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'THEREFORE WITH ANGELS . . .'

By The Rev. J. G. M. SCOTT

ON the first Christmas night, two worlds became united; the world of earth and the world of heaven, the world of material things, of work and wages and human activity, and the world of worship, which is love expressed in action. The Baby in the stable belonged to both worlds, and for the first time since the Fall the two universes came into step, so that the shepherds to their astonishment and consternation were suddenly able to see and share the life of heaven, and witness the worship—the love in action—that goes on there. They were like passengers in a train at night, looking out of the window while another train is accelerating past them: for a long time there is nothing to see but a blur of moving light, and then all at once the two are going together, side by side, and you can see into another little world six feet away, the people in it doing the things they do, all quite clear so that you can see even what papers they're reading, yet they might be in another plane of existence.

Yet in the shepherds' case it wasn't altogether a different plane. The message came from that other world for them to go to Bethlehem, and there they found the Baby, an ordinary-looking Jewish baby in a cold and smelly stable, but a Person who belongs not only to their world, the world of the hillside and the inn and the stable and the workshop and the office, but also to the world of worship which they had seen just now. Did they know, when they saw the Baby, that the world would never be the same place again? They were simple men, so perhaps they only sensed it; the Wise Men knew it, though: they knew that something had happened that made every other event in human history a triviality, and they were going to be witnesses of it however long the journey or great the cost.

Since that day the two worlds remain linked, by that one Person, the Person in the Manger, on the Cross, rising from the Tomb, and now living again in the world of worship from which He came, but yet always giving Himself to the other world—our world in which we live. When we go to the Communion at midnight or on Christmas morning we shall sing or say the song that the shepherds heard when they had their glimpse of Heaven—'Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men'—and the song that Isaiah and St. John heard when

they had their glimpses of that same world, 'Holy, Holy, Holy.' It isn't merely as a gesture that we repeat those words at the Holy Communion; it is because in this act that Jesus gave us to do we are for the time being carried into the world of Heaven, and belong there, and join in what is happening there. We aren't making an act of worship which has been thought up, or even evolved, by men or even by the Church; we are using the Sacrament as a means by which we join in an act of worship which is going on in Heaven—you might almost say an act of worship which *is* Heaven. In it we become part of Jesus and He part of us; so for the time being we are where He is, and do what he does, and the multitude of the heavenly host is all round us. All our worship—real worship, love expressed in activity—is made part of the worship of Heaven, caught up and perfected in it—our ringing and our singing and the simple movements of our bodies in standing and kneeling and joining our hands in prayer. This may seem a hard idea to understand, but nothing is more simple; a child can understand it, and most children do. We know that in His Sacrament we are with Jesus; we know that Jesus is in Heaven with the angels and archangels that the shepherds saw. That's all.

You might think that the worship that Heaven can offer is so great and perfect and holy that the not-very-special Christmas service touch, the rather inharmonious carols, the not-too-well-attended service in a small church would make no noticeable difference by its presence or absence. You'd be wrong. Heaven's worship isn't nearly complete without the earth's; the angel was sent specially to tell the shepherds to go and see the Baby in the stable, and angels aren't sent about the world on trivial errands. God *needed* those simple men in the stable, even though the whole company of Heaven was there already. Nobody is so unimportant that his part in the worship of Heaven can be given without being noticed—or withheld without being missed.

Worship is love expressed in activity; hands on a rope, a bent knee, speaking lips, a singing throat—if love is there, it is worship, and if Christ is there, it is the worship of Heaven, perfect, limitless and eternal. We have no call to envy the Shepherds their glimpse of the heavenly host, or their chance of worshipping God's Son with Mary and Joseph and the angels and archangels in the stable. They were there before us, but we can be as close: He promised it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

ALAN G. FOSTER 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS 7
STELLA HUGHES 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON .. 9
ERNEST STITCH 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	HOWARD HOWELL 11
PETER J. BARKER 6	HARRY GRIFFITHS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, who attained the age of 84 on December 3rd.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ROLAND H. COOK Treble	*VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. 6
DEREK P. JONES 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7
*GORDON A. HALLS 3	*ROBIN G. TURNER 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH .. 4	*PHILIP MEHEW 9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a birthday compliment to Ian David Smith, great-grandson of Mr. G. Freebrey, Ringing Master at this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. Treble	*REGINALD WOODYATT .. 6
*†DEREK P. JONES 2	*ROBIN G. TURNER 7
GORDON A. HALLS 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE 8
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	PHILIP H. WHITTAKER .. 9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5	*PHILIP MEHEW Tenor

Composed by G. FREEBREY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 50th peal this year.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. ELLIS .. Treble	†BERTRAM C. JOHNSON .. 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 7
CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 3	†WALTER AYRE 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	†THOMAS J. SOUTHAM .. 9
†CHARLES F. SAYER 5	HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first peal on ten bells. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 8, 1956, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	†ERNEST J. LADD 6
THOMAS E. SONE 2	DORIS E. COLGATE 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 8
*E. WINIFRED KEYS 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON .. 9
WILLIAM ROGERS 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

BRIAN BLADON Treble	DEREK P. JONES 5
*FRANCES M. WELCH 2	RONALD J. SHARP 6
*JILL MAYES 3	PHILIP MEHEW 7
†BARRY PINNOCK 4	JOHN WELCH Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal, aged 14. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since restoration, and recasting of the fifth bell.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 17, 1956, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

HAROLD F. WHITE Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW .. 3	ROBIN G. TURNER 7
DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Tenor

Composition: Clavis, p. 178. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise Major.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK 5
MURIEL REAY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
STELLA HUGHES 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 7
H. DAVID HOLLAND 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

SHERFIELD-ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., Nov. 28, 1956, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

*DON C. EXELL Treble	†MICHAEL V. WHITE 5
J. MICHAEL LAKIN 2	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 6
†ISOBEL INMAN 3	†PAUL W. M. JONES 7
RUTH A. CAREY 4	RAYMOND E. FINCH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Little Bob by all.

Rung on the conductor's 18th birthday.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

JUNE GLADMAN Treble	RONALD J. SHARP 5
ERNEST J. MUNDAY 2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER .. 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	DENNIS KNOX 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 4	JOHN W. SINFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5152 RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Treble	F. B. COOKSON (St. John's) 5
†SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) 2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 6
A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 3	F. E. ROBERTS (Selwyn) .. 7
A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 4	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.

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

* 200th peal. † 50th peal.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

RAYMOND I. F. PARSONS .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN .. 5
DAVID E. PARSONS .. 2	ROYDON DAVIES .. 6
JOHN HILL .. 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN .. 7
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER .. 4	*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by JOHN HILL.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative as conductor.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 5
FREDERICK R. EVANS .. 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 6
HENRY O. BAKER .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

Rung to the memory of Mrs. A. Baker.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. Treble	DAVID W. BEARD .. 5
JOHN THOMAS .. 2	*E. TREVOR NEWBURY .. 6
SHIRLEY M. PARSONS .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 7
CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

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

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(Bures St. Mary's Society.)

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

STUART T. HUME .. Treble	EVELYN R. CANSDALE .. 5
*DONALD L. MILLS .. 2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. 6
MRS. LESLIE MILLS .. 3	LESLIE D. MILLS .. 7
JANET M. SPURGIN .. 4	EDWIN C. HYNARD .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.

* 25th peal, conducted 17 (aged 17); has now conducted different compositions from every position in an octave.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

GEORGE S. WIGGINS .. Treble	FRANK LEWIS .. 5
STELLA DAVIS .. 2	*FRED E. TURNER .. 6
REGINALD W. REX .. 3	GEOFFREY K. DODD .. 7
ALAN R. PINK .. 4	HAROLD P. REED .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal of Major.

Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

R. GEORGE CARE .. Treble	GEORGE E. GREEN .. 5
*GEORGE F. ROOME .. 2	GEORGE F. BURTON .. 6
*B. ERIC FROST .. 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 7
*STANLEY F. EARL .. 4	*REX LINE .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Stedman.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*JEAN POWELL .. Treble	*PETER NASH .. 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2	*R. ROGER SAVORY .. 6
ADRIAN J. TUMBER .. 3	*MAURICE J. BUTLER .. 7
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN .. 4	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (No. 7).

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal of Rutland. First peal of Rutland on the bells
A 13th birthday compliment to R. C. Kippin.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD A. DIXON .. Treble	FREDK. W. LAWRENCE .. 5
*THOMAS F. YOUNG .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
E. THOMAS ELLENDER .. 3	ALLAN BUTLER .. 7
†EDWARD J. WALKER .. 4	*PHILIP J. WESTWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVER MILLS .. Treble	PETER CLARKSON .. 5
G. LEONARD HEWITT .. 2	LESLIE BARRY .. 6
FREDERICK OAKHILL .. 3	GEOFFREY GREEN .. 7
PETER HURCOMBE .. 4	FREDERICK BLOWEN .. Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 4, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK LORD .. Treble	HARRY HALL .. 5
RONALD CHAFER .. 2	C. ALLAN HEWITT .. 6
*JOHN HALL .. 3	JACK BRAY .. 7
FRED LACEY .. 4	GEORGE THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.



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SIX BELL PEALS

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 18, 1956, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR**

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Single Oxford and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

STEPHEN BROMFIELD Treble	ARTHUR CROWDER 4
MICHAEL CROWDER 2	SEPTIMUS NEAVE 5
NORMAN BELL 3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HOODLESS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Nov. 23, 1956, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,**A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 2,520 Grandsire, 1,440 Plain Bob and 1,080 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

DERMOT J. ROAF Treble	†COLIN J. B. TAYLOR 4
*ASHLEY C. P. PUGH 2	PETER R. SANDERS 5
†RICHARD A. JACKSON 3	§DONALD H. NIBLETT .. Tenor

Conducted by DERMOT J. ROAF.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles. § 75th peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in more than one Doubles method by the Society.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*HILARY M. JOHNSON .. Treble	†ROBIN V. BAKER 4
†MICHAEL BENNETT 2	BRYAN S. COPE 5
VICTOR A. PERRY 3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

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

Rung on the eve of the visit of the Lord Bishop to dedicate the new lectern and Chapel of St. Giles in this church.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM MARTIN Treble	C. WILLIAM TRINDER 4
*JOHN H. WILSON 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 5
MICHAEL E. BROWN 3	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Thompson, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

A. THOMAS HOWES .. Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 4
*MISS D. ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	R. FRANK BAKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal at first attempt.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and two extents of Kent T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*CHARLES WEBB Treble	*DAVID JACK 4
*PHYLLIS HOLBORN 2	EWART H. EDGE 5
*PAMELA J. PEARSON 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Wm. Garner, for the 21st anniversary of his induction as Vicar of All Saints' Church, Madeley.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 4
*HENRY C. FOSTER 2	STANLEY SHIPP 5
*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY .. 3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY A. LUCAS.

