEORGE LARGE 5
MRS. L. BAINHAM 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

A 92nd birthday compliment to Mr. T. Thompson, churchwarden for nearly 29 years.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RAYMOND FULLER ... Treble	LEWIS HARRY BYWATERS 4
MISS DAPHNE J. HARE ... 2	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 5
GORDON DEAR 3	JOHN CHURCH Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS HARRY BYWATERS.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2 extents of Stedman, 20 Plain Bob (4 different callings) and 20 Grandsire (10 different callings). Tenor 4 cwt.

*MRS. F. A. MUNDAY ... Treble	†HAROLD A. MAY 3
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 2	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 4 cwt.

*A. J. TICKNER (14) ... Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE (15) 4
MARGARET E. RICHARDS 2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5
BRIAN BLADON (15) ... 3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIEL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.

* First peal. Rung on the front six of the ring of ten.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*I. MACDONALD CLARK ... Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD 4
FREDERICK LOCKE 2	HERBERT WESTLAKE ... 5
JOHN T. LOCKE 3	JACK W. DREW Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal. A compliment to Mr. Gerald Locke on his completing 50 years as a member of this tower.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*F. UDEN Treble	T. MILLER 4
MISS B. HARRIS 2	*P. E. T. ALLEN 5
*H. ALLEN 3	*H. J. UDEN Tenor

Conducted by P. E. T. ALLEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Thornber (first of Major) 1, G. H. Arguile 2, Alban Disney 3, M. D. Staniforth 4, Jill Poole 5, J. B. Bennett 6, J. P. Staniforth 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. First in the method 2 and 4.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: John H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. Beveridge (first of Stedman) 4, I. J. Emery 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, W. D. Grainger 8, J. Bullock 9, Miss J. Tugwell (first quarter peal) 10.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. J. Birch 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, F. W. James 3, E. Dudley Wilson 4, W. R. Jackson 5, W. J. Gethin 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, F. Vickers 2, J. A. Green 3, F. C. Case 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, A. J. Green (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. A compliment to Mrs. Fanny Parker, of Buckingham, on attaining age 100 the same day.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,296 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: F. Walklate (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Bowen 2, F. W. Grocott, sen. 3, P. Jefferies 4, Wm. Fradley 5, F. W. Grocott, jun. (cond.) 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): M. Adams 1, Miss M. L. Lidgley 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, H. Miles 5, J. Knutt 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,232 Bob Major: Miss J. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, F. Sheraton 3, C. Mordue 4, H. Jarrett 5, J. A. Brown 6, S. C. Walker 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8.

COOMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Phillips 1, A. Cavill 2, B. Holt 3, C. Thomas 4, F. Morris (cond.) 5, R. Stone 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on Jan. 16th, quarter-peal of Bob Major: Mrs. B. I. Davies (first quarter) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. P. Kent 3, P. E. Clark 4, T. Davies 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, A. Harding (first quarter as cond.) 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Manuel 1, Peter R. Jemmett 2, H. Chaplin 3, F. Pack 4, Eileen S. Wyles 5, Wilfred S. Palin 6, W. Dennett 7, F. Curling 8. First quarter by a local band for 50 years.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. G. Chaplin (first with Treble Bob hunt) 1, Miss Joan E. Withey (first of Surprise) 2, J. S. Walton 3, J. Scott 4, J. F. Harvey 5, S. G. Chaplin 6, A. D. Cook 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Lola King (first quarter) 1, F. J. Dodson 2, J. Gill 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Brent 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, D. Silver 8.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Rosier 1, G. K. Dodds 2, J. W. Wilson 3, S. F. Tuffley 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. F. Crook 6, C. J. Hibbert (first in method as cond.) 7, W. W. Warwick 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. McArthur 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, A. F. Thirst 3, E. Dodds 4, E. W. Rogers 5, E. Hynard 6, D. J. Charnley (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, H. Brookes 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine's on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Haynes 1, W. H. Clarke (cond.) 2, G. H. Hebborn 3, J. C. Deacon 4, T. Thornber 5, D. Irons (first quarter) 6.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—At the Abbey on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Billings 1, V. G. H. Hemus (cond.) 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, L. K. Grey 4, H. Blacker 5. First quarter by 1 and 4. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. Fairnie (first quarter) 1, V. W. Sykes 2, W. E. Howarth 3, H. Barlow 4, J. Warmsley 5, S. Dearden 6, P. H. Toccock (first as cond.) 7, V. Sykes 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Elson, an old ringer at the above church.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 19th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Bob Minor: Shirley Rymer (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Higgins 2, Jill Brierley 3, R. B. Meadows 4, M. E. H. Barrow (first as cond.) 5, P. W. B. Semmens 6. For the 90th birthday of Mrs. Freeborn.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Englefield 1, Miss B. Englefield 2, Miss B. Perry 3, J. Chesterman 4, C. Herridge 5, A. E. Smith (first as cond. in method) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Perry.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr's on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Rowe 1, N. S. Bagworth 2, R. H. Begrie 3, C. A. Hughes 4, A. J. W. Appleton 5, C. E. Willmington 6, J. Phillips 7, J. G. A. Prior (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. F. Sayers 1, A. Dale 2, Miss A. Bailey (first in method as cond.) 3, W. J. Southam 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. G. Mason 6, T. J. Southam 7, F. J. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 8. An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

STANDON, HERTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lankester (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, K. Smith (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Stacey 4, S. W. Smith (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. W. Smith (first quarter in method) 6. A compliment to Mr. Harold Groom, who is leaving the district.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, A. F. Richardson 2, S. A. White (first away from treble) 3, E. J. Ladd 4, A. V. Kemp 5, J. T. Medhurst 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. Duke 8.

