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CHURCHMANSHIP AND BELLRINGING

THE two things should go together, and generally in the villages and small market towns in the West Country they do. It is unusual to find that a ringer has no other office in his church, be it only a place on the Electoral Roll. Among the ranks of ringers are Churchwardens, Servers, Members of the Choir and Sidesmen. It is not uncommon to find that ringers spend at least four hours in church on Sundays in doing service and taking part in worship. That is probably because the Church forms a real part of village life, that there were schools where children were taught to know and love the Prayer Book, and Church and School were connected in the happiest way, so that recruitment to the band of ringers is not haphazard and only practising Church men and women find their way into the belfry, and rarely does a little girl have to enquire of her mother, as one once did, "Mummy, who are those men who come out of the little hole in the wall on Sundays?"

There is evidence, too, that the seasons of the Church are more closely observed by ringers. Footnotes to accounts of peals rarely are of the type, "Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the 14th daughter of the ringer of the 11th." More often do we find that bells are rung on the Patronal Festivals of the Church. In Somerset, it is an unwritten rule that no peals shall be attempted in Lent. The bells are rung on the Sundays as they should be and for necessary practice. Peals are rung generally for pleasure or to gratify some personal ambition, so that to abstain from peal attempts in Lent is a very good thing to mark one's Churchmanship in this way, so that the joyous bells of Eastertide are the more heeded. In Holy Week, the bells are in the main silent, although there are differences of opinion regarding this. Some maintain that the last day of Lent is Holy Saturday, and that the bells should go to sleep during Holy Week, and only wake up on Easter Sunday morning. Others claim that the day is Easter Eve, after a long period of preparation, and are inclined to anticipate the Festival. Ringers and clergy have their

own minds to make up about this. If they do this, and really think about the matter, there is no doubt that they will arrive at the right conclusion.

There is another side to the picture. Many ringers, usually first-class ones, ring at two and perhaps three different churches on Sundays. They feel that they have done their duty, especially if, as usual, their ringing is practically faultless. To get perfection, or to aim at it in service, is a laudable aim, but unless this service is coupled with worship, all the rhythm and beauty of the ringing is worthless in the true sense. To ring bells with a lordly air of condescension on Sundays and then to go away in search of other attractions is the very antithesis of Churchmanship.

When ropes need renewal, and bells require skilled attention, there is ready and willing co-operation from the Parochial Church Council in the effort to raise money where the ringers are Churchmen first and ringers second. There would be fewer unringed bells in derelict frames if the ringers of them had been more closely connected with the spiritual life of their parishes. Since the XVIIIth century the standard of ringing has advanced far. Would that the standard of Churchmanship had advanced commensurately among ringers. With the approach of Advent, is it not a suitable time to give these things our thoughts?
J. T. D.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 30, 1956, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
JOE E. G. ROAST 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS 8
JOHN R. SMITH 3	J. FRED MILNER 9
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	GEORGE SAYER 10
WILLIAM LOVE 5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT 11
F. CHARLES GOODMAN 6	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Charles Edward Borrett, a ringer at this tower for many years; Secretary of the Association 1903-1919.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM .. Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 7
JACK BRAY 2	DONOVAN R. WHITE .. 8
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 9
JOHN FREEMAN 4	GEOFFREY PAUL 10
DENIS A. FRITH 5	GEORGE E. FEIRN 11
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 6	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal on 12 bells and first in the method.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, D.D., as Bishop of Lincoln.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 7
FRANK E. DARBY 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 8
RICHARD E. PRICE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 4	ROGER O. FRY 10
JOHN S. MASON 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION 11
TERRY HAMPTON 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

CECIL W. PIPE Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 6
CLIFFORD R. LOVETT .. 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 7
DIANA M. PIPE 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
RODERICK W. PIPE 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY .. 5	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

Comprising 2,800 Yorkshire and 2,240 Cambridge, with 27 changes of method.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN F. J. PARR Treble	*GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	*A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. 7
MRS. DOROTHY E. BEAMISH 3	R. ROGER SAVORY 8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN 9
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

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

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Olive L. Rogers.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN Treble	ROBERT C. KIPPIN 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN 2	MAURICE J. BUTLER 7
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER 3	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 8
NELIA M. LEAHY 4	R. ROGER SAVORY 9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* 50th peal.

First peal of Warwickshire Surprise Royal in the county, by all the band, and for the Guild.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1956, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

E. CHARLES TURNER Treble	*VERNON GREEN 6
*ROLAND H. COOK 2	*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	*JOHN A. SMITH 8
ALFRED BALLARD 4	PHILIP A. CORBY 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON 5	HARRY CLAYTON Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung in honour of the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the Diocese of Leicester.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*JUNE CREAK Treble	NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH 6
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN .. 2	†DENNIS A. HEWITT .. 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 3	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK .. 8
†VERONICA E. DUPRE .. 4	JOHN H. LOTT 9
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal.

A birthday compliment to Harold W. Rogers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 20, 1956, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*DENIS NORRIS Treble	ROBERT BLOND 5
ALFRED GREENOUGH .. 2	*ERIC GRIFFITHS 6
FREDERICK SMITH 3	JACK BERRY 7
FRANK GODDEN 4	ERNEST GARRARD .. Tenor

Composed by ROBERT BLOND.

* First peal.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,240 of Cambridge, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR G. BASON Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	J. FRED MILNER 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	BERT GOGLE 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

In memoriam Frederick William Munnings.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CYRIL S. JARRETT Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 5
ARTHUR G. MASON 2	DENNIS BERESFORD .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLBY .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-part.		Tenor 21½ cwt.
DENNIS NORRIS Treble	ROBERT BLOND 5	
NEVILLE PAGE 2	FRANK GODDEN 6	
FREDERICK SMITH 3	ERNEST GARRARD 7	
ALFRED GREENOUGH 4	JACK BERRY Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

Rung to celebrate the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Wallingford on this day.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN L. SIMS Treble	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY 5
†EDWARD J. BRAGG 2	REX J. CORKE 6
HARRY POYNER 3	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON 7
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 4	E. JOHN WELLS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

Rung as a farewell to Dugald M. Macpherson, who is joining H.M. Forces.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 16 cwt.
JOHN C. S. BENSON Treble	RONALD C. BURNS 5	
JENNIFER HIGHLEY 2	TERENCE BARTON 6	
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT 7	
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL .. . 4	*ROBERT BURNS Tenor	

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal. Conductor's 50th peal of Triples.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also as birthday compliments to the ringer of the fifth and Peter F. Borer.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 7 cwt. 99 lb. in A flat.
NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER 5	
*WILLIAM LOVE 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN 6	
JOHN R. SMITH 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7	
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Nov. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN A. ANDERSON Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSER 5
ANN BARR 2	†PAUL J. RIGBY 6
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT .. . 3	†PETER MORTON 7
JOAN BERESFORD 4	EDMUND MALIN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.		Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.
*E. KEITH JORDAN Treble	RUSSELL H. R. PARKER 5	
S. KATHEEN M. KNIGHT .. . 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6	
†MARION J. PARKER 3	ROBIN G. LEALE 7	
†BETTY J. DAISH 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt., approx.

ALAN R. PINK Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
CHARLES COLES 3	*EDGAR J. SMITH 7
MARIE R. CROSS 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in connection with the enthronement this day at Lincoln Cathedral of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, formerly Bishop of Dorchester, and a Vice-President of the Guild.

KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
*JOHN A. ACRES 4	JOHN M. JELLEY Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 7, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,240 changes of Cambridge, 1,536 of Yorkshire and 1,408 of Superlative; 136 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

STANLEY W. COPLING .. Treble	GEORGE P. ADAMS 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. . 4	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in three Spliced Surprise by all, on the bells, and by a resident band for the Association.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	H. GEORGE HART 5
ELSIE K. HART 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. . 3	PETER D. BEEDIE 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association. This is the 100th different Surprise Major method rung for this Association.



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WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 8, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEOFFREY HAIRS Treble	JOHN JELLEY 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. .. 2	BARNADAS G. KEY 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 4	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Composed by G. RONALD EDWARDS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Rung to mark the birth of a son (Paul) to the conductor.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD W. REX Treble	S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT.. 5
ROBERT C. KIPPIN 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3	ROGER BALDWIN 7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER 4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
First peal of Braunstone by all and for the Guild.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 2,880 Cambridge, 1,536 Superlative and 672 Yorkshire, with 135 changes of method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT Treble	*IAN M. HOLLAND 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
*H. DAVID HOLLAND 3	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN .. 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

FARINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*ROBIN N. PITTMAN Treble	COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 5
†PETER R. SANDERS 2	ROBIN A. HODGSON 6
DONALD H. NIBLETT 3	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER 4	STEPHEN IVIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal on eight bells † First peal of Yorkshire.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROGER J. FOX Treble	WALTER H. POOLE 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 6
HARRY G. KEELEY 3	JOSEPH T. BARRETT 7
RAYMOND P. SELWAY 4	WILLIAM E. TURNER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 10, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5152 HOCKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	FRANK H. HICKS 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COLEBROOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 17 cwt.	
RONALD PITMAN Treble	ERNEST W. ROWE 4
L. KENNETH DAWE 2	JOHN QUICK 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	A. COURTNEY THORNE .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

First peal in the method of Doubles by all the band

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY .. Treble	GEORGE SAYER 4
*P. CATTERMOLE 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
CHARLES H. MOORE .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (ten different callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F. HAROLD STEVENSON .. Treble F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 4

FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. 2 W. NEVILLE BROWN 5

CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 3 CHARLES J. COPP Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

In memoriam Clement Glenn (October 23rd, 1955). A personal tribute by the conductor, with whom he rang in 50 peals.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double Court, College Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD.. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 4
GEORGE SAYER 2	J. FRED MILNER 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	NORMAN V. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WADDESDON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MICHAEL D. FROST .. Treble	DONALD G. WHEELER .. 4
MRS. JOYCE DODDS .. 2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5
†GERALD PENNEY 3	ROY WOODRUFF Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods and of Minor on tower bells. The first peal on the bells since 1902 and first of Minor on the bells.

