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JEALOUSY

*Love is stronger than death
And jealousy more cruel than the grave.*

ADDRESSING a ringers' meeting some years ago, the Vicar of Ringmer, Sussex, in the words of 'The Ringing World' of the time, 'took the opportunity of uttering a word of warning against the intrusion into the belfry of the ogre which he described as "Old Green Eye." Such a warning is not out of place. Jealousy is to be found in the ranks of ringers no less than among other sections of the community, for ringers are only human.'

This advice might well be taken to heart by ringers in general. Many readers will have perused with regret the recent correspondence between representatives of two bands in the Midlands, and will perhaps have reflected how strange it is, considering the pacific nature of ringing and its associations with the Church, that such great passions can be aroused in its devotees, although those with experience of other sides of Church life will know this is by no means confined to ringers alone. Nevertheless, there are many stories of how, for example, the ringers from one tower of this or that town will not walk on the same pavement as those from a neighbouring church and, though in after years it is possible to look back and realise how futile such behaviour is, much bitterness can be caused at the time and much harm done to the ringers themselves.

Whatever the causes, real or imaginary, of the present differences in the Leicester Diocesan Guild, many will feel that it is mostly likely due to the inability of two very gifted conductors to work in harmony. The example of William Pye's band can be quoted to show that, even though it regularly contained not two but three or four conductors, little if any less capable than himself, no difficulties arose because all worked together for the common good.

The younger members of the Leicester Guild, instead of disputing amongst themselves which of them has achieved the most, would do well to keep that example before them. It is pleasant to know that one has, say, rung more peals in a given time than anyone else, or that a greater proportion of them have been Surprise peals—not that their value is thus in any way enhanced—but these young men should also remember that their records have greater merit when they result more from their own efforts than from the exceptional ability of well-known conductors. In ten years' time others will have superseded them as the hopes of the future, just as they have taken the place of others.

'It would be a thousand pities,' said 'The Ringing World' not long before the recent war, 'if a canker were to develop in the very district which is richer in the promise of youth than almost any other district in any Association in England, and were to lead to decay.' The Leicester Diocesan Guild can fairly claim to-day to possess just such an abundance of youthful talent which, let us hope, will meet with no such obstacle to its development as befell those to whom 'The Ringing World' referred, who sacrificed at the very least what should have been their most carefree and formative years. Let the young men of to-day, therefore, make the most of their opportunities and not fritter them away with unnecessary squabbling.

LIBRA.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES CARTER Treble	*JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
*DEREK OGDEN 2	ALAN J. BROWN 8
*MARY WALSHAW 3	†STEPHEN LL. PARRY 9
†SELWYN H. DEARDEN... 4	VERNON SYKES 10
†ERIC BRUNTON 5	†PHILIP H. TOCOCK 11
CHARLES CLEGG 6	JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.
First peal on twelve bells as conductor. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

STANLEY R. GARDNER ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
*ALAN JACQUES 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON 3	SHIRLEY BURTON 8
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 9
†MICHAEL P. STANFORTH 5	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 'inside' bell of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First
of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † 100th peal. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF PRITTEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
ALBERT WALKER 3	ARTHUR D. COOK 8
JOHN PINFOLD 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

First peal of Prittlewell Royal for the Guild and by all the band.
To celebrate the engagement of Arthur D. Cook to Miss Molly N.
Westoby. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*LORNA BRIGGS Treble	JACK BRAY 6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 2	*G. LESLIE LUNN 7
FRANK DEWEY 3	*GEORGE W. MOODY 8
†FRANK LORD 4	†PHILIP BARNES 9
DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 5	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on tower bells. † 250th
peal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*HOWARD HOWELL Treble	*†ALAN ELSMORE 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	DEREK J. TRANTER 7
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 3	P. GEORGE GOLDER 8
†MAURICE G. TURNER ... 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 9
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY HARRISON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 6
*GEORGE H. HEBBORN ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY 7
ALAN CATTELL 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 8
*JAMES DEACON 4	†TERANCE H. THORNER 9
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD... 5	†S. ANTHONY JESSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.
* First peal on ten. Rung muffled 'in memoriam' Remembrance-
tide.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	RONALD KENRICK 6
*MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
*JOHN L. ASHCROFT 4	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 9
JAMES S. WEBB 5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANDREW J. SALISBURY... Treble	SYDNEY PENFOLD 5
DAVID W. BEARD 2	TOM F. EAST 6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 3	FRANK V. GANT 7
JOAN M. PEACOCK 4	†WILLIAM J. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN LE MARQUAND ... Treble	†G. F. LE MARQUAND ... 5
*BRIAN AUSTIN 2	JOHN KING 6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 3	HARRY CHAMBERS 7
JOHN J. MAWBY 4	JOHN E. SKERRITT ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Surprise. To com-
memorate the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough and also
as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR NEAL Treble	*DONALD J. POTTER 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	JAMES F. NASH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal. A welcome to their new parish to the Rev. Leonard
J. Birch and Mrs. Birch, both of whom are ringers.



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SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

MURIEL REAY Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 6
TERRY R. HAMPTON 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

The first peal rung in this method. Tenor 6½ cwt in A.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNAI ... 2	LAURENCE GREENHOW ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	ALAN JACQUES 7
JOHN R. SMITH 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	JOHN H. HUNT 5
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 6
*NELIA M. LEAHY 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... 7
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Superlative. To commemorate the enthronement of the fourth Bishop of Portsmouth (Rt. Rev. W. S. L. Fleming).

