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JOHN KINGDON

WHEN the Rev. John Kingdon returned from the Mission Field in 1937 and became Vicar of Bollington in Cheshire he little thought how great a part bells and ringers were destined to play in his future life. He knew nothing of bells and had never come into contact with those who ring them, but being interested in all matters connected with his church, he eventually made his way to the tower whilst ringing was in progress. The dancing ropes held his attention and interest, and it was not long before he learned to handle a bell and in due course join in the ringing.

In 1947 Mr. Kingdon accepted the living of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester (one wonders whether he would have accepted it had there not been bells there), and it so happened that the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild became vacant shortly afterwards. At the Annual Meeting he was unanimously elected to this dual position and it was very obvious that no better choice could have been made, for he quickly showed that he possessed just those qualities which are so desirable yet not always found for such an office. There can be no doubt that his methodical precision, his attention to detail and his presence at meetings in many parts of the diocese did a very great deal for the solidarity of the Chester Diocesan Guild and helped in no small measure to bring this Guild to the position it now holds in the Exercise.

It was with very great regret therefore that members learned in early September of his impending retirement. A farewell peal at his own tower was obviously indicated, and on September 28th, his last Sunday as Rector of St. Mary's, the band which rang the record peal at Over, Cheshire, in 1950 assembled in the afternoon and rang T. B. Worsley's 5,024 of Bristol. It was fitting that the peal should be conducted by Mr. John Worth, of the Macclesfield Branch, where Mr. Kingdon first learned to handle a bell. A few days later the Rector and Mrs. Kingdon left for Storrington in Sussex where their future home will be.

It was clear, however, that the Guild as a whole wished to express its thanks and good wishes, and at the annual dinner on October 11th Mr. Kingdon's presence was demanded. It was typical of him that he should readily agree to make the long journey to Chester to be present on this occasion, which proved to be the greatest gathering of Guild members and friends on record. During the evening a presentation was made, which included a book on railways. With these tangible tokens of esteem and affection went the grateful thanks and good wishes of the

TOOK THE COLLEGE COURSE

I have wanted to write something about the College of Campanology, because you will remember well enough all the 'hot air' there was about it!

In our village tower one acquired a deep love of bells and of the church for which we were ringing. One would go to a large meeting further afield, and two pulls were enough: the inevitable look came over the faces of any first-class ringers—with every justification, but it was the hopelessness of the situation that was the heart of the matter. Apparently it was condemnation for life, 'Once a poor ringer, always a poor ringer,' beyond the power of any help.

Then in 1956 we went over to the Isle of Wight for our annual meeting, and heard the announcement about the College of Campanology (from one of the 'experts,' from whom we were usually quicker to flee in terror than from any other!). It was the first faint ray of hope.

Shortly afterwards our numbers suddenly shot down below danger level. I went up to practice, wondering if there would even be one, to find ten school children, who had come up out of the blue 'to see what ringing was like.' I went home again to find the draft College of Campanology course being printed in 'The Ringing World.'

With more caution than sense, we didn't apply straight away to the College for help but tried to follow the course, more or less, from 'The Ringing World' draft—till it suddenly shot ahead of us, and I realised the 'or less' had been too operative!

One night, when nothing would go right and the sound was appalling, we wrote off to see if the College could help us. We got ready to be torn limb from limb by the 'experts,' but needn't have worried; it was completely different from the old experience in the past. For myself, when two of us went to the meeting at Canterbury in July, I suddenly realised that the familiar 'look'—as far as I could be aware in the Cathedral—hadn't come over anyone's face. I am not exaggerating in saying that it was like some wonderful reprieve from life imprisonment!

Of course, Rome wasn't built in a day, and I shall go round to meetings with 101 faults and weaknesses ready to be pounced on, and striking still liable to suffer from nerves, but at least one knows exactly what is wrong and can do something about it. The younger members of the course: the same applies, and I have noticed also the kind of 'flexibility' of thinking that the course has given them: a sort of springboard which makes the grasp of change

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON, S.E.

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

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 48 cwt.

*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS .. 2	Treble	†WILLIAM D. GRAINGER .. 7
*VERNON GREEN .. 2		†C. MONTAGU MEYER .. 8
WILFRID G. WILSON .. 3		*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 9
*PETER J. HUTCHINGS .. 4		*LEONARD W. BULLOCK .. 10
†FREDERICK P. MEAD .. 5		*JOHN W. EUSTON .. 11
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 6		*HAROLD W. ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by WM. H. BARBER. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.

* First peal in the method on 12. † First on 12. ‡ First in the method.

An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Emily Grainger, mother of the seventh ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 6, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

FRED C. LYNE .. 2	Treble	GERALD C. HEMMING .. 6
MURIEL REAY .. 2		GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 3		NORMAN J. GOODMAN .. 8
RUTH M. BORDER .. 4		PETER BORDER .. 9
WILLIAM H. MALE .. 5		GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Sept. 22, 1958, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

HELEN NEVIN .. 2	Treble	GEORGE AMOR .. 6
ANNE E. AMOR .. 2		JOHN B. LONG .. 7
BRYAN PATTISON .. 3		JAMES R. TAYLOR .. 8
JENNIFER M. DAVIES .. 4		ROBERT L. PIRON .. 9
PETER J. SHIPTON .. 5		ROY EASSON .. Tenor

Composed by CLEMENT GLENN.

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

Rung by members of the St. Paul's Sunday service band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5080 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

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

*†BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	Treble	†JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 2		†GORDON A. HALLS .. 7
*DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3		*JOHN A. ACRES .. 8
†DEREK P. JONES .. 4		*†ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 9
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 5		†G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal together. ‡ First of Royal in the method. First of Royal in the method for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to Roger K. Stretton.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FRANK D. MACK .. 2	Treble	BRIAN J. WYLDE .. 6
TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. 2		PATRICK J. BIRD .. 7
RICHARD J. BOWDEN .. 3		CYRIL A. WRATTEN .. 8
REGINALD G. HOOPER .. 4		FREDERICK S. SLATFORD .. 9
*ERIC J. HITCHINS .. 5		†BRYNLEY A. SHACKLETON .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Stedman, and on ten. † First peal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

HAROLD LONYON .. 2	Treble	JOHN WORTH .. 6
BERNARD F. L. GROVES .. 2		ROBERT B. SMITH .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 3		LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 8
BRIAN HARRIS .. 4		PETER LAFLIN .. 9
C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5		EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 20, 1958, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 2	Treble	*JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 6
DEREK P. JONES .. 2		JOHN M. JELLEY .. 7
DIANA J. PERRINS .. 3		GORDON A. HALLS .. 8
ERNEST MORRIS .. 4		†ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 9
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 5		G. RONALD EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (Circuit CX).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.' † First of Yorkshire Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

A compliment to Patricia A. M. Forster and Gordon A. Halls on their engagement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

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

G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 2	Treble	GORDON A. HALLS .. 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON .. 2		BRIAN G. WARWICK .. 6
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER .. 3		ERNEST J. JELLEY .. 7
JOHN A. ACRES .. 4		DEREK P. JONES .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 12).