* First peal in two methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

EVELYN D. ADAMS Treble	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER 4
*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 2	STANLEY G. PONTING .. 5
†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 3	*FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 150th peal together. † 325th peal.

Believed to be the first peal in seven Minor methods on the bells.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Durham, York, Bourne, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*TERENCE BARTON Treble	*IAN H. ORAM 4
*JOHN L. MORRIS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
*BRIAN BLADON 3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

WEMBURY, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

DAVID F. FARNHAM .. Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS 4
H. FREDERICK MYERS .. 2	DAVID N. PENROSE 5
YVONNE C. PORTER 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

First peal on the bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. Treble	JOHN S. BARNES 4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 2	*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* 100th peal and 50th peal at Bunwell.

A birthday compliment to Mr. H. W. Barrett.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE WATERMAN .. Treble	ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 4
MARIAN H. MILLS 2	SAM J. TWITCHETT 5
TOM BIRD 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
 SUSAN JACKSON (Girton) *Treble* | J. D. PAINTER (Caius) .. 4
 P. F. WINDLEY (Jesus) .. 2 | †A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) .. 5
 *H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) .. 3 | A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by SUSAN JACKSON.
 * First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The first peal for the Guild to be conducted by a lady.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 17 methods, as follows: (1) 288 Durham, 144 Beverley, 120 Surfleet, 72 York, 48 Berwick and 48 Hexham, with 20 changes of method; (2) 216 Cambridge, 144 Ipswich, 144 Norfolk, 72 Primrose, 72 Bourne and 72 Hull with 26 changes of method; (3) Netherseale; (4) Carlisle; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Norwich.
 Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
 DENNIS LAUD *Treble* | WILLIAM WENBAN 4
 *JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2 | KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
 *JOHN R. MAYNE 3 | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY *Tenor*
 Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
 * 25th peal together. The most methods rung to a peal by all the band.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 28, 1956, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.
 LEONARD TUFFREY *Treble* | JOHN R. JOYNER 4
 GEORGE E. FEARN 2 | EDWARD T. LLOYD 5
 *H. DAVID HOLLAND .. 3 | VINCENT A. HEMMING .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
 * 25th peal.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 29, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.
 PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING *Treble* | WILLIAM C. WEST 4
 *L. MICHAEL NOAD 2 | FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 5
 LAURENCE E. HITCHINS .. 3 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
 * First peal of Minor.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH (dedication unknown),
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman and ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.
 *DENNIS G. MILLER .. *Treble* | RONALD D. SHORT 4
 JOHN WALTON 2 | †MICHAEL J. STONE 5
 CECIL T. CLARKE 3 | HERBERT POPE *Tenor*
 Conducted by CECIL T. CLARKE.
 * First peal in more than one method. † First peal in more than one method 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.
 NEIL D. LOMAS *Treble* | BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 4
 PETER WATSON 2 | TREVOR TAYLOR 5
 *CAROLE EUSTACE 3 | DEREK TAYLOR *Tenor*
 Conducted by TREVOR TAYLOR.
 * First peal of Bob Minor.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.
 *AUDREY N. BANKS *Treble* | E. THOMAS ELLENDER .. 4
 †GILLIAN A. RICH 2 | FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
 FREDK. W. LAWRENCE .. 3 | PETER J. RYE *Tenor*
 Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
 * First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.
 ERNEST MORRIS *Treble* | J. HARRY COOK 4
 ROLAND H. COOK 2 | ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 5
 HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. 3 | GEOFFREY A. BOWCUTT .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
 Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was conducted by Mr. E. Morris, who has now 'completed the circle.' Also as a compliment to Miss Christine Wheeler on her coming-of-age.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 1, 1956, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 HERBERT G. SMITHSON .. *Treble* | JOHN R. SMITH 4
 MRS. H. F. CARTER 2 | WALTER C. MEDLER .. 5
 HANBURY F. CARTER .. 3 | WILLIAM CATCHPOLE .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
 Rung on the even of Advent Sunday.

HANDBELL PEALS

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 24, 1956, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT GLANVILLE, ALRESFORD ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

No. 10. Tenor size 18 in G sharp.
 WILLIAM G. YOUNG .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
 MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4 | *J. MICHAEL LAKIN .. 7-8
 †PETER NASH 9-10
 Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
 * First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' † First peal on ten bells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 27, 1956, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
 IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.
 D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1-2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
 ALAN SHEPPARD 5-6
 Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

CAMBRIDGE
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 30, 1956, in 2 Hours,
 AT TRINITY HALL,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
 *M. HARBORD (Trin. Hall) 1-2 | *M. M. PETERSON (Trinity) 3-4
 A. J. HOWARD (Trinity) .. 5-6
 Conducted by A. J. HOWARD.
 * First attempt for a peal. First peal 'in hand' as conductor. Rung on the Feast of St. Andrew.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 2, 1956, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
 IN THE SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.
 GERALD PENNEY 1-2 | WALTER AYRE 3-4
 *STANLEY HUCKLE 5-6
 Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
 * First peal 'in hand' and first attempt.

QUARTER PEALS

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.—On Nov. 11th, 1,488 Bob Major: L. J. Williams 1, W. Ramsbottom 2, J. Pilkington 3, N. Smith (first of Major as cond.) 4, J. B. Pickup 5, G. F. Garnett 6, D. Gilbert 7, R. Leigh 8. First on eight for 5 and 7. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. W. Harwood 1, H. W. Lidbetter 2, K. L. Brown 3, A. W. Bird 4, Doris E. Lidbetter 5, B. W. Willgress (first as cond. of Minor) 6. For Advent Sunday.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: I. C. Forrest 1, June A. Grievson 2, Valerie Mepham 3, R. D. Brown (cond.) 4, Pamela R. Gough (has now 'circled' the tower) 5, Diana M. Gough 6. Rung as a welcome home to the Rector (the Rev. L. H. Yorke) on his return from hospital.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Stacey (first in method) 1, S. Bonnett 2, C. Harwood 3, L. Scoot 4, J. Dear 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, P. Flack (aged 13) 8. Rung as a welcome home to D. Sutcliffe from National Service.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Pearce (14) 1, A. Taylor 2, H. Balaam 3, Jill Gorton 4, J. Weaver 5, E. F. Gilbert 6, R. Story (cond.) 7, C. Sherwood 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Barrow 1, O. Castleman 2, C. Lynch 3, A. W. Skinner 4, P. D. Wells 5, N. O. Abell 6, J. P. Kesterton (cond.) 7, M. Abell 8. For Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 24th, 2,476 Bob Major: G. Penney 1, R. J. Cook 2, Patricia Doorn 3, D. G. Astridge 4, A. S. Harris 5, S. Huckle 6, M. W. Harbort 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Jarvis 1, Violet Relf (first of Doubles) 2, Elizabeth Marshall 3, P. Jarvis 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, D. Borton 6.

BISHOP'S CANNING, WILTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Culley 1, Mrs. J. Parsons 2, J. Romain 3, S. Grant (cond.) 4, F. Hale 5, W. Bevean 6, E. Hummer 7, F. Osmond (first of Triples) 8. Rung as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. T. Merritt, a ringer at this church for 60 years, and Mr. Merritt.

BRECON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Chick 1, W. G. Smith 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett 4, G. P. Davis (cond.) 5, D. Stokes 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Powell, ringer and churchwarden of St. David's Church.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Double Oxford: E. Deacon 1, D. Sims 2, A. T. M. Perry 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. Towell (first quarter) 1, A. Ellis (first quarter) 2, M. Stokes (first of Doubles) 3, P. Cattermole (first as cond.) 4, T. Bailey (first 'inside') 5. First of Bob Doubles by all the band, average age of the band 15½. First quarter on the bells since rechanging.

CHORLEY, LANCs.—On Dec. 1st, at St. Mary's R.C. Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Gartside 1, E. R. Martin (cond.) 2, P. Dunderdale 3, T. Barker 4, P. J. Coles 5, J. Charnock 6, C. Cross-thwaite 7, F. Stead 8. Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to J. H. Gartside.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (420 Grandsire and 840 Plain Bob): H. Tembey (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Simpson 2, G. McKay 3, S. Richardson 4, H. Wilson (cond.) 5, C. Kirby (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the baptism of the grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bush (first quarter) 1, J. Baverstock (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, Miss M. Mackenzie 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, G. Dyer (first quarter) 6.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Warner 1, Brian Jeffrey 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (cond.) 5, I. Zass 6, F. Pannell 7, N. Greenaway 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day service.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Egglestone 1, H. Wright 2, C. Wilson 3, G. Rogers 4, F. Abrey 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Underwood 1, Miss D. V. Elson 2, D. W. James 3, E. G. Orland 4, R. Wilson 5, S. G. Osborne 6, B. P. Morris 7, G. Care 8. First of Surprise Major for 2 and 5.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, E. E. Retter 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, D. Callard 6, J. Salway 7, E. Morgan 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Edward Trapnell, who died 1716.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Hutchings 1, Miss D. Deverell 2, T. H. Taffender 3, J. A. Hales 4, F. Ranson 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

LEA, LINC'S.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Gilbert (first quarter) 1, B. Johns (first 'inside') 2, C. H. Baker 3, B. Brown 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5, A. Gilbert 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mrs. F. Bull (nee Joan Allison).

