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CANDID CRITICISM

THE convener of the Editorial Committee made some very candid criticism of this journal in the issue of January 4th. Speaking at the Universities Association dinner, he said, "The Ringing World" is a headache.' The indications are that this is a financial headache, and no improvement is in sight. We may be sure that the Editorial Committee has gone into this very thoroughly and is against any increase in price. A big drop in circulation would be the result, for 'The Ringing World' has to give value for money in common with other technical journals. So the only remedy here is increased circulation, but the efforts in this direction have not been as successful as expected.

The Editorial Committee has admitted that 'The Ringing World' needs improving and, though there are many good friends who contribute, the fact remains that the committee is tied down for lack of funds.

Now for the second statement: 'The Exercise owns a paper and as owner it is responsible for supplying the copy.' This is a theoretical statement with which the average ringer would not agree, but it is here that improvement can be made. At present the liaison between owners and the Editor is very loose — in fact, almost haphazard. There must be a lot of ringing news which never reaches the pages of 'The Ringing World' because it is nobody's business to send it up.

Let me give an example. A certain young man turned in the 82 cwt. tenor at Liverpool Cathedral last November to a course of Cambridge Major. That would have been news, but though there was a good attendance the item never appeared in 'The Ringing World.' Let the big diocesan and territorial associations appoint on their committees one or two 'Ringing World' correspondents. Their job would be to see that all topical news of their association reached 'The Ringing World' and also to write an occasional article. In other words, a voluntary reporting staff spread out all over Great Britain, but give them the same privileges as other committeemen. By that is meant not to take any interest in what the correspondent does, but help him and see that the work is done. Those associations who already have qualified persons on their

committees do not need any rule alterations, but for those who have not, then think it over and act as soon as possible.

There are, of course, 'Ringing World' representatives, but they are concerned chiefly with circulation and have no official backing. Some people will say that all associations have not got suitable men or women, but taking the columns of 'The Ringing World' for 1956 as a guide, it appears that they have. Also the Central Council, if it thinks this is its job all right, but local committees rule their associations and they know all the local news. No slight is implied on the Editorial Committee, which deserves our warmest thanks. The idea is to get topical news into the editorial bag. Nobody has been attacked, so I will sign
M. R. P.

RINGING THE CHANGES

IN the church tower six or eight people are hard at work. To the onlooker it seems that at every other moment someone is about to be hung by the neck from a vicious-looking rope that coils down from a hole in the ceiling. This rope, however, is caught with apparent ease by the ringer, who gives it another pull, releases it, and lets it soar upwards again.

Let the onlooker, however, decide to learn this art. She presents herself to the leader of the band, who says doubtfully that perhaps she *might* be started on one of the lighter bells. The intricate details of how to handle a bell are explained, and the pupil is then allowed to pull a rope; after which she goes home wondering where her mother keeps the liniment. When, eventually, she has learnt to manage the bell, she begins on ringing the changes, those complicated patterns obtained by deviations from the simple round, when each bell rings after the bell in front.

After some disheartening lessons, the pupil is about to give up when the whole matter suddenly becomes clear. Now things grow easier. The pupil is duly enrolled as a member of the Association, obtains an elaborate certificate, usually provides herself with a badge, and of course pays her subscription. She can now attend meetings, where the complexity of the organisation behind the association is revealed to her. The hobby which began by taking up a few odd evenings now becomes almost a full-time occupation. There are practices, ringing on Sundays, meetings, visits to towers, excursions to various parts of the country.

In future, when you hear the bells, please do not pass them off as an unholy din: consider what an extraordinary and absorbing hobby they represent to those who 'ring the changes.'

MARGARET ALDERMAN in 'The Pelican',
the magazine of Bishop Fox's School, Taunton.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

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| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble .. 7 | *ERIC E. SPEAKE 7 |
| *MURIEL REAY 2 | †TERRY R. HAMPTON 8 |
| JOHN PINFOLD 3 | RODNEY B. MEADOWS 9 |
| ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4 | HENRY H. FEARN 10 |
| *CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5 | RALPH G. EDWARD 11 |
| GEORGE E. FEARN 6 | PETER BORDER Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † 300th peal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

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| RODERICK W. PIPE .. Treble .. 6 | CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT 2 | *RONALD W. M. CLOUSTON .. 7 |
| *DIANA M. PIPE 3 | HARRY D. LISTER 8 |
| PATRICIA M. CLARKE 4 | ERNEST J. BLAKE 9 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING 5 | CECIL W. PIPE Tenor |
- Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a farewell to Mrs. Diana Pipe, due to sail for Australia on March 5th to join her husband, George Pipe.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28½ cwt.

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| *HENRY W. KNAUSS .. Treble .. 6 | ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6 |
| LEONARD J. FOX 2 | FRANK V. GANT 7 |
| †GEORGE J. BOOMSMA 3 | CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON .. 8 |
| THOMAS G. FOX 4 | JOHN H. CRAMPION 9 |
| *HENRY G. WEEDON 5 | GEORGE W. CECIL Tenor |
- Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by LEONARD J. FOX.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

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| BRIAN BLADON Treble .. 5 | RALPH BIRD 5 |
| IAN H. ORAM 2 | BRYAN S. COPE 6 |
| *RONALD J. SHARP 3 | PHILIP MEHEW 7 |
| ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 4 | DEREK P. JONES Tenor |
- Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* 50th peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND

THE ORDER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| Thurstans' Five-part Treble |
| COMP. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Chap., 5657 2 |
| COMP. GEORGE F. OAKSHOTT, Ebbershams Chap., 2422 .. 3 |
| COMP. JAMES WM. HORNER, Unanimity Chap., 42 4 |
| EX. COMP. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Everton Chap., 823 5 |
| COMP. NORMAN HEAPS, Bridson Chap., 613 6 |
| COMP. PETER CROOK, SEN., St. John's Chap., 348 7 |
| COMP. JAMES BENNETT, Per Mare Per Terram Chap., 3609 .. 7 |
| COMP. ALLEN P. SANDFORD, Coronation Chap., 2927 Tenor |

Conducted by COMP. PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the elevation of the Vicar of this church, W. Bro. Rev. Tom Billington, to the rank of Prov. G. Chaplain; also for Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Derbyshire's 55th wedding anniversary.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 11, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Grove's variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in E.

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| *PERCY BRAY Treble .. 5 | KENNETH E. MOON 5 |
| †W. JOHN PHIPPEN 2 | EDWIN H. NASH 6 |
| DAVID HOARE 3 | †ERNEST E. BRAY 7 |
| DAVID T. ROBERTSON .. 4 | LESLIE A. FEAR Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. First peal in method as conductor.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

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| *JOHN KING Treble .. 5 | STEPHEN J. IVIN 5 |
| BRYAN S. COPE 2 | *WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 6 |
| *SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 3 | DEREK P. JONES 7 |
| RONALD J. SHARP 4 | PHILIP MEHEW Tenor |
- Composed by STEVEN J. IVIN. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Pudsey as conductor. Believed to be the first peal in the method, in the county, for the Association, and on the bells. The composition was rung for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB TRIPLES

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

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| *BERNICE A. MANNING .. Treble .. 5 | †JOHN F. MURFIN 5 |
| *EDWIN WALKLATE 2 | †PAMELA J. PEARSON 6 |
| †BRIAN R. MANNING 3 | DAVID K. WALKLATE 7 |
| †PETER BELLAMY-KNIGHT 4 | *JOHN E. COLLINS Tenor |
- Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer's father and Alan Whiting, of Shardlow.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,280 Superlative, with 113 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| CYRIL S. JARRETT .. Treble .. 5 | RALPH BIRD 5 |
| *BRIAN BLADON 2 | JOHN L. MORRIS 6 |
| DENNIS BERESFORD .. 3 | *PETER N. BOND 7 |
| GEORGE J. BUTCHER .. 4 | JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of 4-Spliced. First peal of Spliced on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the tower and the bells.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

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| *DAVID R. BODEN .. Treble .. 5 | †GEORGE E. FOSTER 5 |
| *MAUREEN PATRICK 2 | ALLAN SIMPSON 6 |
| MRS. A. SIMPSON 3 | WILLIAM L. EXTON 7 |
| MARGARET E. HILL 4 | †SYDNEY ADAMS Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

* First peal. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal on eight.

SYSTEM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 27 lb.

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| *MICHAEL WHITE .. Treble .. 5 | F. KEVON THOMPSON .. 5 |
| MARY C. PAYNE 2 | ERNEST F. PAYNE 6 |
| JEAN A. KIRKMAN 3 | †ROYSTON WILMORE 7 |
| JEAN A. BROOKS 4 | †B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Tenor |
- Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal on eight. † 50th peal together. A birthday compliment and a farewell to Miss Jean A. Brooks, of this tower, who was leaving for Wellington, New Zealand.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS Treble	*DONALD E. COBB 5
ELISABETH A. G. GRIME 2	ALAN F. LEE 6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS 3	DAVID J. KING.. .. 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN 4	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
 * First peal on eight bells.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	STANLEY E. DARMON 5
*MARGARET B. MESLEY 2	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN 6
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON 3	WALTER AYRE 7
JEAN A. DARMON 4	*ALBERT C. WENBAN Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
 * First peal in the method.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second and Miss Thelma Howlett, a local ringer.

WINSLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 19½ cwt.

CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	*WILLIAM A. YATES 5
CHARLES COLES.. .. 2	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND 6
*FREDERICK VICKERS 3	GEORGE F. BURTON 7
FRANK W. LEWIS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	†COLIN J. B. TAYLOR.. .. 5
*NIGEL J. MAGGS Treble	ROBIN A. HODGSON.. .. 6
DR. DONALD H. NIBLETT 2	PETER R. SANDERS 7
DERMOT J. ROAF 3	†C. R. CHAD COUSSMAKER Tenor
†ROBIN N. PITTMAN 4	

Composed by PETER R. SANDERS.
 * First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10½ cwt.

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. Treble	GEOFFREY PEARSON 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTAPP .. 2	JOHN R. COOPER 6
MAISIE VANTOM.. .. 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD.. .. 7
OLIVE M. BOULDEN 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINs. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Tenor 10 cwt.