Rung as birthday compliments to M. D. Frost and G. Dodds.

STOKE CANNON, DEVONSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (eight callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY SKINNER Treble	JOHN CARTER 4
CYRIL DEEM 2	JOHN QUICK 5
L. KENNETH DAWE .. 3	Cecil PARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and in the county.

In memoriam Mr. E. J. Taylor, Hon. Secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of (1) Kentish and Oswald Delight, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Colledge and St. Clement's, (4) Double Oxford and Hereward Bob, (5) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (6) Double Court, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

ROSEMARY E. GOWER .. Treble	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 4
LAURENCE T. POPE .. 2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON .. 5
JOHN R. COOPER .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal in 12 methods by all of the band.

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. G. Williams, M.A., who was inducted and instituted Rector of the parish on October 27th.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1), (2), (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob and Double Bob Spliced. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the Diocese.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal, and first local ringer to ring a peal.

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire, and 2,640 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*HARRY KING .. Treble	*ERNEST BISHOP .. 3
*LESLIE PIERCE .. 2	†LEONARD SHARPE .. 4
†KENNETH G. BROWN .. Tenor	

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal together.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. M. P. Sargent, B.A.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

Rung to celebrate the end of East Harling Church Week. A death in the parish prevented the attempt taking place at East Harling.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal. † 25th peal together.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. Treble	FRED TERRY .. 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	IRVIN SLACK .. 5
J. MARTIN THORLEY .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. BRUNT .. 4
EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE .. 2	ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 5
BERNARD W. FAIRHEAD .. 3	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. Tenor

Conducted by ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK.

PURTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb.

*BARBARA KAY .. Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 4
ANTHONY R. PEAKE .. 2	ERIC SUTTON .. 5
CYRIL R. SHAILES .. 3	VICTOR GRIFFIN .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal.

A welcome home to Victor Griffin on his return from the R.A.F.

ULVERSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN C. FORD .. Treble	*JOHN BAGNALL .. 4
*CLIFFORD H. FORD .. 2	ALAN CAPSTICK .. 5
*FRANK RAYMENT .. 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. Tenor

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of Canon and Mrs. Rimmer coming to the parish, and for the birth of a son on October 27th to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ford

WIDFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 3, 1956, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. ALDRIDGE Treble	JOHN WELCH .. 4
FRANCES M. WELCH .. 2	NATHAN PATMORE .. 5
ERIC EDMONDSON .. 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.

A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY .. 1-2	JACK BRAY .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN .. 3-4	*C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15.

DENNIS L. HALL .. 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN .. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT .. 3-4	EDWIN BARNETT .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

QUARTER PEALS

ARDELEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Frost 1, D. C. Wellington 2, S. Huckle 3, Mrs. J. Dodds 4, G. Dodds 5, G. Penney (first as cond.) 6. Rung within the octave of the Feast of All Saints.

ASHBRITLLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Manning 1, J. Smith 2, H. Bristow 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Miss F. Norman (cond.) 5, B. Manning 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. S. Bristow, captain of the local band, and Mrs. Bristow.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Clark 1, P. Newland (cond.) 2, G. Case 3, G. Green 4, Rev. J. R. C. Laughton 5, C. Hodges 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. E. Long, one-time churchwarden of this church.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. A. Marshall 1, Miss V. I. Relf (first of Minor) 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. C. Marshall 4, J. R. Cooper 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. A first birthday compliment to Michael C. Marshall.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (half-muffled): R. Hinton 1, C. Massingham 2, Betty M. Mansfield (first as cond.) 3, C. W. Rigby 4, A. H. Hinton 5.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. J. Seabrook 2, S. J. Twichett (cond.) 3, W. A. Perry 4, F. Kemp 5, S. G. Honeyball 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Gr. William Doe, aged 19, killed on active service in Cyprus.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 660 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): W. King 1, Mrs. P. S. Cracknell 2, A. J. Ede 3, D. Attwater 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, R. Kearns 6. First in three methods for 2 and 5. For Matins on Remembrance Sunday.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. Bailey 1, L. L. Willis 2, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, E. H. Hill 5, H. Walker 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. G. King 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey (first of Stedman as cond.) 2, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 3, L. R. G. Taylor 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, Miss M. L. Hamilton 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except 2 and 5. Rung within the octave of All Saints (patronal festival).

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Bond 1, H. E. Audsley 2, H. Hovord 3, D. L. Hall 4, W. J. Lemon 5, G. Huckstep 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, P. J. Daw 8. For Remembrance Day.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: P. G. Humphries 1, E. W. Razzell 2, G. F. Cartwright (first on 10 'inside') 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, Pamela M. Humphries 5, G. H. Humphries 6, R. G. Abbott 7, N. G. Steere 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, W. F. Oatway 10.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pankhurst (first attempt, aged 13) 1, J. W. Rollison 2, W. J. Hayes (first 'inside') 3, Kathleen M. Yeo 4, H. G. Reynolds 5, L. J. Baldock 6, R. W. Pankhurst (cond.) 7, E. T. Baldock 8. A 15th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pankhurst, and a welcome home from H.M. Forces to Messrs. E. T. and L. J. Baldock.

EBBW VALE, GLAM.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Stephens 1, Miss B. Evans 2, Miss B. Stephens (first 'inside') 3, Miss A. Evans (first 'inside') 4, Miss A. Stephens 5, D. Bruten 6, J. Altop (cond.) 7, J. Jaynes 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Redwood 1, R. N. Marlow 2, Joan Gray 3, R. Hoare 4, Barbara Hiscock 5, W. C. Shute 6, L. F. Cobb (first as cond.) 7, E. Turner 8.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Whiting 1, O. Payne 2, W. Martin 3, W. Wilby 4, C. Underwood 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, D. Deighton 7, H. Pentelow (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong.

HARROW, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret C. Howe 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Shirley H. Dorey (first of Triples) 3, R. E. Waters 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. E. Slade 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, B. W. Cuntley 8. For the wedding of Miss Joan Swetman at Washington, D.C.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Queen (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Miss A. Carpenter (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Goode 4, Miss E. Pearson 5, Mrs. F. Bowden 6, H. Gauntlett 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

HESTON, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Webb 1, B. A. Rose 2, P. Golding 3, C. J. Newnes 4, J. Barbrook 5, G. E. Ruck 6, P. Bettridge (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Sansom, mother of a member of the band.

HOLLOWAY, N.—At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, R. Newman 4, W. D. Prockson 5, A. W. Butler 6, A. Turner (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. For Confirmation service.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, O. Griffin 2, A. Hodge 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Gomer 6. First quarter for Mr. G. Gomer for 24 years.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Johnson 1, H. Perry 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, R. Hartland 4, H. Gaylard 5, G. Hartland 6, T. Locke (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. First quarter on the newly rung bells. Also a farewell to Mr. and Miss Taylor.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. T. Mannerling (first of Stedman) 1, F. Lecson 2, W. R. Manser 3, W. T. Grice 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, G. F. Cantrill 7, B. F. Baker 8, L. Mannerling 9, H. Smith 10.