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 6th, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. B. Bowley (cond.) 1, R. Prime 2, D. D. Dutton 3, Mrs. P. Poole 4, R. F. Elkington 5, H. G. Jenney 6, J. Acres 7, S. Burton 8, W. Lacey 9, S. A. Jesson 10, W. Root 11, C. Turner 12. In memoriam Jack Grant, over 30 years a member of the Leicester Cathedral band.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. F. Absolom 1, R. Tuckwell 2, J. Godman 3, F. Absolom (cond.) 4, W. Fulker 5, E. Morris 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulker, and the 21st birthday of Miss Brenda Smith, also for the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 5th; all ringers at this tower.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Denny 2, B. Heeler (first quarter) 3, W. Collins 4, E. Garrett (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Dring (first of Caters) 1, G. Pearson 2, H. Wickens 3, W. Grice 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head 6, J. Wallis 7, T. Cullingworth 8, L. Mannering (cond.) 9, H. Smith 10.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Sinfield 1, A. Rushton 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, T. P. Harris 5, A. Murphy 6, E. Sharp 7, S. Sharp 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Colin Mann, now serving with H.M. Forces in Malaya. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Jones (first quarter) 1, M. J. Lockey 2, G. Kirby 3, A. Murphy 4, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 5, S. Sharp 6. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Murphy (first quarter) 1, G. Kirby 2, M. J. Lockey 3, A. Murphy 4, A. C. Sinfield (cond.) 5, S. Sharp 6. Miss Jones and Miss Murphy are believed to be the first Maulden ladies to ring a quarter peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Bob Major: J. Case (first quarter) 1, P. J. H. Wycherley 2, Miss E. D. Overend 3, W. J. Phippen 4, P. W. H. Harding 5, L. E. Hitchins 6, F. Slatford 7, R. H. Abbott (comp. and cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 2, 4 and 8. Rung on the 15th birthday of the conductor.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Olliver (cond.) 1, T. H. Bird 2, Nancy Kempell 3, W. Dunn 4, A. Clarke 5, W. Clarke 6.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Dec. 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. Ellis 1, Miss G. Hawkins 2, Mrs. M. James 3, J. Thomas 4, G. Pickavance 5, C. Smith 6, M. S. Hart 7, C. J. B. Taylor (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by all except 3 and conductor. Rung for Evensong.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Browning 1, D. N. Penrose 2, D. Farnham 3, K. Farnham 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, D. Pengelliv 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Wixey 1, G. P. Green 2, M. Ling 3, I. Goulter 4, P. T. Hurcombe 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, C. Wixey 7, R. G. Corby (cond.) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for all except 4, 5 and 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Vann 1, E. Hunt 2, P. D. Howitt 3, E. G. Orland (cond.) 4, S. Osborne 5, P. Fisher 6, C. Underwood 7, W. Vann 8. For the patronal festival.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,272 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: W. J. Paice (cond.) 1, J. E. Wightman 2, L. W. Paice 3, W. J. Parker 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. Collins 6. For Evensong (Advent Sunday).

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At St. George-the-Martyr's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Randall (first of Stedman 'inside') 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. Blewer 3, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 4, W. D. Grainger 5, F. Ranson 6, L. W. Bullock 7, T. W. Wyatt 8. For Confirmation service.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Podd 1, D. Cook 2, Iris Walker 3, C. Payne 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. Secker (first of Stedman) 1, Miss F. Secker 2, B. Bladon 3, M. Rowe 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,320 St. Clement's Minor: Miss J. Secker 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss F. Secker 3, B. Bladon 4, M. Cubitt 5, E. J. Rowe (cond.) 6. Thirtieth quarter by the local band on the bells this year.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Spliced Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Grandsire Triples: C. Underwood 1, V. Perry 2, J. Hobley 3, M. Chown 4, H. Windsor 5, E. Orland 6, S. Osborne (cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. First quarter in four Spliced methods by all the band.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): H. Heard 1, A. Bissat 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, H. Stacey 4, R. Pearce 5, J. Hockridge 6, S. Stacey 7, E. Gilbert 8. Rung for the patronal festival (St. Andrew).

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,320 Minor (240 Little Bob, 720 Single Oxford, 360 Plain Bob), tenor covering: M. Gartside 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, N. Moxon 3, B. Hough (first in three methods) 4, Grace Burchnall 5, A. Wilson (cond.) 6, R. Mumford 7. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Keal) on his installation as Canon. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Discreas 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss P. Gaunt 3, G. Wiggins 4, M. Maisey 5, R. Christopher 6, H. P. Read (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Rung half-muffled for the afternoon Remembrance service.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. W. Burgess 1, J. A. G. Ball 2, A. G. Leahy 3, F. C. Love 4, G. W. Barton 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 2.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 9th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. F. Neal 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, Mrs. D. Neal 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Taft (14, first quarter) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, D. Hewitt 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, E. E. Holman 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. Taylor 8.

WARMLEY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Webb 1, Miss B. Rodgers 2, T. Gibbs (first 'inside') 3, J. Sprules 4, G. Sprules (cond.) 5, C. Turner 6. For Advent Sunday Evensong; also to welcome home Paul King, a Warmley ringer, from H.M. Forces.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Costar 1, N. Chamberlain 2, E. Hill 3, C. Coles 4, Angela Kitto (first 'inside' of Triples) 5, B. J. Coggins 6, H. Gearing (cond.) 7, C. Bustin 8. For Confirmation.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gooding 1, A. T. Truman 2, L. K. Dawe 3, R. Truman 4, G. Betts 5, J. L. Gianville (cond.) 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Gooding, also to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gooding on the birth of a son, a grandson for the ringer of the tenor.

A NOVEMBER OUTING

Saturday, November 24th (was it one of the coldest days so far this winter?), was the date chosen for a trip around the Radstock-Frome neighbourhood, and it was a small party which met at Kilmersdon in the early afternoon.

Kilmersdon has a 'good-looking' church with a tall tower containing a very fine ring of six (tenor 21 cwt.), recently rehung by Taylors. We were impressed by the furnishings in the ringing chamber—provided by the resourcefulness of the local ringers. The next church, Leigh-on-Mendip, was not hard to find as its tall, decorated tower shows up for some distance; in fact, we thought the church was taller than it was long! Our attention was drawn to the condition of the tops of the pews here, and we were told that this was done by Cromwell's horses when he spent a night in the village. The bells (6, 12½ cwt.) were rung to various methods, and we found them easy to handle and strike well.

At Wanstraw (6, 10 cwt.) we had a little furniture shifting to do before ringing (in the porch) could start! It seems that at present the walls are primarily used for the storage of boxes, ladders, etc. However, the bells go well and ringing included a good course of London. This was followed by a picnic tea—grateful thanks to the lady who officiated at the teapot!

We travelled on then to Nunney (it was now dark and noticeably colder!), where the church is being restored on a large scale. The body of the church is shrouded in corrugated iron, all seats have been removed and services are held in the Lady Chapel. The tower is safe (apparently), and we rang various methods, including a touch of Bob Minor for one of the local ringers who had not rung any Minor for eight years.

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The last organised tower was Whatley (6, 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.). We found the bells rather difficult to strike properly and were told that 5 and 6 have counter-balanced clappers. However, with the assistance of Roger, who met us, we managed a course of London and Cambridge (almost!). At the invitation of Miss Overend, we then joined the Frome ringers at their practice. One more stop was made en route home, and although the cider was not perhaps up to standard, there was a blazing fire! Very many thanks on behalf of the party to all incumbents, local ringers, and our organiser and car drivers.

M. E. F.

JOINT MEETING AT ABERAVON

The joint meeting of the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild this year was held at Aberavon on December 1st. The attendance was not up to standard, but those who attended represented many towers in the district, including Llanelly, Carmarthen.

A good afternoon's ringing was enjoyed by everyone, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Tim Yeomans.

In the unavoidable absence of the Archdeacon of Margam, the curate conducted the service, and afterwards an excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall.

Mr. Fred Hannington was elected to the chair, and he presided at both the Swansea and Brecon and Llandaff business meetings. All officers of the 'S. and B.' Guild were re-elected. The meeting then stood in silence for the late Mr. Weaver, of Penarth, who had been a faithful member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

Several new members were elected to both organisations. It was agreed to hold the next Llandaff meeting at Porthcawl, and the next 'S. and B.' Guild meeting at Neath. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. R. E. Coles.

The customary return to the tower for more ringing concluded the meeting.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Grand-sire Doubles: S. Harding 1, H. C. Jones 2, Monica Barrett 3, F. Kirtland 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, A. Hammond 6. Rung for Evensong for the visit of the Bishop.

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Miss Audrey M. Bailey, now living at 5,007, Rue Jean Brillant, Montreal, writes on reaching Canada eight months ago it was a great disappointment to find no ringing activity in the four towers of the Eastern Provinces—and therefore as big a thrill as visiting New York or Niagara to help St. Matthew's, Quebec, ring for Sunday service on Advent Sunday. It has inspired her to try and promote some interest in Montreal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Newport, Mon, last Saturday, conducted by David W. Beard.

We regret to hear of the deaths of Mr. Edgar Humfrey (86), who had a long association with ringing in Reading, and Mr. E. E. Pratchett (81), of Hendon. Obituary notices will appear in our next issue.

Wenhaston, Suffolk, bells have been recast and retuned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. So far, just over £300 has been raised towards an estimated cost of £1,300. Any donations would be more than welcome by the Vicar (the Rev. L. R. Manthorp), The Vicarage, Wenhaston, Halesworth, Suffolk.

After an anxious week, we are pleased to learn that Mr. W. Denyer, of Aldershot, who is in Farnham Hospital, took a change for the better on Saturday. He is now able to read and take solid food.

Mr. D. Vincent, of Hale, Cheshire ('Old Dec Cee Vee'), has been deeply touched by the large number of expressions of goodwill from dear and valued ringing friends on the occasion of his installation as Master of the De Sala Lodge. These have included letters from friends who are not members of the Masonic fraternity, and they are equally treasured. He finds it impossible to reply to all letters immediately.

The Rev. J. V. Pixell, Vicar of Radley, who was ordained 50 years ago on St. Thomas's Day, was taught to ring when he was well over 60 years of age, and rang his first peal when over 70. At the present time he rings regularly twice every Sunday. He is vice-chairman of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Tom Ingram, the author of 'Bells in England,' has written a full-page article on 'The Praise of the Bells' for the Christmas issue of 'The Radio Times.'