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thurs., Sept. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY

A PEAL OF 5280 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANNE E. AMOR .. 2	Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 5
JUNE E. SINFIELD .. 2		ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 6
*JOHN W. SINFIELD .. 3		BRYAN PATTISON .. 7
RONALD J. SHARP .. 4		STEPHEN IVIN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* 100th peal. 50th peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 144 'Roll-ups.'

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., Sept. 28, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN .. 2	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
WILFRED STEVENSON .. 2		WALTER ALLMAN .. 6
HENRY O BAKER .. 3		FRED DUNKERLEY .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 4		JOHN WORTH .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Oct. 4, 1958, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 960 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HAROLD LONYON .. 2	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS .. 5
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 2		LESLIE BOUMPHREY .. 6
BRIAN HARRIS .. 3		PETER LAFLIN .. 7
BASIL JONES .. 4		EDWARD JENKINS .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 On Sun., Oct. 5, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,
 A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25 cwt.	
ROBERT CROOK Treble	RICHARD RAINFORD 5
HERBERT RAINFORD 2	*ALAN CAPSTICK 6
LAWRENCE D. CLEMENT .. 3	*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 7
ROBERT WARDEN 4	JOHN PYE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.
 * 25th peal together.
 Rung to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the Cathedral.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
 THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
 A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 9 cwt.	
JOHN J. STANIER Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 3	DAVID BEACHAM 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
 Rung in memoriam John Bass, who was interred this day.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
 THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
 A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.	
NORMAN J. SMITH Treble	FRANK W. LEWIS 5
RONALD F. DISERENS 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD 6
DONALD G. COBB 3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.
 THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Sun., Oct. 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
 A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 21 lb. in F.	
NORMAN J. SMITH Treble	GEOFFREY K. DODD 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON 6
*DONALD G. COBB 3	RONALD F. DISERENS 7
FRANK W. LEWIS 4	NOEL J. DISERENS Tenor

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
 * First peal of London.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
 THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Mon., Oct. 13, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
 A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.	
*DIANA LATHAM Treble	REX J. CORKE 5
G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON .. 2	CHARLES W. DENYER 6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 3	TOM PAGE 7
EDWARD J. BRAGG 4	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.
 Conducted by DUGALD M. MACPHERSON.
 * First peal. Rung on Kenneth Williamson's birthday.

OXFORD.
 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
 A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
CYRIL H. KINCH Treble	*ERNEST J. MUNDAY 5
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD .. 2	DONALD H. NIBLETT 6
EDGAR J. SMITH 3	*J. HOWARD FREEBORN 7
CHARLES COLES 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
 * First peal in the method.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
 THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
 A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 1/2 cwt.	
BERTIE A. CORNELL .. Treble	JACK S. DEAR 5
*CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY .. 2	J. RICHARD CASTLEDINE .. 6
ERIC EDMONDSON 3	ALFRED E. RUSHTON 7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	†JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
 Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
 * 100th peal together. † 300th peal of Surprise.

CHESTER.
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
 A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.	
GEORGE F. SPERRING .. Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 5
FREDERICK R. EVANS 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
F. HECTOR BENNETT 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
*GEOFFREY PARTING 4	*ALAN E. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
 * First peal in the method.
 In memoriam Henry Dew, one-time ringer at this church.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
 THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
 A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.	
PATRICIA H. JONES Treble	A. RYAN PRICE 5
JACQUELINE S. KING 2	GEORGE DAVIS 6
ROBERT E. COLES 3	*TREVOR M. RODERICK 7
JAMES DANIELS 4	DAVID J. KING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
 * 100th peal for the Association.

Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Vicar of Llanarth) as Rural Dean of Raglan. Also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ryan Price, who are shortly leaving the district for West Wales.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
 THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
 A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
FRED W. STONE Treble	*PETER DAVIES 5
BRIAN R. MANNING 2	ROGER BALDWIN 6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT .. 3	WM. ARNOLD MORLEY 7
PETER G. BELLAMY KNIGHT .. 4	†MICHAEL BLORE Tenor

Composed by WM. ARNOLD MORLEY.
 * First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.
 A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stone on their 45th wedding anniversary.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
 THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
 On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
 A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.	
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE .. Treble	*ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
†ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK .. 3	†TOM BIRD 7
†SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 4	††URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Witness: EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE.
 Rung non-conducted and strictly silent.
 * First non-conducted peal. † First non-conducted on eight bells.
 †† 300th peal.
 A birthday compliment to F. Poulson.

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PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*†LEONARD STILWELL .. Treble	E. WINIFRED KEYS 5
FRANK H. HICKS 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
††ERNEST TREAGUS 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF (No. 6 C.C.C.).

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* 600th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
CYRIL RUSBY 2	H. DAVID HOLLAND 6
NORMAN SMITH 3	JOHN A. ANDERSON 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 4	IAN M. HOLLAND Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
First peal in the method by all except the sixth ringer, and for the Association.

Rung in memoriam Percy J. Johnson, vice-president of the Association.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).	
EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES 2	WALTER AYRE 6
GLADYS MANCHIP 3	BRIAN M. BARKER 7
*ROBERT J. PICTON 4	†JOHN TURNER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal and first attempt.
Rung immediately after the marriage of Vanda C. Badrick (daughter of the captain of the ringers) and Richard A. Emery.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt.

D. J. ROAF (Trinity) .. Treble	†M. J. HARBORD (Trin. H.) 5
*FRANCES SECKER (Girton) 2	A. R. HEPPENSTALL (Sel.) 6
†P. H. LANGTON (Trinity).. 3	H. NEILL (St. Cath.'s) 7
†M. D. S. HOOD (Trin. H.) 4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. NEILL.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Rutland.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt.