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HARRY NEWMAN ... Treble	HARRY DANIELS 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
HAROLD AUSTIN 3	WILLIAM RITCHINGS ... 7
WILLIAM JONES 4	CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Composed by S. BIDDLESTON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. S. Romans. Tenor 24 cwt.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
EDGAR R. RALEY 2	T. MARK WHITE 6
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
HAROLD A. MAY 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	FRIC J. GILBERT 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method for the Guild in the county and by all the band. A fourths place bob was used, and this is the first time this method has been so rung. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
TERRANCE A. THORNBUR Treble	HORACE O. OVER 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN R. SMITH 6
*GEORGE D. HADFIELD... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH 4	EDWIN J. TOVELL ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Memorial peal to the men of the parish who made the supreme sacrifice in both wars.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

RONALD G. BECK ... Treble	PERCY HULL 5
A. GEORGE CLARE 2	EDWARD CHIVERS ... 6
HARRY SMITH 3	DAVID HOARE 7
FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

First peal on eight bells by the conductor. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 5
†BRIAN HARRIS 2	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS... 6
†HENRY O. BAKER 3	†R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
*JOHN W. BEST 4	*PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5440 CHANCES;

JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... Treble	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 5
JILL BRITAIN 2	ALBERT J. ADAMS ... 6
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4	DENIS N. LAYTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Tenor 14 cwt.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN 5
JOHN L. MORRIS 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 6
EDNA M. SILLS 3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... 7
*WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 4	REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor

Composed by F. C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Tenor 13 cwt.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*RONALD E. J. FREEMAN Treble	WALTER S. IZZARD ... 5
ERNEST FREEMAN 2	*JAMES NORTON 6
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS... 3	E. PEARL INSKIP ... 7
REGINALD WEST 4	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

KINGSTON, SURREY.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

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

*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	T. MARK WHITE 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE... .. 7
HAROLD A. MAY 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Arranged by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK BRASSINGTON ... Treble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 5
*ROY D. HAYNE 2	*W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD... 3	*HUBERT ASHLEY 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor

Composed by HY. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*JOHN STERRY Treble	*RAYMOND DUNN 5
*FRANCES RAYBOULD 2	RODERICK J. LEES 6
HARRY HILL 3	HENRY HUBBALL 7
WILLIAM DAVIES 4	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by STANLEY PRESTIDGE.

*First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Prestidge on the 10th anniversary of their wedding.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY 5
ELAINE WRIGHT 2	DENNIS HOLLAND 6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK 7
SAM SCATTERGOOD 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

A birthday compliment to Elaine Wright and to John Chaddock, son of the ringer of the seventh.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

ERIC J. GILBERT ... Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	FRANK VARTY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS and non-conducted.

Umpire: GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first non-conducted peal of London Surprise Major by the Chester Diocesan Guild and in the county.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT Treble	*MARJORIE LEGG 5
*GEORGE K. WESTLAKE ... 2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
*ROBERT H. BRICE 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 7
*HILDA M. PRESCOTT 4	*HERBERT A. T. PRICE... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to William H. Kingcott.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLE WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*DOROTHY M. COOPER...Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3
*DONALD K. MACLEAN ... 2	JOSEPH L. STANIER 4
ERNEST J. ROWE Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

*First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor on tower bells. The first visit to the parish of the new Bishop of Hereford, Rt. Rev. Tom Longland.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven extents, viz.: London Surprise, York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*STANLEY D. SUTTON ...Treble	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 4
*ALFRED W. CUSICK 2	A. TREVOR SUTTON 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

*First peal in seven methods. †25th peal. To mark the 51st anniversary of the first peal on the bells and of Mr. G. R. Newton's first peal.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL... 2	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor. For the first wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Pickard and Mrs. Pickard, daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

OLD WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 4
KATHLEEN V. TILLEY 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
DOROTHY UDALE 3	ALAN E. JACQUES ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except treble ringer. All have now rung from Minor to Maximus in the method.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES WATTS ... Treble	WILLIAM RITCHINGS 4
*MARY DREW 2	FREDERICK ROBERTS 5
HORACE V. ROBINSON... 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

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

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 7 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... Treble	RONALD W. STEWARD... .. 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 5
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	*CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

*250th peal. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. G. M. Shallard.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HORACE BENNETT ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY 4
BERNARD H. DALTON 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

BRISTOL.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-ON-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*AUDREY A. TIMMS ...Treble	*†LANCE C. I. WATSON... .. 4
MARY I. KENNELLY 2	JACK R. WORRALL 5
†HERBERT A. BRADBURY... 3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by IVOR H. TRUEMAN.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal. ‡First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Bob, College, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST BOWLEY ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
JOHN HAWTHORN 2	C. WILLIAM HALL 5
RICHARD MANTON 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the memorial window panel.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hilburn 1, W. Cavill 2, F. Skinner (cond.) 3, F. Sandy 4, C. Norton 5, E. Skinner 6. First quarter by 2, 4 and 5.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Burton 1, Miss O. M. Martin 2, Miss P. A. Martin 3, H. E. Porrett 4, F. W. Leach 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, S. Chappell (first 'inside') 7, C. Dickens 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. A. Timms 1, Miss H. Prescott 2, Miss P. Woolley 3, W. Kingcott 4, D. Bellamy 5, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 6. First Bob Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Nov. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Cooke 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. 2, J. Hope 3, V. R. Williams 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. (first as cond.) 5, E. H. Jeffries 6, A. Law 7, W. Wrigley 8.