The Rev. M. B. Hurst-Bannister is resigning the Mastership of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at the end of the year, due to his moving out of the Diocese.

The peal at Wilmslow in 33 methods on December 1st marked the 33rd anniversary of the first peal in 35 methods at Norbury. Strange to relate, it occupied the same time (2 hours 42 minutes).

An attack of lumbago prevented Mr. Herbert Knight from participating at the last moment in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at Wolverhampton for his 84th birthday. The band are looking forward to Mr. Knight joining them for his 85th birthday next year.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Joseph Wren, who was a ringer at East Grinstead Parish Church for 70 years and captain for 50 years. To his memory a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on December 11th.

Congratulations are extended by the conductor to Miss Dorothy Robinson, of Huntingdon, on her peal in three methods at Great Staughton on December 1st. Apart from one plain course of Kent T.B. the previous evening, she had not rung a blow in the method. She rang like a veteran peal-ringer, although she had only rung a peal (at first attempt) on November 24th.

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IN DEFENCE OF PLAIN BOB

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that the deletion of the word 'Plain' from the title of peals and quarter peals of Plain Bob reported in 'The Ringing World' is completely illogical.

In the case of a method named '___' Bob Major, the word 'Major' indicates that the method is rung on eight bells, the word 'Bob' shows that the method belongs to the class of hunt-controlled methods whose Treble Path is the Plain Hunt, and the '___' a purely arbitrary name, indicates which method in this particular class is under consideration.

Thus the Plain Hunt-controlled Major methods have such names as St. Clement's Bob Major, Longney Bob Major and Plain Bob Major. 'Bob Major' by itself does not specify any particular method.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM HALL.

Belfast.

Dear Sir,—Despite the fact that the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World' is, in its decision to discontinue the use of the word 'plain' as applied to Plain Bob, complying to the letter with the Central Council's 1955 resolution, I feel that this can lead to nothing but confusion, particularly in the reporting of peals.

Firstly, the word 'bob' is a definitive term in the field of plain methods, being just as indicative of a certain type of plain method, i.e., one having a seconds-place lead-end, as is the word 'Surprise' indicative of a certain type of treble bob hunt method. Thus, a peal de-

scribed as one of '5040 Bob Minor' should be construed, without further explanation, as one containing any number of seconds-place plain minor methods, just as a peal of '5040 Surprise Minor' is normally understood to contain a plurality of Surprise minor methods.

Further confusion is likely to arise in the reporting of multi-method minor peals, wherein the word 'minor' is invariably dispensed with when listing the methods rung. Thus, if we are to be consistent, an extent will now read: '(1) St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Bob . . . etc.'

This looks decidedly odd to me, but would appear to be unavoidable under the new ruling.

Lastly, we have the case where Plain Bob has been rung for the first time in a certain tower: take the case of a 10-bell tower where the first peal of Plain Bob is one of Major on the back eight. Is the footnote to read: 'First peal of Bob Major on the bells,' thus implying that Minor and/or Royal has previously been rung? The only alternative consistent with the new ruling, i.e., 'first peal of Bob on the bells,' is surely inadmissible.

It has been shown only too often in the past that too rigid an adherence to loosely-drawn rules leads only to controversy and confusion. This is a case in which 'elasticity' should be our watchword, and a dead and discarded custom should be allowed to rest in peace.—Yours faithfully,
ROBIN G. LEALE.
Surbiton.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND BELLS REDEDICATED

A LOVELY, old-world, unspoilt, Dickensian village is Stoke-by-Nayland, perched high up on the East Anglian heights to the south-west of Suffolk.

Those ringers lucky enough to have visited and rung on the bells of certain villages (or small towns, if you like) in the West Country would agree that Stoke-on-the-Wold would sound equally imposing. Wide streets, top-heavy houses of ample stud and pink-washed plaster give one the impression that with the ground covered in snow and a full moon shining on frosty tiles, here indeed is inspiration for 'A Christmas Carol.'

The church is in keeping with all this lovely setting: a large and lofty nave with clerestory, north and south aisles and lady chapels, and a fine-proportioned sanctuary terminating with a generous east window.

But our business lies, or rather stands, at the west end, where a tower with enormous buttresses rises to over 100 feet and could well have been the inspiration of Dorothy Sayers' Fenchurch St. Paul, had it not been on high ground. This is where the heaviest ring of six in the Eastern Counties hangs, and many wild guesses have been made as to the weight of the tenor.

In 'Nayland Black Hoss' ringers have been known to remark: 'She dew weigh twenty-eight or thutty hunded weight corz ut took foive min t' git har up roight.'

All the same, she was rather an old pan, the treble was cracked and the ropes hung 1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 5 (I believe). The treble has been recast, the old five bells tuned, two new trebles added and this now fine ring of eight, with tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in the key of D, hangs in a new iron frame with all new fittings by John Taylor and Co.

Saturday, December 8th, was the day chosen to dedicate this grand work, and well before 3 p.m. the church began to fill. A coach arrived and disgorged 30 ringers upon the village green (or were they pilgrims?), and many clusters of the craft indicated this was no ordinary 'do.'

Promptly at 3 p.m. the cross-bearer, churchwardens, Vicar and Bishop proceeded to the

west end, where the choir had formed up for the processional hymn (which no one knew except half the choir). Later they all recessed to under the tower, where the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Morris, greeted the local ringers, the donor of the two trebles, Commander C. W. J. Simpson, Mr. Paul Taylor, the architect and builder. Followed the usual prayers of dedication and the procession returned to the chancel to sing 'Ding Dong Merrily on High.'

In his address the Bishop congratulated Stoke-by-Nayland, the Vicar and people, and in particular the donor of the trebles and the Barron Bell Trust. He gave a short history of bells and their uses. 'Bells summoned people to church. Would those who heard the bells but could not go to church, pray for their brethren here and afar? When they heard the passing bell would they remember that life does not go on for ever, and say a prayer? And when they heard the wedding bells, would they pray for happiness to the married couple?'

He was pleased to hear the bells in so many Suffolk churches and to know there was keenness among the ringers, especially the ladies. Ringers used to ring for service and then go away, but he was glad they did not do that in Suffolk.

The bells occupied a high place in national life, and it was depressing when the ban was put upon them during the war and the steeples became observation posts. But what joy when the bells rang out for victory. He had no time for the new electrical apparatus which was, here and there, taking the place of bells. A gramophone phone record could never equal the real thing.

He considered great credit was due to the church and parish. They had set an example to many other parishes in the county, and from the information he had received he hoped other parishes would follow this fine example.

Tea was provided, and the bells were kept going until a late hour. Everyone appeared delighted with the restoration and considered Messrs. Taylors had once again completed a first-class job.
C. W. P.

ADVENT SUNDAY

At Quebec and Coventry

To anyone who has sailed down the St. Lawrence River, the first sight of the city of Quebec and the green copper turrets of the Château Frontenac, mounting the hill towards the Heights of Abraham, is unforgettable. Close to the Château is the Anglican Cathedral and further up St. John Street St. Matthew's Church, both noted in the guide book as having bells hung for ringing. However, very little has been heard recently of change-ringing bands at either tower. There has been some activity at the Cathedral, but the eight of St. Matthew's have merely been chimed.

The first Sunday in Advent may therefore be considered as a great occasion, when the back six of St. Matthew's rang out in rounds through the already snow-covered streets of the city. (Probably the first time for 25 years.) This is largely due to the enthusiasm of Mrs. Leslie Pickles (better known as Gladys Jarrett to her friends in Kent county), who came to live at Levis, Quebec, last year. The Archdeacon of Quebec has always been most anxious that the bells should be rung, and was delighted to discover a keen ringer. Before Gladys' trip home to England this summer, the bells were inspected and found to be in fairly good order, with only two stays missing. Mr. Duggan, who faithfully chimes every Sunday, was the only one able to handle a bell.

Gladys and Mr. Duggan started to teach a few weeks ago, with three learners (including Mr. Leslie Pickles!), and such was the standard reached after the few lessons that, with the help of a visitor from Montreal, the bells were raised and rung in rounds before a Sunday morning service. The Archdeacon himself is keen to learn and there are prospects of more recruits.

It will not be an easy task as Gladys is the only one with a knowledge of change-ringing, but it will be a wonderful achievement to have set the towers of eastern Canada ringing once again. The Cathedral band have also had a revival of enthusiasm and are starting a fortnightly practice, although apparently the bells are not in good condition and need a thorough overhaul. However, continuez à sonner, et bonne chance, Quebec!
A. B.

Advent Sunday was a red-letter day for the ringers of St. Michael's, Stoke, Coventry, for it was then that the Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley, was paying his first visit to the church to preach at Evensong.

Eight of the Sunday service band assembled at 5.15 and rang a quarter peal, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Roberts 1, R. D. Hayne 2, F. Brassington 3, D. Sibley (first in the method) 4, H. Folwell 5, D. Ellender 6, H. E. Sibley (conductor) 7, F. Rouse 8.

At the conclusion of the quarter peal, four other members of the band, Miss J. Brassington, N. Haile, B. Bingham and E. Simpson, stood in to ring rounds and a short touch of Stedman until the Bishop himself came to the ringing chamber to express his appreciation of the ringing, and was introduced to the ringers. He had a special word of praise for Mr. A. Roberts for his long and regular service, and was indeed surprised to learn that he was 86 years of age.

This is the first occasion on which any Bishop has visited the ringers in the ringing chamber at St. Michael's.

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the sudden death at Ottery St. Mary on Monday of Mr. Isaac Emery, aged 85.

SPLICED 720's IN 23 AND 24 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Spliced Minor ringers may be interested in the three following 720's.

Column No. 2 shows the places where the second 720 differs from the first, and column No. 3 the places where the third 720 differs from the second.

The method I have 'christened' Wakefield Alliance (as I have no name for it otherwise) is Mendlesham, with 6ths instead of 2nds at the lead-end.

The first two 720's contain, of course, the greatest number of methods yet spliced into a 720, and the third 720 makes it possible, I believe, to increase the present Minor record by one method.

There are several variations of each 720.—Yours sincerely,

Ryhill, Wakefield.

H. CHANT.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Christchurch District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District, held at Christchurch on December 1st, was well attended, 60 members and some friends settling down to tea in the Priory Restaurant, where the business meeting was subsequently held.