Taylor's Six-part.	
JAMES BURNS Treble	CYRIL BROWN 5
GILLIAN BRIDGFORD.. .. 2	JOHN ASHCROFT 6
*HARRY LLOYD 3	DAVID YOUNG 7
SYDNEY CLOUGH 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ASHCROFT.

* First peal. Rung to mark the completion of 50 years' service as a ringer at this church by Albert Parker.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wed., Sept. 10, 1958, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 17 cwt.

Being seven 120's of Stedman, five of Reverse Canterbury, five of Reverse St. Bartholomew, ten of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.	
DAVID T. NORTH Treble	F. WILLIAM SLOCOMBE 4
PATRICK J. BIRD 2	GORDON WALFORD 5
GEOFFREY J. GAMMON .. 3	CHARLES E. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

BOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Comprising 21 240's, eight variations. Tenor 6 cwt. 18 lb.

*EDWARD RUDKIN Treble	MRS. G. F. ROOME 3
GLADYS A. ASHBY 2	GEORGE F. ROOME 4
PERCY AMOS Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First attempt for a peal, aged 73.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding (October, 1883) of the Boys' Brigade. Also as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. B. Hymers, B.A.), appointed to the livings of Clipston and Kelmarsh.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: An extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and two extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DINAH SWIFT Treble	DAVID SWIFT 4
THOMAS HARRIS 2	ROLAND H. COOK 5
J. HARRY COOK 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK .. Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
FREDERICK W. PINCHBECK 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK 5
BARRY BROWN 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Stanley W. Musson (brother of the conductor) and Mrs. Margaret Watson, who were married this day in London.

WAREHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of St. Clement's, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each a different composition.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*MARGARET M. JONES .. Treble	†RALPH BIRD 4
†JOSEPH J. BATCHELOR .. 2	CRAWFORD T. HILLIS .. 5
JOHN R. COOPER 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal. † First of Minor in three methods. ‡ 100th peal together in 99 different towers.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 11, 1958, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY G. THOMPSON .. Treble	BRIAN R. SUTTON 4
JOHN H. PAGETT 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
SAMUEL THOMPSON 3	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Bass, as a last tribute by members of the local band. Mr. Bass was for nearly 50 years leader and tower keeper at this church, and was interred the same day.

LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 12, 1958, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 120's. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT CROOK Treble	ROBERT WARDEN 4
*WILFRED BOLTON 2	HERBERT RAINFORD 5
RICHARD RAINFORD 3	†NORMAN CROSS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT RAINFORD.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First muffled peal and first of Doubles on the bells.

Rung fully-muffled on the middle six as a token of respect for Pope Pius XII, who died October 9th, 1958.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 15, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 4
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 2	DENNIS LAUD 5
RAYMOND G. SMITH .. 3	JOHN R. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* 50th peal of Surprise Minor. 200th peal as conductor. First in the method by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 34 methods: (1) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth Surprise. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT Treble	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4
PATRICK W. SALTMARSH .. 2	JOE E. G. ROAST 5
PETER J. EVES 3	HOWARD W. EGGLESTONE Tenor

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Most methods by all the band. 75th peal of Minor as conductor.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Union Bob and Chase Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D.

PERCY AMOS Treble	RAYMOND HENMAN 3
ALLAN R. JONES 2	MICHAEL R. BENNETT .. 4

ROBIN V. BAKER Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN R. JONES.

Rung for the festival of St. Luke.

MOREBATH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being eight 240's and 26 120's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

FRANCIS C. TAYLOR .. Treble	W. DONALD SALTER 4
CHARLES H. WEBBER .. 2	W. RONALD TRICKEY .. 5
ALAN COOKE 3	G. WALFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. RONALD TRICKEY.

First peal as conductor.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's: (1) London and Wells, (2) Norfolk and Primrose, (3) York and Durham, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham and Berwick, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN M. ROFFE Treble	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD .. 4
ALBERT E. SCOTT 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	JAMES W. HAW Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise, and in 16 methods.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1958, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MARLOW .. Treble	JACK CHESTERMAN 4
HARRY E. BALAAM 2	JACK WEAVER 5
*CHARLES OSLER 3	ROBIN L. STORY Tenor

Conducted by ROBIN L. STORY.

* First peal of Minor. First on the bells. First as conductor.

GOXHILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

C. AUBREY HARRISON .. Treble	ARTHUR CROWDER 4
SEPTIMUS NEAVE 2	JACK BRAY 5
MICHAEL CROWDER 3	PHILIP BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 9, 1958, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 16, 1958, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

AT 66, MELTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

DEREK M. SAWYER 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 3-4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE 5-6	

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 19, 1958, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 24, MANOR STREET,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK 1-2	JOHN M. JELLEY 5-6
JOHN A. ACRES 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 21, 1958, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of 1,408 Yorkshire, 1,472 Superlative and 2,176 Cambridge, with 136 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. ACRES 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH .. 3-4	PETER J. STANIFORTH .. 7-8

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on handbells for the Guild, and first of Spliced Surprise 'in hand' by all the band.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' 21st ANNUAL DINNER

AS in previous years, the bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' were rung prior to the annual dinner. On the 12 bells at the Cathedral rounds were rung, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Cinques and a course of Major on the back eight bells. At All Saints' Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Royal were rung interspersed with rounds.

In the Guildhall 184 ringers and their ladies stood to receive the president of the Association, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester. After the loyal toast and the singing of the National Anthem, Bishop C. E. Stuart (Assistant Bishop of Worcester) proposed the toast of 'The Association.' He apologised for the Diocesan Bishop, who regretted he could not be present, but that he was accustomed to deputising for him and had heard himself referred to as 'the good old stand-by.'

Bishop Stuart put forward reasons why people rang bells. Firstly, because it was often a family affair which had continued through the generations. Fathers taught their sons, and these days mothers taught their daughters to ring bells. Heredity was a strange thing according to a schoolboy whom he knew, who defined it in this way: 'If your grandfather had no children, and your father had no children, the odds were that you would have no children.'

Secondly, ringing was a skilled occupation, making demands, but bringing satisfaction and peace. Thirdly, there was the fellowship of the belfry, which did not stop there but was extended far beyond it. But above all, bells were rung to the glory of God, which was a most pleasing thing to do.

However, ringing was not always popular outside the towers, and the Bishop had had

telephoned complaints when he was an incumbent. He remembered that it was often the abusers of ringers who were most anxious that the bells should be rung when their daughters were being married.