DALSTON, LONDON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. F. Harman 1, W. D. Prockson 2, C. A. Hughes 3, J. Goodall 4, A. E. Hoare 5, A. F. Warren 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, R. L. Sills 8. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. K. Rich.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Baverstock (first quarter) 1, Miss M. MacKenzie (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Gray 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Dommatt 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson (first 'inside') 3, Margaret Howard 4, J. E. Beams 5, C. W. Munday 6, R. Spittle (first as cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 5th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Mattlass 1, H. Thorpe 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, T. Relf 4, F. Proctor 5, C. Blakey 6, B. Dalton (first of Caters) 7, H. R. Woods 8, T. Hall 9, S. Proctor (cond.) 10.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Bob Major, half-muffled: G. Schleuter 1, F. Harrington 2, B. Elliott 3, Dr. Castleden 4, R. Boykett 5, A. T. Perry 6, H. W. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Saunders 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, W. J. Croft 4, E. W. Winters 5, J. Church (first in method 'inside') 6, C. V. Hare 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Biggs (first of Stedman) 1, F. D. Boreham 2, D. Cox 3, P. Newton 4, J. Kape 5, R. Blaby 6, A. E. Cox (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on Nov. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Peacock (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. R. G. Spicer (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, C. J. Young 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 30th, a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Gayes 1, J. Henshaw 2, W. Stevenson 3, G. Farrer 4, A. A. Potts 5, H. Farrer 6, H. Wood 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MORECAMBE, LANCs.—On Oct. 29th, 1,600 Plain Bob Major: D. Schofield 1, F. Schofield 2, B. Schofield 3, J. Bagnall 4, G. Braithwaite 5, H. Palmer 6, Rev. A. Hodgson 7, J. E. Burles (cond.) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. S. Valentine 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, T. Bass (first of Grandsire) 3, E. Nobles 4, W. R. Parker 5, G. S. Valentine 6, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 7, A. Monk 8. For the enthronement of Rt. Rev. Spencer Leeson as Bishop of Peterborough.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,299 Stedman Caters, half-muffled: R. Croucher 1, D. Coombes 2, A. Reeve 3, B. Sadler 4, W. Perry 5, J. Belcham 6, P. Sadler 7, F. Souter 8, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. R. Chambers 10.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples, half-muffled: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, E. Naylor 2, P. Smee 3, F. J. Cheal 4, T. A. Cross 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, W. Barden (first quarter) 8. First in the method for all except the 6th ringer.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Wood (longest length Major) 1, Miss H. Gorrington 2, J. A. Downing 3, W. Gorrington 4, C. A. Bassett 5, G. Billenness (cond.) 6, C. A. Levett 7, L. T. Pope 8.

SALISBURY.—At St. Thomas' on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lowe 1, Miss J. M. Brown 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, J. Sutton 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Russell 6, L. Harris 7, E. J. Doel 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: Miss A. Hinds 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, Miss D. Golding (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Corke 4, H. Baker 5, E. Andrews 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, Miss D. Colgate 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Riddington 1, H. Kilby 2, J. Clarke 3, S. Cox 4, A. Bodycote 5, G. Deacon (cond.) 6, A. Pattrick 7, J. Morris 8.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Burroughs 1, Miss E. N. Hyman 2, H. N. Vaughn 3, R. D. Dival 4, Roy E. Wood 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, A. R. Turley (first of Bob Major 'inside') 7, F. Miles 8. First of Bob Major 1 and 2.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mvhill 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, E. J. Runter 3, W. Glover (first quarter) 4, R. Thrift 5, H. W. Shadrack (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: G. C. Cookson 1, C. H. Woodberry (cond.) 2, A. Whatmore 3, R. Lees 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, R. Smith 6, P. C. Richards 7, D. H. Watson 8.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled: Miss Doris M. Wiskin 1, S. Harpley 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, Miss Doris J. Peeling 4, R. Wiskin 5, H. Follen 6.

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STOP PRESS.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, former president of the Central Council and former Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, died on Tuesday, aged 92. The funeral is at Crowthorne, Berks, on Friday at 2.30 p.m. No flowers or mourning.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe has rung his 250th peal. 'Not being a great peal snatcher,' he writes, 'it has taken me 30 years to reach this modest total.' It was the 40th peal he had rung with his son, George.

Mr. Stephen Ll. Parry, at Ashton-under-Lyne on November 12th, completed Kent from Minor to Maximus.

A contract for a ring of ten, tenor 21 cwt., has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for British Columbia.

An 80th birthday compliment was paid at Irthlingborough to Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, who has been towerkeeper here for over 50 years and a ringer at St. Peter's for 56 years.

Mr. P. W. Cave, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association, will be resigning his office next month on account of the transfer of his office to London.

The peal at Lullington, Derbyshire, was the 50th peal together by William H. Curson and Joseph W. Cotton, whose first together was also at Lullington on November 19th, 1927.

Mr. N. V. Andrews, of Andover, who has rung over 100 peals on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, has now rung his first quarter of Grandsire Doubles.

Friends of Mr. Harrison Smith, of Wickham-breaux, Canterbury, will be sorry to hear of the death of his wife on November 12th after almost 60 years of happy married life.

Mr. James F. Laker, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' thanks all those good ringers who made it possible for him to do 'a little ringing' while on a short visit to the 'old country.'

The conductor of the peal of Rutland Surprise at Biddenham, Kent, on November 5th, writes correcting the time of the peal to 3 hours and 4 minutes, and not 2 hours 48 minutes as stated.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Pres. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, has had to undergo an operation in Ottery St. Mary Hospital. He will have the good wishes of his many ringing friends for a rapid and complete recovery.

Mr. W. E. Clarke has completed 'the circle' of Boston, Lincs, tower.

A quarter of Stedman Cinques was lost in the last three sixes at St. Laurence's, Reading, on November 13th. It was being rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Purton, who are both service ringers. Mr. R. Burton was the conductor.

We have received a progress report from Mapledurham, Oxon, where Mr. R. Hunt had trained a band of learners for service ringing, starting last Easter. The company have now scored their first quarter.

'The Northampton Chronicle and Echo' has recently given a considerable amount of its space to a number of articles upon bells written by 'Treble Bob,' who is a well-known Northampton ringer. 'The Peterborough Diocesan Leaflet' and several deanery and parish magazines contain similar articles.