Dexter's variation.	MICHAEL E. BROWN 5
MRS. M. E. BROWN Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON 2	PETER J. STANFORTH.. .. 7
PHYLLIS POOLE 3	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY .. Tenor
RICHARD A. PRIME 4	

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

DEBENHAM: SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	HAROLD LEATHER 5
MURIEL R. PIPE.. .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT.. .. 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	WALTER W. MILLER 7
CHARLES W. BEECROFT 4	WALTER RUFFLES Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 8). Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
 Rung in honour of the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, of Debenham.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PHILIP G. ERITH Treble	*DONALD B. MUNRO 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	GEORGE N. ORMAN 6
FELIX H. ERITH 3	ROY DUESBURY.. .. 7
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD .. 4	ARTHUR G. BUTTON.. .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.
 * First peal of Major.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDURG,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

Heywood's transposition.	FRANK A. BARRATT 5
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY .. Treble	FRANCIS A. WHITE 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 7
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor
CYRIL H. KINCH 4	

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

PETER BERESFORD Treble	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW .. 5
JOAN BERESFORD 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
LEONARD TREVOR 3	PETER J. STANFORTH 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	S. ANTHONY JESSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	IAN H. ORAM 5
JAMES WALLMAN 2	BRIAN J. HOWARD 6
ARTHUR G. MASON 3	PHILIP J. COWARD 7
ROY D. TOMLIN 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
LEONARD STILWELL 2	RALPH BIRD 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
 The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.



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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, ANNE AND LAURENCE-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.
A. CHARLES MORRIS Treble	ANTHONY A. UPTON 5
CLARENCE R. STEED 2	HAROLD HUXLEY 6
WILLIAM H. MALE 3	FRED C. LYNE 7
J. T. GWILT 4	ALBERT NIX Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.

Rung to commemorate the 555th anniversary of the consecration of the church by Nicholas Duffield, Scottish Bishop of Dunkeld, on St. Matthias' Day, February 24th, 1402.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

AND

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

*GEOFFREY HOPKINSON .. Treble	BRIAN A. TOMLINSON .. 5
†CAROL EUSTACE 2	WILLIAM A. SMITH 6
*ALAN SHARPLES 3	DEREK OGDEN 7
†KENNETH D. PERKINS .. 4	GEOFFREY D. FEARNEHOUGH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Double Norwich.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL S. WOODS Treble	DEREK RILEY 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 2	*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN .. 6
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN .. 3	ANDREW J. SALISBURY .. 7
*DENNIS HEWITT 4	†HAROLD H. N. DUNCAN .. Tenor

Conducted by LIONEL S. WOODS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (Grove's variation). Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*ALEX MERRILL Treble	†FRANK BARNARD 5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY 2	FRANK OLLIER 6
*A. ANTHONY JAQUES .. 3	†JOHN E. BROUGH 7
*JOHN THOMAS 4	†HARRY CADMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in method. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal. First full peal rung by the local band.

Rung to mark the engagement of Miss Irene Caswell to A. Anthony Jaques, both local ringers. Also as birthday compliments to Mr. Frank Barnard, 84 years old (father of the fifth ringer), Harry Stubbs, 78 years (retired ringer), John Thomas, 65 years (fourth ringer), and Harry Cadman (tenor ringer). Also for the 16th wedding anniversary of John Thomas (fourth ringer) and the 30th wedding anniversary of Frank Ollier (sixth ringer).

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	†PAUL W. M. JONES 5
*DAVID J. FORDER 2	†MICHAEL V. WHITE 6
†RAYMOND E. FINCH 3	NORMAN HAYES 7
†ISOBEL INMAN 4	CEDRIC MURPHY Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major.

Rung in honour of the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

DAVID J. KING Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS .. 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 6
ALAN F. LEE 3	ROGER O. FRY 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 9, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford, and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARGARET S. RHODES .. Treble	D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 4
ALAN SHEPPARD 2	JOHN POTTS 5
G. FREDERICK TERRY .. 3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD M. BRADLEY.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 13, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN RYDE Treble	GORDON A. HALLS 4
*PETER G. BELLAMY-KNIGHT 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 5
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3	DEREK P. JONES Tenor

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in six Minor methods. First peal in six methods on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in the following methods: Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, Snowdrop, Woodbine, Violet and Duke of York. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES W. BUXTON Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
CYRIL RUSBY 2	WILFRID F. MORETON .. 5
HERMAN RUSBY 3	NOEL F. MOXON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. T. O. Ellam, recently inducted to the living.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160, and four different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

GWILYM G. SALMON .. Treble	†GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 4
*MARJORIE LEGG 2	IAN H. ORAM 5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 3	†GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by IAN H. ORAM.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 150th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and as conductor.

Rung with the best wishes of the band as a farewell to Mr. Frank Parramore, in recognition of his services to this church.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST Treble	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON .. 4
MARY DOWSETT 2	PATRICK W. SAULTMARSH .. 5
HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE .. 3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*DERICK W. PARDON .. Treble	RAYMOND W. BALLS 4
JOHN R. SMITH 2	WILLIAM H. HOLDOM .. 5
*LESLIE H. RISEBROW .. 3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal in three methods.

**NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents Plain Bob, two Oxford Treble Bob and three Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT BRIDGES Treble	HARRY KING 4
*JANET EVANS 2	JOHN MCPHAIL 5
LEWIS CORDELL 3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

* First peal 'incide'

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Thorpe.

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being 360 each of Knapton, Ling, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. J. RENDER Treble	JOHN POTTS 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD 5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3	ALAN THORNTON Tenor

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

First Doubles peal in 14 methods on tower-bells by all. Highest number of Doubles methods on tower-bells for the Association. All are Sunday service ringers at All Saints'.

**SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being four extents each of Stedman, New Bob, Huntspill, Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

DR. GUY ROWORTH Treble	ERIC SUTTON 4
*MRS. F. G. WILTON .. 2	ANTHONY R. PEAKE 5
BARRY S. SHEPPARD .. 3	THOMAS R. COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

* First peal of Doubles on tower-bells. The first peal in ten methods by all the band, and on the bells.

**WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 16, 1957, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. COOPER Treble	HAROLD V. COOPER 4
WILLIAM DAVIES 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	*JOHN N. LINDON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HANDLEY.

* First peal in three methods. Quarterly peal for the Guild. Mr. Ernest Stich, of Penn, has now rung peals in 100 different towers.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Mon., Feb. 18, 1957, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being one extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. JACK GIBSON Treble	JOHN W. BLYTHE 4
*JOHN W. G. KINDRED .. 2	*PETER KINDRED 5
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN .. 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

**HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 22 six-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*STUART E. DYER Treble	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 4
JOHN R. G. SPICER 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
*DOROTHY A. ROBINSON .. 3	A. THOMAS HOWES Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung for the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Noel B. Hudson as Lord Bishop of Ely, which took place on February 2nd.

**RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Thurs., Feb. 21, 1957, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR*

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*SAMELA R. P. THOMAS .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH 4
*STELLA HUGHES 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 5
GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 3	*P. GEORGE GOLDER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Minor.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 5.

**ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Fri., Feb. 22, 1957, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

RAYMOND F. TAYLOR Treble	LESLIE N. MELTON 4
KENNETH G. BROWN 2	ROBERT E. LESTER 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	RONALD W. STEWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. LESTER.

First peal as conductor in seven methods.

**ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 23, 1957, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being 12 120's Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 12 Plain Bob (four callings), ten ordinary Grandsire and four 240's Morris's Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	ROLAND H. COOK 3
ALFRED E. HINMAN 2	*JOHN MORRIS 4
†J. HARRY COOK Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. † 50th peal. Mr. Morris has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

**SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Feb. 12, 1957, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES*

Being 360 each of Fundenhall, Haddiscoe Bob, Knapton, Ling, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1-2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
ALAN SHEPPARD 5-6	

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

First '14 methods' Doubles peal 'in hand' by all. Highest number of Doubles methods in a peal 'in hand' for the Association.

**CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
AT 19, ROYAL PARADE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR*

Being four extents of Plain Bob, two of Double Bob and one of Reverse Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*SHIRLEY PARSONS 1-2	DAVID J. MARSHALL 3-4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN 5-6	

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First of three methods 'in hand.'

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
*On Wed., Feb. 20, 1957, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR*

Being four extents of Plain Bob, two of Double Bob and one of Reverse Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DONALD H. NIBLETT 1-2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN .. 3-4	*ROBIN A. HODGSON .. 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal in the method as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, Lincs.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Brandon 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, P. E. Parry 3, F. G. Vickers 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. K. Harrison 1, Joan Carter (cond.) 2, W. Harrison 3, D. K. Malloch 4, D. Thompson (first quarter) 5, D. F. Malloch (first quarter) 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Harris (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, Miss C. M. Ford 3, S. T. Ford 4, A. W. Beard 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, S. J. Holgate 8. For Matins.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Cox (first quarter) 1, C. Wixey 2, Miss P. Clarke (first 'inside') 3, M. Ling 4, F. Tranter (cond.) 5, P. Newland 6.

BURWELL, CAMBS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss D. Fuller (first quarter) 1, A. G. Orbell 2, C. F. Sargeant 3, W. J. Couperthwaite 4, R. J. W. Housden (cond.) 5, N. Sargeant 6, A. G. Fuller 7, S. Fairclife 8. For Evensong.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. J. de Jong 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, C. J. A. Brown 3, Miss M. L. Hannam 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. R. G. Taylor 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of George Bowen, organist and choir-master at this church from 1919 to 1954. All the band were members of his choir.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 10th, 1,312 Spiced Surprise (512 Yorkshire, 608 Cambridge, 192 Superlative, 28 changes of method): W. J. Button 1, M. R. Pipe 2, F. Ruffles 3, L. G. Brett (cond.) 4, R. G. Parker 5, C. W. Beecroft 6, W. W. Miller 7, W. Ruffe 8. For morning service.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Lee (first quarter) 1, D. Miller (cond.) 2, W. Selley 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, C. Dymond 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Clive Marchant.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Waterman 1, Gillian Carslake (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, W. Robinson 5, W. Parrott 6, A. S. Harris 7, N. D. J. Webb 8.