Previously the 12 bells had been rung and the Guild office sung in the Quire of the Priory. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Christchurch (Canon R. P. Price) and the preacher was the Rev. Marling Roberts, Vicar of Milford-on-Sea.

At the business meeting the Vicar of Christchurch welcomed the Guild to Christchurch once again, and referred to the great loss the District had sustained in the passing of Mr. George Preston and Mrs. A. V. Davis. The company stood in silent tribute to their memory.

The hon. secretary reported a steady year's work with fair attendance at the meetings and a small balance in hand after all dues had been met. The officers were re-elected for another year, with the exception of the chairman (Mr. J. E. Daniells), who would shortly be leaving Bournemouth to take up an appointment in Cardiff.

Admiral D. H. Everett, the correspondent of the Milford-on-Sea tower (and who has done much enthusiastic spadework to revive Milford ringing), was unanimously elected chairman of the Branch for 1957.

Quarterly meetings were arranged to be held on the first Saturdays in March, June, September and December, and it was decided to hold the George Williams Commemoration Dinner early in May, the date of which will be published shortly in 'The Ringing World.'

The Guild's annual general meeting will be held in Bournemouth this year, and Mr. J. A. C. King promised details in the early New Year.

GEORGE E. DAY

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 19th your correspondent 'C. R.' gave details of a peal of Bob Major rung half-muffled at SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, on September 24th, 1906—a token of respect to the Rev. John J. Raven, D.D.

'C. R.' mentions George Day, the bell-hanger, his son Fred and his grandson Hubert, as taking part in this peal. This is not so: the George E. Day who rang in the peal was the elder son of Fred Day.

George E. Day served as a sergeant in the 5th Suffolks, and was reported missing at Suvla Bay in 1915 when one or two companies of the battalion were reported missing, and so far as I am aware, nothing further was ever heard as to what happened to these troops.

The peals rung for the 'N.D.A.' by members of the Day family were: George 4, Fred 95, George E. 10, Hubert J. 18.

I believe that old George Day died just previous to 1906; the firm was carried on by Fred and later by Hubert.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CROSS.

Chardstock, Devon.

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	3 5 4 2 6	St. Clement's	
	4 3 6 5 2	London Bob	
	2 6 5 4 3	College	
—	3 5 2 6 4	Carisbrooke Delight	
—	4 2 3 5 6	Killarney	Wakefield Alliance
	6 3 5 4 2	Horsmonden	
	5 6 2 3 4	St. Clement's	
	2 5 4 6 3	Carisbrooke Delight	
	3 4 6 2 5	Wavertree	
—	5 6 3 4 2	Killarney	Wakefield Alliance
—	2 3 5 6 4	Wath Delight	
	4 5 6 2 3	Double Oxford	
	6 4 3 5 2	Childwall	
	3 6 2 4 5	College	
	5 2 4 3 6	Killarney	Wakefield Alliance
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—	3 5 6 4 2	Wavertree	
	2 6 4 3 5	St. Clement's	
	4 2 5 6 3	Pontefract Delight	
	5 4 3 2 6	College	
	6 3 2 5 4	Horsmonden	
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—	6 2 3 5 4	Frodsham	Belvedere L.B.
	2 5 6 4 3	Canterbury	
	5 4 2 3 6	Ennerdale	
—	4 3 6 2 5	Chalfont Alliance	Reverse Bob
	3 2 4 5 6	Double Bob	
	5 6 2 4 3	Belvedere L.B.	Frodsham
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	5 3 4 2 6	Double Bob	
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	5 6 4 3 2	Belvedere L.B.	Windermere
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GUILD ANNUAL REPORTS IN 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—I write to congratulate A. H. Smith on one of the most constructive suggestions that has appeared in 'The Ringing World' this year. It is interesting to note that no comment on it appeared and that no comment has appeared on the other suggestion earlier this year of a national striking competition based on District Associations. Ringers seem strangely reluctant to see in new ideas scope for development.

With respect to the publishing of Reports in 'The Ringing World,' I wonder if the Editorial Committee has considered selling space, and at what price it could be made available. At 6s. 6d. per column inch (the rate quoted above the weekly notices), a double page, the bare minimum for most Associations, would cost £17 11s. I have just had an estimate of £25 15s. for 350 Reports of eight pages and cover. If the rate for Reports could be fixed at £5 per page I am sure that most Associations would be glad of the opportunity to help themselves and the 'R.W.'—Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM PARROTT.

Epsom, Surrey.

NOTE.—Very careful consideration would be given by the Editorial Committee to any Guild or Association who submitted a definite proposition. The National Press is used for Company Reports. A page of 'The Ringing World' is about the equivalent of 2,000 words.—Ed.

KEEP OUT PREJUDICE

Dear Sir,—I read 'The Ringing World' with much pleasure and interest, but this pleasure is somewhat modified when I see so many of your correspondents dipping their pens in the ink of prejudice. People who do not like the idea of a College of Campanology might at least be willing to give the venture a chance. It's so easy to reject an idea when it's first mentioned or to damn it in the early stages, but new ventures are at least a sign of life and intelligence and there's always room for improvement, given time. I can quite see that experienced ringers who have learnt their ringing the hard way—practice, practice, and more practice—may not like the idea of turning the basic practice into a scientific drill. But there is plenty of room for variety in educational methods. Pupils vary, and so do the methods that suit them best.

As an elderly novice myself, and one who is trying at the same time to teach young ones to ring, to keep the church bells ringing, I have a feeling that some of the exercises from the Manual, judiciously used, might be a great help to me and to my young people. They will give us a standard of ringing practice that we might not otherwise have, seeing we have no expert ringer regularly in the tower.

I for one hope that the College Manual will be available in book form: the young will find much they can learn from it, whilst the older and more experienced will, of their goodwill, be ready with suggestions for improvement. In the meantime, let us keep mere prejudice out of the discussion. It doesn't help, and it militates against the traditional friendliness of our fraternity.

As for quoting Scripture for our own purposes, that is a thing that should not be done. It is bad theology, and it hasn't got good precedents, has it?

What I say is, God bless all who are working to improve the standards and ideals of bell-ringing. It is, surely, a sacred art, practised in the House of God and dedicated to His glory.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY THACKRAY.

Barnetby, Lincs.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—Dear Mr. Cluett, please pay us a visit. The belfry with bats in it?—Woodchurch is it. Incidentally, added to that, we also have a ringer named Batt!—Yours faithfully,

DAPHNE J. RUSSELL.

Ashford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I have seen bats in both North Weald and Fyfield belfries. In North Weald we found one sleeping behind a picture one practice night. I used to wind the Fyfield church clock every Monday evening about 9 o'clock; this was situated in the belfry. For some time a bat would be sitting on the top step of the staircase. I disturbed it in passing, and it was flying around the belfry whilst I was doing my job.—Yours, etc.,

HARRY KING.

North Weald, Essex.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the correspondence on the subject of 'Bats in the Belfry,' I have been more fortunate (or unfortunate) than the two ladies whose letters appeared in the December 7th issue of 'The Ringing World,' in that I have seen one of these small creatures in a ringing chamber—once.

One evening about 18 months ago, when I was visiting Ashford, Kent, for practice, a bat descended the chute of the treble in the middle of a touch. It flew round and round the room, distracting us from our ringing, for we were afraid of it getting in our hair. So we stood our bells, and one of the gentlemen present caught it when it alighted on a coat, and put it out through a window into the body of the church. Much relieved, we resumed our ringing.

Also, previously to this, I had heard of the existence of one in my home tower, Rye, Sussex. Surely I am not the only person in the country who has seen a bat in a belfry?—Yours faithfully,

J. M. SOUTHERDEN.

Blackheath, S.E.3.

Let 1957 Be Your Red Letter Year

No young ringer can feel he is part of the great ringing fraternity until he is a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.' We are now enrolling subscribers for 1957. We ask District representatives to make a special effort so that 1957 will be a red letter year. The drop in circulation reported at the Central Council annual meeting has been made good, but we want to do much better.

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SNOWDON AND RINGING TERMS

Dear Sir,—Mr. York-Bramble's 'full realisation of "Ropesight," called "The Manual of Ringing,"' certainly shows that he has studied one of Snowdon's publications very thoroughly.

However, in another of Mr. Snowdon's excellent books we find him saying and quoting as follows:

'Although of the opinion that other words might be found better adapted to express the meaning than are those actually employed, yet (to quote from Shipway) "as the use of these terms has long been sanctioned by the custom of the Exercise, it is not my design to make any alteration."—Yours sincerely,

F. W. GROCOTT.

Manchester, 14.

CHURCHMANSHIP AND BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—In his article of Churchmanship and Bellringing, 'J. T. D.' states that it is an unwritten rule that no peals shall be rung during Lent in Somerset. While it is true that members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association are requested by the Association committee to refrain from peal-ringing during this period, there is not, and cannot be, a rule, unwritten or otherwise, on this matter, since all ringers are directed finally by their incumbents, and it is just possible that the incumbent of a church might ask his ringers to attempt a peal during Lent.

Some years ago, a ringer who was a founder member of the Association, and who had given a lifetime of service to his church and to ringing, passed away in Lent. If ever a man was worthy of muffled peal as a tribute by his brother-ringers, this man was; yet no peal was rung at his home tower, although the Vicar was prepared to grant permission, simply because the tower Master was under the impression that he would get into trouble with the Association if a peal was rung.

Finally, if we are to cut out 'unnecessary' peals and ringing during Lent, let it be for the reason that the bells will be noticed all the more during the Easter Festival, and not for reasons of self-denial. After all, only 15 per cent. of us ring peals anyway, and there are many things which it is harder to do without: the money saved by these abstinences might well go to the many needs of the Church.—Yours faithfully,

Bath.

R. O. FRY.

UNATTACHED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—A correspondent in the issue of December 7th says that while there may be good reasons why ringers are sometimes 'unattached,' he cannot think of any. May I give him two from personal experience?

Ringer 'A' was an attached member of his association for 30 years, but there came a day when his vicar had a difference of opinion with the local branch of the guild, and at a belfry meeting (the incumbent being in the chair) it was decided to resign from the association. What was this ringer to do—leave the church where he had worshipped, with his family, all his life, and join ringers in a neighbouring village? No, he continues to ring twice a Sunday with his home band, and his name now appears in his diocesan handbook as 'unattached.'