The peal at St. John's, Leicester, was specially arranged as near Armistice Day as possible. The composition, now rung for the first time, had 89, 96, 68 and 978 'at hand' in every course. Prior to the peal a recording was made of the muffled bells, and will shortly be issued on gramophone records.

A long break in peal ringing by Messrs. East and Penfold was broken when both scored a peal at Chigwell Row, Essex. Mr. T. East rang his last peal on Easter Monday, 1922, when he rang two—at Blewbury and Dorchester Abbey, while Mr. Penfold's last peal was rung at Bethnal Green in 1925. It is hoped another successful run has begun.

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Change Ringing in Arkansas

The University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, has two sets of electronic bells, one English and one Flemish, given by the alumni as a memorial for the members lost in the two world wars. The workings of the electronic bells, as I understand them, are that hammers, actuated from a keyboard like an organ console in the control room, strike rods or strips of bell metal, tuned to the desired pitch, and the sounds thus arising are relayed and broadcast electrically from a speaker, situated, in our case, in the tower of University Hall.

This device is, of course, much cheaper than a ring of real bells; it can be operated from a keyboard by a single man, and it does not require a tower to house the bells. I was put off by the word 'electronic,' but when I heard them I had to confess that they sounded exactly like real bells. Furthermore, each bell is absolutely on pitch, and the whole ring has throughout a uniform pattern of harmonics. The English bells are tuned to the chromatic scale and have a range of something over two octaves.

Concerts of familiar hymns are played on the Flemish bells on Sunday afternoons. The English bells are controlled by a clockwork mechanism so as to strike the Westminster chimes through the day and at six o'clock to end the day with a hymn such as 'Lead, Kindly Light' or 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' played alla marcia funebre from a roll like that of a player-piano. The volume of the Flemish bells can be controlled; that of the English bells cannot, and with characteristic American exuberance the men who installed the system set the English bells at the highest possible volume, so that they can be heard within a radius of some ten miles.

When I suggested that an attempt be made to ring changes on the bells I received the counter-suggestion that the attempt be made on the Flemish bells, set at a very low volume. To ring English changes on Flemish bells seemed little short of sacrilege to me, and I replied that I did not want to be held responsible if the Empire should topple, the Government fall, the pound be devalued, and Prince Charles come down with the measles. Grudging permission was accordingly given that I might try the experiment on the English bells on August 15th, the anniversary of VJ-Day, a fitting occasion for bellringing.

In preparation I picked a plain course of Bob Doubles and practised them in the ringing room (the mechanism has a switch whereby the sound can be diverted from the speaker in the tower and heard at greatly reduced volume only in the ringing room). I found that I could not ring smoothly and evenly from a row of numbers because I had not that sort of co-ordination of hand and eye. I copied the course in musical notation, using Middle C as the tenor, and found that I could ring smoothly from notes.

At noon on August 15th I rang a plain course of Bob Doubles. I was immensely gratified to know that at the sound of it an Englishwoman teaching over here during the summer term burst into tears in the Library Quadrangle. Thus encouraged, a few days later I rang four six-scores of Bob Doubles, choosing the hour of six in the afternoon as the one when the ringing would be least likely to disturb the university community.

I rang changes for the third time at the end of August, ringing, in addition to the Bob Doubles I had previously worked out, two touches of Grandsire Doubles. This was a clear, still evening, and people living in the vicinity of the tower protested that their houses were being shaken to pieces by the loud clamour.

Until a technician to diminish the volume of the bells can be found, further ringing has been postponed. It is satisfying, at any rate, to know that changes have been rung for the first time in Arkansas.

JOHN APPLEBY, M.A., of Harvard.
Author of 'Suffolk Summer.'

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In accordance with the decision taken at the Central Council meeting at York, the retail price of 'The Ringing World' from January 6th, 1950, will be 4d. a copy.

The journal will be enlarged to 16 pages weekly and will include a number of special articles and features.

Concessions are to be granted to long-term postal subscribers. The new rates will be £1 per annum, 10s. 6d. for six months, and 5s. 6d. for three months. These should be sent to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dartington Parish Church on November 12th, when there was a good attendance of members and friends, including the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox).

Some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on this fine ring of six bells during the afternoon, and this was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. G. Ketchley), who gave an admirable address.

After an excellent tea the business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, in the chair.

A letter was produced from Kingsteignton regarding the future use of their bells, and the secretary's reply thereto, and after a discussion it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the president.

The election of two members prior to starting for peals was confirmed, whilst three associate members were also elected.

The 1950 programme was adopted as follows: February 4th, annual meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay; April 22nd, quarterly meeting at Lustleigh; June 24th, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at South Brent; July 22nd, quarterly meeting at Dean Prior; August 26th, special meeting at Highweek; September 16th, joint meeting with the Exeter Branch at Teignmouth; October 28th, quarterly meeting at Wolborough; November 25th, extra meeting at Brixham. All are subject to the necessary permission being granted.

A query from a member on the ringing of peals and complaints arising therefrom was answered by the president, and it was unanimously resolved that the Rector of Highweek be written and thanked for the use of his bells to the branch on Wednesday evenings.

A welcome was extended to the visiting ringers, and there was ringing at Berry Pomeroy afterwards.

BLEWBURY BELLS AGAIN

The rehanging of Blewbury, Berks, bells by Messrs. R. White and Son, of Appleton, is now completed and a thanksgiving service was held on November 12th.

The church was well filled with ringers and residents, and an inspiring address was given by the Rev. J. S. Amies, Vicar of Dunsden, near Reading.

A tea, attended by 160, followed. Afterwards came an exhibition of handbell ringing by that grand old veteran, Dick White, and his band, which met with great applause.

A return was made to the tower, where ringing ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich with reports of a good job. Visiting ringers came from Oxford, Abingdon, Beedon, Ilsey, Hagbourne, Harwell, Farnborough (Hants) and Aston.