EVESHAM, WORCS.—At the Bell Tower, on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Turk 1, Miss D. Turk 2, C. B. Longmore 3, H. J. Wheatley 4, W. J. Newman 5, G. C. Hemming 6, A. J. Brazier (cond.) 7, G. J. Hemming 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carter, killed in a car accident. Mr. Carter was churchwarden at All Saints' Church for 23 years. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Turk 1, Miss D. Turk 2, H. Catling 3, W. J. Newman 4, Miss B. M. Smith 5, A. J. Brazier 6, G. C. Hemming (cond.) 7, G. J. Hemming 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Fanny Hopkins, aged 106, believed to be the oldest person in England.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs (first of Triples) 1, J. Ball 2, Jean Sturgess 3, B. Bellamy 4, G. Miles 5, J. Hunt 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. Stevenson 8. Rung for Midnight Mass. Also on January 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Renee Sturgess 1, J. Ball 2, Jean Sturgess 3, D. Jones 4, G. Miles 5, A. Sturgess 6, J. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. Dye 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Miss J. Sturgess on her departure for New Zealand.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. Bristow 1, W. H. Harrison 2, Miss S. Sireator 3, H. J. Peskett 4, Miss J. Egerton (first as cond.) 5, E. Treagus 6. Rung on the conductor's 17th birthday for Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on front six): E. Etheridge 1, Miss M. E. Collins 2, Miss J. K. Beazley 3, Miss A. M. Cox 4, Miss S. R. Collins (first quarter as cond.) 5, L. B. Luing 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Young 1, Miss M. E. Collins 2, Miss J. K. Beazley 3, Miss A. M. Cox (cond.) 4, Miss S. R. Collins 5, L. B. Luing 6. Rung for the Feast of the Holy Nativity before Midnight Mass.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kettle 1, L. Honess 2, J. L. Hilton 3, G. Fry 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, J. A. Hilton 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer on the birth of a son, also to the 3rd (father of tenor), who hails from High Wycombe, Bucks.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Chaddock 1, Mrs. D. E. Matti 2, Miss S. Chaddock 3, Miss M. Mills 4, Miss S. M. Schofield 5, Mrs. E. D. Kelly 6, Miss E. Bate (first of Major as cond.) 7, Miss E. A. Wardill 8. Rung by members of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild.

HARROW, MIDDLEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor (two different 720's): C. G. Pitcher 1, Shirley H. Dorcy 2, Sylvia J. Heasman 3, C. W. Simpson 4, R. E. Waters 5, C. E. Slade (cond.) 6. First in method by 1 and 4. First of Minor by 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, R. King 2, C. J. Young 3, L. W. Fisher 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Major 1, R. Fuller 2, P. S. Whalley (R.A.F.) 3, P. Fuller (R.A.F.) 4, B. W. Willgress (R.A.F.) 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 4. Arranged for 3, 4 and 5, who are stationed at Henlow Camp.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Christie (first quarter) 1, G. E. Retter (cond.) 2, J. Salway 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. Hulway 5, E. Morgan 6. For evening service.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, Miss D. Robinson 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. Davey (first quarter) 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Scrutton 1, Miss S. Sherwood 2, M. Williamson 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. Lewry 5, F. C. Shorter 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, W. Wilson 8. First of Treble Bob for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the eighth anniversary of the Rev. G. C. Taylor's induction as Rector.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: T. Brett 1, G. Avis 2, Miss B. Catt (first in method) 3, J. Pell 4, R. Bennett 5, A. Hart (cond.) 6. Rung in appreciation of Mr. A. Cosham's 50 years' service as organist.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. F. Roope 1, R. Baker 2, W. A. Gammage 3, W. R. Hammons 4, M. Bennett 5, B. Linnell 6, G. F. Roope (cond.) 7, A. C. Cozens 8. A compliment to Mr. W. A. Gammage, who has now completed 50 years' ringing service.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Stead (first quarter) 1, D. Forder 2, M. V. White 3, C. Murphy 4, R. A. Reed (cond.) 5, L. Stead 6. An 18th birthday compliment to D. Forder.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Moss 1, Miss I. Werrett 2, I. Werrett 3, A. Pound 4, H. Werrett (cond.) 5, Miss J. Sanderson 6. First in the method by all. Rung to welcome to the parish the Rev. G. Rutter, assistant priest.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. T. Hurcombe (first on ten) 1, Mrs. D. J. Marshall 2, Miss J. Newbury 3, S. G. Goulding (cond.) 4, Miss S. M. Parsons 5, D. W. Beard 6, I. Goulter 7, D. J. Marshall 8, E. T. Newbury 9, C. A. Wratten 10.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 10th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: C. Poulson 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, M. Symonds 4, R. Chambers 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Templeton 1, G. Northway 2, Miss A. Knight 3, M. Northway (cond.) 4, A. Fry (first 'inside') 5, K. Jacobs 6, J. Parr 7, R. Allen 8. Birthday compliments to Miss A. Knight and Mr. R. Allen.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Fincham 1, Kathleen Apps 2, E. Bishop 3, G. Price 4, W. Rogers (cond.) 5, F. Hammond 6. First of Grandsire Doubles for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for the birth of a son (Rodney) to the Rev. and Mrs. F. R. K. Hare.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (480 Bob, 840 Grandsire): W. Beard 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest T. Alloway, of Birmingham, a native of this village.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): C. H. Knowles 1, Noreen Winter 2, Rosemary G. Hicks 3, A. J. Hicks 4, J. Small (cond.) 5, Geraldine Saunders (first quarter) 6, S. Skinner 7, T. Longley 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara Wilson 1, Kathleen Watts 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, L. Tuffey 4, A. Morris 5, G. Bailey 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to A. Morris.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Martin 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, Stella J. Devereux 3, Ann Culpin 4, P. J. Lawton 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung after the Confirmation and Parish Eucharist in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Aldridge 1, S. G. Peck 2, C. Aldridge (first as cond.) 3, J. Wallman 4, J. Perrett (first 'inside') 5, M. Stanyon 6. For the Parish Communion. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Miss P. M. Miller 1, Miss M. Piper (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Bowden 3, S. G. Peck 4, J. Wallman (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, J. Perrett 7, M. Stanyon 8. Rung at the conclusion of a service to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Thompson 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, P. Maskrey 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, W. Birmingham 6, D. Wight 7, A. J. Glas 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter W. Wolstencroft, interred on Feb. 15th in this churchyard.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Hughes 1, Miss R. Smith 2, Miss S. R. P. Thomas 3, A. T. Dutton 4, Miss S. Hughes 5, Miss J. Fisher 6, J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 7, A. Hewitt 8. For Evensong, and a 63rd birthday compliment to the conductor.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Northwood 1, G. C. J. Wakefield 2, R. Yates 3, T. A. Yates 4, O. T. Northwood (cond.) 5, G. Goodey 6. For Holy Communion.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: Angela Grainger 1, P. Newing 2, M. Hooton 3, A. Butcher 4, K. Spavins 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor for 1 and 4. First of Treble Bob Minor on the bells. In honour of St. Valentine.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Garvie 1, R. Cann 2, T. Finnemore 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, S. Stacy 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4 on working bells. All young ringers from the Stratton band.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,500 Bob Doubles: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Pope 2, C. T. Hillis 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancelfield 5, W. Gill 6. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss R. A. Gower 3, L. C. Smith 4, C. T. Hillis 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,296 Oswald Delight: Miss R. E. Gower 1, R. J. Carlton 2, L. T. Pope 3, W. P. Garner 4, A. J. Lancelfield 5, M. S. Lancelfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24th, 1,320 New Doubles: R. J. Carlton (cond.) 1, Miss B. Philpot 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancelfield 4, W. P. Garner 5, W. Gill 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Jacobs 1, Susan Jacobs 2, Anne Garnett 3, A. Bishop 4, M. Sinden 5, M. P. Moreton (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 4.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Collier 1, J. Adams 2, B. Porter 3, F. R. Morton (first quarter as cond.) 4, R. A. Trickett 5, J. D. Smith 6. A 17th birthday compliment to R. A. Trickett. Rung by the Sunday service band.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

The annual District meeting at Leatherhead on February 9th was attended by nearly 60 ringers. Besides members and friends from Surrey, visitors came from Bushey, Chenies, Harpenden, Rainham, Sheffield, Stanmore and Watford, as well as three who could not stay to the meeting, Mr. Alan Pink, the Rev. M. Melville and Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, news of whose death on the way home was received at Leatherhead the next morning.

Though suffering from a threatened cold, Canon Page took the Guild's form of service, extending a welcome to Leatherhead and giving an interesting address. The tea and business meeting followed in St. Nicholas' Hall, the tea being prepared and served by ringers' wives and friends.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow presided at the meeting. The balance in hand showed an increase of over £5 and the report was also mainly satisfactory. Mr. H. N. Pitstow relinquished the post of Ringing Master, which he had held for ten years, and Mr. H. V. Young was elected in his place, thanks being accorded Mr. Pitstow for his services during those ten years. The rest of the District officers were re-elected, except that Mr. Derek Astridge took over from Mr. Young as assistant secretary. Ten new members from West Clandon, Ashtead and Stoke D'Abernon were elected and two belfry elections ratified.

The meeting heard with regret of the illness of Mr. Bert Adams, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the best wishes of the meeting.

The year's programme of meetings was agreed upon. The general officers of the Guild were renominated with the addition of Mr. H. V. Young as Central Council representative, and usual votes of thanks concluded the business.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Southern District

The meeting held on Feb. 23rd at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, did not attract many ringers probably as a result of the petrol shortage.

The Vicar, the Rev. Donald Goldie, preached an excellent sermon, based upon a bell, which he likened to Christianity because of its robustness, swing, and its need for proper care and attention. Mr. Minto officiated at the organ.

Tea was provided by the ladies, and the ringers welcomed the new Rural Dean, the Rev. P. Wansey. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. P. Rock, and Miss Killingley thanked the ladies for an excellent tea.

Ringing was to the following methods: Kent, Oxford, London and Cambridge, and was interspersed with 120's of Grandsire Doubles, which was of great benefit to the learner present.

The next meeting is to be held in conjunction with the Yorkshire Association at Richmond on April 27th. F. W. C.

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ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

For many years the bells of St. Mary's have been regularly rung for the usual Sunday services, and until the outbreak of the last war Stedman Caters was the favourite method. The band was capable of ringing Treble Ten, both Kent and Oxford being rung on practice nights. Many peals of Caters have been rung during the years, some of them being by entirely local ringers. A peal in three Caters methods was rung, the majority of the ringers belonging to the St. Mary's Society. The methods on this occasion were Erin, Stedman and Grandsire.

Soon after the war the band dwindled to six members, when it was found impossible to muster enough to ring for the evening service on Sundays. This state of affairs continued for a year or so, and it looked as though ringing would cease altogether. However, a local schoolmaster, a ringing enthusiast, was contacted, with the result that several recruits were forthcoming and soon the company had sufficient members to ring for both Sunday services. Much progress has been made and a local quarter peal of Grandsire Caters has been rung.

During 1956 a total of 23 quarter peals was scored, and no less than 25 firsts in the method, and also several firsts as conductor. The methods have been Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Royal.

This short account cannot be closed without a tribute to Mr. A. J. N. Boyack, whose energy and enthusiasm have been mainly responsible for the revival of ringing in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow. H. R.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Minor: W. A. Hughes 1, D. Holland (first 'inside') 2, Mary Fuller 3, A. S. Richards 4, L. W. Skinner (cond.) 5, R. W. Stephens 6.