Ringer 'B' worships at a church possessing five bells and no ringers. For many years he lived in a parish where he was able to ring regularly. It may be said that he should now raise a band for his present church, but it so happens that the vicar prefers that the bells be chimed as the church is in a closely built-up area; not that he has prejudices against ringers—the association is welcomed whenever it visits the tower—but there is no affiliation (change-ringing being a condition of membership). So this ringer, too, is 'unattached,' but he goes along to his branch meetings when he can and even fills a minor office in the organisation.

These two value their membership and make some small contribution to the guild; I am sure there are many others.

As my name would immediately identify these people and they might not wish it, with your leave, I will sign myself

GLOCKLEIN.

Clevedon, Somerset.

TOTTERNHOE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I am indebted to Mr. S. Ivin for pointing out that the claims for the peal of Totternhoe Surprise Major ('R.W.' Sept. 21st, 1956) are somewhat extravagant. The composition is unsuitable for Jersey Surprise Major, which although it has the same F.C.E. has the falseness occurring at different leads.—Yours faithfully,

D. KNOX.

Neasden, N.W.10.

THE RINGERS

One Sunday evening seated in my room
In solitude engrossed in my affairs,
I heard a glorious, mellow sound of bells
That sent a thrill throughout my saddened self,
And turned my thoughts to others called to
church
Who join the bells in joyous worship. Then
While ever-changing sequences of notes
Were flowing o'er the evening countryside,
Inducing harmonies upon the ear,
I thought of those huge, lifeless lumps of
bronze
Which, hanging side by side in lofty tower,
Are dumb, until the hand of man gives life
To make each bell give forth its lusty shout.
So wonderful the cadences seemed now
That with uplifted spirit I resolved
To see what sort of men could handle bells,
Performing church-work of a unique kind.

A week has passed without another thought
For bells or churches, then on Sunday morn
That wondrous sound excites me once again
And off to church I go, the merry tune
Becoming louder with each stride I take.
My ears are throbbing as I prowl around
The churchyard, puzzling how the ringers reach
Their point of vantage in the sturdy tower.
I find a little ivy-hidden door
Reveals a spiral staircase dark and steep,
And hear a shout of 'Bob!' twist down the
stair.
Encouraged by this exclamation, up
And round and round I climb, until I come
Upon the sombre-coloured ringing room.

The bells have ceased their jangling cries of
glee,
The ringers hitch their ropes, and one of them
Inquires if I'm a ringer. 'No,' I say,
'But may I watch you?' 'Please sit down, and
see
If Plain Bob Major int'rests you at all.'
The brightly-coloured partly woollen ropes
Are hanging in a ring, with each a mat
Below it; so they take one each and wait
For cry of: 'Look to! Treble's going—gone!'
They pull their ropes in order round the ring,
The bells above them singing down the scale,
The 'sallies' whisking ten feet up and down
Cast shadows on the walls, which make it seem
That nothing can keep still in this small room.

I watch the aged ringer nearest me,
His silvery hair all glist'ning bright with sweat;
He stands bolt upright on the tenor's box,
And rings this mighty deep-toned bell without
A single ounce more pull than is required.
His rosy, healthy face seems all alert
With concentration in his quick, sharp eyes.
I hear the young conductor snap out 'Bob!'
—This must be some direction to the rest—
I see he's tall and dark with serious face;
He puts the others right with absolute
Authority. A boy of ten or twelve
Is learning on the treble how to 'Hunt.'
A well-dressed business-man heaves at the sixth,
A grimy engine-driver has the fifth—
He's just off shift, and still wears overalls.
A pair of schoolgirls ring the third and fourth,
An ancient spinster neatly wields her rope.
The seventh's handled by a genial youth
Who, clothed in chequered shirt and tartan
socks,
Applies his thick-set body to the task
With zest unwarranted for such a bell.
They ring, I realise, as a perfect team;
For slightest error made by anyone
Means all is spoilt, and discord's the result.
Each change I hear is different from the last
For repetition never must occur.
Each bell weaves in and out among the rest
Until conductor snaps out: 'This is all!'
The bells return to singing down the scale
And then a cry of 'Stand!' brings them to
rest.

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A Christmas Frolic

MANUAL OF RINGING TRAINING OF THE FARM OF TINTINNABULATION

[Copied (right) by OXON]

THE following are a few extracts from the forthcoming Manual of The Farm of Tintinnabulation (henceforth referred to as the MOF). It is based on a serious work which Oxon welcomes, and he offers this with no intention of giving offence to the author. Oxon accepts the reasons why the serious work is (to quote its introduction) 'detailed and explanatory to an unusual degree,' and does not consider the degree excessive, though that charge might be raised against the MOF. The Farm sends fraternal greetings to the College.

INTRODUCTION.

K. Wol and P. Bear (those two stalwart conductors mentioned on p. 299 of the 'R.W.' of May 11th, 1956) are principal and vice-principal. Almost anyone mentioned in the 'Beauty and the Beast' articles of April 6th and August 10th, 1956, is eligible to act as tutor (though not student).

Paragraphs are numbered so that when those omitted are published the whole series may be cut out and stuck together to give a complete Manual. (Buy an extra 'R.W.' for the purpose.) The letter (A) is to inform the tutor that he should attempt to demonstrate the paragraph referred to. After an hour of fruitless endeavour (but not less—this is important) the tutor should move on. (Q) means that unanswerable questions may be asked by pupils, so move straight on and avoid them.

PART I

THE 'COWSHED' SYSTEM OF TUITION

SECTION I

CHAPTER I

1. Aim.—The objective of the teacher is to teach the pupil. The teacher knows:—
(a) Imprecisely what is to be taught.
(b) Nothing much else.

2. Manual.—As a guide the MOF is better for 1 (b) than for 1 (a) above.

3. Teaching systems.—Our teachers under training devoted several minutes to the study and practice of ringing itself. Mr. Bear follows the Pooh system and Mr. Wol no system at all. (The Pooh system consists in answering all questions 'Pooh pooh!' or 'Moo, moo!'. This forces pupils to think for themselves. Mr. Bear states that no pupils have done so yet, but he is hoping that one will soon—or better still give him some honey in exchange for the answer. (Q)

4. Selection and Arrangement.—Fill this in. Wol, when you have time. Ten lines should suffice, P.B. Do it yourself, K. W.

5. Method employed.—In the Cowshed system . . . the less desirable results . . . are always attainable. (A)

6. Presentation. . . . Above all, never assume the pupil knows anything you have checked. (Occasionally even the most inexperienced teacher finds a pupil who has learnt something, however.)

7. Interest.—Without it real progress cannot be made. This is why the 'Cowshed' system inevitably fails. (Q) (A)

We hurried down the stairs and into church—
I've been a ringer ever since myself.

J. R. T.

Bedford.

8. Aids.—A bell is always a great help.

9. Continuity.—The tutor should not miss too many classes or he will forget where they are being held.

10. Questions.—Let nothing 'fluffy' get passed over. Kiss her!

SECTION XII

COURSE ORGANISATION

2912. The Course.—A course will normally occupy one session of five minutes.

2913. Class arrangements.—In practice a tutor may (independent of the circumstances) instruct up to 500 pupils simultaneously. (None will learn anything, anyway.)

2914. Recruiting.—Nature will produce pupils.

2915. Register.—For every course the Farm issues a Register (Form 2675/1B/392(a)) and this should be returned to the Principal with the milk. Tutors are requested to fill the form in before returning it. (A)

3018. The Grades and Parts.—Examinations are not conducted in any of the seven parts of the MOF. Mr. Bear, having very little brain, has mislaid the names of the parts so we will go on to the Grades. These include Ringer, Ringer, Ringer, Ringer, Ringer and many other grades (also known, to avoid confusion, as Ringer).

3019. Honorary Grades.—Oxon may elect ringers to the honorary grade of Ringer.

3020. Examinations.—The Farm being Comprehensive, the 11+ examination has been abolished. So have all other exams, and one may not, therefore (until further notice), advance from the grade of Ringer to that of Ringer. The pass-standard has been lost anyway.

SECTION LIII (thirteenth session)

INTRODUCTION TO ACTUAL RINGING
4824 Preparation.—Dress: Gumboots and old clothes should be worn.

4825. Papers: Form 2675, etc., has still not been filled in—why not? (A) (A) (two hours).

4826 Opening.—The tutor should be careful not to annoy the pupils.

4827. The two 'Chambers.'—R. Z. Chambers and P. Q. Chambers are honorary fellows of the Farm. (Address as 'Old Chap.') N.B.—Ladies are not 'Chaps.'

4828. The Art of Ringing.—Refer to the previous viewing by the class of ringing in progress. (It is assumed that in most cases there will have been such a preview, but if not, state that the action is about to be demonstrated.) State that ringing, or the sounding of cow-bells with different movements of the head, is a peculiarly Swiss art dating back to some time in the past. It is enjoyed by mountain cattle of both sexes from all walks of the Alps and provides an easy way for the farmer to find his cattle.

SECTION XCIV

ACTUAL RINGING

5129. To Start Ringing.—Fix the cow-bell firmly round the pupil's neck and drive the pupil out of the cowshed.

By special request further instalments will not follow.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES E. BORRETT AN APPRECIATION

It was with extreme regret that I read of the passing of my old friend Charles E. Borrett. He had a charming manner and was well respected by all members of the old Norwich Diocesan Association.

Charlie was the finest light bell ringer that I have ever had the pleasure of ringing with, a perfect striker and a very neat handler.

Sometimes I rang with him at Mancroft, before the first world war, at their practice nights, when the ringing was somewhat indifferent, and have seen him almost gnash his teeth because one of the band could not strike. Sometimes at the end of the touch, he read the riot act to me, because I smiled at his annoyance when these bad blows were made.

I don't think that Nolan Golden is correct in saying that J. A. Trollope and C. E. B. were school fellows. Charlie commenced ringing some time before J. A. T., in fact I have always been given to understand that he (C. E. B.) attended many practices of the old company at Mancroft before he was asked why he attended the practices. Then some members of the old company, including Fred Howchin, commenced teaching him.