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LATE NEWS.

Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has had a further honour conferred upon him in his election as a member of the Royal Society of Literature.

The third edition of 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' has been published. Details next week.

From 'The Washington Post' comes this delightful tribute: 'Though bell-ringing isn't well known in these parts, there are so many fans in England that a weekly magazine called "The Ringing World" details their complicated activities. The issue after little Prince Charles' birth was a fascinator. . . . All in all some 156 peals (all lasting over three hours) were rung in England within 24 hours of the happy event, so you can imagine the state of British eardrums the ensuing day.'

Huddersfield ringers are arranging an open evening on February 19th.

Mr. H. J. Poole and Mr. A. Ballard have rung 100 peals together in 57 different towers.

Mr. John T. Locke has 'circled' Langport, Somerset, tower.

Market Harborough District members rang their first peal at Foxton, Leics., on Jan. 29th.

Wigtoft, Lincs, ringers have started on the peal ladder by their first by a local band.

Three of Chester's post-war recruits—Sidney Holmes, Brian Harris and John Payne—have rung their first peal.

Commending the new ring of eight at Blaenavon, Mon., Mr. J. W. Jones writes: 'I have for the past 40 or more years been to dozens of dedications, but Blaenavon was the best of all.'

Lancashire ringers will regret to hear of the death on February 5th of Mr. John Wallwork, of Helmsore. He was one of the Association's leading ringers, though of late his health had kept him away from the tower.

Major E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, has just learnt of his award of the M.B.E. for gallant and devoted service in Palestine. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung last Saturday at Aldershot in his honour.

Mr. Herbert Mingay, 25 years secretary, Northern District, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, received a resignation a gift of wallet and notes.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. P. Whitehead informs us that an attempt for 17,152 Bristol Surprise

Major will be made at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, February 19th, starting at 9.30 a.m.

The pen of Mr. Percy Amos is busy again. He is writing the history of the bells of Preston Deanery and Haddon Deanery.

Mr. A. Harding has called his first quarter at St. Mary's, Ealing, at the age of 71.

An appeal committee has been formed to have the bells of Malmesbury Abbey rehung. Visitors are welcome at the weekly practice on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

The quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles reported in the issue of January 28th was rung at Clewer and not Slough as announced.

Mr. W. T. Beeson, of Cranleigh, will receive many congratulations on his 500th peal. His list should make interesting reading.

The peal at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire, on January 22nd, was the first by the local Sunday service band and contained four first peals.

A double silver jubilee was associated with the peal of Doubles at Oxendon, Northants—those of the Peterborough Guild and the last rehanging of the bells by John Taylor and Co., Ltd. The old font in the church was of special interest to Mr. Ernest Morris.

Mr. T. E. Sone enquires in connection with the peal at Headcorn, Kent, whether James Bartram rang any of his peals in this tower. The peal is the 50th recorded in the K.C.A. reports.

It was a sad coincidence that the first peal on the restored bells of Christ Church, Ealing, should be in memory of the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. de Vere). At the conclusion of the peal Mrs. de Vere and her sons thanked the ringers individually.

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MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS: HIS LIFE AND PEALS

BURIED NEAR THE TOWER HE LOVED

GEORGE WILLIAMS was born at East Meon, Hampshire, on May 7th, 1857, and was educated at the Dame's School, Corhampton. He was apprenticed to a miller at Droxford and afterwards worked at Exton, Wickham and various mills in the district, before moving to Brighton in the early nineties. He returned to Hampshire in 1905 and was employed as chief clerk at Gaters Mill, West End, until he retired in 1923. He came to reside at Eastleigh in 1930.

It was at Droxford, where his uncle was sexton, that he learnt to handle a bell by raising and lowering the curfew. He soon transferred his affection to the neighbouring tower of Soberton, where the ring of six had been increased to eight. Here there was a band that could struggle through Grandsire Doubles, and with them he had his first lessons in change ringing. At that time he possessed a penny-farthing cycle and often rode to Southampton, a distance of 16 miles each way, in order to ring plain courses of Grandsire Triples. Among his recollections of those days was ringing the half-muffled bells of Holy Rood Church, Southampton, when the body of Livingstone was brought ashore on the last journey to Westminster Abbey.

His first peal, Hoyt's Ten-part of Grandsire Triples, was rung at Soberton in 1884 and was conducted by Mr. S. Brooker, who brought most of the band from Leatherhead. This was the first peal in Hampshire by the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which was formed in 1879. Mr. Williams joined the Guild in the following February. His third peal was also at Soberton in 1885. This he conducted and thus began the long career of one of the most able conductors the Exercise has produced. It was in the same tower that he rang the last of his 1,508 peals—Double Norwich Court Bob Major on May 8th, 1940.