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The bells of St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, are now ringing again after recasting and rehanging. The Vicar has held a short dedication and the bells are rung for Sunday service. They will be made available for general ringing when the Bishop of Ely conducts a full service of dedication. It is hoped that this will be possible fairly soon.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Five of the ringers who took part in the quarter peal of the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild at Handsworth were taught by Mr. N. Chaddock, of Rotherham.

An example of singing ringers comes from Corston, Somerset, where members of the choir rang a quarter peal to the memory of their former organist and choirmaster.

Four members of Southampton University Guild took part in the peal at North Stoneham on February 23rd. A word of congratulation to the tenor ringer, Cedric Murphy, whose rope became untucked.

A good friend of ringers is the Vicar of Soberton, Hants. He not only lent his bells for a peal attempt on February 23rd but afterwards kindly entertained the band to tea at the White Lion Hotel.

Throughout a peal rung at Sellinge, Kent, the young lady ringing the treble had to endure a continuous gentle fall of sawdust. There was quite a thick layer on her head when the peal finished.

A bronze plaque is to be placed in the Mitchell Tower at Chicago University to the memory of Mr. Roy B. Nelson, the University's first bellringer. A memorial fund to be used for the promotion of bell music at the University was initiated through a magnificent gift of 1,000 dollars by Mr. Samuel N. Pickard.

Mr. Maurice J. Thurmott, who dislocated his left shoulder while ringing on Sunday, February 24th, insisted on ringing in a peal on the following Tuesday at Bradford Cathedral. He rang one-handed with his left hand sometimes behind his back, occasionally in his pocket, but never on the rope. His pluck was admired by the rest of the band.

The average age of the band ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday is now only 36 years.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild celebrate their 60th anniversary at Whitsun. A dinner will be held at the Fan Makers' Hall, Bishopsgate, on Whit Saturday.

In paying a visit to his home at Usk, Mon., on February 23rd, Mr. D. G. Clift was able to call his favourite composition (Holt's Original) and thus complete the calling of a peal from each bell in the tower, and also 'circle' the tower for the second time.

A peal of Triples called 'Five Shillings to Drink' was rung at Wakefield in 1789 in 3 hours and 24 minutes. The peal was composed by one of the local ringers in honour of the town being that night first lighted with lamps.

An unsuccessful attempt for a peal of London Surprise Royal was made at Hillingdon on February 23rd to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Pamela and Robert Thomas, and of a son to Evelyn and Tony Turley. Pamela elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, used to ring at St. John's, where both Evelyn and Tony are members of the local band, Tony being steeplekeeper. Congratulations to them all, not forgetting the new grandparents!

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THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

MORE SUNDAY RINGING THAN EVER BEFORE IN BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE

THE fact that the Coventry Diocesan Guild were holding their annual dinner on the same day, and also the petrol rationing, affected the attendance at the 69th annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 2nd. Squadron Leader John S. Mason, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, presided, and an excellent evening was spent with short speeches, good singing and happy fellowship. The arrangements were competently carried out by the Guild secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn.

After the loyal toast had been honoured apologies were announced by the secretary from the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Birmingham, Canon Bryan Green (who is abroad) and Sir Theodore Pritchett. Four Bedfordshire ringers also intended to be present, but Mr. C. H. Harding had since died, and Messrs. Sinfield, Ronald Sharpe and Bryan Sims felt that in such circumstances they could not be present.

The toast of 'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was proposed by the chairman, who said they had nobody in that room that evening who knew Henry Johnson. Their Guild had reached its present position not only by the work and example of Henry Johnson, but by many other members who were no longer with them. In honouring the memory of Henry Johnson they were also remembering those associated with him who had passed over.

The toast was honoured in silence.

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild' was submitted by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon, who said he felt like a new boy as this was only the sixth successive dinner he had attended. His first visit to Birmingham was in 1939 on a football excursion, when he managed to 'grab' St. Martin's and St. Philip's. He remembered the occasion well, as when he was ringing a course of Cambridge at St. Philip's the tenor slipped wheel.

There was no doubt of the respect in which their Guild was held by the attendance at these dinners. They came to keep alive a long tradition and to meet old friends. This Guild was founded in 1755 and it was the third oldest ringing society, the older ones being the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

OFFICERS—ACTIVE AND PRACTICAL RINGERS

He thought the St. Martin's Guild had always enjoyed its prosperity in the past because it had officers who were active and practical ringers. If they wanted a good guild they must have good officers who were able ringers. In St. Martin's Guild four of their officers, plus Mr. Walker, had each rung over 600 peals.

St. Martin's was a happy and friendly guild. They had only to write to Mr. George Fearn and he would fix one up with a good peal and no 'stay bendens.' Every guild must teach beginners—there was an example in that week's 'Ringing World' of Mr. Walker with young ringers, and he knew Mr. Fearn rode his bicycle many miles to teach young ringers. He hoped that the young ringers of today would come forward and maintain the traditions of the Guild.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes, the Master, in reply said there was a tendency in this age to indulge in the process of whitewashing or gilding the lily and he wondered if their Guild was as prosperous as it was and whether they did hold the same position in the Exercise as they did.

'I have come to the conclusion,' said Mr. Haynes with emphasis, 'that St. Martin's is still a prosperous guild, but with this difference—we are prosperous by modern standards. Bell ringing standards have changed quite considerably during the past 10 or 15 years. Thirty, 40 or 50 years ago the prosperity of St. Martin's

rested on one thing—its ability to ring Stedman Cinques perfectly.

'To-day we can still ring Stedman Cinques—on occasions we ring Stedman very well—but it is true to say that we do not ring Stedman Cinques consistently as we used to. Why is that? It is because we have far more young people taking part in ringing in this diocese. St. Martin's is no longer a closed shop. In the old days you could not ring at St. Martin's unless you could ring Stedman Cinques properly. Now the tower is open to all, and people are welcome as they are to all towers in the diocese, and it has resulted in a certain lowering of the standard of striking.

SUNDAY RINGING MORE PROMINENT

The ringing Exercise has extended its sphere of influence to include not only the ladies in growing numbers, but is encouraged as a social activity of young people. We have to do something to attract young people and keep them in ringing and that has resulted in a certain drop in standards. Nevertheless, it has resulted in other things that redound to the credit of the Exercise. Sunday service ringing is given more prominence than it ever had, and although we know that much of the Sunday service ringing carried on in this country is by no means of a high standard, it is true to say that Sunday service ringing takes place in this diocese in a larger number of towers than ever before.

'The modern tendency, as indicated by Mr. Cannon, is to place a grotesque importance on peal ringing activities. If we judge the prosperity of a guild with the number of peals rung then St. Martin's Guild is very prosperous. In those peals there were many young ringers who were able to ring their first of Surprise in Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol or London, and they had in consequence vastly improved as ringers.'

At the moment their Guild stood at the crossroads. Their secretary, Mr. Geo. Fearn, was always ready to arrange peals for visitors, which increased the fraternity of the Exercise, but the question they should ask themselves was whether they were not going to get back Stedman Cinques to the standard it was or to encourage young ringers to continue to ring peals on six or eight bells.

Mr. Haynes mentioned the great service to the Guild of Mr. Pinfold, the Ringing Master, and the faithful and devoted service of Mr. Geo. Fearn as hon. secretary, who had held office for ten years and had now only another ten to serve as the last three secretaries (Mr. W. H. Godden, Ald. Paddon Smith and the late Mr. Thomas Reeves) each served for 20 years; and finally a minor correction to the proposer of the toast, in that St. Martin's Guild was the fourth oldest guild in the country—St. Stephen's, Bristol, was older than they were.

In a very happy speech, Mr. Edgar Shepherd proposed 'The Visitors.' Many of the company including himself had tasted the hospitality of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bristol and other parts of the country, and it was pleasant to let the mind run over the many kindnesses received. 'Forty years ago as a young soldier I was turned adrift in the welter of the first world war, and I have recollections of the many kindnesses shown to me—in the Isle of Wight by Mr. Upton, of Newport, and later, when I was wounded and crippled, in Lancashire and Newcastle-upon-Tyne.'

Of their guests that evening there was Mr. Norman Park, from Darlington, Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver, from Bristol, and many old friends from London, including Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes, Mr. Smallwood (and they thanked him for his work on behalf of 'The Ringing World') and the Editor. To Mr. Paul Taylor he gave a special welcome; they were all grateful to him

for the hospitality he provided when the Central Council visited Leicester last year.

Mr. Taylor, who is president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, in acknowledging the toast said he wished to say a very big 'Thank you' on behalf of all the guests, not only to the 'old, faithfuls' but to the young boys of the St. Martin's Guild who made them so welcome. They all enjoyed coming to Birmingham.

A BISHOP'S QUOTATION

Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' also replied. He said:—

'Last Sunday, in the most distinguished of our Sunday newspapers, the Bishop of Birmingham provided a saying of the week. He said:—

"I do not contend that one can speak the whole truth and nothing but the truth; sometimes you should withhold it and bear the burden yourself."

'This quotation seemed to me to be particularly appropriate in regard to the two controversies that have appeared in "The Ringing World." In regard to the College of Campanology and the publication of the Manual of Instruction, individual members of the Editorial Committee have been blamed for what appeared. I want to say publicly and emphatically that they neither saw the articles nor were they consulted before publication. What induced me to publish them—and it was not financial—I will not say. It is one of the burdens, as the Bishop said, that one must bear oneself.

'But there was an eminent ringer and a member of the Central Council who decided not to bear the burden himself but to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth regarding the Christmas Day broadcast. Those who have pilloried him have forgotten that once anything appears on the air it ceases to be local and is automatically open to public criticism. There is good Sunday service ringing in this land, even outside of Birmingham, Leicester, and the *scroof* of St. Paul's. We all know of small towns and villages with good bands and good bells which should have their chance on the air. A proper liaison with the B.B.C. in this matter is essential, and I hope that from publication good results will come.

'There have been times when the B.B.C. have profited by co-operation. The excellent Christmas Eve television broadcast was the outcome of a 'phone call I received from the director of "Panorama." The request was for a tower in London or the suburbs with a ground floor ring and a short tower, where it would be possible from the outside to televise the bells revolving. Among the people I consulted was your chairman this evening. Three towers were suggested and All Saints', Banstead, accepted.

SCOUTS' JAMBOREE

'Next August, from the 3rd to the 17th, you will be receiving into the area of the St. Martin's Guild many visitors in connection with the Scouts' World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield. Already I have had an inquiry as to ringing facilities and the possibilities of a ringing tour in the immediate locality. I feel certain that the St. Martin's Guild will be able to make some arrangements.'