Sunday service ringing took place on the following day, and the local company was favoured by a visit for evensong by Capt. A. R. Poyntz, Deputy Master.

Method-Structure Lecture

There was an appreciative and representative Hampshire ringers' audience at St. Michael's Parish Hall, Southampton, on November 12th, attending Mr. York-Bramble's lecture on 'Grid Analysis (The New Look in Method Structure)', illustrated with projector slides.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. W. K. Felstead, at the opening, remarked that the material for this work had been derived by its author during many years of research, and that he (the author) had come to feel that the results might well be published to the Exercise. The nature of the subject, however, called for explanatory diagrams rather too costly for present-day publication in pamphlet form, so the author had conceived the idea of putting the material in lecture form with slides made from his drawings. The Vicar thought they were fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing the lecture from the author himself before it was despatched (as he believed it was intended) on offer to the Central Council for preservation and use within the Exercise.

The lecture traced the origin and development of the science of production of change-rows, through an analysis of the grid-like structure of the group of rows commonly known as a 'lead'; and showed how a method is completely contained within its plain course; and how the composition devices known as 'calls' (including the Single as a phase-reversing device) may be used to build up other courses for the composition of touches and peals.

There ensued an interval for an enjoyable tea.

Comparative diagrams of grid-patterns of all stages of various well-known methods from 'Original' to 'London' were shown, with the brief formula for producing each method on all appropriate numbers. The remarkable visual effect of grid-pattern comparison showed at once the correctness (or otherwise) of method extension or contraction.

A feature of particular appeal to the practical outlook was the brief instruction for ringing Cambridge on all numbers, given within only two short rules and exceptions.

At the conclusion the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. George Pullinger, who presided, in expressing the general appreciation of the lecture, remarked that it had shown there was far more in the subject than might be thought; and that he considered it might well be given, perhaps, before members of the Central Council. He thought, too, that lectures from conductors to ringers would serve a useful purpose.

Proceedings closed with votes of thanks to all concerned and, as they had begun, with more ringing at St. Michael's tower.

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. A. HUGHES

After evensong on November 6th, Mr. George A. Hughes, of St. John's, Stanmore, Middlesex, was presented with a cheque for £22 as a token of appreciation of his service to the church.

Mr. Hughes, who is 73 years of age, has been a ringer at Stanmore for 56 years, during 25 of which he was in charge of the band; he was also a member of the choir for more than fifty years. Recently he retired from the choir, but still attends in the belfry very regularly when the weather is not too inclement. While never a great peal ringer, he was one of that body of faithful service ringers who are the backbone of our art.

When making the presentation, Mr. C. V. Rouse (churchwarden) expressed the thoughts of all present in wishing Mr. Hughes 'many years of happiness and good ringing in the future.'

Before evensong, Mr. Hughes took part in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, ringing his favourite bell, the seventh. The remainder of the band were C. Wenban 1, D. Cattell 2, F. Cattell 3, G. Cheshire 4, A. Wenban 5, W. Wenban 6, E. J. Leversuch (conductor) 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN ANNABLE STORY

Dear Sir,—The great historians sleuthing into the past have done mighty things for bells and change ringing, and their discoveries have been established on a firm basis of fact. There is no positive evidence of the occurrence of the following incident, but truth is often stranger than fiction.

One time in the belfry an egregious learner left his corner and had the enormity to approach Mr. Benjamin Annable with the request, 'Beat me, Daddy, eight to the bar.'

A startled hush descended upon the ringers present and most of them caught their breath. Big Ben's reply is said to have been one of these three:—

(a) 'Sit down, Bud.'

(b) Taking a piece of chalk used for demonstrating the figures of Annable's London and marking a cross in the exact centre of the belfry floor, 'Accelerate, Rabbit—accelerate fiercely in any direction outwards from here.'

(c) Looking furtively round with evident apprehension and making a big effort to pull himself together, 'No, no—I can't do it. Eight to the bar? It's no use asking me. Short-circuit me in one lead if I'll have anything to do with it.'

Now reply (a) might be thought much too soft for the great man, but the learner had probably been sitting in his corner already for quite a time in those days and we have all heard of Chinese torture.

Reply (b) is more in line with tradition, but considerable doubt is thrown upon it. It is believed that Mr. John Holt was standing on the exact centre of the belfry floor auctioning the last few remaining copies of his broadsheet of peals, making it impossible to indicate a point from which all ways would lead quickly and decisively to the exit.

Reply (c) is the most remarkable of all. It would require some very serious consideration to orientate such a set-up. It is well known that Annable was intensely proud of the fact that we, the members of the Exercise at large, are the true, unchallenged originators of swing. Executioners have dabbled in it by way of the gibbet and it would be difficult to say whether the bellringers or the executioners thought of it first, but the latter never thought of adapting it to music.

Annable was also wildly excited at the almost exact similarity between the sound and spelling of 'Bob' and 'Bop.' Eight to the bar is intimately connected with such following consequences as the Medium Bounce, Fairly Bright Boogie and the Off-beat Stomp, all of which are of enough importance to have kindled his eyes brightly with satisfaction, as they must actually have done.

The only reasonable excuse for Big Ben's extraordinary funk is that there were six-bell men in the room, and anything done to increase the prestige of the eight-bell men, as any demonstration of eight to the bar would have, would add to the grievances the six-bell men already had to bear to such an extent that even Ben's iron nerve quailed at the prospect.

'BELLITIS.'

London, N.W.3.