Previous to moving to Brighton Mr. Williams had lived for short periods near Midhurst, Sussex, and Capel, Surrey, where he quickly built up good ringing bands. At Midhurst he trained two complete bands at the same time—his 'second eleven' as he termed them. These ringers included Dr. George, a very great friend, and Mr. W. R. Madgwick, who was killed in an air raid on London.

At Brighton, in company with Mr. Attree, he quickly built up the famous Surprise company that scored many firsts. The Brighton weeks of Surprise peals were something that had not been achieved before. Of this famous band Messrs. George Baker and Frank Bennett are still living at Brighton.

It was largely due to his energy and enthusiasm that ringing in Hampshire occupies its present position. He saw ringing in the area develop from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Royal. Mr. Williams called the first peal in the county in very many methods, and the number of ringers he piloted through their first peal was probably greater than any other conductor. He was secretary of the Winchester District from 1908-1911, general secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild 1912-1917, and Ringing Master from 1918-1949. Since 1905 he had missed only one annual general meeting of the Guild.

In the wider field of ringing he was elected a member of the Central Council on its formation in 1891, and had enjoyed a continuous membership, missing only five meetings. From 1891-96 he represented the Winchester Diocesan Guild; 1897-1905 the Sussex County Association; 1906-17 honorary member; 1918-27 Winchester Diocesan Guild; 1928-49 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He had served on the Peals Analysis Committee. The popularity of ringing tours owes much to his initiative;

Last week we briefly recorded the death of Mr. George Williams and mentioned certain salient features in his life which did much to advance the art of change ringing. We are indebted to Mr. George Pullinger for the fuller account of his life.

he was the forerunner of this pastime and many of his peals were the result of these journeys that took him to all parts of the British Isles.

North Stoneham Church will always be associated with his memory. He joined this band in 1905 and was largely instrumental in raising funds to make a ring of eight in 1909. He gave two trebles in 1932 as a golden wedding gift and erected a beautiful oak screen in 1938 to the memory of his wife. Mrs. Williams died in 1935. She was the first lady to ring in a handbell peal, and to mark that occasion the Editor of 'Bell News' presented Mrs. Williams with a set of 15 handbells. Mrs. Williams rang in two peals of Grandsire Triples in 1897, but never took part in tower ringing.

Although best known as a ringer, Mr. Williams did not shirk from his responsibilities as a member of the community. He was a parish councillor, a volunteer, was a life-long Liberal, being at one time chairman of the West End Liberal Party, and a member of the Central Body of the Hampshire and General Friendly Society.

THE FUNERAL.

There was a large attendance at the funeral service at North Stoneham Parish Church on February 1st. The Rector (the Rev. J. Stranack) officiated, assisted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Psalm xxiii. and the Nunc Dimittis were sung, Mr. D. Cecil Williams being at the organ. At the end of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Mrs. Marshallsay, D. Matkin, A. V. Davis and F. Price.

Among the ringers present were Messrs. E. H. Lewis (representing the Central Council), A. H. Pulling (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and Guildford Diocesan Guild), A. Butler (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), A. F. Martin Stewart and M. Harris (Salisbury Guild), G. Baker and F. Bennett (Sussex County Association), A. York-Bramble (University Guild) and Mr. Sinclair (representing Mr. A. E. Young).

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were represented by Messrs. F. Rogers (general secretary), W. Linter (treasurer), G. Smith (auditor), Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. G. Pullinger (Central Council representatives). Other members present were Mrs. Marshallsay, Messrs. A. V. Davis, F. Price, D. Matkin, J. Turner (Bournemouth), D. Fraser, R. Flew (Basingstoke), R. Hunt (Hursley), J. Hill (Andover), W. Ireland (Romsey), W. Rose (Totton), W. Andrews, R. Pain, G. Noice (Winchester Cathedral), W. R. Melville (Winstan), H. Higson (Bishopstoke), H. Newnham (Alresford), W. Upton (Newport, I. of W.), L. Page, J. Hunt (Titchfield), Rev. S. A. Gidlow (Goodworth Clatford), Mr. G. Preston, Miss Sparshott (Christchurch), Messrs. E. Whiteman and W. Linter (Bishop's Waltham), G. Chappell (Wickham), F. Davis (King's Somborne), R. Brown, W. Tucker, E. Dumper, C. Fray (North Stoneham), J. Faithfull, M. Butler, Miss Leahy (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. E. Salmons (Portsmouth).

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cannon (Bletchingley), Mr. O. Giles (Shoreham), Mr. H. Reed.

There were many wreaths. Those from ringing organisations were: The Central Council;

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; Alton and Petersfield District; Andover and District; Christchurch and Southampton Districts; Basingstoke District; Portsmouth District; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Sussex County Association; bellringers of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, and Bishopstoke.

Immediately after the service a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on the bells at North Stoneham with the bells half-muffled, and in the evening a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Michael's, Southampton.

HIS PEALS.

The following is a record of his 1,508 peals, of which he conducted 1,038.

On six bells (Plain Bob to 7 Surprise), rung 33 (conducted 26).