Proposing the toast of 'The Chairman,' Mr. Albert Walker said their choice of Squadron Leader Mason was indeed a happy one. Last November he made a splendid job in the chair of the College Youths, and that Society had honoured him by asking him to continue as Master for a second year. Unfortunately his wife could not be with him as she was on a visit to her home in New Zealand, but they were very pleased to have with them his mother. Squadron Leader Mason did much of his early ringing in Birmingham. They missed him very much, but what had been Birmingham's loss had been London's gain. The toast was accorded musical honours.

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A PEAL IN EVERY RINGING TOWER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

MR. ERNEST MORRIS TELLS HIS EXPERIENCES

(Continued from page 138)

STANTON Harold church, standing in the private grounds of the Rt. Hon. Earl Ferrers, was the only church erected during the Commonwealth. Over the entrance is a tablet recording:—

'In the years 1653

when all things sacred were throughout the nation either demolisht or profaned

Sir Robert Shirley Baronet

founded this church

whose singular praise it is

to have done the best of things in the worst of times and hoped them in the most calamitous.

"The Righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance"

In 1656 five bells were erected, to which a sixth was added in 1717 and two trebles in 1831.

North, the historian, gives their inscriptions incorrectly and incomplete, saying they are too difficult of access. However, in 1926, with Earl Ferrers, I ascended the tower, and while I went into the pits the Earl stood on the frame and took down the inscriptions as I dictated them—mostly deciphering by sense of touch where too dark to see. The Earl graciously gave consent for a peal to be attempted, and we were fully conscious of the superscription over the tablet recording the first peal here in 1832, saying: 'Nothing so difficult but diligence will overcome.' Only one other peal had been rung (in 1889), and in spite of those critics who declared an ambulance would be required to carry off those who collapsed, and a load of stimulants to revive the remainder, we met on October 23rd, 1926, determined to 'do or die.'

There is no means of lighting except by candles, but one of the band brought a small lamp, and we set up eight candles on the quaint ancient wooden octagonal desk which evidently was placed there for the ringers' music! All went well for over two hours, when one of the candles spluttered and eventually snuffed out. Then one after another till all disappeared save one, which lasted till about five minutes before the peal ended, leaving only the little lamp to cast a feeble glow in the Stygian darkness. The ringers looked like so many ghosts moving their arms up and down, but all stuck to it and finished a very good peal in just over three hours. The Earl kindly entertained us afterwards and gave me a copy of the bell inscriptions. The church has recently been restored at a cost of over £8,000 by the Office of Works, and it is hoped that the bells—now unringable—will be restored when funds allow.

A CANDLE FIRE

Speaking of candles reminds me of our peal at Wymeswold where—at the time I went—the only illumination was by candles standing on a wood partition. Towards the end of the peal one of these burnt low and set fire to the woodwork. Happily it was extinguished by the late Walter White without disturbing the peal, he manipulating his bell carefully with one hand while dousing the conflagration!

Quite recently at Copt Oak we had a similar experience while ringing a peal of Double Bob Minor. On arrival we found the electricity cut off, so we started with two or three church candles balanced on a chair back in the centre

of the belfry. While the peal was in progress one of these fell off, leaving us in semi-darkness. Arthur Rowley, of Ibstock, then did a neat bit of work by ringing one hand, stooping down quickly, picked up the candle end. Then after a few strokes manoeuvred to set it alight from another lit one. Almost immediate it fell off again! He repeated his one-hand trick but, after lighting the candle, placed it on a window sill immediately behind him. This seems easy (on paper), but to manipulate a bell and keep it going to Double Bob whilst doing these gymnastics was a real work of art. It took much longer to do than it does to tell, but we got a good peal to the great satisfaction of all concerned.

OLD JOE TAKES THE CAKE

At Wymondham, after a peal of Minor on the heavy six, we were entertained to tea by the Rector and local ladies, and as the date coincided with the silver wedding of old Joe Norton (1929), they gave him a cake to take home! On the floor of the tower ringing chamber is a singular and curious record on a slate slab, diamond-shaped, thus:—

OXFORD

Treble Bob

was rung Feb. 11th, 1810

by

I. WOOLMAN .. 1	J. HAIN 4
W. SIMS 2	T. THURLBY .. 5
W. MANN 3	T. BURCHNELL .. 6

— Also —

was rung by the fame

Perfons 4,320 changes

in three hours

At Peckleton (6) I rang two or three peals, but one was marked as unusual by the Rector insisting on my putting down in the service book (it was Sunday) the methods to be rung and conductor's name, etc. I told him we had not yet rung it, but he was sure we should! In this peal the Rev. A. S. Roberts (now of Carbis Bay, Cornwall) and the Rev. Malcolm Melville rang.

In the Hinckley District many of the ringing chambers are situated halfway up the tower arch, and open to the church on the east side, viz.: Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Thurlaston, Burbage, etc. At Hinckley (8) I called my 150th peal on the old octave, which were not too good either musically or in their 'go.' Since that time, however, they have been recast and rehung, and now form a grand ring.

Earl Shilton has a lovely little octave in the best-kept belfry of the District. On these bells I rang many excellent peals, including calling ten different plain methods. Thurlaston has a lovely six, and Burbage a fine octave. At the latter place I called the first peal on the original five bells rung from the ground floor with an extra long draught of rope. It was a strenuous effort and caused many blisters! but a determined band rang a good peal on a quaint set—the top five of an octave, and not in tune at that! Now these have been recast and made eight, and here I called a peal of Bob Major with 50 singles, and took part in others.

At the nearby Fenny Drayton the ringing room is a gallery halfway up the tower arch, and is somewhat curious. The ground floor is

used as a choir vestry and the tower arch entirely matchboarded over with a small door inserted for the choir to enter the church. Consequently the ringers' gallery is sealed off on this side, and the only means of gaining access is by a ladder taken out of the west door and set up in the churchyard, the top going through the small gap at the head of the said west doorway, from whence one literally crawls into the ringing room.

BELL INSCRIPTIONS IN WELSH

When we rang the first (and only) peal here in 1921 it was a very hot afternoon, so we left this door open as there is no ventilation, and to prevent disturbance pulled the ladder up into the room. During the ringing someone—we found out later it was the Rector—from below threw up two half-crowns for us to have refreshment after, he being called away before the peal ended. Here the bell inscriptions are the only ones in Welsh in this diocese—the Rector was a Welshman!

A somewhat similar 'gift' took place at Newtown Linford (5), which church is situated at the entrance to Bradgate Park, one of Leicestershire's beauty spots. Consequently hundreds of visitors call in this church, and as the bells are rung from the ground floor, we were given permission to lock the church up during our peal. Imagine our surprise when about halfway through the peal we saw someone coming down the aisle towards us. However, it proved to be the Vicar (who was a ringer), and he very carefully placed five big apples on top of a hymn book cabinet near the belfry screen, then quietly left the church. As soon as I called 'This is all,' 'Stand,' there was a concerted rush for the apples, which were gratefully eaten after our strenuous efforts, as the bells did not go very easily.

Another bad-going five were at Birstall, where it was a gruelling task to complete a full peal. During the ringing I shed my waistcoat, collar and tie! This peal was arranged for me by Alban Disney (whose father was Vicar of Belgrave-cum-Birstall) and who is so named after the daughter church of St. Alban, which name also appears on one of Belgrave bells. At the latter church I rang several peals on the eight when they hung anti-clockwise, but now they have been rehung in the usual way.

(To be continued)

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ringling to suit all tastes was enjoyed on the light eight (tenor about 8 cwt.) at Hemsworth on February 9th, when the Barnsley District Society held a successful meeting. Two new members were elected—Mr. Frank Chatterton, of Monk Bretton, and Miss Margot Green, of Sandal. An apology was received from the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Duckett), who was attending the induction of his curate to the living of Holy Trinity, Huddersfield. A vote of thanks was passed to him and all who had helped with a successful meeting by Mr. Noel Moxon.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 16th, 3,696 Bob Major: R. Smith 1, D. Taylor 2, B. Groves 3, Mrs. A. Richardson 4, W. A. Smith 5, A. McFall 6, A. Richardson 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHANGE RINGING IN AMERICA

Dear Sir,—The Kent School Bellringers' Guild (10, tenor 27 cwt.) was honoured by a visit from Mr. M. A. Turner, of Philadelphia, on February 9th and 10th. His visit was the result of a correspondence with a member of the Guild, started by an article in 'The Ringing World.' During his stay he gave us many hints on how we could improve our ringing and bring it closer to the English standard.

At this point it might be wise to say something about the Kent Guild. The bells were cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1931. For the first five years we had an instructor, Isaac Attwater, who taught the boys the art of change-ringing. Since then it has been passed on from class to class by the boys. Naturally, bad habits accumulated and remained uncorrected.

Not the least of these was our slow rate, about 20 changes per minute. Mr. Turner showed us how to cut down on the swing and boost our speed. While he was here, we were clocked at 28. Since then we have been clocked at 30 in practice. Our ultimate goal is a well-struck 32, though it will be some time before we are used to it.

With Mr. Turner's help we were able to depart from memorised courses in Grandsire Doubles. Stedman's at the new pace proved to be a little too much. Then Mr. Turner conducted some call-changes on the back eight, which went rather well by our standards. Our try at all ten was not so successful. Mr. Turner then taught us how to lower the bells in peal. It will take us a little while to get used to this.

It is felt by the entire band that the visit was a complete success. We learned a great deal by this first visit, which we hope will be the first of a long series of visits. Our present ambition is to ring a quarter peal this spring with Mr. Turner's help.—Yours sincerely,

CHRIS. WHITMAN.

Kent, Connecticut.

ELIZABETH I. APPROVED OF THE EXERCISE

Dear Sir,—Though not a bellringer yet I love to hear the bells, and I am glad that the art of bellringing is still practised. I came across this very interesting item in a book I am reading, namely, 'Strange Island,' by Francesca M. Wilson. ('Britain through Foreign Eyes,' 1935-1940.)

Comments by Gerschow, 1602, on bellringers: 'The young lads do this voluntarily for exercise and amusement, and often wager large sums as to who can ring a peal the longest or the most cunningly. The parishes spend a lot of money over their bells and there is much rivalry as to which are the most melodious. The old Queen is said to approve of this exercise, because she holds it to be a sign of the people's health.'

'They do not toll for the dead, but when a person is lying "in extremis" the bells of the parish are touched with the clappers until he either dies or recovers. As soon as this sign is given everyone in the streets—as in the houses—falls on his knees and offers a prayer for the sick person.'

Gerschow (Friedrich) was tutor to the Duke of Stettin, Pomerania (German princeling, then 18), who accompanied the Duke on a three-weeks' tour of England in 1602.