MANCETER, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. Wilson 1, S. Perry (first quarter) 2, R. Nutt 3, J. B. Webb 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Brett 1, Mrs S. Brett (first quarter) 2, G. Avis 3, J. Pell 4, R. Bennett 5, A. Hart (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. E. Hayward after induction as Rector.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Ellison (first quarter) 1, J. Mawdesley (sen.) 2, P. Millward 3, A.C.2 K. Edwards 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, E. Flint 6. For Remembrance Day.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Ann E. Lewin 1, J. Elizabeth U. Exwood (first quarter 'inside') 2, Margaret E. L. Beamish 3, Mary Vallender 4, Ruth A. Carey (first as cond. in two methods) 5, Isobel Inman 6. First in two Doubles methods for all except the conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Vallender. First quarter for the Southampton University Guild by a ladies' band.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Brown (first quarter) 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 2, Miss G. Neal Smith 3, W. A. Lewis 4, M. Hill Brown 5, Dr. R. E. Price 6, D. Hill Brown 7, J. Thorpe 8. For the baptism this day of David Charles Neal, son of the conductor and brother of the ringer of the third.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 21st, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Pullin (first quarter) 1, A. R. Tysoe 2, H. V. Frost 3, B. C. Johnson 4, F. J. Spicer 5, A. E. Ewer 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, G. W. Debenham 8. The band wish this quarter to be associated with the wedding of W. J. Southam, of St. Peter's, and Miss A. E. Salter, of North Mimms, which took place at such short notice due to W. J. Southam's recall to the Army that no special ringing arrangements were possible.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwenda A. Miles 1, J. W. Carter 2, Myrtle A. Cass 3, Mary Merrett 4, E. Gardner (cond.) 5, C. S. Goodburn 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hayward 1, C. Dale 2, T. Warner 3, R. Cann 4, J. Bragg 5, C. W. Bragg 6, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 7, V. W. Rigg 8. Rung with bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss P. Rowe 1, Miss J. Secker 2, Miss F. Secker (first as cond.) 3, M. Rowe 4, W. Theobald 5, E. J. Rowe 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam a prominent resident. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: Miss J. Secker (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss J. Turner 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, M. Rowe 6.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Underwood (first quarter) 1, M. Vernon 2, N. L. Walker 3, C. R. Hayward 4, G. Ball 5, J. H. Bailless 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Vernon 8. Rung after Evensong on the occasion of the Wakes and harvest festival.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. S. Girling 1, L. G. Foster 2, R. E. Lester 3, C. Snowden 4, W. B. Duncan 5, F. Sterry 6, A. G. Fever 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. For Matins. Also 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. E. Lester 1, C. Snowden 2, A. E. Lester (first in method) 3, L. Melton (first of Major) 4, W. B. Duncan 5, O. G. Barnard 6, A. G. Fever 7, K. G. Brown (first in method as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: A. J. Print 1, W. H. Male 2, G. Inrum 3, R. C. Chapman 4, V. B. Hunt 5, F. C. Lyne (cond.) 6, H. Huxley 7, J. L. Findon 8, C. R. Steed 9, E. Smith 10. For Remembrance Sunday.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Oct. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Talbot 1, I. Oram 2, J. Cook 3, G. Parsons 4, J. Enston (cond.) 5, M. Oakshott 6, R. Bird 7, R. Sanders 8.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bridges 1, A. H. Bridges 2, W. W. Cousins (cond.) 3, E. Bunting 4, P. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stone 1, R. Lindars 2, A. Peasley 3, W. Elles 4, W. Gibbard (cond.) 5, T. Lay 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Barron 1, J. Thorpe 2, W. A. Lewis 3, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 4, Dr. A. J. Muir 5, M. Hill Brown 6, Gillian Neal Smith 7, Dr. R. E. Price 8. The second of two quarters rung on the day of the baptism of David Charles Neal, son of the conductor and brother of the ringer of the 7th.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): G. Cozens (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, W. F. Jarvis 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. W. Gray 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, C. F. Neal 7. For the festival of All Saints. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Highley 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. W. Gray (first of Triples 'inside') 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Lumsden 1, H. Rumens 2, F. C. Maynard 3, E. E. Holman 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, D. Hewitt 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate 70 years of service from choirboy to churchwarden of Mr. W. H. Phillips at this church.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, Mrs. A. North 2, D. H. North 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, C. Webber (first of Triples 'inside') 6, G. Gammon 7, C. E. Baker (first on eight) 8. For Evensong and the visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells to dedicate new church doors.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jacobs 1, G. Goodman 2, J. Tomsett 3, Susan Jacobs 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, A. Brunton 6, M. Moreton 7, F. Corfield 8. For Remembrance Day.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Coggins (first of Triples) 1, L. T. Olliffe 2, Lottie Pim 3, E. Hill (first of Triples as cond.) 4, B. J. Coggins 5, D. J. Smith 6, A. Cornish 7, P. Powell 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, D.D., as Bishop of Lincoln in Lincoln Minster on this day.

THE LADIES' GUILD**Kent Branch**

At their meeting at Sittingbourne on November 3rd, the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild were honoured by the presence of the new president of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Lock. There was a good attendance and the ladies received abundant support from the gentlemen. It was refreshing and pleasing to see so many young people taking part in ringing enthusiastically.

The gentlemen served tea and did the washing up afterwards while the business was taking place. Three ringing members and one honorary member were elected, and Mrs. Lock spoke of the meeting at Worcester. The vote of thanks was to the Vicar, the organist, and all responsible for the tea, which everyone enjoyed. It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Sevenoaks. P. J. B.

SUDBURY DISTRICT SUPPER

The Sudbury District of the Suffolk Guild held a supper and social at Lavenham on Oct. 27th. Ringing took place previously at Lavenham Church, and a quarter peal was rung at Cavendish during the afternoon. There was also an unsuccessful peal attempt at Preston.

Speeches were restricted to one from the Master, Mr. S. J. Twitchett, who welcomed everyone, especially the many visitors from towers outside the district; and later, a vote of thanks from the secretary, Miss R. J. Seabrook, to the ladies (mainly the wives of the Lavenham ringers) who had prepared and served the excellent supper, to the Rector and other helpers, and to the Lavenham ringers.

Entertainment included songs and violin solos by local artistes, four-in-hand tune ringing by Mr. Stedman Symonds and his band, games, dancing and community singing.

Fifty Years Ago at Lichfield Cathedral

The first peal of Royal on the bells of Lichfield Cathedral was rung on November 24th, 1906, in 3 hours and 20 minutes for the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. It was a peal of 5,000 Kent T.B. Royal to a composition by John Carter, conducted by Albert Walker.

The ringers were: Thomas H. Reeves (first of Royal) treble, Albert Walker 2, Charles Dicken 3, John Neal 4, Horace F. Street 5, A. Paddon Smith 6, Samuel Grove 7, Frederick J. Cope (first of Royal) 8, James E. Groves 9, Arthur E. Pegler, tenor.

A LINK WITH THE U.S.A.

The quarter peal at St. Mary's, Harrow, Middlesex, on November 10th, was rung to honour the wedding of Miss Joan Swetnam to Mr. Moody, which took place at Washington, D.C., U.S.A., the ringing being time to synchronise with the ceremony taking place across the Atlantic.

Although a non-ringer, Miss Swetnam, who took up a nursing post in Washington about two years ago, is an old friend of the local ringers, who wish her every happiness in her future life. They also wish to extend their cordial thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, of All Saints, Harrow Weald, and to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, who made up the band at short notice and without whom the ringing could not have taken place. C. E. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**At Great Amwell**

Into the tiny belfry at Great Amwell Church some 30 Eastern District members and others squeezed for ringing on November 10th.

The pleasant ring of six bells was enjoyed by all and full use was made of it by visitors and the steadily progressing resident band.

After a service and tea, the business meeting was held, at which the Rector presided. A number of new ringing members were elected and the District secretary read a letter from Mr. G. Blake regarding a future joint meeting with his N.W. Essex District. It was agreed to accept this invitation to a joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford on December 8th.

After the meeting ringing recommenced, and methods rung included Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. Cooke, Ringing Master, and all others at Great Amwell who made this meeting possible, and, more important, successful. C. E. H.

At Codicote

The Northern District met at Codicote on October 27th. A successful meeting was held in spite of poor weather, and the ringing was good. Members were reminded of the annual District meeting at Hitchin in January, when the president is to be elected; the next ordinary meeting was fixed for Stevenage on November 24th. J. S.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 28th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. N. Pittman 1, F. A. Pickard (first of Minor) 2, Miss A. J. Bagnall (first of Minor) 3, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 4, D. R. Stoddard 5, C. J. D. Taylor 6.

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Four one-armed ringers rang in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at Newbury, Berks, on November 4th. Messrs. J. W. Faithfull 1, H. Balaam 2, G. Pullinger 3, each lost an arm in the 1914-18 war and R. W. Rex 4 in a recent accident. Others in the band were Miss P. Gaunt 5, E. Murphy 6, G. Wiggins 7, H. Lawrence 8, P. A. Reed 9, H. P. Reed (cond.) 10. Probably this is the first time there has been such a quarter peal.

Dr. W. J. Neal Smith, of 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, Middlesex, would be grateful if any ringer has a copy of 'The Ringing World' for July 2nd, 1948 (No. 1,943) to spare.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Aston Parish Church on November 10th was Dr. R. E. Price's 100th tower for a peal. These have been rung in 24 counties.

The ringer of the third in the peal at Farnworth on October 13th (see page 722) was Alan Sharples and not Philip Hudson. Our correspondent sends his apologies.

We are pleased to learn that the Hitchin, Herts, band have been re-formed and are getting on quite well. They would welcome visitors on practice nights and Sundays.

Correction.—The peal rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on October 25th (see page 722) was Double Oxford Bob Major and not Double Norwich Court Bob Major as printed.

Mr. B. W. Willgress, of Acle, Norfolk, now with the R.A.F. at Henlow, Beds, wishes to thank and send kind regards to all North Somerset ringers for their kindness to him during his nine months' stay at Locking.

Mr. A. W. Searle, a vice-president and the oldest member of the Guild of Devonshire ringers, was prevented by chronic arthritis from attending the funeral of Mr. E. J. Taylor at Tiverton.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris has returned from his first visit to Wales where he lectured to the Creuddyn Society at Llandudno on 'Bells of All Nations.' His talk was featured in 'The North Wales Weekly News.' In Holy Trinity belfry, Llandudno, he had the pleasure of meeting on October 24th many North Wales ringers. 'They did me grand,' writes Ernest.

Ringling has been stopped for the time being at Pirton, Herts, where the tower is being repaired.

The August issue of 'The Musical Times' contained an article entitled 'Bells,' written by Mr. Trevor Holloway, dealing with the origin of bells, a brief history, the method of casting and a brief explanation of change-ringing.

Peals for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches, formerly Bishop of Dorchester, as Bishop of Lincoln, were rung at Dorchester Abbey (Lincolnshire Surprise) and at Lincoln Cathedral (Stedman Cinques).