BOBS IN CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—The 'convention' of a 4ths place Bob in Cambridge has over 150 years' tradition behind it. Apparently the originators considered that was the proper place for it. May I point out also that the placing of the Bob at 6ths in Major implies an 8ths place Bob in Royal, and 10ths in Maximus, which to a ringer of these is absurd. Finally, I venture the opinion that Cambridge from Minor to Maximus will continue to be rung with a 4ths place Bob when the composition in question has been consigned to the limbo of forgotten things.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

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WORDSWORTH SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—On page 546 you publish the figures of Wordsworth Surprise and the composition to which the first peal was rung. Corrigan's Collection of Surprise Major Methods gives the following three false courses: 24365, 32465, 43265, for this method, but in the publication only the first of these is given plus four completely different ones. Who is right?

Another point is the composition is said to be that of the late J. A. Trollope. On looking at my records I find that when Kendal Surprise was first rung some years ago the figures of the method were duly published and the composition was given as 'Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.' It is exactly the same as the one now produced for Wordsworth! I wonder whose composition it really is?—Sincerely yours,

ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

A 40th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—On looking through my record of peals I find that Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, November 20th, 1909, *in silence and without a conductor*. The band was as follows: Joseph Timms treble, Rev. C. Carew Cox 2, Samuel Reeves 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, Robert Pickering 5, Alfred Rowley 6, Thomas H. Reeves 7, John C. Adams tenor. Tom Miller and W. H. Godden acted as witnesses in the ringing chamber and checked the ringing from the figures.

I believe the Rev. C. Carew Cox, the Rev. E. V. Cox and myself are all that remain of the band, with Mr. Tom Miller, now in his 92nd year, one of the witnesses.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS H. REEVES.

Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BOLSOVER CLAIM WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the claim, made in the footnote to the peal of Forward Major, rung at Bolsover on October 15th, 1949, viz., 'First peal in the method on the bells.'

I also offer my apologies to Mr. Ben Knights and his band for the mistake. Unfortunately the peal book at Bolsover has been lost.—Yours sincerely,

H. T. ROOKE.

Mansfield, Notts.

IN HIS 50th YEAR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peck's rapid approach to 50 years' membership of the College Youths reminds me that I am nearing entry to the select band. My membership commenced in September, 1900, just seven years after starting ringing. I could have applied in 1893, but I was not qualified on account of still being a schoolboy! All good wishes.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

SPELDHURST RINGER'S 50 YEARS

Mr. V. N. Still has completed 50 years a ringer at Speldhurst, Kent, Parish Church. Although not a peal ringer, he can be relied upon to steer one of the 'back end' through a touch of any length and is one of the many thousands who attend regularly for service ringing.

To mark the occasion, the local band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on Nov. 6th as follows: R. Manard 1, F. A. Turley (cond.) 2, Miss E. N. Hyman 3, J. Denton 4, J. Still 5, A. R. Turley 6, V. N. Still 7, W. Hyman 8. First quarter for 3, 5, 6 and 8, and first quarter by a local band for over 12 years.

After ringing Mr. Still was the recipient of a fountain pen from the rest of the band, the gift taking him completely by surprise.

Mitcham Ringers' Service

The ringers' service which was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on November 13th, was well attended and about 35 ringers took part in the ringing and the service. Ringing commenced at 5.30 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, who thanked the local band and those who came along to help with the regular Sunday ringing. He also extended a warm welcome to all the ringers present, especially to those who used to belong to the local band in their younger days and who now ring in the parishes around London where they reside.

The address, which was much appreciated, was given by the Rev. R. Carliss, of St. John's Church, Wimbledon, who said he was guided to the church by the sound of bells, and, having found the church, ascended the steps to find the ringers on the job.

The theme of the address was 'Service to God and our fellow-creatures.'

The lessons were read by two of the ringers, and before the address four members from St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

The Vicar hopes to hold a ringers' service each year during the month of November.

On the Wednesday evening before the ringers' service, the organ (which has recently been installed to replace one destroyed by a bomb) was completely destroyed by fire. The roof of the organ loft was severely damaged and the walls and pews blackened by smoke. The prompt action of the Mitcham and other Fire Brigades, saved the building from further damage. Many willing workers worked hard to make the church clean enough for the Sunday services to be held.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

On October 15th the Society held its meeting at All Saints', Market Weighton, 30 members attending. The Vicar, the Rev. Massingberd Munday, conducted the service. Mr. F. Wilkinson, of Barnby Moor, read the lesson and four members rang handbells.

Tea was served in the Londesborough Arms Hotel. At the business meeting the Vicar, organist and local ringers were thanked for accommodating the Society at short notice. Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw replied and thanked the ringers for their contribution to the Bell Restoration Fund.

After the meeting the ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob on handbells, which had been requested by the management. These were appreciated and in the conversation that followed it was found that by working in the shadow of the tower the staff had learned quite a lot about bells and ringing and had become competent judges of good and bad striking.

A return was made to the tower and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m.

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A PEAL OF SPLICED GRANDSIRE & STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 84 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES 4
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 2	*JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
*WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Arranged by A. J. PITMAN (1926). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 50th peal together. Rung on 9th birthday of Norman W. Cotton, youngest ringer in area. This arrangement is now rung for first time.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS Treble	JOHN THOMAS 4
WM. H. A. COMPTON 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all except the 5th ringer.