Bob Triples, 6 (4); Bob Major, 94 (68); Bob Royal, 8 (5); Bob Maximus, 1.

Grandsire Triples, 129 (94); ditto (on handbells), 4 (4); Grandsire Major, 1 (1); Grandsire Caters, 16 (11); Grandsire Cinques, 1; Union Triples, 1 (1).

Stedman Triples, 312 (226); Stedman Caters, 57 (34); Stedman Cinques, 15 (2).

Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 110 (92); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 32 (19); Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3 (1).

Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 203 (162); Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, 2; College Exercise Major, 1; Champion Major, 1.

Norfolk Surprise Major, 3 (1); Gloucester Surprise Major, 3 (1); New Cumberland Surprise Major, 6 (6); Bristol Surprise Major, 15 (3); London Surprise Major, 89 (64); Cambridge Surprise Major, 131 (81); Cambridge Surprise Royal, 14 (3); Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 200 (124); Yorkshire Surprise Major, 4; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods), 1; Westminster Surprise Major, 3 (1); Oxford Surprise Major, 3 (2).

Total, 1,508 (1,038).

AN APPRECIATION.

Dear Sir,—Nobody will be missed more from ringing in Hampshire than the late Mr. George Williams. His name was a household word and his presence was as sincere whether in the belfries of the cathedrals or humblest country church. Ringing will be all the poorer by his removal from amongst us, and the finest memorial to his memory will be his only earthly wish that striking must for ever be the keynote of all ringing. F. W. ROGERS.

Other tributes to his memory will appear in our next issue from Mr. George Baker and Mr. Frank Bennett.

SOME RINGING TRIBUTES.

As a tribute to his memory, 720 Oxford Single was rung at Wickham, Hants, by Tom Page, Audrey Morrison, H. W. Merritt, Pat Page, G. E. Chappell (cond.) and John Hunt. At Swanmore, 720 Bob Minor was rung by H. V. Jones, Audrey Morrison, A. Mellard, E. Jacobs, G. E. Chappell (cond.) and H. Ainsley.

As a mark of respect, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Jan. 31st, by Miss J. Cox (first quarter-peal), 1, J. W. Faithfull 2, D. Cull 3, Miss Nelia Leahy 4, F. White 5, M. J. Butler (first as cond.) 6, R. Brown 7, A. Butler 8.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Lily Hughes 1, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 2, J. Fielding 3, H. McIntyre 4, J. Campbell 5, W. Young 6. First quarter in three methods for all.

LETTERS

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Quite recently I was asked to give an opinion of a very old book on the art of change ringing. As I have never seen any of Fabian Stedman's original books, I wonder if you could give me the title of the one in question from the following description.

The size is roughly that of a postcard, bound in real leather; it has 226 pages, the first 14 are missing. The last page is subscribed by F. S.

The contents mention the 'late dreadful fire of London,' 'Muskets' used as illustrating changes, also plain changes, cross peals, and among others are London Paradox, Phoenix, London Pleasure, Mr. Tending's peal (call'd Grand Paradox, a cure for Melancholly), The Experiment, The Wild Goose Chase, Cambridge peals by Mr. S. S., My Honey, The Whirligigge, Jack on Both sides, Jumping doubles, The Grand Experiment.

Stedman's Principle does not seem to be mentioned in the book, so I wondered if it is a copy of 'Tintinnologia.' The book is not in a bad condition. In places the changes have been ticked off, also there is one alteration in ink which has faded. There are also two or three names written in ink, now almost faded out, on the last page, which has an 'errata' note printed on it.

Is the book of any value or are there many of them still in existence? The book in question is not in my possession, but it is being well looked after.—Yours faithfully,
Charing, Kent. CHARLES F. GOOD.

DISAPPROVAL WITHOUT OFFENCE

Dear Sir,—In connection with your excellent report of the January meeting of the Yorkshire Association, perhaps you will permit me to say that I do not recollect the use of the word 'promiscuous' in reference to any applications for permission to ring peals in towers in the neighbourhood of York during the week-end of the Central Council's visit. The committee merely wished to express its disapproval of the unofficial appropriation of bells which it felt ought, by the dictates of courtesy and hospitality, as well as by the quality of the bells themselves, to be placed at the disposal of members of the Council, and of which one or two rumours had come to its notice.

'Promiscuous' generally connotes something furtive or underhand. However, two dictionaries which I have consulted include 'casual' as one of their definitions, and it would be in this second sense that the word was used, if at all. I hope the epithet has given no offence to any innocent and well-meaning enquirer.—Yours faithfully,

C. O. ELLISON, President,
Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

FORMING A LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—The Library of the Central Council for the Care of Churches is most anxious to have a complete collection of books on church bells. At the present moment it has considerable gaps in its collection, and is desirous of obtaining the following publications:—

Church Bells of Norfolk, J. L'Estrange (1874); Church Bells of Somerset, H. T. Ellacombe (1875); Church Bells of Lincolnshire, T. North (1882); Church Bells of Leicestershire, T. North (1876); Church Bells of Northamptonshire, T. North (1878); Church Bells of Rutland, T. North (1880); Church Bells of Kent, J. C. L. Stahlschmidt (1887); Church Bells of Staffordshire, C. Lynam (1887 or 1889); Church Bells of Suffolk, J. J. Raven (1890); Church Bells of Huntingdonshire, T. M. N. Owen (1899).