I would also like to mention another item. Whilst on a tour of the churches in Essex I saw, in Great Bromley church belfry, high up on the wall, a row of very tall black hats, which I understood were always worn by the bellringers of that parish long ago.—Yours truly,

EUNICE WATSHAM (Mrs.).

Tring, Herts.

A WARNING

Dear Sir,—An alarming incident which occurred at Lyonshall last weekend has prompted me to write this letter.

How important it is for instructors to impress upon beginners the danger of attempting to ring in a strange tower, unless they are completely in control of the bell at home.

Recently a school friend of one of our young ringers visited the church, and we were told that she was a ringer, and had received her instruction at a well-known Herefordshire tower.

On this her second visit she was invited to ring but, as she was not known to me, and her name did not appear in our Guild report, I suggested that she tried the bell first.

Fortunately, I stood beside her! She handled the tail correctly, pulled off at handstroke, but hung on to the sally and was on her way to the roof when I shouted 'Loose it.'

After grabbing the rope and bringing the bell under control (and recovering from the shock) I said: 'You have never rung a bell before, have you?' Only then did we learn that she had not touched a rope for over two years, had never handled the sally, and her only knowledge of ringing had been a lesson or two on the tail with a tied clapper.

I dread to think what might have happened if, instead of that single bell, we had started to ring rounds; and I was thankful that only two of our nine teenage girl learners were in the tower at the time—an incident such as that might well discourage promising youngsters.—Yours faithfully,

ELSIE C. CHANDLER.

Kington, Herefordshire.

MR. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the two splendid appreciations of the late W. W. Wolstencroft, but rather surprised that no mention was made of the Lancashire Association. There must be many of the older Lancashire members like myself who remember the good work Walter did before he went over to the Chester Guild. He was fully entitled to do this if he so wished, but he rang 166 peals for the Lancashire Association and was at one time secretary of the Manchester Branch. If my memory serves me right, he was also on the committee for a few years. However, as C. K. L. says, he was one of the best types of ringers: enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and a good churchman.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Is it not the general custom to have the name of the vicar and churchwardens put on a bell after it has been recast and rehung? The bell which I refer to has only the name of the captain of the ringers. Is it not usual to have the bell blessed after it has been recast?—Yours faithfully,

MURIEL ORLIBAR.

Mayfield, Sussex.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the replies to Mr. Burles' request for three-course touches of Stedman Triples. The 252, SL-S-SQ, is false, the portion from L to Q in the last course repeating with the same part of the first course. This is clearly an oversight. Might I suggest as an alternative SHL-L-HLQ, which is another extension of the course SLQ?—Yours faithfully,

H. TURNER.

Shenfield, Essex.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER

Despite the snow which traditionally falls on these occasions, there was an attendance of over 120 ringers and friends at the tenth annual dinner of the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, held in the Village Hall, Sapcote, on February 16th. Ringing took place during the afternoon.

An excellent meal was served, and those present included the Rector (Rev. Mr. Powell), the Rural Dean (Rev. E. L. Fisher, who is also a keen ringer) and two vice-presidents of the Leicester Guild, Mr. P. A. Corby and Mr. E. C. Turner. Visitors were present from Monks Kirby, Leicester, Lincoln and Leeds.

Mr. Frank Measures, the District chairman, reviewed the past year's activities in the District with satisfaction. He remarked upon the maintained popularity of the dinners, saying that during the ten years they had been held attendance had never been less than 100.

The Rector welcomed the ringers to Sapcote, and spoke of the excellent support he always received from his own band. Despite many attempts by the local captain (Mr. Michael Brown) to persuade him to take up ringing, his only experience to date had been to chime in the New Year on the three bells in his last parish in Devon.

The two vice-presidents both spoke of the support given by the Hinckley District to the Guild. Mr. Turner also entertained the company with his usual stock of funny stories.

Before rising, Mr. Frank Measures proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Michael Brown for the excellent arrangements he had made.

At the social evening and entertainment which followed, one of the highlights was a very amusing play performed by members of the local band. A competition to find the local belfry queen was won by Miss Enid Wayne, of Leicester. It was pointed out that one of her duties would be to sit between the District chairman and secretary at all business meetings during the coming year.

Stoney Stanton handbell ringers gave selections, and a near-perfect course of Stedman Caters was rung by J. Bramley 1-2, Mrs. P. Staniforth 3-4, P. Staniforth 5-6, A. Ballard 7-8 and P. A. Corby 9-10.

The remarkable gentleman from Lincolnshire once more conducted his choir of 'Kollege Ewes' through variations of many well-known ringers' songs. Dancing and party games concluded what was once again a most enjoyable occasion.

M. V.

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I have been checking up recently on the list of towers of which I need photographs to complete my record of illustrations of churches where I have scored peals, and it occurred to me that other readers might have copies of postcards, small prints, illustrations in parish magazines, etc., of which they might wish to dispose. If any reader could help in this matter by forwarding any photographs of the undermentioned towers I would be most grateful. I would willingly forward cost of photograph and refund postage. The list is as follows:—

- Dorset: Cranborne.
 - Hampshire: Hawley, Privett, Southampton (St. Michael's), Soberton.
 - Lincolnshire: Bassingham, Bicker, Lincoln (St. Botolph's), Navenby, Washingborough.
 - Middlesex: St. Lawrence's, Brentford.
 - Somerset: Mark.
 - Surrey: Stoke D'Abernon.
 - Sussex: St. Botolph's, Heene, Lyminster, Westham.
 - Yorkshire: Bradford Cathedral.
 - Warwickshire: St. John's, Perry Barr.
- Yours sincerely,
PETER N. BOND.
- Gaywood, Hildenborough, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S, CAMBORNE

By The REV. A. S. ROBERTS

CAMBORNE, the industrial town of Cornwall, has a ring of bells which is worthy of comment in view of the peal rung on February 9th in the fiftieth year of the first peal on the bells. It was only the fourth in the tower, but there seems little reason why peals should have been so few except it may be a tower that has just been passed by. These bells grow on one, the kind of ring that should not be set aside as not as good as many others. A good peal on them can be a real pleasure.

Originally there was a ring of six, cast in 1767 by Rudhall, of Gloucester. In 1882 a complete restoration took place, when Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. put in an iron frame, sometimes said to be their first, and added a treble and tenor of 17½ cwt., and at the same time recasting the old fourth (now the fifth of the eight) a semitone lower, and which is, incidentally, ½-cwt. heavier than the present sixth. The dedication took place on Easter Tuesday of that year. The opening touch was one of 672 Grandsire Triples by what was called the Guild of Diocesan Ringers, then affiliated to the Devon Guild. The Truro Diocesan Guild was not founded until 15 years later in 1897, although the Truro Diocese was created in 1876. This band was made up of mostly ringers from St. Mary, Penzance, with Mr. Wm. Banister, of Devonport, viz.: Thos. Corin 1, Chas. Boase 2, W. Banister (conductor) 3, J. Richards 4, J. Baxter 5, Thos. Hicks 6, Dr. J. Symons 7, A. B. Berry 8.

Seventy-five years ago one finds friends from just across the Tamar lending a hand in Cornwall, and from that time to the present day Cornwall should ever be thankful. Since then there have been men like William and Ernest Marsh, Joe Woodley and Charles R. Lilley, and more recently, still happily with us, Messrs. Harry and Tom Myers, Wm. Banister (note the one 'n,' for that is how he signs his name, and not with two as is usually found) worked in Devonport dockyard, and in 1866 cast two trebles for the Dockyard Chapel, now unhappily destroyed. He was always ready to help Dr. Symons, and was frequently in correspondence with him.

A few of his letters have been kept. On October 4th, 1882, he wrote to Dr. Symons: 'It has just occurred to me that I promised you a touch of Grandsire Triples. I'm afraid you must think me very long-winded in not having sent before this, but I must ask you to excuse me for my brother having been staying with me I've had to give much time to him, and the remainder has been taken up in putting my new residence in order, but when the long nights come upon us again I will look up some of my old ringing affairs and send. In the meantime should you require any information on the subject please write and I would attend to it at once. With best wishes. I remain, yours very obediently, W. Banister.' There then follow two touches of Grandsire Triples, one of 840 and one of 420, with figures.

Another letter dated November 1st, 1882, and again written from 3, Florence Terrace, Ford, Devonport, says: 'Dear Sir, just a line to say that yesterday being a ringing day at Plymouth I mustered my band there for a touch or two in the evening before they lowered the bells. They appeared to me to go much better than when you were there. We rang a very good 840 at Charles Church and two 336's at St. Andrew's, capital striking which we much enjoyed, but the number at St. Andrew's was about the extent we could ring well single-handed. At Charles, however, we could have managed them to a full peal. I think the wet weather must have braced up the frame. This morning I heard from Mr. Ellacombe, the first time for a long while. He has sent me a copy of his "Bells of Gloucester"; there is much in

it that is interesting to ringers, but not instructive in ringing changes. I shall be glad to know, now that the ringing season has fairly set in, that you are pushing your party on in the Exercise. I, however, made it a rule when training a young party to run them on to the attainment of a full peal in the methods successively before we attempted another, which I found a great inducement to them to persevere, but I'm afraid you are too much tied up for time allowed for ringing to admit of it or I should have advised you to do so. Nothing further to say at present, but with best wishes I remain, yours very obediently, Wm. Banister.'

It will be noted that these two letters were written in the same year that Camborne bells were dedicated. There are others. The first peal was not rung at Camborne until 25 years later, on October 9th, 1907, being one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Mr. A. H. Pulling rang the treble, and is the only survivor of the band. It was the second peal for the Truro Diocesan Guild in Cornwall, the first (Superlative) having been rung at Kenwyn in the morning. By coincidence, and not by design, the second peal on the bells was rung just 25 years after the first—Bob Major in 1932. The third, Grandsire Triples in 1948, and now the fourth, Bob Triples, in the 75th year after the hanging of the bells, and in the 50th year after the first peal. In these last three peals the writer finds himself going backwards, having rung the tenor, seventh and sixth respectively.

Camborne bells are rung regularly two or three times every Sunday by a keen band, which should now be further inspired by the return as curate of one of their former ringers, the Rev. James Vincent. Until recently he has been curate of St. Julian's, Shrewsbury. Nothing much has been done to the bells except re-hanging on ball-bearings in 1934, and the pleasing effect of this rather unusual ring amongst so many modern Cornish rings can be appreciated. They have a certain softness outside the tower which is no doubt due to the fact that perforated slate takes the place of the usual slanting louvres.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION A.G.M. to be at Hitchin

Hitchin Surprise, the special method, began the meeting at St. Mary's, Baldock, on February 23rd. After tea, at the business meeting, Mr. A. E. Pound and Miss J. Moss were elected members, and two non-resident memberships were confirmed.