THE TIME TO WORRY

The Rev. H. L. Davies (Vicar of Cradley) replied for the Association. In some quarters, he said, ringers were much misunderstood, as on the occasion when he heard someone comment upon some ringing with 'There's them ringers—gone mad again.' He thought that there was no reason to take such remarks seriously; the time to worry was when there was no ringing from a tower. One of the most pleasing aspects of ringing was that it gave ringer the entrée to any tower in the country, and there was always a welcome wherever they went. There were great characters in the towers, but there was toughness, too, and ringers would often turn out when they were not really fit so that the bells could be rung on Sundays.

The Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright) in proposing the health of 'The President,' who was also chairman of the dinner, expressed the general pleasure at the Dean's first appearance for such an occasion there. The Association was most pleased to have him with them, and hoped that it would be his first of many such visits.

In his reply the Dean said how surprised he was to see so many people present, and so many ladies, too, all of which enhanced his pleasure in being president of the Association. He considered that the afternoon's ringing was an honour for the Cathedral and a personal enjoyment to him as he listened to the bells. The restoration of the Cathedral tower had recently been completed, and this gave a

worthy external aspect to the internal abilities of the ringers. The bells had long echoed across the Severn to the Malvern Hills, and as long ago as the reign of King Edgar there had been a royal order that bells should be rung.

In literature, ringers had been well served on the whole. Thomas Hood ('Dear bells! How sweet the sound of village bells, when on the undulating air they swim! Now loud as welcomes! faint now as farewells!'); Thomas Moore ('Those evening bells! Those evening bells! How many a tale their music tells, Of youth, and home, and that sweet time when last I heard their soothing chime'); Tennyson ('Ring out wild bells, 'Ring happy bells') recalling the sounds as they came across the Lincolnshire fens to his father's Rectory. Shakespeare was not quite so enthusiastic with his 'Silence that dreadful bell.'

The Dean admitted that he had not expected to find 'belles ringing bells,' but that he was greatly pleased to see this, and quoted from an old inscription in a Cornwall belfry some advice to ringers:

'We ring the quick to church, and the dead to the grave;

God is our use, such usage let us have . . .'

He thought that ringers must be inured to shock from their experience of the clamour of bells, and that they always had to be on their toes for their art. They were vigorous and generous and achieved much in the exercise of ringing. The Dean ended with warm thanks for the good wishes of the Association.

After the dinner there was an entertainment provided by a concert party, 'straight' and humorous songs, a comedian and a musical trio. Later two courses of Stedman Caters were rung on handbells: Mrs. J. Thomas 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, A. M. Tyler 5-6, D. J. Marshall 7-8, Vivien Barnes 9-10. A. W.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,315 Grand-sire Triples: W. Lunt 1, W. Rimmer 2, J. R. Lunham 3, A. L. Pearson 4, E. Ashcroft 5, W. E. Rothwell 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. For harvest festival.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Wardle 1, Christine Wakefield 2, A. J. Poyner 3, E. Jelly 4, R. S. Morris 5, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 6. For harvest festival. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Powdrill 1, Patricia Wardle 2, A. J. Poyner 3, Christine Wakefield 4, H. Bray 5, T. Roper 6, R. S. Morris (cond.) 7, T. Bolingbroke 8. For harvest festival Matins. Also 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Powdrill 1, P. Martin 2, Patricia Wardle 3, J. Poyner 4, Christine Wakefield 5, T. Roper 6, R. Morris 7, H. Bray (cond.) 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLN.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. C. Jackson 1, F. Derry 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, J. E. Brown 4, L. H. Squires 5, W. Tomlinson (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 3 and 4. Compliment to Mr. H. Squires, Hough-on-the-Hill, on his 77th birthday.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Webb (first of Minor) 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, W. Fulker 5, F. Absalom (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. James, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Johnson 1, Miss J. Mason 2, W. Cole 3, A. Bennett 4, B. Mason 5, L. Pearce (cond.) 6, F. Earl 7, D. Haskins 8. First in method for all except 4 and 6. First quarter rung by resident band since the rehousing of the bells. Also at St. Mark's Church on Oct. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. R. Hussey 1, Molly P. Smith 2, B. Shackleton 3, G. Skidmore 4, D. J. Hunt 5, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Watts 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, F. Watts 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, T. Fagg 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Watts.

CLIFTON-UPON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Janice Skelhorn (first quarter) 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, W. C. Budd 3, L. Whewall 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss D. Murrell (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens (first quarter) 2, G. Apps 3, N. V. Johnson 4, J. Jeffrey 5, J. Herbeque 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. For harvest festival.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Paulson 1, H. E. Taylor 2, D. Mellor 3, J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 4, R. H. Bullen 5, G. H. Paulson 6, P. Taylor 7, N. Hotchin 8. For Evensong and festival of St. Luke.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,376 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss B. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, F. Hodgson 3, Mrs. T. Cooke 4, T. Cox 5, T. Senior 6, W. E. Mashiter 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. First of combined Kent and Oxford for all except 3, 5 and 8. For harvest festival.

DUNS TEW, OXON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. Ivings (aged 12, first quarter) 1, W. Ivings 2, E. Honour 3, C. C. Clarke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. The conductor's 1,451st tower.

EDGWARE, MIDDLEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss C. E. Culley (first quarter) 1, A. H. Warris 2, H. E. Clayton 3, D. J. Ward 4, R. G. Ouston (cond.) 5, P. Robinson (first quarter) 6. First quarter by local band. For harvest festival Evensong.

ELM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Knight (first quarter) 1, Mavis Haw 2, Angela Cook 3, H. Reeve 4, J. Bird 5, G. Mann (cond.) 6. For the festival of St. Luke.

ELTON, DERBYS.—1,300 Doubles (480 Stedman, 820 Grand-sire): P. Taylor 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, D. Mellor 3, H. E. Taylor 4, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 5.

EWELME, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 2,052 Minor (1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 300 Plain Bob, 60 each Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall and St. Clement's, 72 Kent Treble Bob): R. Baker 1, J. Godman 2, E. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, R. Blond (cond.) 5, F. Absalom 6. A welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. St. Clair Thomas).

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. A. Frith 1, Miss M. Bailey (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Cook, jun. 3, Mrs. J. M. Simpson 4, P. A. Hill 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6, J. Watson 7, H. R. Woods 8, W. R. Read (cond.) 9, J. M. Simpson 10. For Evensong and birthdays of treble and tenor ringers.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Smith 1, H. Purchase 2, C. Tarr 3, F. Casley 4, G. Sparkea 5, E. Quicke (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Rev. P. W. P. Hancock on his retirement from the living.

IRTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Tembey 1, Vera C. Bell (first 'inside') 2, C. H. Ford 3, H. Wilson 4, T. T. Jones 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since the completion of frame repairs.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Wetherall 1, P. Cox 2, L. M. Clark 3, H. G. Westlake 4, H. E. Jeanes 5, F. T. Lock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of G. R. Mills, for 46 years a ringer at Langport.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,200 Doubles (Place Bob Winchendon Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, G. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grand-sire, 480 Plain Bob): K. Warrington 1, J. B. Dinenease 2, A. J. Strathdee 3, C. M. Smith 4, M. W. Faircy (cond.) 5. For harvest festival Evensong.

LITTLE MILTON, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Spicer (first of Minor) 1, R. Tuckwell 2, F. Godden 3, R. Baker 4, W. Fulker 5, F. Absalom (cond.) 6.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent Treble Bob): F. Ingall 1, P. Mason 2, A. Ingall 3, L. Willders 4, L. Thompson 5, W. R. Parker (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Valerie Colegrove 1, T. G. Pickering 2, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 3, A. G. Eveleigh 4, W. C. Budd 5, Wendy Griffith 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grand-sire): J. R. Haycock 1, Joan Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Margaret Stanley 6. First quarter in four methods for all the band. For harvest festival.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss H. Brain 1, N. Leslie 2, M. Edney 3, V. Clifton 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, D. Osman (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to V. Clifton.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: K. Angell 1, F. Phelps 2, R. Angell 3, H. Applegate 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, D. Applegate 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. In memoriam Mrs. E. Randall.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. L. Pearson 1, J. Dilworth 2, J. R. Lunham 3, R. Larkey 4, E. Ashcroft 5, K. Rothwell 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, H. Moorcroft 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Pilkington, captain of the Ormskirk ringers.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, Mrs. E. S. Palin 2, C. J. Eades 3, W. S. Palin 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, N. Tumber 8. For harvest festival.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. J. Collings (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, M. J. Bray 3, W. G. Lavers 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, A. W. Myers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. A farewell to A. J. Collings on leaving Plymouth to take up studies at Birmingham University.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,300 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 480 Bob and 580 Grand-sire): A. T. Weeks 1, G. Winter 2, F. Paramore 3, T. Cully 4, H. Gummer (cond.) 5, E. Emor 6. A farewell to the Vicar's sister, Miss E. G. Pooley, who is going to the Holy Cross Mission, East Togoland, Africa.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, Linda M. Southerden (first of Triples) 2, Mrs. D. H. Niblett 3, C. H. Knowles (first of Grand-sire Triples) 4, J. Small (first of Grand-sire Triples 'inside') 5, D. Hodgson 6, D. H. Niblett 7, R. J. Hicks 8. Rung after early service at which the Bishop of Chichester was celebrant on his first official visit to the parish.

SEND, SURREY.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss H. Pugh 2, Miss B. Loveland 3, J. Martin 4, B. Priestley (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. A compliment to Mr. W. J. Short, who has been appointed lay reader to this church.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,277 Grand-sire Caters: Valerie Hoby (13) 1, A. D. Rivers 2, Linda J. Kew (13) 3, Pamela M. Jervis 4, L. Stilwell 5, Janet L. Adamson 6, K. D. Walters 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, J. T. Smith 10. First on ten for 1, 3, 4, 7 and 10. Rung for the visit of L. Stilwell (Worthing), formerly a ringer in this district.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire): Mrs. A. R. Peake (first on working bell) 1, A. R. Peake (cond.) 2, Mrs. V. Griffin 3, C. Jones 4, V. Griffin 5.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Rowe (first of Triples, aged 11) 1, Miss P. Rowe 2, Miss L. Hawes 3, M. Cubitt (cond.) 4, H. Howson 5, E. J. Rowe 6, B. Bladon 7, L. Green 8.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Honey 1, M. Jones (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Jones 3, J. Honey 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. Porter (first as cond.) 1, H. Rodmell 2, Miss M. James 3, Mrs. R. Ducker 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker 6. For harvest festival.

SWINTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Leah (first quarter) 1, Margaret Wheat 2, G. Barbara Cooke 3, D. W. James 4, A. Sharples (cond.) 5, Margaret Ross 6. For patronal festival Evensong.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford and Kent and Plain Bob): C. Cousins, jun., 1, S. Elsey 2, W. Cousins 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins, sen., 6. For harvest festival.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss J. Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. G. Newman 2, E. Southwick 3, F. Southwick 4, R. Humphries (first as cond.) 5, H. Harris 6. For harvest festival.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Peacock 1, G. W. Jeffs 2, A. B. Clarke (first of Major) 3, L. Witten 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. Richardson 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, P. Stretton (first of Major) 8.

TIMBERLAND, LINCS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): F. Ingall 1, W. R. Parker 2, A. Ingall 3, L. Thompson 4, P. Mason 5, L. Willders (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Sykes 1, B. Downes 2, F. C. Maynard 3, W. Dowler 4, E. E. Holman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, D. Hewitt (first as cond.) 7, P. J. Chapman 8. Rung for Evensong and as a 72nd birthday compliment to F. C. Maynard, Master of St. Mary's Society.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob and 540 Grand-sire): E. Rudkin 1, R. S. Roberts 2, G. F. Rooome 3, J. C. Rainbow 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Sinden 1, A. Bishop 2, P. Devenish 3, J. Tomsett 4, A. Bagworth 5, E. Jacobs 6, F. Corfield 7, Susan Jacobs (first of Major as cond.) 8.

WOOTTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: M. C. Lee 1, W. J. Marlow 2, H. Balaam 3, R. Story 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, E. Payne 6. Rung for the bee-keepers' service.

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Her many friends will be pleased to know that Miss Mary R. Jaycock, of 20, Burlington Road, Burnham, is back in Burnham tower again after her car accident at Guildford on September 27th, when she had 54 stitches put in her face. Although terribly shaken she is otherwise uninjured.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Hughenden (see page 684) was the 250th for Mr. Philip Mehew.

Mr. Urban W. Wildney rang his 300th peal on October 18th. His peals have been rung in 69 towers with 254 different ringers.

News from St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, is bad. Owing to current repairs to the spire the bells are likely to be silent for at least two years.