Waddesdon, Bucks, where the first peal has been rung since 1902, has a ring of six steel bells. The bells were rehung about 1951 by R. White and Son, of Appleton. The 'go' is reported as excellent, and the tone compares not unfavourably with orthodox bells.

For veterans among Sunday service ringers Streatham is particularly fortunate with F. Sinkins (92), R. Sanders (82), J. Hawkins (77) and J. Chapman (72). F. Sinkins and J. Hawkins have been 'good companions' in quarter peals since their first together 58 years ago.

David Vincent (Dee 'Cee' Vec), of 6, Stanway Drive, Hale, Cheshire, is being installed Master of his Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Sale, near Manchester, on Saturday, December 8th, in the afternoon. A welcome is extended to ringing brethren. An early reply will be helpful and appreciated. Tel. Altrincham 2333.

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ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY DINES WITH KENT RINGERS

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELFRY

At last the great day, October 27th, arrived, and in full October splendour the ringers of Kent converged on the ancient city of Rochester. During the afternoon the bells of St. Mary's, Chatham, rang out merrily, to be followed after tea by the stately music of the Cathedral bells. By 6.30 p.m. a large company, including the Dean, had forgathered in the Cathedral. Came the message: 'The Archbishop's car is here,' and in a moment their president, His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, was being welcomed. Introductions over—and how friendly they were—all crossed from the precincts to the Corn Exchange, where everyone was introduced to the Archbishop before taking their place at table.

It was a large company of over 160. Seating was according to district, and several 'family' parties included a coachload from the Ashford district and three large groups from the Lewisham district. The Archbishop presided, supported at the high table by vice-presidents John Willis and G. H. Spice (on either side), the Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Chavasse, the Dean of Rochester and Mrs. Crick, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, our special guest, and her son Mr. F. A. Mitchell, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. May, Mr. M. S. Lancefield, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Miss Jean Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Luck, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Waters and Mr. D. Chatfield.

Before saying grace, the Archbishop was presented with an Association badge to wear as a sign of office. After a splendid meal, His Grace proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen. So began a full and varied and quickly-passing three hours, with greetings by telegram from the Leicester Diocesan Guild, who were also at dinner.

A beautifully-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells preceded the speeches and delighted everybody, especially the distinguished president and guests. The ringers were Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, E. J. Ladd, T. E. Sone and A. Waddington.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. Geoffrey Waters (Ashford District), who said that while their churches faced many difficulties today there was a spiritual awakening—small groups working together for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. One focus was Lee Abbey, in Devon, where thousands of Christian folk had experienced not only a wonderful holiday but wonderful fellowship too, a fellowship which could be found in the great bond between ringers.

THE ANGELS OF THE BELLS

In response, the Lord Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Christopher Chavasse) recalled his chairmanship of the Archbishops' Commission on Evangelism which had produced the report 'Towards the Conversion of England,' in which was recommended the need for modern advertising methods. By its bells the Church had always advertised the Gospel of Christ, and it was difficult to dissociate church and bells, bells making a deeper impression on people's minds and souls than is often realised.

The Bishop continued: 'I think not so much of the bells but of the angels of the bells; and for such angel voices you must have persons; synthetic bells will not do. Likewise the Gospel can never be a synthetic thing either, but has to be proclaimed by human messengers. So church and bells together speak to many hearts, and the Church was never more on tip-toe than at the present time.'

'This enthusiasm,' said the Bishop, 'was reflected too in the activities of you ringers, in the highly organised life of your Association, as evi-

denced in your printed report and in your craftsmanship, which is also expressed in the beautifully-printed menu card—not the product of a commercial house but the work of one of your members, Mr. Waddington, of Egerton, who is a teacher by profession and a printer at home. Will you ring on,' concluded Dr. Chavasse, 'encouraging us all, sounding the alarm and the summons to go forward.'

Mr. F. M. MITCHELL'S SERVICES

There was a touch of sadness when Mr. G. H. Spice (Rochester District) rose to introduce the intended special guests in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, for Mr. Mitchell was not well enough to be present. The previous week Mr. Mitchell had reached his 78th birthday and only a few months back was compelled to hand over the reins of the office of treasurer. Mr. Spice recalled the opening words of one of Mr. Mitchell's reports: 'Time marches on,' familiar but very true. Fred, as he was known to rather older ringers, became a district representative soon after joining the Association, and later took over the duties as secretary for the Rochester District. Time marched on with Fred's zeal and interest becoming still keener, so much so that when Canon Helmore gave up the office of general secretary the man unanimously elected to take over was Mr. Mitchell. These duties he discharged with distinction for 17 years, duties which since the war have been shared out by the creation of the offices of treasurer and peal secretary. Mr. Mitchell had also held the coveted office of Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mrs. Mitchell, too, had also been an acquisition to the Association, not only by the tremendous amount of work in the back room assisting Mr. Mitchell, but also helping others in the ringing chamber, particularly the ladies and younger ringers. She was now a most active vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

Milton-next-Gravesend had been their church and tower for very many years, and Mr. Spice asked the Archbishop to present to Mrs. Mitchell a framed and inscribed photograph of their parish church, the words of the inscription being:—

'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell by the members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers in token of their affection, 27th October, 1956.'

Mrs. Mitchell, deeply touched, spoke quiet words of appreciation for both Mr. Mitchell and herself.

The Archbishop, in proposing the toast of 'The Kent County Association,' prefaced his remarks with a reference to the 'unruly' Bishop of Rochester, who had said almost all there was to say about bells and ringers. He had come. His Grace went on, not only because he was president but, as the dinner was in Rochester, to keep the flag of Canterbury flying. The last badge he had been presented with was in September at the Trades Unions' Congress.

PEACEFUL CONCENTRATION OF RINGING

His Grace continued: 'I count ringers and ringing as among those things which have so often excited my imagination and stirred my heart. My earliest longing was to be an engine driver, but now it is too late, not because I am too old but because diesels are ousting the steam locomotives—and who wants to drive a diesel! My next longing was to be a bank clerk, because in my youth I remember one shovelling golden sovereigns. Alas, there are no more sovereigns and so I am now too late for that. With ringing, I watch and admire without a notion of how you do it. I read your

report until page 53, when a lot of hieroglyphics reminded me of the football pools (which come delivered to Mr. Fisher at the Old Palace, Canterbury). This I do know, that for entirely peaceful concentration and gift of anticipation watch a bellringer.'

The Archbishop voiced a prayer for bell-ringers—that they have a vicar who is interested and sees to it that his ringers do their job well. 'I like bellringers myself,' he said, '—though not everybody does—and have always lived near bells, in village, at Repton, and now at Lambeth. I always want to get up into the belfry, and do so if not snatched off by a thoughtless vicar. The fellowship of the belfry means a lot to me; a sense of tremendous keenness, and a lovely thing, with some there very old, some very young, and a few intermediate as well!

In Australia and New Zealand, where folk travel many hundreds of miles to see a live Archbishop, two impressions strike one forcibly: one, the absence of choirboys—who are a confounded nuisance but who justify themselves in spite of it all—and the absence of towers and rings of bells. Home is with our singing and our ringing, lovely things of England. For ringing is a peculiarly English art, with all the glories of England about it: honest, straight, rather assertive, with all the quiet skill which goes with everything English; a part of the great tradition of the parish church, with the choir at one end and the bells at the other, each making its own noise.'

The whole company warmed to these words of their president, and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (Maidstone District), general secretary of the K.C.A., answered for them in his response to the toast, saying that he would like to forget his own speech and talk about a few of the things the Archbishop had said. One thing he must do was to pay tribute to the efforts of ringers 'down under', to keep what bells they had ringing. In 'The Ringing World' that very week were published details of a peal rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, for the St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Society by ringers who at one time or other had rung in Melbourne, Australia. 'The Ringing Towers' was the Australian monthly ringers' paper, which was read and contributed to by a number of English ringers who appreciate the noble work of their fellows in Australia and New Zealand.

LOOKING FORWARD

Dr. Hatcher recalled that this was only the second time ever that the Association had enjoyed the privilege of sharing the same table with their Archbishop president, the other being in 1930 when the golden jubilee of the Association was celebrated. It was not only a great day for the K.C.A. but for ringers everywhere. Last year they celebrated their 75th birthday and had looked back; this year they were looking forward. There seemed to be two main tasks facing them—the provision of ringers, and the provision of bells for them to ring.

In providing ringers there was first of all recruitment. The attraction of the ringing chamber was a strong as ever, but today they had to compete with many other attractions, with the consequent danger of dissipated interest, a risk which could be best countered by the proper balance between ringing as a joyful pleasure and ringing as a responsibility, duty and service. Then with the decline in church attendance in the present century, and the contracting potential of church-going families, the present position was a challenge to bring young people back into the life of the church, using the ringing chamber as one effective means of doing this.

Recruits had to be trained, and here continued the pre-eminent task of the Association accomplished in a variety of ways. Since the war

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K.C.A. DINNER—Cont.

there had been a rapid development of ringing in the universities, with individual universities linked through the Universities' Association. This movement among the younger generation had now spread to the schools, and they were watching with interest and pleasure the development of school societies in Kent.

'STANDARDS OF RINGING'

For training there must be instructors; and recognising the difficulties of teaching a band from the outside, it was encouraging to see the interchange of help between towers in combined practices. Good instruction there had always been, and bad, but in the past there had been no ready means of comparison, no recognised standards of achievement. The discerning eye was now witnessing the beginnings of a movement which within a few years would establish standards of training and enable the influence of good instruction to spread on a scale not hitherto possible.