If any member has a copy they could offer or sell cheaply I should be most grateful for information.—I remain, Yours faithfully,

F. C. EELES, Secretary,
Central Council for the Care
Dunster, Somerset. of Churches.

University of Bristol Society

This Society held its first reunion ringing afternoon and dinner in Bristol on January 29th. The Society was formed in 1943, while tower bells were still banned, Bristol being the first provincial University to have a Change Ringing Society. The first peal scored by the Society was at Wincanton in 1947 and was conducted by Dr. John Hatcher.

This year the Society is far stronger than ever before, and rings regularly at St. Michael's (6) and All Saints' (8).

Old members attended from many parts of the country, and visitors from the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, from the Bath and Wells Association and from London and Reading Universities were present.

Towers visited in the afternoon were the Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), All Saints' (8), St. Stephen's (10) and St. Mary Redcliffe (12). Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and Stedman Cinques, the last touch of the day being the service touch of Stedman Triples at All Saints'.

The service, conducted by the Rev. Arthur Roberts, was greatly appreciated, especially his address, which was on different lines to the sermons one usually hears at ringing services.

Dinner was at the Full Moon Hotel, Stokes Croft, Dr. S. H. Piper, the president, being in the chair. It was felt that the whole day, both in the towers and at the dinner, was a great success, and it is hoped that this function will become an annual affair.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Association was held in Shrewsbury on January 22nd. Ringing commenced at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m., and after a rope had broken at the second pull, continued until 4, when a service was held in St. Aidan's chapel, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. T. Horan. The party then went down to the Parish Hall, where 38 members sat down to an enjoyable tea.

At the business meeting the 1948 officers were again elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard; secretary, Mr. C. A. Barron; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer. A proposal that monthly meetings should be held during 1949 was defeated by an amendment that these meetings should be held in the summer months and bimonthly in the winter. The peal secretary reported a record year with 30 peals, this being later reduced to 29 when it was decided to withdraw one peal of Grandsire Doubles. These peals included the first for the Association of Superlative Surprise and Duffield Major; special mention was made of the peal of Duffield, as it was also the first rung for some years in the country.

St. Mary's was unfortunately unavailable owing to repairs to the steeple, and ringing was again at St. Chad's in the evening. Methods rung included Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob, Little and Plain Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Superlative Major on the back eight.

QUEENSBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to question four of the Christmas Quiz, Mr. George Grills states that the bell frame of Brentor Parish Church is 1,155ft. above sea level, and asks the height of the bells of Holy Trinity Parish Church, Queensbury, near Bradford.

The answer to this is that the bell frame is 1,190ft. above sea level. This figure was given a few years ago in 'The Ringing World,' and as it was not subsequently challenged we ringers at Queensbury felt we had a claim to ring on the highest hung bells in England.

It does seem, however, that the height at Brentor is very close to the one at Queensbury. May I also thank 'Kewsett' for his Christmas Quiz and look forward to receiving another instalment next Christmas.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.
Queensbury, near Bradford.

Leeds & District Society

JUBILEE DINNER PLANNED.

The Society's first meeting in 1949 was held at Bradford Cathedral, where the very fine ring of ten bells was heard in well-struck changes and rounds. The bells were raised before 3 p.m. and ringing continued, except for the tea and business meeting intervals, until 8.30 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the tower and members were present from Armley, Bradford, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Idle, Huddersfield, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Ossett, Pudsey and Denholme, also friends from Edge Hill, Liverpool and Accrington. Two new members were elected—Messrs. H. Armitage and A. W. Bond, of Huddersfield.

The vote of thanks to the Provost, churchwardens and local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. J. Ambler. Mr. F. Simpson acknowledged the thanks.

The Society's jubilee is March 30th next. The committee considered that a dinner should be held on the nearest Saturday—March 26th. Arrangements were approved for a dinner at Leeds, the cost being 7s. 6d. per head. The committee's recommendation was confirmed and it was decided that expenses with regard to entertainment, etc., should be charged to the Society's account.

GREAT HORWOOD BELLS

A fund started by the ringers of Great Horwood, Bucks, in October, 1941, for the rehanging of the bells in a steel frame and to recast the four has reached approximately £700. The bells date back to 1623, the tenor

	1	2	3
	×	×	×
×			
6	×		
	5	×	
	4		

and treble having been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1847. This firm have the work now in hand. The bells were lowered on January 26th, the weight of the tenor being 16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. There is only one other tower with the bells hung in the same order as shown above.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR W. BASHFORD.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Arthur W. Bashford, of Reigate. He was a regular member of St. Mary's, Reigate. The funeral was at St. John's, Redhill, on January 21st. Messrs. Peck, Hoad, Claydon and Jeal rang the whole pull and stand on handbells over the grave.

MR. FRANK SKEVINGTON.

An old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Frank Skevington, has passed away at the age of 75. Born at Carlton, Bedfordshire, he came to London and rang at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, until the bells became unringable. Mr. Skevington then joined the band of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and was a regular service ringer. He joined the Ancient Society in 1905.