Mr. G. E. Fearn rang his 1,000th peal for the St. Martin's Guild when he took part in a peal of London at Erdington Abbey on August 26th.

To the first peal on the recently recast bells of Boughton, Northants, rung a few months ago, the weight of the tenor was published as 7 cwt., approximately. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have since confirmed its true weight as being 6 cwt. 18 lb., and that of the old tenor as 5 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., not 6½ cwt. as was for many years assumed.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in three methods 'in hand' for the Leicester Guild was accomplished not without a little trepidation. Mr. P. J. Staniforth had rung the tenor the previous evening to a peal at Enderby on a fairly new rope, and finished with a crop of blisters. His hands were carefully bandaged by Jill, and he looked more like a prize-fighter being prepared for a big fight! The precautions were justified and a splendid peal was rung. The composition, by the late Harold J. Poole, was rung on his birthday, Trafalgar Day.

The bells of the parish churches in the Somerset villages of West Huntspill, Langport, Queen Camel and Wedmore will be heard in a programme entitled 'The Faith in Sedgemoor and Avalon' at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday, November 16th, in the West Home Service only.

While at Aldershot they have not rung two quarters by distinct bands from their Sunday service ringers, they have 16 members who have rung quarter peals and another 14 probationers capable of ringing rounds or hunting the treble.

Mr. J. H. Fielden writes explaining that the original account of the Cambridge University Guild week was lost in the post about a month ago. Unfortunately, other letters have gone astray.

The recent peal at Cowbridge, Glam, enabled Mr. Robert E. (Ted) Coles to 'circle the tower,' of which he has been captain for many years. He has taught and maintained a thriving band, which among its young people includes eight members from Cowbridge Grammar School.

Mr. Albert Parker, the chief ringer, has completed 50 years' service at St. James' Church, Wigan. The occasion was honoured by a peal and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Parker were hosts at an excellent tea given to the peal band, the local band and the Vicar and wardens of Poolstock.

A veteran to enter the peal columns is Mr. Edward Rudkin, of Weston Favell, whose first peal at the age of 73 is recorded this week. While he learned to ring rounds and Minimus when at Ridlington in 1911, it was not until three years ago, when he joined Weston Favell company, that he took up change ringing. He also rings at Whiston, where there is the longest pull without guides in the Peterborough diocese.

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MR. PERCY J. JOHNSON'S GREAT WORK FOR YORKSHIRE RINGING

WORD went round at the Snowdon commemoration dinner that Mr. Percy Johnson had been admitted to hospital for treatment but, not being seriously ill, he was expected home in a few weeks' time. It will be realised, therefore, what a shock it was when news came through that he had died on Sunday, October 12th, the day after the dinner—the first one he had missed.

By Mr. Johnson's death the Yorkshire Association has lost one of its oldest members and its senior officer in length of service. He joined the Association in 1901. In 1914 he was elected Ringing Master of the newly-formed Western District, and from that time he had been a member of the general committee without a break. He served for 15 years—from 1917 to 1932—as general secretary, and when he retired from that office he was elected vice-president of the Western District, an office he had filled with distinction to the time of his death.

46 YEARS ON CENTRAL COUNCIL

Mr. Johnson was a well-known member of the Central Council, having served on that body continuously since 1912; for the first eight years as representative of the Leeds and District Society, and from then onwards as one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association. For a period before the first World War he was president of the Leeds and District Society.

Mr. Johnson's ringing career started at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, in 1898, when he was 16 years of age. In 1903 he joined the band at Headingley St. Michael's, and in that year rang his first peal. Less than 12 months afterwards, he took part in a peal of London Surprise at Headingley, the first in that method by the Yorkshire Association; he was the last surviving member of that band. The year 1936 saw him back at Holbeck as conductor; he stayed there until 1944 and then rejoined the Headingley band, of which he had been a member ever since, for most of the time as conductor.

Mr. Johnson's full total of peals is unknown, but he rang 299 for the Yorkshire Association, and it is a matter of regret that he did not reach the third century, for that was an ambition he often expressed during the latter part of his life. A talented conductor—he called about 120 peals—he was also a gifted handbell ringer, and many of his peals were rung 'double-handed.' One of which he was particularly proud was the first peal of Double Norwich rung silent on handbells. That was rung at Pudsey in 1932.

His first and last peals, 54 years apart, were both Grandsire Triples. The first was at Holbeck St. Matthew's on March 14th, 1903, and the last at Headingley St. Michael's on April 13th, 1957.

Percy was something of a character, as those who knew him are aware. He expressed himself fearlessly and forcibly both in debate and in ordinary conversation. Once he had formed an opinion no amount of cajolery would persuade him to alter his mind. Small in height but stockily built, a good heavy-bell ringer, he commanded attention by his personality and by his deep voice. He had a remarkable memory—although that had failed of late—and a fund of anecdote. Always ready with a story of bygone ringing days, sometimes of rather doubtful propriety, he would often finish off by saying: 'If "The Ringing World" would publish the yarns that ringers tell, the circulation would go up by leaps and bounds'!

At the Snowdon dinner, while it was still thought that Mr. Johnson was just indisposed, he was referred to as 'Percy, the sergeant-major of the belfry, whose voice has struck fear and terror into the heart of many a young ringer but whose bark is worse than his bite.' That was the Percy whom many people knew; but had the speaker known the imminence of Mr.

Johnson's death he would have enlarged on the kind and gentle nature hidden behind that gruff exterior, and the jovial, witty man whose company was a delight to those whom he regarded as his friends.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was at Headingley St. Michael's on October 18th, prior to cremation at Lawnswood. A musical and well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the muffled bells of St. Michael's before the service, conducted by one of Mr. Johnson's younger pupils, Roy Bettley-Cooke. After the service and before the coffin was borne from the church, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the chancel steps by William Talbot, John Ambler, William Barton and Roy Bettley-Cooke.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Michael's, assisted by the Archdeacon of Leeds, the Venerable C. O. Ellison, who is the president of the Yorkshire Association. Colleagues of Mr. Johnson from the National Association of Furnishing Trades Operatives and from the Leeds College of Art were there to pay their last respects. Among the ringers who were present were Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, the secretary of the Yorkshire Association (who also represented the Central Council); Mr. A. E. Marsh, secretary of the Western District; Mr. E. Hudson, secretary of the Northern District; Messrs. J. Ambler, W. Barton, V. Bottomley, T. Strangeway and H. Walker, members of the General Committee; also Mrs. D. Skelton and Messrs. S. Barron, R. Bettley-Cooke, R. Butterfield, P. Dawson, W. Dixon, A. Johnson, E. Johnson, H. Lofthouse, M. P. Page, G. Robinson, W. Senior, I. Slack, W. Talbot and B. J. Whithill.