The second issue, the provision of bells for ringers to ring, was more than the preservation from decay of existing bells, continued Dr. Hatcher, though this was not unimportant. There was, for instance, the parish church of Maidstone, the county town, a glorious church with excellent traditions of worship and singing, but a ring of bells quite unworthy, cast when the bellfounders' art was at a low ebb. It was the dear hope of Kent ringers that soon this would be remedied, and when this moment came it was hoped that the Archbishop would bring his influence to bear.

BELLS AND NEW CHURCHES

'But what reveals most forcibly our real attitude to bells is the challenge of the new churches. Are these to have bells? The Diocese of Rochester has an enormous task, and the Bishop is to be commended for the tremendous programme of new church building. Yet there are few signs that towers and bells will eventually come. If all that has been said tonight is true, bells are not a luxury, and in the 20th century we should build to the glory of God. The cost of bells is not particularly low, neither is it particularly high compared with the whole cost.

'So,' concluded Dr. Hatcher, 'the Association must continue not only to recruit and train ringers but do all in its power to ensure that the bells will always be there for them to ring, in the older parish churches and in the new.'

YOUTH'S TRIBUTE

Miss Barbara Brooks (Tonbridge District), speaking for her own generation (as well as the ladies, and the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society), proposed the health of the 50-year members, which she did most charmingly, saying that younger ringers did not fully realise the difficulties the older members had to face in their early ringing years, and acknowledging the great help they gave to the young ringers of today. The spray of roses presented to Barbara was well deserved.

In response, Mr. E. Barnett (Lewisham District) recalled the debt owed to the founders of the Association, and the great foresight of Sir Arthur Heywood in founding the Central Council and binding all associations and guilds together into one cohesive body. Mr. Barnett also



The Archbishop of York at Snowdon Dinner. — A happy picture taken at the Snowdon dinner at York on October 20th.

Seated, front row (left to right): The Ven. C. O. Ellison (president of the Yorkshire Association), His Grace the Archbishop of York (Dr. A. M. Ramsay), Canon T. H. Tardrew (Precentor of York Minster).

Standing: Mr. L. W. G. Morris (general secretary, Yorkshire Association), the Rev. D. Oxy Parker (Vicar of Acomb), Mr. J. Frank Smallwood (chairman, 'The Ringing World' Committee), Mr. G. Benfield (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association), Mr. H. Walker (president, York Minster Society), the Rev. A. J. McMullen (chaplain, York Minster Society).

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commented on the much happier relations which now existed between clergy and their ringers.

The final toast, 'The Fellowship of the Belfry,' was proposed by Mr. B. J. Luck (Canterbury District), linking together several distinct thoughts about the fellowship of the belfry. The speaker introduced the Exercise at large and also the kindred societies, especially Kent's neighbours, the Essex Association, the London County, the Middlesex, the Surrey, the Sussex, the East Grinstead Guild, the Hawkhurst and District, and recalling the once active and delightful Romney Marsh Guild. Running through all was the Ladies' Guild—God bless the ladies! Thirdly, 'The Ringing World,' spelling Friday, the one day of the week when he let his dinner get cold to see how much the Editor had slashed—truly the main artery of the Exercise. Finally were remembered absent friends, those who were ill, those on National Service, and those who had passed to higher service.

On this note the company rose and sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' so bringing to a close a truly wonderful evening. The one regret is that Mr. Mitchell could not be there.

During the evening songs were sung by Cyril Jarrett (accompanied by John Cooper) and there was also tune ringing on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Luck and Mr. and Mrs. R. French.

E. S. J. H.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION**Monmouth Branch**

The Monmouth Branch quarterly meeting was held at Marshfield on November 10th. Although only 40 ringers attended, the gathering proved most enjoyable, and was certainly an encouragement to the young band recently formed at Marshfield by Mr. Donald Clarke. The Master, Mr. J. Alsop, arranged the ringing, and the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. L. Jones, joined in touches of Grandire.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who extended a very warm welcome to the Branch. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Vicar of Llanarth, read the lesson.

A bountiful tea awaited the members in the Church Hall, prepared by Mrs. R. E. L. Jones and her helpers. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards sincerely thanked these ladies for what he described as 'an old-fashioned ringers' tea.'

The Rev. R. E. L. Jones took the chair for the business meeting, and six new members were elected from Marshfield and one from Peterstone. Caerleon was chosen as the place of the next meeting, with Monmouth as an alternative.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSIGNIA OF PROFICIENCY

Dear Sir,—I write to enquire whether any of your readers have evolved any system of marking proficiency in the various stages of learning to ring? I had in mind a small metal bell badge or brooch of good design.

One bronze bell might mark the stage of ringing any bell in Rounds: all this will imply that the learner can raise a bell, manage it, good striking, time and lowering.

Two bronze bells might mark the ringing of Bob Doubles and Minimus, Grandsire and Stedman.

Three bronze bells, some further achievement. The gaining of three would qualify a learner for a silver bell.

One gold bell, only for the Masters in the Exercise.

The gaining of the first bronze bell seems to take about six months, and it will act as an encouragement to learners, particularly young people.

If the granting of each award is in the hands of the Ringing Masters of Districts, the possession of such badge could act as a passport to all the towers in the country.

It is with some satisfaction that I can now report that three adults and eight youngsters have reached Rounds and simple changes after seven months, and we have a further five adults starting their initial instruction at Stoke D'Abernon.

No celluloid button, please!—Yours faithfully,
NORMAN CHAMPNESS.
St. Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey.

200th ANNIVERSARY OF CASTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—On August 21st we rang a peal at Caston to commemorate what we thought was the 200th anniversary of the hanging of the bells in our tower. Unfortunately, in the absence of churchwardens' accounts, we relied on the date of the treble, 1756, which was added to the five back bells that came from West Harling—the tower there was unable to support the weight—and on references in L'Estrange's 'Church Bells of Norfolk.'

However, we are indebted to Mr. Golden, of Norwich, for finding in 'The Norwich Mercury' for March 5th, 1757, a notice from the landlord of the Red Lion at 'Easton, near Walton,' but without doubt 'Caston, near Watton,' to the effect that: 'Thursday he 10th inst. is the day appointed to open the peal of six bells.' Further, that 'a dinner will be provided at the Red Lion, where all gentlemen, ringers, and others, that will oblige us with their company, shall meet with a hearty welcome.'

Thus although the treble was cast in 1756 and the ring of five removed from West Harling in that year, as the ring at Caston was not opened until March 10th, 1757, it is very probable that the hanging took place in 1757. I think it is unlikely that there would be a gap of three months between the dates of hanging and opening. Our peal, then, was nearly seven months early.—Yours sincerely,
JOHN S. BARNES.

Caston, Norfolk.

FIRST PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB FOR SALISBURY GUILD

Dear Sir,—A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at Scend, Wilts, on April 9th, 1949, conducted by F. S. Slatford.

Therefore the footnote of the peal of Oxford T.B. Major rung at Devizes on October 27th, 1956, and published on page 708 of 'The Ringing World,' should read: 'First peal of Major in the method for the Guild.'—Yours sincerely,
W. C. WEST.

Hon. Secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Melksham, Wilts.

SPliced ERIN AND STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate Mr. F. L. Harries and his band on ringing the spliced peal of Erin and Stedman Triples, as this is the first time this composition has been rung.

At the same time I have a further composition which should appeal to composers and conductors interested in the two methods.

It is in eight equal parts with all 67's at back-stroke, and is arranged 126 Erin and 84 Stedman alternately throughout. There are only 208 calls, comparing favourably with Stedman or Erin compositions.

Following are the figures.—Yours faithfully,
A. J. PITMAN.

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Repeat the whole seven times with single for first bob in parts four and eight.

Ring Stedman from 1526473 to 4536127; from 4537162 to 4537126; from 4536172 to 1523467.

Commence Stedman slow, quick, etc. The rest of the ringing is Erin.

'DESCENDING OCTAVES' AT THE ABBEY

Dear Sir,—'The Times' of November 8th reports that on the occasion of the unveiling of the Smuts statue in Parliament Square the bells of Westminster Abbey were rung in 'descending octaves.'

This possibly explains why the Abbey is closed to all ringers but the chosen few. There is some magical unpatented sounding apparatus installed which enables the bells to be rung in different keys, unless, of course, there are several rings hanging in the tower.

Perhaps one of the trusted keepers of the secret would care to reveal all?—Yours truly,

C. A. BARRON.

King's Heath, Birmingham.

Dear Sir,—Referring to a certain well-drawn advertisement which has lately appeared in the papers, has anybody ever seen a bat in a belfry?—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

HARD FACTS ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Dear Sir,—Although the guiding principles of our work have been stressed, from the outset, as provisional and subject to review with further experience, the invited criticism so far expressed has ignored this and has been neither helpful nor constructive, but has concerned itself with its own imagined objectives of our purpose and with what *might be*, instead of what *is*. Against such destructive criticism—stated or implied—may be viewed some hard facts.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

Statement or Implication. (a) College in opposition to Council. (b) Acting without prior discussion in Council. (c) Seeking to impose arbitrary standards on the Exercise. (d) Master and monster, etc.