Hitchin has been approved as the place for the annual general meeting, at which stringent economy measures will be discussed.

Chiltern Treble Bob is the special method for the next meeting, most appropriately to be held at Offley, which is on one of the spurs of the Chiltern Hills.

Canon F. C. Brenchley conducted a service and Mr. R. Poulter played the organ, then ringing continued until the end of a very successful meeting. J. S.

Eastern District

On February 16th the Eastern District held a meeting at Braughing. The eight bells (tenor 20 cwt.) were rung up to 4.30 p.m., when tea was held.

Mr. A. Coles presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Subject to the usual applications, the next meeting of the District will be at Broxbourne on March 9th.

The Rector of Braughing met the ringers before they ascended the tower, welcomed them to his parish, and then led some short prayers. Ringing was then resumed and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. C. E. H.

ST. MARY'S, EALING

St. Mary's, Ealing, where the first recorded peal was rung in 1798, is one of those towers which are often described as the backbone of the Exercise. A Sunday rarely passes without the bells being rung for both morning and evening services, and practices on Thursday evenings are generally well attended.

Largely responsible for this happy state of affairs is the tower captain, Mr. Arthur Harding, who rang his first peal on these bells in 1909, and has put in well over 50 years' service at the tower. Unfortunately, he had a stroke shortly before Christmas, and has not been able to get up to the tower since, but we understand he is making good progress.

Sunday, February 10th, was his 80th birthday, and to mark this a well-struck quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung in the morning by J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 3, T. E. Davies 4, S. Croft 5, D. Thedom 6, W. T. Cook 7, F. Ranson 8.

At the same time, it was discovered that there would be two 75th birthdays the following week—Mr. J. P. Kent and Mr. H. J. Eldred. This was felt to be too good an opportunity to miss, so two quarters were arranged for February 17th. Another near-perfect quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung in the morning by J. P. Kent 1, H. J. Eldred 2, A. H. Fulwell (conductor) 3, W. G. Wilson 4, S. Croft 5, D. Thedom 6, W. T. Cook 7, F. Ranson 8. A quarter of Stedman Triples was attempted in the evening but was unfortunately lost owing to one of those all-too-well-known differences of opinion as to whether a particular six was quick or slow. However, it is hoped that by the time these lines appear, this will have been remedied.

The best wishes of all the band were extended to these 'old-stagers,' and particularly to Mr. Harding for a speedy recovery. The writer only hopes that if he reaches such an age, he will be able to enjoy as good ringing as was heard in these two quarter peals. W. T. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Loddon

The Eastern Branch, having again elected to visit Loddon for their annual meeting, met in good numbers, and the members very soon had the octave going to suit all tastes. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. R. N. Ninham, and the lesson read by Mr. H. W. Barrett, Association Ringing Master and Master of the local company.

After an excellent tea the Branch chairman, Mr. E. R. Goate, dealt smoothly and quickly with the somewhat lengthy agenda. New members elected were Miss Barbara Smedley, late of Manchester and now residing in Gorleston, and Messrs. Michael Stokes, of Beccles, and Norman Baker, of Barsham.

All the Branch officials and members of the committee were re-elected to their previous position. Subject to the usual conditions, Winter-ton was voted as the venue for the next meeting on May 21st.

It was decided to call a meeting of the Branch committee immediately after the main meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Branch peal attempt at Wymondham in March, in connection with the 850th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey Church.

The members deplored the fact that no information was available in respect of Blofield or Gorleston bells, which are unringable at the present time for reasons which are not at all clear in the case of the latter tower.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, Mr. Bond, the organist, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barrett who, together with other ringers' wives, had prepared and served the splendid tea.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Dinner and Ringing Day

FOR the first time for many years the Oxford University Society conformed with the perennial notice which appears in 'The Ringer's Diary' for the first Saturday in February, and held their annual dinner and ringing day. That the former was the cause of much arrangement and rearrangement is, of course, another story, and should be left for the pen of one more able. That it was an improvement on the lunches of previous years is undoubted (the treasurer confirming a profit!).

The ringing programme was intensive and the dreaming spires (not to mention a few towers) of the city were once more awakened by the clamorous tumult of the motley assortment of bells they house. Ringing commenced at the Cathedral at 2 p.m., and by 3 p.m. Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus had been variously attempted and rung—a variation of the former with the tenor in 11ths place for long periods excited some comment.

From 3 until 4 p.m. New College and Merton continued their long and somewhat disharmonious rivalry across the city, some London being rung at the last-mentioned tower. Ringing followed at Carfax (4.45 to 5.15 p.m.), Magdalen (5 to 5.45 p.m.) and the University Church for the service. The service ringing included a short-lived touch of Bob Minor, in which the tenor ringer, under the impression that the bell weighed 16 cwt., went for a 'long walk on a short pier' so to speak, when he reached the front.

The service was held in the University Church and this was followed by the dinner at the Cadena Café, where an excellent meal was enjoyed by over 60 people, including the president of the Society (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), the guest of honour (Mr. Paul Taylor), the Master (Mr. W. F. Judge) and secretary (Mr. Phil Walker) of the Oxford Society, the Master and secretary of the Cambridge University Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter and Mr. F. B. Cookson), the Masters of the Bristol University Society (Miss Pat Bourn) and the Reading University Society (Miss Jean Dawson), members of the Reading and Southampton Societies, and many present and past members of the Oxford University Society and the Cambridge University Guild.

The speeches followed and were recorded on tape, the machine being placed in a strategic position behind its owner!

Proposing the toast of 'The Exercise,' Mr. S. J. Ivin assured the company that he would not discourse of the subject of Mr. S. J. Ivin, as was his custom. This left him somewhat bereft of subject matter, but he gave a humorous dissertation on what he had learnt from older and more experienced ringers and how this influenced his outlook on ringing. He hoped that a more tolerant attitude towards one another's efforts would prevail amongst peal ringers and manifest itself in a decrease in written criticism. Amongst other anecdotes he recited a graphic description, in verse, of a somewhat rough peal, which because of its rather obvious association with a well-known ringer tended to defeat the object of the speech.

Mr. W. H. Jackson, welcoming the guests, referred to Mr. Paul Taylor and commented on the fact that his visit was welcomed, not only from the Society's but also from his own point of view. A warm welcome was also extended to the guests, especially the Master and secretary of the Oxford Society, with whom the University Society had much contact.

Replying to the toast of 'The Guests,' the Master of the Cambridge University Guild (Mr. J. D. Painter) expressed pleasure at being in

Oxford, a city with which, he revealed, he probably had more connection than Cambridge. He regretted the absence of the Master of the London University Society (Mr. J. Armstrong), who was prevented from being present by a previous engagement.

The guest of honour, Mr. Paul Taylor, opened by mentioning his family connection with Oxford, which extended over a period of 150 years from a great-great uncle who manufactured clocks to the present day. He had a soft spot for the city because it was here that a Taylor family motto, a quotation concerning a dubious preoccupation on wet Saturday afternoons, was born.

Two bodies, both having caused inconvenience to the speaker, came in for a certain amount of abuse—British Railways and the Press. Two representatives of eminent national papers became inebriated, during the Loughborough long peal, to an extent which not only rendered them incapable of efficiently reporting the event but also of finding their way to bed! Mr. Taylor added, however, that he thought much of the misunderstanding which arose amongst ringers and the public was often the fault of the former.

He concluded by entertaining the company with various tales about bellhanging and founding, and more especially with the eccentric characters amongst the workmen encountered behind the scenes.

The Master (Mr. P. R. Sanders), presenting his report, spoke with brevity and feeling on the subject of arranging the first dinner for some years, and quickly passed on to a survey of the ringing during the year. Ten peals (including one 'in hand') had been rung. Those of note were London Surprise Major at Kidlington, Cambridge Surprise Major at Dorchester (the Society's 250th peal) and Little Bob Royal at Newcastle-under-Lyme during the tour (the Society's 100th tower-bell peal). Seventeen quarter peals had been rung by the Society during the year, and the Master emphasised their value in improving striking. Joint meetings had been held with Reading and Southampton University Societies, and an all-day outing to Bristol, arranged in conjunction with the Bristol University Society, had been much enjoyed, although not as well supported as it might have been.

The speeches finished, many of the company retired to Robin Pittman's room in Pembroke, where the tape recorder and liquid refreshment awaited them.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z., CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY

The Master and members of the Christchurch Cathedral Bellsingers' Society (N.Z.) express their thanks and appreciation to the members of the band who rang a peal of Grand sire Caters at the Church of St. Margaret, King's Lynn, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the opening of the bells at Christchurch, New Zealand. We are most grateful to Mr. Norman Hardinge, who arranged the peal, and Mr. Frank Lufkin, the conductor.

Our Society has the distinction of being the most southern in the world, and though miles separate us, a gesture of this nature brings us very close together and encourages those 'down under' to greater efforts.

The 75th anniversary celebrations were the most ambitious the Society had ever attempted, and were a great success. On October 31st a thanksgiving service was held in the Chapel of St. George in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. There was an attendance of about 60. The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Martin Sullivan), while the Bishop (the Rt. Rev. A. K. Warren) preached the sermon. Among those in the congregation were relatives of Mr. R. H. Rhodes, donor of eight of the bells. The other two were given by Mr. E. P. Miles. Mr. A. C. Caldwell was present, representing the St. Peter's Cathedral Society, Hamilton, and Mr. W. Garton, a past Master, from Dunedin.

At 11 a.m. rounds and changes were rung on the full ten bells, as was done 75 years ago. In charge was the Master, Mr. R. G. D. Bennett. One of the veteran ringers was Mr. Geo. Claydon, who came from Birmingham in 1911 and taught many of the ringers taking part. On November 1st, the festival of the Cathedral, the bells were rung for Evensong. In the evening a reunion social was held, about 70 attending. Dean Sullivan presided and Bishop Warren gave a short address. Former members from many parts of New Zealand, their wives and other guests heard present members ring changes on handbells; several tunes specially arranged by Mr. Geo. Claydon were heard.

Among messages received from former members was one from Mr. J. B. Norris, who first rang in 1888, and remembered the earthquake which damaged the Cathedral, and another from Mr. Ben Shaw, a former English ringer, living at Wanganui, a former Master, who is now 87. Speakers were Mr. A. C. A. Caldwell, Mr. Geo. Claydon, who spoke on the activities of the Society over the years, and Mr. R. G. Bennett, the present Master.