CROPERDY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 3 Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 10 six-scores of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 22 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles

*WILLIAM JONES Treble	GEORGE F. BURTON 4
OWEN JOHN STEEL 2	WILLIAM YATES 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 3	WILLIAM H. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal for 42 years. First peal in three methods by all except ringer of 3rd.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON Treble	LESTER BAILEY 4
PATRICK PAGE 2	JOHN H. HUNT 5
FRANK S. TAYLOR 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First peal of Minor in the method by all.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being one extent each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

HORACE D. TAYLOR ... Treble	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 4
LEONARD COLES 2	WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 5
MAURICE HELPS 3	CLAUDE S. KNOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

First peal in seven methods by all the band.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of four 120's of April Day, sixteen of Plain Bob and twenty 120's and one 240 (Morris's) of Grandsire.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DAWN G. E. FUGLER ... Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
FRANK H. HICKS 2	†E. GAVAN D. TONKIN... 5
†FRED R. P. BOOTH 3	†C. JOHN PIPER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being one 720 each of Alnwick, Chester, London, Lightfoot, Cambridge, Beverley and York.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JACK BENISTON Treble	†SAMUEL MARTIN 4
†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD... 2	ROLAND BENISTON 5
†C. WILLIAM HALL... .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY

* First peal in seven methods and of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ 25th peal. Birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN & MEDIUM BOB ROYAL, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 4,420 Plain Bob, 636 Medium Bob, with 106 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

P. M. FREEMAN (Jesus) ... 1-2	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 5-6
B. T. THRELFALL (Trinity) 3-4	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 7-8
A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton) 9-10	

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by G. DODDS.

First peal of Sliced Royal by all. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT NEWSTED, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED JORDAN 1-2	EDGAR VALLANCE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 7-8

Composed by M. E. ATKINS. Conducted by ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Ikston Variation.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY 7-8

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,624 London, 1,088 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At 164, HILLS ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ANNE B. STOCKDALE 1-2	†GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
*PETER T. ROBBINS 3-4	†JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's.

Tenor size 15 in C.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
*JOHN J. MORRIS 3-4	HECTOR KNIGHTS 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. J. H. BASTOW.

The Lancashire Association has lost one of its old stalwarts by the death on October 26th of Mr. J. H. Bastow, of Middleton, aged 77 years.

He had been a member of the Association for 50 years. For some years he rang at Oldham Parish Church and lived for a time in Mexico. On his return to England he took his former place with the Middleton ringers. Mr. Bastow was a keen peal ringer with a large number of peals to his credit.

The funeral service was at Middleton Parish Church and was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Gordon (Rector). Ringers from Oldham, Rochdale, Friesland and Middleton acted as bearers. Previous to the service the bells were rung fully muffled. He was held in esteem by a wide circle of friends.

MR. T. E. SLATER

The death took place on November 15th of Mr. Theodore E. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, who had been in poor health for some time and been an inmate of St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds. He was the son of the late Samuel Slater, who was quite a figure in his day and a great ringing historian.

Mr. T. E. Slater had rung a number of peals of Minor and Major. He learnt to ring as soon as he could hold a rope and was, like his late father, an historian with a big library of ringing matter to which many present-day writers of ringing books have been pleased to refer.

His ringing career covered well nigh 60 years. His beloved bells at Glemsford are now out of order and it is much regretted that they cannot pay a farewell tribute to one who had done so much to keep them going. A.A.F.

MR. GEORGE TATUM.

The second well-known West Suffolk personality to die during the past week was Mr. George Tatum, of Sudbury, aged 82. He had not been ringing for the past few years.

Mr. Tatum had a number of peals to his credit and was noted for his high standard of ringing and his keen ear. His life was given to the church, 70 years a chorister and 50 years a finger, and for the past 10 years he was verging of St. Gregory's, Sudbury.

To the writer he had often said that he hoped he would die in his beloved church, and on November 10th, as he was preparing for a funeral, he had a seizure and died where he fell on the chancel steps.

A large congregation gathered at his funeral and during the evening the bells of St. Gregory's were rung muffled as a last tribute. A.A.F.

MR. WALTER WHITE.

It is with deep regret we report the passing of Mr. Walter White, of Cotgrave, Notts. For over 60 years he was a stalwart in the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association, and there are no towers within that area that knew not the name of Walter White and his late brother, William E. White.

Although Cotgrave possesses but six bells, on which the deceased was an expert conductor of many methods, he was also a safe ringer on eight or ten bells, and his passing will leave a serious gap in the ringers of the district.

He had rung some 80 peals for the M.C.A. and the Framland Society on all numbers from five to ten bells, conducting many of them. He was never so happy as when arranging a peal or ringing meeting and entertaining his many friends, and it was only his activities that kept the name of Cotgrave alive in ringing annals.

At his funeral on November 16th, Nottingham and district towers were represented, including Basford and Ratcliffe, with Mr. A. H. Ward, from Derby, and Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough Bell Foundry. The Vicar of Cotgrave, in a moving address, paid a tribute

to Mr. White's sterling qualities as a man, a musician and a bellringer.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by A. H. Ward, Clement Glenn, F. Bradley and W. Nichols, and half-muffled touches were rung on the tower bells. Our sympathy goes out to his two sons and two daughters, and to Mrs. White, whom he so recently married. E. M.

SURREY ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District held a very enjoyable meeting at Mersham on November 5th. The bells were available for ringing from 3 p.m. and various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Poole, and the lessons were read by Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, a former Master of the Association.

Tea was by the very kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Birt, both of whom were present and at the business meeting which followed. It was announced that the next meeting would be at St. John's, Redhill, on December 10th. The business meeting concluded with an expression of thanks to the Rector and to the organist; a very special 'thank you' was also accorded to both Mr. and Mrs. Birt for their hospitality.

A NEW LANCASHIRE RING

St. Hilda's, Bilsborrow, near Preston, has hitherto had in its fine central tower a bell obtained from a trawler in a ship-breaker's yard, in 1927.

On December 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Lancaster is to dedicate a ring of eight bells in F, tenor 14 cwt., which has been founded and installed in a steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been given by parishioners and friends as a thankoffering and memorial to those who gave their lives in the war, 1939-1945.