Facts. (a) Article II of the provisional draft constitution of the College reads: 'The College will adhere to the accepted Rules and Decisions of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and loyally support the Council in the guidance of ringing activity. In electing its officers it will give preference, other qualifications being equal, to those who are Council members. The Council's official journal, 'The Ringing World,' will be recommended for subscription by all College members, and will be posted with College information and records.' (b) The Council has not hitherto laid it down that no teaching activity may proceed without its permission or prior discussion. (c) The College has already declared its opposition to any 'imposition' of the kind suggested, and stressed its function as helping those who wish for help, but that its helpers should attain reasonable qualification. (d) The suggestion of 'monster' is just—monstrous!

ORIGIN OF COLLEGE

S. or I. Due to an editorial in 'Irish Bell News' written for a 'lark.'

Facts. (a) College first aware of article when sent by its author, the founder and editor of that paper and general secretary of the Irish Association. (b) Text of article and covering letter confirm author's sincerity. (c) He is now College Representative for Ireland.

SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE

S. or I. (a) Regarded in one district as a 'stunt.' (b) 'Nonsense.'

Facts. (a) In the Guild 'covering' that district both the Master and the Immediate Past Master (now a V-P) have commended the work, the former in an open meeting of the Guild. (b) Those directing future activities include 11 members of the Central Council, with five of these as general secretaries of affiliated Associations. (Scarcely 'nonsense'?)

ATTEMPTED RIDICULE

S. or I. Governors at 2s. 6d. (For example.)

Fact. NO fee is 'requisite' for governorship. A nominal fee is payable by College members only on registration as members, and is allocated towards defrayment of stationery, etc., costs. (This is typical of a number of untrue statements or implications.)

C.C. COMMITTEE FOR REVISION OF 'HINTS' BOOKLET

S. or I. That the College is duplicating this Committee's work.

Facts. (a) The objectives of the College are different and wider. (b) Members of that Committee are, in fact, among the Governors of the College.

MEETING THE NEED

That there is real need for this work in ringing training is the more obvious when studied. It is being met by ringers of standing, working together for this end, and is open to all interested. Their hands and minds will finalise the Manual and draft constitution of the College and shape its policy. The practical results of the work of instruction, already promising, should be the final criterion of value.

Destructive critics might well turn to the book of The Acts of the Apostles, v., 38, 39. Southsea.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

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PART I.—'CATHEDRAL' SYSTEM

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SECTION XIII. (Lesson 10)

THE EXAMINATIONS ON PART I.

137. **Revision Session.**—It will be found helpful to students (and most will wish for this) to arrange for a revision session (or two) before the examination takes place. This is preferably held in the tower where the Course has been conducted, and with a couple of the bells silenced in readiness for use in checks and demonstrations. The Tutor should run through the exercises of Part I (see Appendix I at close of this Part) and indicate the points that will be looked for by the Examiner, i.e., those noted in the text, Article by Article. Questions will be selected by the Examiner from any Article followed by the symbol '(Q)', but those followed by '(Q T)' are for selection for Student-Tutors only. Demonstrations, especially after check for faults, should be given on the bell(s), a student or Student-Tutor assisting where necessary, and students should be encouraged to take tests on a bell, as far as time permits. Typical oral questions should be given, and students may afterwards revise Part I with advantage.

(Q T)

138. **Tutor's Procedure.**—The Tutor will advise the Registrar of the completion of the Course, and of suggested date(s) for fixing the examination, and will return the Course Register (Form 3), duly entered and signed by the Tutor. The Registrar, having arranged for the attendance of the Examiner(s), extracts the enrolment forms (Form 2) originally submitted by the students, and enters on them the particulars from the register as to attendances. He then advises by post each student of the date and place of the examination, at the same time confirming this to the Tutor and forwarding to him the entrance forms. These the Tutor now certifies as to the students' fitness for examination. He hands them to the Examiner on his arrival, having completed arrangements at the tower for the examination. (Alternatively a deputy, or the tower captain, perhaps, does this if the Tutor is unable to attend at the time of the examination.) At the same time two bells will have been silenced in readiness.

(Q T)

139. **'Ringer I'—Practical.**—Students are admitted to the ringing chamber one at a time and take this test in three parts: (a) Solo; (b) Duet; (c) Quartet; and must pass in all three. For the solo test each demonstrates the approach and preliminaries as taught, and raises a silenced bell and sets it at back, to get the correct length of rope-end grip. This is to give a fair chance of control at the outset. The bell is then pulled off and set at hand.

To order, the candidate then demonstrates not less than six whole pulls, in the form of the nine-beat rhythm (as in Article 96—Ex. 28), setting on the call 'Stand!' from the Examiner. Not more than three faults in all (as listed in Appendix II) may be allowed, or the candidate is failed for the whole examination. The next candidate then enters and takes the same test.

For the duet portion, two candidates now take a rope each, and demonstrate not less than three whole pulls of mutual dodging and mutual place-making (Articles 131 and 132) to order from the Examiner of 'Go!' and 'Stand!'. In these tests the candidates must give the Examiner general satisfaction; and while no specific points are awarded, yet without satisfaction, the candidate(s) fail. Candidates lower the bells.

After the duet tests, candidates stand aside and await the entry and testing of two more

candidates, when all four join in the quartet test, which is plain hunting. This is taken on four 'open' bells, or if not convenient, on four handbells (singly). If candidates are less than four, the Examiner and other ringers complete. The actual test is the 8-row plain-set of Minimus (as in Ex. 53, Article 134). The Examiner allows some latitude in the duet and quartet tests, but he must be satisfied that the candidates can, in fact, perform the exercises; although faults, as looked for in the solo tests, would risk a candidate's success. Candidates now leave the ringing chamber, and those who have passed the tests so far are recalled, in turn, for the Oral examination.

140. **'Ringer I'—Oral.**—For this the candidates enter two at a time and are questioned in turn, as a pair, until each has had ten short-answer questions, selected as already indicated in Article 137, above. If one candidate cannot satisfactorily answer a question, the other may attempt it. Two points are given for a satisfactory answer but one only for a partly satisfactory answer. A minimum of 70% marks is required for a pass in the Oral test. Tested candidates stand aside until all others have been called in.

141. **Assessment—'Ringer I.'**—Candidates must pass in all parts of the tests as indicated in Articles 139 and 140, and the aggregate attainment determines the 'Class' of the Diploma as follows:—

Practical: (Solo), 3 faults, 70%; 2, 80%; 1, 90%; 0, 100%.

Oral: 14 points, 70%; up to 20 points, 100%.

Example: Candidate has 3 faults or 70%, and 18 points or 90%, so aggregate is 80%.*

Class: 70%, Third; 80%, Second; 90% to 100%, First.

So, in this case,* the candidate would get a Diploma, 'Ringing (I) 2nd Class.'

142. **'Tutor I'—Practical.**—Two 'questions' or tests are given in this part. For each the Examiner selects a solo type of exercise, from the list in Appendix I, and acting as pupil, calls upon the Student-Tutor to introduce and explain the exercise in detail. For this, two points are given for a satisfactory result and one for a partly satisfactory result. The 'pupil' is then put through the exercise, and in this he makes three (deliberate) faults, which the candidate must spot and correct. For each of these another point is awarded. So far, five points are given, and the second exercise is gone through in the same way, to yield another five possible points, i.e., ten in all, for the practical part.

143. **'Tutor I'—Oral.**—For this the Examiner selects in all ten questions from paragraphs in the Manual, Part I, marked '(Q)' or '(Q T)', of which at least five must be from those marked '(Q T)'. Two points are awarded for each satisfactory answer and one point for each partly satisfactory answer, i.e., a possible 20 for the oral part.

144. **Assessment—'Tutor I.'**—Preferably, all candidates for this Diploma should have acted as Student-Tutors in a course for Ringers I, and should have been certified by the Tutor of such Course as fit to take the examination; specifically as having the ability to demonstrate, check faults, and maintain control and interest in the work. Alternatively, the Examiner may question the candidate on these points and give any such tests as he may think fit, to satisfy himself in this respect. (Professionally qualified teachers are excused this assessment.) For the rest, the candidate must have secured not less than seven points for the practical and not less

than 17 points for the oral part; with the overriding proviso that his aggregate must not be less than 27 points (90%) to gain the Diploma. A total of 29 or 30 points gains the Diploma—'Tutor (I) First Class.'

145. **Issue of Diplomas.**—Results as to failure or pass can be announced by the Examiner at the conclusion of his tests; but the degree of satisfaction is subject to confirmation by other College authorities; and successful candidates receive their Diplomas thereafter upon payment of the Registration Fee (2/6 at present), if not already paid to the Bursar. The Examiner accordingly receives Forms 2 (enrolment and certification) for the class, from the Tutor or representative at the Examination, and certifies these and returns them to the Registrar, in whose office they are filed for reference. From them the Diplomas are inscribed, signed by the President of the College and the Principal, and then issued.

TWO QUARTER PEALS FOR A BAPTISM

The baptism of David Charles, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Neal Smith, of Twickenham, which took place at St. Matthias' Church, Richmond, on November 4th, during Matins, was celebrated by the ringing of two quarter peals at two different churches on the same afternoon.