His first peal was rung on handbells on Feb. 23rd, 1892. The band was: Alfred W. Brighton (1), Charles E. Borrett (2), Fred Knights (3-4), Fred H. Knights (5-6); conducted by Fred Knights. His first peal on tower-bells was Bob Minor at Hethersett, in which Alfred W. Brighton also took part. These were also Alfred's first peals on tower- and handbells.

Charles' first peal on eight was Oxford Treble Bob on January 19th, 1893, at Mancroft on the middle eight (ninth as tenor). On the same day J. A. Trollope, John E. Burton and George P. Burton rang 5,040 Bob Minor 'in hand' (their first peal).

About 1896 Charlie became the conductor of the old company practising at Mancroft, and called many peals with them. This position he retained until about 1905, just before the old company were, shall I say, turned out of the tower.

A new company was formed at Mancroft, with a Sunday service band. He rang several peals with them and called some. He was never a regular service ringer, as he was a member of the choir at St. Martin-at-Palace. He remained a member of this choir until about 1920, when they had a change of parson, with whom he could not see eye-to-eye, so he left.

In the meantime the old company continued to meet at their club room to ring handbells and talk. Charlie was a regular attendant, and it was a kind of ritual for old Fred Knights to offer him a cigar as soon as he sat down. As a youngster I often attended these meetings, and I did much handbell ringing with them. It was usual to ring a course of Grandsire Cinques and sometimes a touch of Double Norwich. Although we often rang three courses of Double Norwich almost perfectly, there was never any mention of attempting a peal. This was during the years 1911 to 1914.

I think Charlie's 100th peal was Stedman Cinques, with his friends Jimmy Motts and company at Ipswich on April 27th, 1909. It was also his first peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

I find I rang 38 peals and called 33 with Charles. These peals were as follows:

Bob Major 2, Bob Major (handbells) 2 (conducted 2), Bob Royal 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob Major 3 (3), Kent Treble Bob Major (handbells) 1 (1), Oxford Treble Bob Major 3 (2), Kent T.B. Maximus 2 (2), Double Norwich Major 8 (7, includes 7.136), Double Oxford Major 1 (1), Superlative Major 2 (1), Cambridge Major 4 (4), New Cambridge Major 1 (1), Sted-

man Triples 4 (4), Stedman Caters 2 (2), Stedman Cinques 2 (2).

My first peal was called by Charles on Sept. 30th, 1909, and the other four which I did not call were conducted by Frederick J. Cross, Albert G. Warnes (rung for the N.D.A. by members of the Norwich Scholars), John E. Burton and Frederick R. Borrett.

He rang four peals on the back eight at Mancroft, the first of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major on the bells. He called the Stedman Triples from the treble. I think this composition was one of John Carter's with the treble observation. The fourth peal was also Stedman Triples in 1922.

Farewell, Charlie.

GEORGE H. CROSS.

MR. GEORGE H. DAYNES

The funeral service for Mr. George Henry Daynes, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place at Greenwich Parish Church on December 10th. Among friends attending were Mr. T. A. Easterby and Mr. F. W. Richardson.

In the evening at Eltham Parish Church a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples from the first and last parts of Holt's Original was rung with the bells half-muffled. It was at this church that George rang his last peal and also his last quarter.

The representative band paying this last tribute was B. W. Aldridge (Woolwich) 1, J. Dafters (Lewisham) 2, P. J. Spice (Bromley) 3, T. A. Easterby (Deptford) 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor, Deptford) 5, E. B. Crowder (Deptford) 6, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 7, F. J. Hurrell (Eltham) 8.

MR. JOHN POWELL

With very deep regret we record the sudden death of Mr. John Powell, of 56a, Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon, early on December 3rd. By trade Mr. Powell was a grocer, having worked at Brecon Co-op. Stores for over 30 years. In the first world war he served with the Royal Lancashire Fusiliers.

A member of St. David's P.C.C., Brecon, and people's warden for 16 years, he was elected a member of the Swansea and Brecon Guild in 1925. Though not a peal ringer, he was always present at meetings when able to attend. Mr. Powell held the rank of major in the Church Lads' Brigade, and had been a member of the Llanfaes Company for 32 years. The members of the Northern Branch of the Guild rang a quarter peal half-muffled on December 7th as a tribute of respect. He leaves a widow and stepson to mourn their loss.

D. B. H.

MR. ERNEST PALMER

Members of the Bristol Rural Area will learn with regret of the death at Mangotsfield on December 2nd of Mr. Ernest Palmer, at the age of 71. He had been in indifferent health for some time, but his death was sudden and unexpected.

A native of Mangotsfield, the service that 'E. P.' had given to his local church was an example to all with whom he came in contact. At the time of his death he was tower secretary and verger.

He learnt to ring over 45 years ago, and was always faithful in his Sunday service ringing. He was not a prolific peal ringer and kept no record of his peals, but it is understood that he had taken part in about 20, the first being a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mangotsfield in February, 1922, shortly after the bells were augmented to eight.

The funeral service took place at Mangotsfield on December 6th, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Beard, and was attended by a large congregation, including many ringing friends from the local band and towers in the Bristol area. The Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Mr. C. R. Harding (Master), Mr. W. F. Scudamore (general secretary), Mr. S. G. Riches (general treasurer), Mr. T. T. Walters (chairman, Bristol Rural), Mr. J. G. Jefferies and Mr. F. Skidmore (vice-presidents).

Immediately following the committal in the churchyard the bells were rung half-muffled to 'whole pull and stand' and Grandsire Triples by Association officials and members of the local band.

During the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, was rung in his memory by past and present members of the Mangotsfield tower. The band was: C. Beakes 1, Mrs. N. Dart 2, C. R. Harding 3, M. Jefferies 4, T. Jefferies 5, W. Richings 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. Cooksley 8. W. F. S.

MR. ERNEST G. WALKER

Faringdon, Berks, has lost one of its oldest ringers by the passing of Mr. Ernest George Walker, who died at the age of 68 on December 4th at his home, 17, Marlborough Close, Faringdon.

Mr. Walker, who had been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, for over 50 years, was a regular Sunday service ringer up to about three months ago, when his health would not allow him to carry on with ringing.

Before his retirement in 1953, he was employed for 43 years by the Swindon United Gas Co., and later by the South-Western Gas Board. He leaves a widow and a son, aged 14, who is also a ringer.

Four of his fellow ringers, Messrs. F. H. Whipp, D. Vincent, J. Strawford and R. Miles, acted as bearers at the funeral service at All Saints' Church. The Rev. C. H. G. Davey officiated. Cremation followed at Oxford. Other ringers present were Messrs. J. Pearce (foreman), F. Wheeler, J. Belcher, P. Moore.

A half-muffled peal was rung on December 8th by the following: J. Strawford 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. S. J. Pearce (conductor) 3, D. Vincent 4, E. Cade 5, R. Miles 6, F. L. Whipp 7, J. Belcher 8.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Godwin, jun. (first of Minor) 1, N. Chamberlain 2, W. Godwin, sen. (first of Minor) 3, Miss D. R. Castell 4, M. J. Thomas 5, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Loveridge, sidesman at this church; for Wolvercote fifth Ringers' Sunday; a farewell to M. J. Thomas, about to enter H.M. Forces.

Wish them a Happy Christmas with THE RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1957

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Christmas Greetings to all Readers

The Editor and staff of 'The Ringing World,' at Guildford, and Mr. J. E. Jeater send their good wishes to all readers and thank the many correspondents for their cards and greetings.

The ringers of Hobart, Tasmania, send their fraternal greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers in the Homeland and the world over.

The season's greetings to all English ringers from the members of Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, New Zealand.

St. Mary's, Apsley, ringers send their many friends best wishes for a happy Christmas, with successful ringing and good fellowship throughout the coming year, especially to Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, an ever-welcome visitor to the district. 9452

To bellringers at home and in far away places I wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—J. Armstrong, Morpeth. 9378

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. Herrick B. Bowley, 108, Anstey Lane, Leicester. 9435

To old and new friends, especially to Tom Lock's tourists, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bullen, of Station Road, Darley Dale, send greetings for Christmas and the New Year. 9431

To all members of the East Grinstead Guild and friends in Sussex, Kent and Devon, a very happy Christmas and New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett and family, Wadhurst. 9468

To my many ringing friends everywhere I send hearty seasonal greetings. A welcome awaits you in Shropshire.—F. Hector Bennett, Brewery Cottage, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 9472

The Bedfordshire Young Ringers send Christmas greetings to their friends in 16 counties, remembering especially the Yorkshire ringers and clergy whose towers we visited during our August tour this year. 9463

Mr. Peter N. Bond sends his very best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all his ringing friends, especially members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 9458

Greetings and good wishes to all our friends wherever they may be.—St. Luke's Society of Change-ringers, Chelsea. 9475

Cape Town.—St. Mary's, Woodstock, sends sincere Christmas greetings to all friends at home, overseas and on the seas. We wish you a happy year of peace, and look forward to seeing our visitors. 9400

The ringers of Danbury, Essex, church tower send Christmas greetings again to all their friends, both far and near, and wish them good ringing in 1957. 9473

To Bill Slocombe, wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, from your friends in East Anglia. 9455

Remembrances at Christmas to my many friends, with good health and happiness in the New Year.—T. J. Fowler, Cookham. 9427

Paul, Flo and Mischief Field, of Marshfield, Knole, Langport, Somerset, send all their ringing friends best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and hope that petrol will allow many happy outings in 1957. 9462

To my ringing friends, good fortune attend you: health, happiness, prosperity, the wish of H. Goodwin, 35, Farnworth Road, Rotherham, Yorks, late of Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent. No ringing, confined to house. 9451

Wishing all ringing friends both near and far a happy Christmas and good health in the New Year.—Hubert Hatto. 9459

Just a few brief lines of greeting and wishes most sincere, for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, The Stores, Lee Ground, Titchfield, Hants. 9442

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts. 9446

Best wishes for Christmas and 1957 to all our ringing friends near and far.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury and Nora Shorter, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 9460

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all ringing friends, especially those of the Sussex County Association, from Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Linington, Penhale, Hillcrest, Helston, Cornwall. 9448

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends, from David, Frances, George and Hilda Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome, Somerset. 9433

St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, send their greetings for Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all English ringers.—George W. Pipe.