MR. WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

The death occurred on January 27th of Mr. William Williams, of Trevethin, Pontypool, at the age of 78. Mr. Williams had done little ringing of late years owing to ill-health. He had been a ringer at Trevethin for 54 years. The funeral took place at Trevethin.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*J. EVANS	... Treble	A. HOARE	4
R. SCUDAMORE	2	†D. CURTIS	5
J. T. WILLIAMS	3	C. H. HAWKINS	Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob,
Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT	... Treble	GEORGE SKELLAND	4
THOS. W. HAMMOND	2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	5
ROBERT LARKEY	3	ERNEST F. BENNETT	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*GEORGE F. CAPELLEN ... Treble	*BERNICE M. STRANGE ... 4
*BERYL J. STRANGE ... 2	JOHN E. MANNERS ... 5
*THOMAS I. HOLBOROW ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Minor. A wedding compliment to the Rev. H. E. Watkins (curate) and Mrs. Watkins.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 Morris' 240's, 3 Pitman's 240's, and 20 six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

FRANK R. MITCHELL ... Treble	JACK W. ROBERTS ... 4
RICHARD E. MANTON ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
HENRY P. COLLIN ... 3	ALBERT FRITH ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*J. A. WHITE (14) ... Treble	*P. M. WHITE ... 4
*RUTH AVERY (15) ... 2	W. A. AVERY ... 5
*QUEENIE COOPER ... 3	H. TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. AVERY.

* First peal.

SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	CECIL W. PIPE ... 4
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

A christening peal for Barbara Steward and Roderick Pipe.

MATTISHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B., and three 720's
Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ANDREW MOORE ... Treble	SYDNEY MARSHALL ... 4
BERTIE HAMMOND ... 2	GEORGE ADAMS ... 5
GEORGE BENNING ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

First peal on the bells.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

LESLIE HERBERT TAYLOR Treble	JOSEPH WALTER BAILEY ... 3
GEORGE FREDK. CUMMINS 2	ROBERT JAMES TOYNTON ... 4
RONALD PADLEY	Tenor

First peal as conductor.

Conducted by RONALD PADLEY.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. No. 153) and four different 720's.

*NORMAN B. FOVARGUE ... Treble	+WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 4
*MAURICE BENNETT ... 2	+CYRIL WANDER ... 5
+STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	+GEORGE R. DAWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Kent Minor. 25th peal
as conductor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, 10 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt

*SIDNEY HOLMES (15) ... Treble	*BRYAN HARRIS (16) ... 4
R. GORDON CORBY ... 2	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 3	*JOHN PAYNE (15) ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob
and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR E. COOK ... Treble	CHARLES V. ORVES ... 4
GEORGE SELF ... 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... 5
RONALD A. FRANCIS ... 3	JAMES BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BAILEY.

First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 14, 1949, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).

Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
WILLIAM A. PATTERSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ROY C. HURST ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal 'in hand' away from the tenors.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor size 12 in G.

*PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
*EDWARD IDDON ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' in Bolton.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

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

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Continued from page 62.)

By A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE.

FORMULA FOR LONDON.

1. A hunt-controlled method constructed on the Treble Bob principle and having one hunt-controlling bell, the treble.

2. A single method (as distinct from a double method) and having differently-positioned pivot-places at the Grid-link and Grid-junction.

3. Pivot places:—

Full-lead (Grid-link) Seconds, by a bell hunting UP to this place and DOWN from it; with adjacent thirds, above and below, by two other bells.

Half-lead (Grid-junction) 'Fourths,' by a bell hunting UP to this place and DOWN from it; with adjacent 'thirds,' above and below, by two other bells.

4. Grid-sections at cone axes:—

In both front and back cones, all work in these two axial sections, *beyond* the pivot place in each case, is plain hunting reversed, the limits of which respectively are set by the path of the pivot-bell in the *front* cone, and by the paths of the adjacent place-making bells in the *back* cone. *There is nothing else in these parts.* Introduction of any variation is foreign to London.

5. Front-cone work, other than as in 4 above:—

Places, which are made *inside* this cone, 'against' the hunt-bell's path, throughout, *except in the 'A' columns of the grid.**

6. Back-cone work, other than as in 4 above:—

Work as determined by the hunt-bell, that is, dodge when she dodges, and plain hunt when she plain hunts, i.e., when she is ending her work in one grid-section and entering her work in the ensuing one.

* Note. — For lack of space, grid-column nomenclature was not fully developed in previous article; but the columns of a Maximus grid, for example, are: Ao Ae Bo Be Co Ce Xo Xe Yo Ye Zo Ze.