There are no bells at St. Matthias' (although the church now possesses an enthusiastic band of learners), and by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. M. M. Barlow, M.A.), the rare privilege of a quarter peal at the Parish Church was granted. There have been only two quarter peals recorded in the last 20 years. This quarter was noteworthy in that it was rung largely by the band of All Hallows' Twickenham, with the addition of Dr. R. E. Price (Master, the Guild of Medical Ringers), and included the baby's eldest sister and his father (who conducted), and it was at the Parish Church that the baby's paternal grandparents were married and his father was baptised. The quarter peal also gave Miss Elizabeth Brown her first quarter, and was particularly creditable in the way she rang the treble of this difficult ring. It is probably unusual for any ringer to score a first quarter outside his or her own tower, but when the tower is an anti-clockwise one, as is Richmond, of which she had no previous experience, then it is even more worthy of commendation.

Immediately afterwards the band went to All Hallows' Church, Twickenham, and with Dr. A. J. Muir taking the place of Mr. D. Hill Brown (captain of All Hallows' ringers), and Miss Jill Barron that of Miss Brown, a second quarter peal (again of Grandsire Triples), again conducted by Dr. Neal Smith, was brought round.

To complete the ringing, the baby's health was, when proposed, received with a course of Plain Bob on handbells.

A Spalding Wedding

Saturday, November 10th, was a very happy occasion for members of the Spalding belfry when two of their members were married by the Vicar, Canon M. H. R. Syngé. They were Mr. Maurice Bennett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett, and Miss Marjory Joyce Cooling, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooling. Ringing took place before and after the service. A reception was held in the Moose Hall, where 100 guests toasted the happy couple and wished them all success for their future happiness. A short honeymoon was spent in London. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to honour the occasion the same evening.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT

One of the leaders of the Norwich Diocesan Association during the first 20 years of the century, working with such men as the Revs. A. G. Blyth, C. L. Kennaway and R. W. Pitt, J. San-croft Holmes, W. L. Catchpole, C. Mee and J. Motts, Charles Edward Borrett contributed in no small way in the building up and maintenance of the Association. He was a cousin of Frederick Borrett, the most prolific peal-ringer of his day in the diocese.

C. E. Borrett first appears as a member in 1890. His first peal, one on handbells, was in 1892, and the next year he conducted a peal of Bob Major, also on handbells—a composition of his lifelong friend, the late J. Armiger Trollope, who also rang 1-2. A few months later, on April 26th, 1894, he conducted an 11,200 of Bob Major, which was then the greatest length on handbells and still remains the record for the Association. Mr. Borrett's peal total of 155, 13 of which were on handbells, contains many fine performances from Triples to Maximus, and included a number on the bells of St. Peter's, Man-croft, where he was a service ringer for a quarter of a century. His last was to treble a peal of Cambridge on the back eight at Mancroft on March 15th, 1927. When he retired from business and moved to Sheringham ten years later, he took no further part in practical ringing, but his interest never declined.

It was as an organiser rather than a peal ringer that Mr. Borrett excelled and as a student of history that his great interest lay. In 1898 he succeeded J. A. Trollope as hon. secretary of the Norwich District and five years later was elected secretary of the Association, a position in which he served with distinction until his retirement in 1919. In recognition of his work he was elected a vice-president. During these 16 years the work of the secretary had been steadily growing, and the diocese then covering almost the whole of Suffolk, the compilation of the annual report became a formidable task. In 1912 the secretary was able to record 265 peals, to be followed the next year by 291, a total never exceeded in one year by any association. These reports make fascinating reading, and the care which Mr. Borrett took in editing them reflect his very great abilities. From 1902-1919 and from 1923-38 Charles Borrett was a member of the Central Council. During his first long tenure he was a regular attendee at its meetings and often made worthwhile contributions to its debates.

Mr. Borrett was greatly interested in the history of ringing and was an authority on the giants of the Norwich Scholars and their exploits. He possessed many details of performances and kept a voluminous scrapbook of ringing matters. One of his interesting compilations was a collection of autographs of the famous ringers of his day. During the war years when his schoolboy friend, J. Armiger Trollope, was editor of this paper and hard pressed to fill its columns, Charles Borrett contributed a number of interesting articles and letters. He was able on many occasions to answer queries of historical interest and it was always a refreshing experience to be in his company.

Charles Edward Borrett died on October 24th, 1956, in his 82nd year. A peal was rung to his memory on Mancroft bells on October 30th. We, the present members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, owe a great debt to him and his contemporaries, for their great interest and work over the years to make the Association a virile body and a power for good among the ringers of the diocese. May he rest in peace.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

MR. JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE

It is with deep regret we report the death of Mr. J. J. Partridge, of Bozeat, Northants, which took place at Northampton General Hospital on November 1st. He was taken ill with a seizure at Podington Aerodrome, where he was employed, and taken to hospital where he passed away without regaining consciousness. He was 58 years of age.

Mr. Partridge was leader of the band of ringers at St. Mary's, Bozeat, which band he formed many years ago. He had rung a number of peals, ranging from Doubles to Major, and was a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Guild and Bedfordshire Association.

The funeral service, attended by a number of his ringing friends, took place at St. Mary's, Bozeat, on November 5th, followed by cremation at Kettering. So passes another old and esteemed friend, and one who will be greatly missed.

H. W. G.

MR. FREDERICK S. PRICE

Memories of the old Beeston (Notts) band are acutely stirred by the death at the age of 83 of Frederick Stanley Price, who passed peacefully to rest on November 3rd. Mr. Price was born at Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire, but at a very early age moved to Beeston. His mother was a member of the Bragg family, of Solihull, and she founded in Beeston a clan that has grown to a great size. Frederick, together with his brothers and sisters, was from the first closely associated with the Church, in which he served in minor offices, sang in the choir as boy and man, and made his offering of Sunday ringing from the beginning of this century, and earlier.

Under the leadership, first of Reuben Clifford, James Hutchby, and then the gifted Albert Coppock, the Beeston band gradually advanced its skill until, in 1914, it reached the Surprise stage. The war held up progress, but by 1919 a fresh attack was being made, and after considerable disappointment the first peal of Cambridge by the local band was brought round. The assault on London then began, but three years of patient toil and frequent frustration had to pass before success came. Those were the days of the Cliffords, father and son, the good-natured Alfred Moss, the whimsical Arthur Lowe with his store of quaint philosophy, the courtly Charles Dicken, the powerful, loose-built Percy Price, one of the best heavy-bell men in the Midlands, and Fred himself, with his indomitable courage and his infectious cheerfulness.

He was indeed a remarkable man, of versatile powers and flexible outlook. He was a notable footballer, a clever cricketer behind the stumps, an excellent exponent of all card games (having a prodigious memory) and a formidable opponent at bowls. There were few social activities that he did not touch, and as an active member and trustee of his Friendly Society he helped to found the Beeston Manchester Unity Club.

With all this there was running through his life a deeply religious thread that bound together all his being, and in his convictions he was outspoken and disarmingly sincere. His thoroughly unselfish outlook set him far apart from any self-seeking, and his whole life seemed to be devoted to acts of kindness and to thought for other people.

Bell ringing was his chief love, and in this art he showed considerable skill. He was an exceedingly safe change-ringer and a first-rate striker, and he had an aptitude for learning methods. He rang just over 100 peals in all the standard methods up to London Surprise, and the writer had the privilege of ringing in his last peal, Stedman Triples, at Radcliffe-on-Trent

in April, 1953, conducted by the late Clement Glenn

The funeral service at Beeston Church on November 6th was attended by a large congregation, and handbells were rung by the Beeston ringers.

So passes one who has been to all who knew him an example of godly life, a cheerful liver and a lusty Christian, one whose constant prayer must have been: 'Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost . . . to labour and to ask for no reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will.'

E. C. S.

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AFTERNOON OF COMPETITION RINGING

ASHBURTON was once a place of great consequence: a borough sending two members to Parliament, a stannary town for the tin industry, and a great place for the making of cloth. From the days of its greatness it inherits some pleasant houses, a complete mediæval Corporation led by a portreeve, and consisting of people with the weighty titles of pig-drovers, bread-weighers, ale-tasters (they still do, too) and viewers of the watercourses, and a fine parish church with one of the best towers in Devon, an excellent eight by Taylor, and some shocking death-watch beetle in the roof. So Ashburton was an excellent place for the Eight-bell Competition of the South Devon Ringers' Association for 1956.

It was a pity that more ringers didn't seem to agree, for only four bands came to compete—one fewer than last year's turnout at Kingsteignton. It was a beautiful day, too, for once, and the stay-at-homes missed a treat.

Ashburton tenor is 21 cwt., and that is more than that of any of the four bands entered. For that reason the rises were not up to the standard which one might expect, and the first two teams to ring, Upton and Kingsbridge, both lost the tenor in the rise—and lost a good many marks with her. Kingsbridge's top ringing was excellent though, and their lower very good; from the end of the rise theirs was a very musical peal, but they lost four more marks—and I think Upton lost five—at the end of the lower because the lighter bells weren't checked enough and spoke in a jangle as they swung. This again is a result of the band being unaccustomed to bells of this weight. Kingsbridge bells in particular being very light and easy to handle, though not so easy to strike.