And so has passed to the Great Beyond one who was highly respected both for his knowledge and for his integrity. The Yorkshire Association has lost a character; it has also lost one of its most able servants. The ringing Exercise has benefited by his life but, although that is now ended, the work he did will live on and be a lasting memorial to him.

W. B.

APPRECIATIONS

Mr. Paul Birkett writes:—

The death of Mr. Percy J. Johnson is a real loss to the Yorkshire Association and to the Exercise as a whole. As a young ringer I remember him as one of the outstanding personalities of the Exercise. His genial manner, humour and friendliness together with his gift of leadership always raised the tone of a meeting. 'P. J.' was one of the most influential members of the Yorkshire Association, also of the Central Council, over a long period of years and did a great deal of work for bellringing in a quiet way. He was always forthright in his views although he showed much toleration and had a great regard for his fellow men. He had a fine memory, both of ringers and events, and could often recall interesting anecdotes to suit the occasion.

Although a sound ringer and one always ready to help an inexperienced ringer, he was a very humble man, who never sought praise or limelight. While being sorry to lose him, it is good to have had the privilege of knowing him. Although 'P. J.'s' work is now completed he leaves an indelible mark of service and affection on ringers and the Exercise. We express sympathy to his widow in her great loss. May he rest in peace.

Mr. R. Bettley-Cooke writes:—

Many of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association, and especially of his local tower of St. Michael's, Headingley, were proud to be among the many friends of Mr. Percy Johnson, and I, as one of them, would like to express some of our thoughts at this time.

We all admired the way in which he could be most forthright and outspoken on the more complex ringing matters and yet be so quietly instructive to learners who really listened to him and tried to learn from him.

His punctual attendance at Sunday service ringing was, until the last few weeks, as regular and clockwork as he liked the ringing to be, and his ability to deliver suitable comments to ringers whose method of ringing or style did not meet his approval was something to marvel at, and also to fear, if one was on the receiving end!

His work for the Leeds and District Society, the Yorkshire Association and the Central Council, all of which he served long and faithfully, will be praised by better men than I, but I, personally, have cause never to forget him, as he taught me to ring and told me all I know of conducting, usually in long walks after service ringing.

So the Exercise has lost another of the old school who regard good striking as a normal thing to be expected of any ringer—a thing we can ill afford to lose, because, as he was so fond of saying, 'So many people these days don't seem to have a pair of cars!'

Our sympathies go out to Mrs. Johnson, and also to Freda and Peter.

OBITUARY

Mr. David Priestley Killed In Road Accident

With deep regret we record that Mr. David Priestley, of 36, Portland Road, Rushden, Northants, was killed in a road accident at Altrincham, Cheshire, on Oct. 20th. He was 23.

Mr. Priestley, who had been in training to become a nuclear engineer, was travelling from Scotland where he had been undergoing a course. It is not known whether he was going to Chester, where he was soon to have taken up a new appointment, or whether he was on his way home to Rushden. It is believed that he died instantly when his car was in a head-on collision with another vehicle.

He had a brilliant career at London University, where he gained a first-class honours degree in engineering.

David learned to handle a bell in 1953 at Higham Ferrers in readiness for the restoration, with addition of two trebles, of Rushden St. Mary's bells. He had since become one of the most outstanding ringers and conductors of the younger generation of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. While at London University he acted for a term as secretary of the University Guild, making many new ringing friends.

Coming so quickly after the sudden death of Mr. John L. Morris, David's tragic death will come as a shock to these friends. Although outstanding at school and at the University, he was sincere and modest, quiet and very likeable. David's father later learned to ring and is now in charge at Rushden. All who know the family will deeply sympathise with them. A. B.

Mr. Henry Dew

Members of St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flintshire, read with sorrow of the passing of Mr. Henry Dew. It was he who trained the Buckley company when it was formed at Easter, 1903, and to such good effect that they rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on Sept. 24th, 1904. He held two practice nights a week, and in those days travelled up from Chester, which was not as easy as it is today. Several of the original band are still alive, and it was from them that I learnt of the skill of Henry Dew.

D. H. B. M.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD HONOUR RETIRING SECRETARY

THE Chester Diocesan Guild's annual dinner on October 11th was a highly successful function, and 152 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal served in the usual efficient manner by Messrs. Bollands, followed by an entertainment to match the meal.

The loyal toast was honoured and after a short interval the proceedings began with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. Then followed the toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild,' proposed by the Rector of Eccleston (the Rev. E. B. Jones). In a most entertaining manner he assured the company that until that morning he knew nothing about ringers except that they were a friendly crowd. He now knew no more!

When he came to Eccleston he discovered that ringers were nearer to Heaven than anyone else in the parish—55 steps nearer! He described in lurid detail an attempt of his to ring a bell at Eccleston, which had resulted in his being deposited in the font. He now claimed to be the only clergyman who had been in the font twice.

On his first week-end in Eccleston a band rang a peal for the 89th birthday of one of his ringers, Mr. Samuel Jones, who was still able to make short work of the belfry steps. He was interested to learn that ladies had now invaded the belfry though at his own tower no lady had yet presented herself. He wished the Guild well and concluded 'May it long flourish!'

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), who responded, referred to the Rector's attempt to ring a bell and remarked that he had found a unique landing place. The floor was usually considered good enough! He could say that the Guild was in a satisfactory state, as the present company bore out. He had received a telegram from Mrs. Kingdon, reading 'Deeply regret absence; best wishes to all.' He was sure that the Rev. J. Kingdon, recently retired general secretary, would convey to her the Guild's greetings and good wishes.

Recently some people had found strange places to ring peals—on a compost heap, on a canal bank in a thunderstorm. An interjection that a member of the Guild took part was greeted with cries of 'Shame!' The Master concluded by thanking the Rector for proposing the toast and hoped that he would learn to ring a bell without being deposited in the font.

PRESENTATIONS

Halfway through the proceedings a presentation of a book on the Great Western Railway and a cheque was made to the Rev. John Kingdon, lately general secretary and treasurer of the Guild. In making the presentation, the Master said it was difficult to find words to express all they felt, now that the time had come to say farewell. For 11 years he had carried out his duties with the precision and interest which one expected in a secretary and treasurer but did not always get. Never since the days of the Rev. A. T. Beeston had the Guild been served so faithfully. Mr. Kingdon was a worthy successor.