A special anniversary cake, donated by Mrs. G. N. Sloan, was cut by Mr. Geo. Claydon.
G. N. S.

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OBITUARY

MR. ROWLAND J. FENN

With deep regret we record the passing on to higher service of Rowland John Fenn, of Barking, Essex, on February 16th. Rowland, the eldest of the three brothers Fenn, was born at Barking on March 15th, 1876, and learned to ring at St. Margaret's in 1895. At that time Barking was a hard school and a very high standard of ringing was insisted upon. This left its mark on Rowland, and his ringing and striking were a first-class example to all who had the privilege of ringing with him. He also insisted on strict punctuality. He was equally safe on tower- or handbells, and took part in the first performance of Harrison's 8,896 on handbells. He rang 3-4 to the first course of London Surprise ever rung on handbells, a feat which Nathan Pitstow described as next to impossible.

He was prevented by his work from ringing a large number of peals, but during his lifetime rang well over 100, amongst them being the first peals of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major ever rung in the City of London. He joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1896, and always took a keen interest in its affairs.

His passing breaks up a trio of brothers who have been prominent in ringing in London and Essex for over half a century, and Barking in particular will feel his loss very keenly. He was of quiet disposition, and of a friendly, courteous nature.

A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on February 21st, and amongst those present were Messrs. S. Aldgate, G. Cottis, G. Faulkner, F. Russell and A. Carter. He leaves a widow and one son (now in S. Africa) to mourn his loss, and he will be sadly missed by his brothers Caleb and Ernest. Rowland was a great ringer and friend, and was loved and respected by all. J. F. S.

MR. C. H. HARDING

The news of the sudden death of Charles Henry Harding at the age of 42 came as a shock to all who knew him.

Henry spent the whole of his life in his beloved village of Blunham, Bedfordshire—a true son of the soil.

He left school at the age of 14, and shortly afterwards his father passed away, so Henry, being the eldest son, shouldered the responsibility of running the farm with only occasional help. In spite of continual hard work, often seven days a week, he found time to worship and to learn to ring. He was taught along with others by Mr. C. Ball, of Sandy, in 1933. In January, 1936, he rang his first peal, one of Plain Bob Minor, which he conducted.

It was in the pre-war days that his enthusiasm for peals was at its greatest, but he was ever ready and willing to teach others, always emphasising that service ringing came first. In 1955, mainly through his efforts, the bells of his own church were rehung and augmented, he himself giving the new bell.

His last peal was one of Doubles rung on February 2nd at Leighton Bromswold; he did not keep records, so it may be some time before his peal total is known.

He was of a quiet and retiring nature, short in stature, but with a large heart: his car was used by all, often overloaded, but always well driven by the man with the big smile.

His church loses a loyal sidesman and ringer; we who knew him so well will miss our true and sincere friend. Our hearts go out to his sorrowing mother, sister and brothers, not forgetting his fiancée, Mary, whose marriage to him had been arranged to take place next August.

Work has now ceased on the partly-built house that would have been his home, in the country district where he lived and where his work was in the open air, very near to the Creator of all life. C. E. J.

PREBENDARY A. J. HOOK

AN APPRECIATION

Many who know and love the West Country will have read of the passing of Preb. A. J. Hook with deep regret. He was a kindly, modest and affectionate Master of the Bath and Wells Association for many years, and when he retired many of us missed the lovable character who had endeared himself to all.

When he presided over the annual meetings on Easter Mondays and preached at the services, it was always an inspiration; he seemed to leave thoughts in our minds, to make us feel better men and women for having listened to his words. As he lived, so he preached—love and charity to all men.

May his life and work be an example to us all, and as we remember him we may also remember the words which seem to apply: 'They shall be mine, saith the Lord, in the day that I make up my jewels.' W. H. C.

Henry Johnson Dinner—Cont.

The chairman, in acknowledging the compliment, said he considered Birmingham was his finishing school as regarded ringing. While there he learnt the pleasure of ringing on 12 bells, and now in London he did his best to make Stedman Cinques popular with young ringers. In London today they had a strong young element and they would always be attracted by good ringing. In recent months the average age of the ringers at St. Paul's had been 36, which showed the way things were going.

'I do not pretend to have done anything revolutionary in London. The Society of which I am Master was founded in 1647 and is sufficiently attractive to attract young men against all the outside attractions.'

He thanked them for the honour in letting him take the chair at a Henry Johnson dinner, and he would also like to thank the artistes—Mr. Albert E. Barley and Mr. Douglas Norgrove and the accompanist, Miss Dorothy Owen—for the excellent quality of the musical entertainment.

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CANCELLATION

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Snitterfield bells not available and thus no meeting this month. Next meeting in May. Details later.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 9871

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, March 9th, at the Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., at 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Sec. 9829

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, March 9th. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's, 2 to 3; St. Bene't's, 3 to 4; Roman Catholic Church, 4 to 5.30; Great St. Mary's, 5.30 to 6.30. 9861

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, Saturday, March 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 9797

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Saturday, March 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business at Crown Hotel. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 9809

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Saturday, March 9th, Broxbourne. Please bring own tea.—T. S. Southam, Dis. Sec. 9826

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, S.E.10, on Saturday, March 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome—gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Waters, Hon. Sec. 9771

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Saturday, March 9th, Brentford, 3.30. Business in tower at Christ Church, Ealing, 6.30. Bells from 7. A good attendance, please. 9873

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Bus 128 passes church, or 659, 679 trolley bus to Town Hall.—T. J. Lock. 9801

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practices: Burghfield, March 9th; Mapledurham, April 13th; Bradfield, April 27th—all at 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 9856

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Malins Lee, Saturday, March 9th. Handbell ringing and business meeting 2.30 p.m. Tower bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 9832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Annual general meeting at Clare, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. J. Seabrook, Clare. 9856

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vine Inn. 9814

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Malvern Link. Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. 9817

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deancy.—Meeting at Clutton, Saturday, March 16th, 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 9851

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by March 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9868

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, March 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 9874

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Brinklow, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 13th, to D. A. Carpenter, 78, Earlsdon Avenue, Coventry. Midland red bus 585 from Coventry 2.20 p.m. 9859

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 9860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 9843

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 14th, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh. 9849

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to A. H. Little, Cowlands Cottage, Stebbing, Dunmow. 9827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Hythe, Colchester, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. F. Oliver, 25, New Park Street, Colchester. 9805

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock (6), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham, Wilts. 9852

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Saturday, March 16th. North Cerney, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names essential. Rendcomb 6 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—Wenban. Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyns, Cirencester. 9845

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th to B. Colison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. 9844

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6 bells), Saturday, March 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 9870

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch, 3 p.m., Saturday, March 16th. Service 5 p.m. Tea 2s. Names before March 13th to T. Taylor, 22, Egerton Street, Fallowfield, Manchester, 14.—R. Benson. 9864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Rochdale, Rossendale and Blackburn Branches at Haslingden, Saturday, March 16th. Helmsore bells also available, 3 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m. for those who send their names by Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. A. V. Williams, 2, Park Avenue, Haslingden. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 9867

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 9869

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Bowden on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9866

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting at St. Nicolas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3.30 to 5 p.m.; also St. Mary-the-Virgin, Barnes, 6.30 p.m. onwards. Own tea arrangements.—F. Finch. 9853

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church House, Reading, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16th. Names for tea before Wednesday, March 13th, to Mr. A. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading. St. Mary's bells 2 to 2.50 p.m.—M. R. Cross. 9819

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Bingham, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—W. L. Exton, 60, Albert Street, Newark. 9858

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting, Silverdale Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by March 14th, please, to W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon. 9793

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 16th, at Eling. Bells from 2.30. Tea in Rectory at 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 12th to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 9872

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Clewer, Saturday, March 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me by 20th.—W. Butler, 17, Forest Road, Windsor. 9855

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Penkridge, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, March 20th, to Mr. E. A. Malin, Lynwood, Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, near Stafford. 9862

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea in Church School 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, March 21st, to Mr. E. Burton, Church View, Kirkburton, Huddersfield.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9864

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Wrington Easter Monday, April 22nd. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and business meeting. Names for lunch tickets (enclosing S.A.E.) to Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmer's, Cleve, Bristol. Further details later.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 9847

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.—Because of a clash of dates, with the annual festival of the Chester Guild and the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, the annual general meeting of the Railwaymen's Guild will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, June 22nd. Arrangements will be made for a mid-day meal but names must be received before June 15th. Ringing: Crewe (10) Nantwich (8), Sandbach (8) and more towers if necessary. Fuller information later.—W. Frank Stenson, North Col, 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe. 9767

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 12th, 1957, Shirchall, Chelmsford. Details later.—F. V. G. 9834

EWELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 17th. 1.316 Grand-sire Triples: C. W. Munday 1, H. E. Good 2, Marjorie Hunter (first 'inside') 3, D. G. Spittle 4, A. S. Besant 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, J. E. Bearis 7, G. W. Hill 8. For Confirmation.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 10th. 1.260 Grand-sire Triples: Joan K. Brown 1, R. K. Stretton (first 'inside') 2, Glenys R. Bodycote 3, J. M. Jelley 4, B. S. Chapman 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, P. Norman 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bagg 1, F. Skinner 2, W. Cavill 3, C. Norton 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, F. Cave 6, Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Dennis Farrow, ringer and organist at Ashcott and Shapwick for over 50 years.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Callwood 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, G. Forrester 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, D. Briscall 6, For Evensong on Plough Sunday.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Bob Doubles (with two cover bells): B. Stapleton (first quarter) 1, R. Churchill 2, Betty Stapleton (first 'inside') 3, F. Lewis 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, K. Fleming 6, W. Williams (first quarter) 7, For Sung Eucharist.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (420 Bob, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew and 480 Grandsire): Christopher Cale (first quarter) 1, J. Ranford 2, W. Huband 3, F. Merrick (cond.) 4, W. Calc 5, J. Calc 6, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Palmer, chairman, interred this day at Lindridge.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Youngs 1, Miss E. A. G. Grime 2, A. F. Lee 3, D. E. Cobb 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. J. Bowden 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, T. J. Milsom 8, Rung half-muffled after Evensong to the memory of the Rev. Prebendary A. J. Hook, Past Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

WALMER, KENT.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Woodcock 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, A. C. Rye 3, F. A. Rye 4, T. A. Wickens 5, P. J. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, A. Woodcock 8, Rung on the occasion of the christening of Neil, son of the conductor.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Eyre (first quarter) 1, W. Lee 2, Monica Barrett 3, M. Stacey (first of Doubles) 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, R. Throoby (first quarter) 6, For Evensong.

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