Wishing all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas, a prosperous and bright New Year, with plenty of new hunting ground—get the old bicycle out, chaps.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea. 9461

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole, Marlow, Bucks. 9439

Here's wishing the jolliest of Christmases and happiest New Years to all my ringing friends everywhere.—F. Precey, 7, Cologne Road, Bovington Camp, Dorset. 9415

Greeting.—An old but sincere wish to all ringing friends. A happy Christmas and a successful New Year, from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 9438

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to our friends of the Southampton District, who have helped us considerably during 1956, from the ringers of the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelflæda, Romsey. 9441

Seasonable greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends wherever they may be, is the sincere wish of Ronald J. Sharp. 9444

My best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers, old and new, everywhere.—William Shepherd, Addlestone, Surrey. 9432

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to ringers everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skidmore, Bristol. 9453

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, of Warrington House, Paddock Wood, Kent, send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends far and near. 9437

Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be.—Evelyn Steel, Biddenham, Beds.

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the New and succeeding years, with thanks to all my ringing Associations and friends, wherever they may be, for many hours of pleasure, including 'The Ringing World' and the Editor, Mr. T. W. White.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 9409

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—With very best wishes for Christmas and a long, pleasant and profitable future to our Railwaymen's Guild

and railway ringers, everywhere. Grateful thanks and appreciation to the following 'founder members,' and all kindred Associations who also helped, especially the Police Guild.

Sydney Foskett, prime mover, Bedford; Richard D. Langford, George A. Packer, Frank Moreton and Keith Collier, Crewe, the last two, engineering apprentices; Rodney Meadows, acting chairman, Bath; Brian D. Threlfall, Gresford; Charles Bassett, Wadhurst, Sussex; Albert J. Pitman, Port Talbot, Glam; Bert Sutton, Scarborough; John R. Cooper, Ashford, Kent; Cyril Deem, Exmouth; J. Eric Dakin, Watford; John W. Griffiths, Chester; Donald G. Clarke, Newport, Mon; J. Arthur Hoare, Swansea; R. W. Rich, Dittton, Kent; Jack L. Day, Melton Mowbray; Edmund J. Morris, Skewen, Glam; W. O. Farrimond, Coppull, Lancs; Fred Seager, Leeds; W. John Carter, Fenton, S.O.T., Staffs; present at Crewe. Also Harold Walker, York; W. Bertram Kynaston, Swindon; Peter G. W. Newstead, Great Yarmouth; Jack N. Brown, Ormskirk; S. W. Cull, Hitchin; F. G. Cull, Hatfield—both Herts; N. Ling, Withernsea; E. J. Counsell, Quarndon, Derbys; L. Willders, Lincoln; L. W. Giles, Burwash, Sussex; Henry Douglas, Dawley, Wellington, Salop; Robert E. Dannatt, Great Waltham, Essex; Stanley G. Sulley, South Molton, Devon; W. Smoothy, Icleton, Essex; Colin Harrison (aged 18), Blackburn, Lancs; Jack Brough, Nantwich; and Fred Sutton, Acton, Nantwich.

Also, specially, Mr. I. C. Forsyth, works manager, Crewe; Alderman J. A. Madeley, J.P., M.B.E., area welfare officer, L.M. Region; and the Rev. Francis G. Gentry, Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe.—W. Frank Stenson, acting general secretary. 9410

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all ringers and friends, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 9445

A happy Christmas to all our ringing friends and sincere good wishes for the coming year.—Martin, Paddy and Katharine Thorley, 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, Yorkshire. 9447

GLoucester AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Swindon Branch

Among the visitors to the Swindon Branch annual meeting on December 8th were Mr. Roger Fry, of Bath, Mr. Frank Skidmore, of Bristol, and Miss Marion Skinner, a former member of Christ Church, now resident in Middlesex.

Owing to a mishap, ringing was somewhat restricted during the afternoon, but things were put right eventually. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. W. Thomas), who delivered one of his customary out-of-the-rut addresses.

The company was entertained to tea in the Church Hall by Christ Church ringers, and the Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) presided at the business meeting. All the Branch officers were re-elected and Mr. R. Luton was appointed assistant secretary to assist Mr. Kynaston, who is away from Swindon a good deal. The secretary reported an increase in peal ringing and an average attendance of 33 per meeting during the past year. He also announced that the sum of £40 had been subscribed by the Association for Bow Bells.

It was proposed that the first three meetings in 1957 be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Rodbourne Cheney and Stratton St. Margaret. Ringing was resumed in the evening, and methods up to Cambridge Royal were rung, although some difficulty was experienced in the Major methods!

FULHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: W. Venn 1, H. Belcher 2, W. Langdon 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, James Phillips 5, John Phillips 6, J. Bell 7, J. Harvey 8.

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LAWRENCE.—On Saturday, Dec. 8th, 1956, at Great Mongeham, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Lawrence, a son, Neil William John. 9470

DEATH

FARR.—On December 8th, 1956, Arthur Joseph Farr, of 16. Halmers Gate, Spalding, aged 71 years. Member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and Yorkshire Association. 9434

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. F. W. Burnett is now 46, Newcombe Road, Fratton, Portsmouth, where correspondence regarding Cathedral ringing, etc., should be sent. 9465

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Beaconsfield, Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 4 p.m. Tea at 6.30 p.m.—W. Butler, 17, Foles Road, Windsor. 9416

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Dec. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. All welcome.—V. M. Horton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9426

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Evening meeting, Sapcote, Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Please note: Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 26th; annual dinner, Sapcote, Feb. 16th. 9436

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Kenneth G. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9411

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Wood Green on Saturday, Dec. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and tea. Important business to follow. All ringers cordially invited. 9428

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Boxing Day, 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: Ringing at Walton-on-Thames. All welcome.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 9424

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of four recast bells, two retuned and all rehung, Saturday, Dec. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., by Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Vicar of Great Yarmouth). All welcome. 9474

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—250th anniversary of the bells. Special service of thanksgiving, Sunday, Dec. 30th, at 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Parker, President of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Bells from 5.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 9479

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church (12) on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. until late evening (8.30 approx.). Tea 5 p.m., and business meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 1st to Mr. V. Bottomley, 21, Bankfield View, Halifax. 9449

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—A.G.M., Tiverton St. Peter's, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers by Jan. 1st.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley-moor, Tiverton. 9429

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent District).—Joint meeting at Hadlow on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with cash, please (2s. 6d. each), by Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. Ladies' Guild members please note change of tower. 9440

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Sedgley, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne. 9454

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford.—C. W. Towers. 9457

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Annual meeting at Devynock, Saturday, Jan. 5th, at 2.30 p.m.—G. Davies, Hon. Sec. 9464

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available at 2 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names by Jan. 3rd to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9443

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing at St. Mary's and St. Chad's. 9471

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. C. Macbeth 1, D. L. Mills 2, B. W. Fairhead 3, W. J. Brunt 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, J. H. Edwards 6. Farewell quarter for tenor ringer.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Rudkin 1, D. J. Edmonds (aged 11) 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, T. L. Pendred (aged 16) 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Sylvia May West to Michael Arthur Temple Gobbin.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Annual at Beaminster

At the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch, held in Beaminster on December 1st, towers represented were: Beaminster, Bridport, Broadwindsor, Evershot, Netherbury, Loders, Lyme Regis, and Whitechurch Canonicorum. Visitors were from Corfe Mullen, Yeovil, Cat-tistock and Hawkchurch.

Ringings ranged from rounds and call-changes to Cambridge Minor and Major, while a service touch was Stedman Triples.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Beaminster (the Rev. J. S. Arthur), assisted by Canon C. Cox, the lesson being read by the Rev. O. L. Willmott, and the Vicar of Beaminster gave a very fitting address. The collection amounted to £1 6s. The Lyme Regis band rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells during the service.

Tea, enjoyed by 34 members, was given by the Beaminster ringers, and a charge of 6d. per head was made to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Taylor, the Hawkchurch band and Melbury Osmond ringers—the latter due to difficulty in obtaining petrol!

The secretary's report was read and adopted and the accounts, which showed a balance of £53 12s. 4d., passed. It was decided to invest £30 of the balance in Defence Bonds.

The election of officers followed. Canon Carew Cox was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Rev. O. L. Willmott vice-chairman. Mrs. E. Pannell was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The Ringing Masters were re-elected en bloc.

Quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: February—Bradpole, April—Symondsburry, July—Loders, September—South Perrott, and the annual meeting in December at Bridport.

The following were made members of the Guild: Mrs. Davis, E. Hodder and P. Wright (Lyme Regis), R. Rawlins and P. G. Bowditch (Hawkchurch), Nancy Wakely (Burton Bradstock), and W. Maddison (Loders). The Rev. ff. Powell, of Evershot, was transferred from an honorary member to a ringing member, and Roger Keeley made a non-resident life ringing member.

Canon Cox thanked the Vicar of Beaminster for the use of his church and bells, and for his address, and Mr. Brooks for playing the organ. He asked for a vote of thanks to the Beaminster ringers for the ample tea, and to the Mothers' Union who prepared and served it.

Members then returned to the tower for further tower- and handbell ringing. E. G. P.

QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Broadley 1, Ann Shells 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove (cond.) 4, J. Harrison 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Meads 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Broadley 1, Ann Shells 2, H. Wingrove 3, G. F. Bryant 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, A. Bridges 7, J. Meads 8. For Evensong.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. W. Leavitt 1, Rev. H. T. Wisdom 2, J. Elliott (cond.) 3, J. Papworth 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. White (first as cond.) 1, Miss J. Roper 2, Miss L. Allen 3, Miss S. Cope 4, Miss M. Twidale 5, Miss A. Gladwell 6, K. Cottrell 7, J. J. Coates 8. First of Grandsire Triples by 3, 4 and 5. Rung by members of Reading University Society as a compliment to the master on her engagement.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Jean Stevens 1, D. Miller 2, W. Stevens 3, C. J. Stevens 4, R. D. Short (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Pamela M. Stevens also first quarter of Stedman on the bells since rehangings.

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