The student will find that the foregoing defines completely the London method as exemplified in Minor and Major. Our promise, in the previous article, to produce, from the grid patterns of London Minor or Major, an identical pattern for London Royal, is now due for redemption. Starting with a Minor grid, and following the formula only, the student will be able to produce London Minor. Proceeding with a Major Grid he will be able to build up London Major. In building up these grid patterns squared paper, of course, will be used, and the student may first draw a rectangle on the paper, to represent the boundary of the grid. The treble's zig-zag path should then be drawn in red crayon or ink. The paths of all other bells may then be filled in, *by lines not figures*, so as to facilitate rapid recognition and checking of the appropriate features of the grid patterns. Pencil and rubber are advised for this lining-in so as to correct any errors made. Now comes the crux of this whole matter! Following on with grids appropriate for the Royal and Maximus, the London grid pattern may instantly be built up from the formula, and all patterns from Minor upwards to the Maximus will appear identical in structure. The majority of ringers may hardly credit this. They should try it! Half-grids, of course, are all that are necessary, to prove formulaic production of these 'Ideal' London grid-patterns.

Qualification, however, is needed.

Tracing down the lines of the pattern to identify the bells at the grid-junction, and

then transposing to produce the grid-link rows and hence the plain course, the student will find these 'ideal' London patterns in Royal and Maximus will not give the full plain course: they both run short courses only, the half-lead pivot bell in Royal being '3,' and that in Maximus being '2.' Noting that in Minor and in Major the half-lead pivot bell is consistently the penultimate bell at the lead-head: i.e., from rounds, in Minor it is '5' and in 'Major' it is '7,' the student may conclude that in Royal it should be '9.' (Preserving the progression.) Indeed, he will find that he can, by introducing the essential correlating 'Stats' (see para. 7 of the formula, below) produce quite a good version of Royal, with '9' as the half-lead pivot bell in its proper pivot-place, that is, 4ths from treble. This gives the 'natural' lead-head which is in the 'associated' order with those in the plain courses of Minor and Major. But, the internal structure of the London Grid-pattern is necessarily disturbed, and, the 9th bell is separated from the other heavy bells in this first lead of the plain course. The 9th can be kept behind, however, and still made to pivot; but not in the true London position, i.e., not '4ths' from the treble's lie, but '2nds'! This penultimate place is, of course, quite foreign to the London method, as is also the consequent non-London pattern in the rest of this axial grid-section of the front cone. But, if the truth must be told, it is by such adulterations that the versions hitherto published have been produced. The student may judge for himself how right the critics are that, so far, we have not seen true London Royal, and that the Maximus version with '11' coming down from behind to the half-lead pivot (although in '4ths') eliminates the essential London work as in item 3 of the Formula. This formula we must now complete. (To be concluded.)

5,021 SPLICED BRISTOL AND PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

By MAURICE HODGSON.

					5,053.
23456	M	B	W	H	
42356				1	1B
25463		—			6P
26354	2		1	—	1P 7B 1P
32654				—	7P
53624			1		7B 1P*
62534			—	—	7P
36524			1		7B 1P
23645			—	2	6P 1B
Repeat twice, calling the last course of the peal as follows:—					
					3462578 P
					6354827
					5683742
					8576234
					—2785463
					—4827356

Round in 29 changes.

Reduce to 5,021 by ringing 7P in the course marked * (instead of 7B 1P), in one part only.
1,952 Bristol.
3,069 Peterborough.
21 changes of method.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs. — On Jan. 22nd. 1,320 Cambridge Minor: N. B. Fovague 1, J. P. Morris 2, W. B. Dawson (first as cond.) 3, S. R. Wilson (first 'inside') 4, L. P. Wilson 5, B. H. Dolton 6.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, Wilts. — On Jan. 21st. 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Ruth Maundrell 1, Miss Bessie Hacker 2, W. Hacker 3, W. A. Swift 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. G. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, G. Oram 8. First of Stedman Triples by 1 and 2.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

Wokingham was again the venue of the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch. Ringing at All Saints' preceded the service, conducted by the Rector, the preacher being the Rev. R. B. Sutton, Vicar of Warfield. Tea followed in the Parish Room, nearly 100 ringers and clergy attending, over 80 being branch members.

At the business meeting, the chairman, Arch. deacon Shaw, was supported by the president, Canon Coleridge, and the Rural Dean. All officers were re-elected, and in a brief report the secretary spoke of the sound position of the branch as regards Sunday ringing and practice. The holding of the summer meeting at Wargrave was agreed to.

Canon Coleridge, despite his 91 years, was in good story telling mood, and the meeting closed with the usual words from the Deputy Master, general secretary and Guild librarian.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of Hunts District was held at Huntingdon on January 22nd. About 40 members and visitors were present and some good ringing took place at both St. Mary's and All Saints' towers.

The service at All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley), who also took the chair for the business meeting.

All the officers were re-elected for 1949, viz., Mr. S. Gilbert, secretary; Mr. F. Warrington, Ringing Master; committee, Messrs. H. Fields, F. Baker, W. Chamberlain, C. Young, H. Pratt, F. W. Lack and two more were added, Mr. S. J. Peck and Miss C. Dunnington.

The Vicar of St. Mary's and the Rector of All Saints' were thanked for the use of the bells and for making the ringers so welcome, as were the local ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-EAST DIVISION.

The annual district meeting, held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on January 15th, attracted over 50 ringers from 25 different towers.

An excellent address was given at the service by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Hollingdale), who also joined the company at tea.

A special welcome was given to Mr. R. Stannard, a former District Master and member of the St. Peter's band, who had travelled from Barking.