QUARTER PEALS

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 6th, at St. James', 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Prockson 1, Mrs. N. O. Manship 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles 7, A. H. Warren (cond.) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. E. Collins 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, T. Bulgin 4, C. Parks 5, G. H. Humphries 6, R. Davies 7, T. G. Myers 8, W. Oatway (cond.) 9, D. D. Cooper 10.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Franklin (first quarter) 1, G. Seth 2, J. R. Smith 3, T. H. Townsend 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Neath (first quarter) 1, E. C. Baker (first quarter 'inside') 2, L. W. Pullin (cond.) 3, E. E. Fisher 4, A. E. Harris 5, W. T. Baker (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Vera Norton.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 2, O. Moores 3, Miss A. T. Seville 4, Miss M. I. Jagger 5, F. Pritchard 6, R. Edwards 7, E. Casterton 8.

OTTERSLOW, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Single Oxford: J. Ribbins 1, W. Goldston 2, R. Andrews 3, H. J. Chaffey 4, R. Collins 5, D. Sleet (cond.) 6. First of Single Oxford by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral on Nov. 6th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, A. W. Coles 3, D. C. Price 4, L. F. Hansell 5, A. Day 6, T. J. Kentish 7, T. J. Southam 8, B. C. Johnson 9, T. J. Lock 10, W. J. Arnold 11, B. C. Cornell 12.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Jennings, 2, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, Braintree. 6043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Note altered service and tea times. Nomination of officers. District tower captains' meeting will follow district meeting.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6061

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Leeds (10), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 6070

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Kettering, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. at Parish Church. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Burton Latimer bells available during the evening. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole. 6103

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston and Derby Districts.—Joint meeting, Long Eaton, Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. 6099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hitcham (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 6101

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, 4.30 to 7.30. 6096

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. 6097

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Ripple, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 6107

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Oatlands Park, Nov. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after at Church Hall. Nominations for district officers for 1950. Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 6095

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, Nov. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. V. Turner, 74, Forester Street, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 6109

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner, to be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3.45, and St. Giles' (8), 2 to 5. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from Mr. John Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Those interested in peal attempts, Friday evening or Saturday morning, please mention when applying for tickets.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6027

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Rettendon (6), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6085

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Cadoxton (6 bells), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—E. Stitch, District Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6100

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Leytonstone, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, own arrangements, 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 3rd, St. Mary's, Redcliffe. Usual arrangements. Tea, Community Centre. Bookings to M. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol. 6106

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 6149

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head, Mr. H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds 6. 6090

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Bishopstoke, Dec. 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 30th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 6118

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), Dec. 3rd, 3. Tea 5 at Elsum's.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6120

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Guild.—Annual meeting, Ruardean (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Notify by Nov. 30th.—J. O. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 6121

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting at Halesworth, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. 6098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Steeple Ashton (6), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6119

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 6.30 to 9.—B. C. Castle. 6122

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6112

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Dronfield on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6148

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Garston (8). Bells open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting, including election of officers, after tea. Names for tea must be sent before Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. J. Hooley, 36, Lyon Street, Garston, Liverpool 19.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 6146

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 in the Village Hall.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6113

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual, Barnwood (8), Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5.15 in Parish Reading Room. Numbers by Nov. 28th.—C. C. Larnier, Chedholm, Churchdown, Hugglescote, Gloucester. 6114

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (Nuneaton District) and the **LADIES' GUILD** (West Midland District).—Meeting at Nuneaton, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Bring own food and sugar. Cups of tea provided. Chilvers Cotton bells (10) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. J. Hinde, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6115

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Last meeting of 1949 at Clifton, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Tom Corcoran, Clifton, Nottingham, by Dec. 1st latest. 6117

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley (6), Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. For tea notify by Nov. 30th L. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6143

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Hurryworth (6), Dec. 3rd, 2.30. For tea please inform me by Nov. 30th.—J. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 6141

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Dec. 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cathedral (12) 6. Names for tea Nov. 30th.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 6139

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Shrivenham, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea Nov. 30th.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6135

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting, at West Huntspill, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 6133

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wraxall, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting 4.30.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6131

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, St. Wilfred's, Standish. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify by Dec. 1st Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish.—J. Burns. 6128

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Whitwick, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2. Tea 4. Tea 4.30 in School. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. R. Beniston, 4, North Street, Whitwick.—C. Hall. 6129

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Guild service 4.15. Tea and meeting following. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th to Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 6130

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6154

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Poplar, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 6153

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6151

HONITON, DEVON.—Dedication, St. Paul's bells, Thursday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Crediton. Tea 4. Names to C. Manley, New Street, Honiton. 6134

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Business 5.30. Notify early.—G. Stacey, Minehead. 6132

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Sherborne, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6111

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice at Berrington, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Purslow, Berrington, Shrewsbury. 6116

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. James Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, by Monday, Nov. 28th.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 6124

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A Guildford District meeting, together with **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District), at Worplesdon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 5th to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Pirbright. 6123

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting follow. Other towers open: Bradpole 2.30 to 4, Burton Bradstock, Loders and Chideock till 6.15. Names for tea by Dec. 2nd, please.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 6125

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Redhill (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Nominations for district officers for 1950. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, to Mr. Gear, Sandy Way. The Cutting, Redhill. 6126

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. A. Cook, Motor Engineer, High Street, King's Langley, by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6145

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Names for tea to me not later than Friday, Dec. 2nd, please.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6140

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 6th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne Kent. 6142

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 7th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 6137

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Dec. 10th, 2.30. Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 6155

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—30th anniversary. Annual meeting, Charlton Kings, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (names required by Dec. 5th).—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 6088

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wilton, Dec. 10th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Numbers for tea early. — A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6136

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Sixth annual dinner, Croydon, Jan. 4th, 1950. Details as circulated. Will members who fail to receive letter, and potential new members, write to secretary before Dec. 8th? — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6144

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY.—Next meeting, Sedgley, Jan. 7th.—C. H. Barker. 6147

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in December. The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1950. Further details later. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 6105

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