After Kingsbridge came the tea interval, and a very good tea, too; during the meal the idea came into the head of Mr. Miners, the secretary of the Devon Association, that with a few teamless ringers who had come to listen, and a few others from teams which were ringing, he might raise a band to swell the number of competing teams to five. This he did, with the condition that ringers who were going to ring or had rung with their own band should not ring the same bell with the mixed team. The eight were mustered and arranged to Mr. Miners' satisfaction, and after we had said goodbye to Kingsbridge ringers, who were going on to another competition at Newton St. Cyres, Mr. Miners and his team of the teamless took the tower. Some time ago Mr. Miners' doctor told him that he'd never ring again, but nobody who knew him would dream of making any prophecy so rash. Mr. Miners led the bells up beautifully—it wasn't his fault that the tenor and seventh got under for a few pulls—and called the Queen's Peal as well as ever. The top ringing settled down very nicely, though marks were lost when a ringer misheard a call, and the lower was good. The band, which someone called 'Doctor Miners' Mixture,' came down feeling that they might not have come last and, considering that they came from seven different parishes and had never rung together before, quite pleased with themselves. Anyway, they were sure of getting a certificate—there were six certificates for the five teams competing!

Dartmouth came next, and didn't have a very happy peal, though their own bells are nearer Ashburton's weight than anyone else's. I don't think they had all their regular band with them, so perhaps that accounts for it. Last of all came Kingsteignton, to give us the best peal of the day. Any idea that this young band may have owed their second place last year to being in their home tower is now indefensible; Kingsteignton have become, in a very short time, a band to be reckoned with in Devon eight-bell ringing, and they took away the Shield with 83

faults—three fewer than Kingsbridge, last year's winners. Upton came next, and 'Doctor Miners' Mixture' beat Dartmouth by five faults to come fourth.

Kingsbridge reached Newton St. Cyres just in time to ring the last peal of the day there, and they were the winners with 77½ faults, by all accounts a beautiful peal, as you'd expect from this band on bells of just about their own weight. Second and third came High Bickington, with 86½ and 90½; Witheridge, Tavistock, Kenn and Dawlish came in that order with over a hundred faults each. Barnstaple were very fortunate to be disqualified when one of their ringers got his arm hitched up in the next man's rope (the circle is small at Newton St. Cyres) and the peal broke up in confusion just after the rise.

Newton St. Cyres had a busy day, for it was their Michaelmas Fair, and they had an ox-roasting as well as the ringing competitions—plural because they also had a Junior Six-bell Competition for under-20's, in which five teams took part, the winners being Christow, with Dunsford second and Rewe third. By all accounts it was a splendid day; certainly with 13 teams ringing, and a fair, and an ox-roasting, there was plenty going on.

Between Ashburton and Newton St. Cyres there were six men who were seen hardly at all and did no ringing, but were the real enthusiasts of the day—the judges. At Ashburton they were the two Brewers, from Alphington, J. J. and H. J., and Mr. Tom Dawe, of Ipplepen; at Newton St. Cyres they were Jack Down, Tom Darch and Ralph Wright. To sit all afternoon with a pencil and notebook, listening to every stroke of every bell in every round—this needs a man of most unusual gifts and an exceptional love for bells and their music; yet I've never heard of anyone's having any difficulty in getting judges for a competition in Devon: it's a good sign for Devon ringing in the Devon manner.
J. G. M. S.

QUARTER PEALS

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob Doubles: H. King 1, L. Pierce 2, E. Bishop 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5, H. Ivings 6.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): D. Cooper (first quarter) 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, A. E. Hinman (first as cond.) 3, C. E. Cooper 4, G. A. Bowcutt 5. For Evensong.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Wells 1, Mrs. J. Peters 2, J. B. Daughtry 3, H. Hunt 4, G. Lee (cond.) 5, G. Lee (jun.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Netley, a member of the local band.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Cotton 1, W. H. Curson 2, Joan Cotton 3, W. G. Hair 4, J. W. Cotton 5, H. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: C. Eustace 1, N. Bennett 2, P. Watson 3, B. Tomlinson 4, J. Bryant 5, T. Taylor (cond.) 6, D. Taylor 7, G. D. Fearnough 8. For harvest festival.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Rita Stratford 2, Dorothy Stratford 3, M. Vernon 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. A first wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Waters (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Oldershaw 2, R. C. Noon (cond.) 3, Mrs. R. C. Noon 4, T. Charlton 5, A. G. Moore (first 'inside') 6, F. Taylor 7, Miss D. Lawson 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. R. T. Proctor, former churchwarden.

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Breaston, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Barton bus, 5 or 5X.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 26, Derby Road, Duffield. 9273

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Stoke-next-Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in adjoining hall. Holy Trinity, Guildford, open in evening.—M. E. Collins and A. M. Cox, joint Hon. Dis. Secs. 9293

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Stevenage, Saturday, Nov. 24th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Special method. Hereward Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 9283

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 24th. St. Stephen's, Ealing, 3.15 to 5 p.m. Brentford, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea available at Lyons', Ealing Broadway.—F. Finch. 9280

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter, Nov. 24th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 9294

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—November meeting at Cotgrave on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Henson, Scrimshire Lane, Cotgrave. All ringers welcome.—M. I. Pailing, Hon. Sec. 9310

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 24th, Hailsham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Reynolds, Sec., 10, Eastern Avenue, Polegate. 9282

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 6.30 p.m. Cathedral bells 2 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Lawrence's Church 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. 6d. each, from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claines, Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 9291

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Thursday, Nov. 29th, Clapham Common (R.C.), 7.30-9. Next quarterly business meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Nomination of officers. — Hutchings, TUL 0800. 9334

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Nutfield, Friday, Nov. 30th, 7.30 p.m. 9318

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wraxall, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9316

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual, Yeovil, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 9298

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton, St. Mary's, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 9317

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Goldington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Phyllis Gray, 18, Durler Avenue, Kempston, Bedford. No names no tea. 9317

BRAILS福德.—Any ringers interested are cordially invited to the dedication of the new treble bell at Brailsford, Derbys, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 2.30 p.m.—Vivienne M. Horton, Dis. Sec. 9274

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Witton, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Parker, 64, Church Road, Northwich. 9331

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sherbourne (6) on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Warwick. Names for tea by Nov. 28th. please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 9302

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Annual general meeting, Topsham, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 26th to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lymington. 9265

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. James' Church, Benwell, Newcastle, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 28th, to F. Ross, 26, Denton Gardens, West Benwell, Newcastle, 5. Service at 6 p.m. 9305

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 1st. St. Mary Redcliff (12) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Canteen, Redcliff Hall, Guinea Street. Business 6 p.m. Christ Church (10) after meeting. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 9315

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Saturday, Dec. 1st, Fairford (8) 3 p.m. Tea, business 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Morse, Milton Street, Fairford.—R. Wenban, Sec. 9300

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting, Ruardean, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to P.C. Hemming, Police Station, Ruardean, Glos. 9336

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Chatham (8) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. E. J. Norris, 39, Dale Street, Chatham, as early as possible.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 9337

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15.

Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. Gentlemen and all non-ringers welcome. — S. Hughes. 9254

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lancaster St. Peter's (10) Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 9329

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Standish, Wigan, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, Wigan.—M. E. Ridyard. 9329

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Joint meeting with Southern District of Swansea and Brecon Guild, Aberavon, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—R. E. Coles. 9267

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Stoke-on-Trent, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th, to C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkull, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 9330

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Important meeting, Acle, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 28th, certain, please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 9259

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanslope, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by Nov. 26th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 9322

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Practice at Great Milton on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea available for those who notify me by Nov. 28th.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame 9328

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting in Oxford on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3.45 at St. Martin and All Saints' Church. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Michael's Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 4th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 9339

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Heddington (6), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne, Wilts. 9313

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Holt, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service and tea. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 9313

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Beaminster, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Nov. 26th.—Mrs. Pannell, 35, Clay Lane, Beaminster. 9324

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cutts, 15, Stag Lane, Broom, Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 9306

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 1st. Please note altered arrangements. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City (8) available 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Botolph's Church Hall. St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), available after tea. Names for tea, without fail, please, by Tuesday, Nov. 27th, to Mrs. E. E. Davis, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balam, S.W.12. All very welcome, but please notify for tea.—P. N. Bond, T. J. Lock, F. A. Finch Hon. Secs. 9306

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Haverhill (6) on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare. 9338

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea (3s. each) to Mr. A. C. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers. 9292

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Evening meeting on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Blythburgh (6). Ringing from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 9323

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Peachey. 9332

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Pad-dockhurst near Crawley. 9314

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Priory bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting and election of officers for 1957 follows. Notify for tea, please.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth 9325

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 8th, St. Thomas', Exeter. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 5th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 9299

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9311

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Ashtead, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Usual arrangements. Tea in School-room, requests for which should reach J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by Dec. 5th.—A. H. Smith. 9312

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and party at St. Peter's, Walsden, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Whist drive and dance 7.30 p.m. Tickets, inclusive of tea and social, 6s.; children 4s. Please order tickets by Dec. 1st from J. Lord, 1, Knowsley Avenue, Walsden, or F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Oldham. 9304

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—Rededication, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.30, for those who notify me by Monday, Dec. 3rd. Buses 41 and 48 from Eastleigh or Southampton stop outside the church; frequent service.—R. A. Reed, 135, Chamberlayne Road, Eastleigh, Hants. 9308

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 8th. Tea for those who notify me by previous Monday.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 9309

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dedication of Swanmore bells (6), Saturday, Dec. 8th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea to follow. All ringers welcome. 9303

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—A meeting will be held at 17, Euston Square, London, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15th, followed by tea, 3s. 6d. per head. Names for tea to G. A. Morris, Central Dispatch Office, Euston Station, London, N.W.1 Ringing details later.—S. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 9301

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice. Annual general meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 19th, 1957. Please book the date.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 9307

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