The retiring officers, Mr. G. Waterman (Master), Mr. H. J. Millatt (secretary) and Messrs. A. Andrews and G. W. Moss (committee members), were re-elected. Two honorary and four ringing members were elected, and Tending was selected for the next meeting.

The secretary's report for 1948 showed increases in both honorary and ringing membership and was considered satisfactory. A collection was made for the family of the late Mr. S. Jennings, of Harwich, and realised 3 guineas.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening on the fine night at St. Peter's, and St. Leonard's bells were also available. H.J.M.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD

Some 23 members from Haslings, Wadhurst, Bexhill, Tenterden, Salehurst and the local band attended the annual meeting at Hawkhurst on January 15th. Ringing included Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, Mr. G. Billenness being in the chair. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of £1 0s. 2½d. New members elected were Messrs. E. Avery, G. Muggridge and G. Hicks (Salehurst). Mr. W. Gorrage was re-elected chairman and Miss H. Gorrage hon. secretary. Members from Salehurst, Wadhurst, Benenden and Hawkhurst were elected to the committee. The February meeting will be held at Wadhurst and that for March at Salehurst.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid. Notices must be received not later than Monday.

BIRTHS

BUTLER.—On Jan. 5th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler, of 8, New Street, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, the gift of a daughter (Angela Irene). 4775

HATCHER.—On Jan. 31st, 1949, at King's College Hospital, S.E.5, to Olive (née Rawlins), wife of Dr. E. S. John Hatcher—a sister (Jill Theresa) for Peter. 4781

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Victor Scardfield and relatives, together with Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe, wish to express thanks for the many letters of sympathy received together with the many floral tributes on the occasion of the death of Mr. George Williams. They also desire to thank all those ringers who were able to attend the funeral service. 4776

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

EXMOOR borders. Country house holidays. Good sporting facilities. Farm and garden produce. Trains and buses. Ringing parties catered for, but early booking essential. Terms 5s to 6s gns.—Churchill, Hollam, Dulverton, Somerset. 4758

SCARBOROUGH.—Board residence, comfort assured, moderate terms. One minute to buses all parts. Personal attention.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 4747

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MEETINGS

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Brecon (St. Mary's), Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 4770

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Feb. 12th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. Bassett. 4751

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at Heaton on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3.30. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.30, followed by business.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4732

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Brampton, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4752

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Annual, Retford, Feb. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6), from 2.30. Service, East Retford, 4.30. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5.15.—H. Denman. 4759

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Bearsd (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation of the Vicar. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmridge, Ditton, Kent. 4764

BIRMINGHAM.—St. Philip's Cathedral Church. Dedication of the two new trebles completing the ring of 12 by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards. Bells installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4771

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Postcard to Mr. J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, 16th.—F. Hawthorne. 4752

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Feb. 19th. Bells: Cathedral Church 2.45 to 3.45, St. Nicolas' 3 to 4 and in evening. Service, St. Nicolas', 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Feb. 15th, please. Seating for tea limited to 60. Admission by ticket only issued to first 60 names received.—G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey. 4714

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's (12), Reading, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 12th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 4756

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4767

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Woodchurch, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 16th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4765

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting, Reigate (10), Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Charfield Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th. 4760

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wadhurst, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 2s. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendril Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.—H. Gorrings, Hon. Sec. 4774

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Chichester (8), Feb. 19th, 2.30. Names for tea (by 16th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4777

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19th. Tea provided free. Numbers by 16th, please! A dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, March 16th. Tickets (15s.) now available.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4774

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4789

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Tilsworth on Feb. 19th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., 25, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify Mr. H. L. Wykes, Grange Cottage, by 16th.—F. Key, District Sec. 4780

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Tickenham, Feb. 19th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4788

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting, Feb. 19th, at Church Lawford (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 4782

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me.—J. Cotton. 4795

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Waterfoot, Feb. 19th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food. 4792

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Daresbury, Feb. 19th. If requiring tea advise Mr. H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington, by the 16th.—J. E. Ashcroft. 4791

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Weston Favell, Feb. 19th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 4793

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, before Feb. 18th. 4757

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 4783

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Baldock on Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 23rd to Mr. E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4785

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting to be held at Roydon (6) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus Service from Epping hourly, commencing 2.50. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4786

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Prestbury (8), Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. No. 1 bus (2d.) from Cheltenham Centre. Names for tea by 22nd, please.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4790

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Committee will meet at Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 3 p.m.—Robert G. Black, Guild Sec. 4772

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Tickets to fully paid up members 4s.; to other members and friends 8s. 6d. Bells: Bishop Ryder's (8), 2 p.m.; St. Chad's (8), 3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. General Guild committee meeting, Saturday, March 12th, at Reading. Full details later.—W. Hibbert, General Sec. 4779

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Thaxted.—Preliminary notice. An invitation is extended to all members of the above Association to attend the service and opening of Thaxted bells by the Vicar of Thaxted on Saturday, March 26th, not Feb. 12th as circulated. Further details in later issues.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 4787

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 25th, 1949, as reported at annual general meeting, London County. Please write stating number of seats required. Enclose deposit on seat(s). Latest date for booking seats Feb. 28th. Postal orders to be crossed. Write A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4794

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