Mr. Kingdon came to Cheshire in 1937 from the mission field, to Bollington, where he took up ringing. It was not often that someone who took up the art late in life made a success of it—Mr. Kingdon was the exception.

But that was typical; whatever he tried he invariably made a success of it. The Guild's position in the Exercise was very largely due to him. He was sorry that the time had come to part with him, but the time to retire was when one was fit to enjoy it. Many of the members were perhaps not aware that Mr. Kingdon was a railway enthusiast. In fact, in his study three books were close to his elbow—the Bible, the Prayer Book and Bradshaw's Railway Guide. On behalf of all members he wished him many happy years of retirement and expressed the hope that he would come back to see them. He also presented him with a picture of the Norfolk coast for Mrs. Kingdon.

Mr. John Worth, on behalf of the long-peal band who rang at his request, his farewell peal, presented Mr. Kingdon with a photograph of himself with the band. As Mr. Kingdon's proposer for Guild membership, he suggested that the Guild confer on him life membership. This was received with acclamation.

The Rev. John Kingdon was obviously affected by the occasion, and thanked the Master for the kind things he had said about him, which he felt were undeserved. He commented that some members paid their peal fees rather on the hire purchase system! The Master had asked him to come back and see the Guild after retirement. Well, here he was, just 11 days after retirement. He could scarcely do better than that!

RAILWAY ENTHUSIAST

His interest in railways was a family failing. His father had passed it on to him and he had passed it on to his son, who in turn had passed it on to his son, who at a very young age could differentiate between electric, diesel and steam trains. He thanked the long-peal band for his farewell peal and the memento. He was proud to be associated with that long peal, which was rung under proper conditions for a record peal. It was rung in a church tower; the bells could be clearly heard outside; and it was rung without refreshment.

He had come into contact with the Guild in the first place through the Macclesfield ringers but it was not until the end of the war that he realised that he could himself take up the art. He could ring a few simple methods but his main concern had been in teaching young people to ring for service. He was sorry to leave the area of the Guild, where he had encountered nothing but friendship.

Mr. A. R. Elkins, Deputy Master, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' referred to the Church as the oldest of our nationalised bodies, as it was nationalised by that great monarch Henry VIII., whose famous daughter, Elizabeth, made England a force in the world. Her reign was often referred to as a Golden Age, and was not the present reign the beginning of a Golden Age? In Tudor days ringing was in its infancy but now bells had become part of the warp and woof of our way of life.

The Rev. A. L. Minns, replying to the toast, made the point that the clergy were still officers of the State in so far as they periodically made returns to the Registrar General. He himself had been a ringer for some 30 years but had never had the good fortune to be at a church

with a ring of bells. At one church, where they had one bell, he had rung it so lustily that the resident pigeons had strongly objected. Whereupon the churchwardens had arranged for the louvres to be covered, much to the delight of the local pigeon fanciers, who reported the return of birds which had been missing for years. In his present church two bells were hanging by threads and four were lying on the floor. They were building a new church in a new neighbourhood, which would have a tower, and he jocularly suggested that someone might like to have the bells hung there. Ringers served both Church and State and were proud of the connection.

The speeches were interspersed with musical items by Messrs. Taylor and Boyer, tune ringing by the Macclesfield and Wirral Handbell Ringers, and the gathering closed with a course of Bob Major on handbells and the singing of the National Anthem.

A valuable addition to the Guild's possessions is a beautiful handbell presented by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and used to good effect by the Master in calling the meeting to order.

C. K. L.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting At Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch held its usual autumn meeting at Buckfast Abbey on October 18th, when it was well supported by the Branch members, and visitors from North and South Devon and Kent.

Everyone had the opportunity to ring on these magnificent bells, whilst the more experienced ringers, together with three members of the community, rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples, and a course each of Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal. A short service was later held in the Violet Evelyn Institute, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Timms, Vicar of Buckfastleigh.

After a bountiful tea in the Parish Hall, an excellent course of Plain Bob Major was rung on handbells by three of the Abbey ringers, with the help of Mr. W. Simmonds, of Torquay. A short business meeting followed, with the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) in the chair. Five new performing members and one non-resident member were elected, and it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at All Saints', Babacombe, on January 3rd. The usual vote of thanks was carried.

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THE BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT'S

THIS historic ring of bells has now been recast and rehung and, with the beautifully restored Wren church was reconsecrated on Sunday, October 19th, by the Bishop of London in the presence of H.M. the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, together with high-ranking officers of the R.A.F., for whom the church is to serve as a permanent memorial to airmen of the Commonwealth Air Forces who lost their lives in the war.

The service of reconsecration will have been witnessed by many through the medium of TV and the usual newspaper and periodical reviews and pictures followed the occasion. Ringers, however, may like to have a more detailed account of the work which has been carried out.

The original ring of eight was cast by Philip Wightman in 1693 and the tenor weighed 22½ cwt., in E flat.

In 1843-44 George Oliver, of Whitechapel, recast the fifth and added two trebles to make the 10, which were so familiar to pre-war Londoners. In addition, there was a small clock bell cast by Robert Mot, of Whitechapel, in 1588.

St. Clement Danes' tower is not a large one but the old 10 were hung in one tier, level with the louvred sound openings and occupied all the available space. They were a nice ringing 10 with a character of their own, and were rung regularly by the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association.

RESTORATION AFTER BLITZ

At the beginning of the war they were taken down and stored at the base of the tower, but at the height of the blitz when the tower and church were enveloped in flames and so much heavy timber crashed to the bottom, it is said that they became hot and the firemen's hoses cracked them. Soon after the loss of his famous church and bells the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, died, many said from a broken heart. When examined on removal, seven of the bells had large visible cracks and the other three were doubtful. It was therefore decided to recast them all. The old clock bell, however, was not cracked, and this had been preserved as a five-minute bell.

The tower had suffered considerably, and the architect (Mr. W. A. S. Lloyd) was very concerned as to its safety. A scheme was prepared by the Whitechapel Foundry which placed the bells in a two-tier iron and steel frame at the level of the old ringing chamber, some 18 feet lower than before, and with this plan the engineers were in agreement, and the work was started in 1955. The bells are now a ring of 10 (tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., in the key of E), with a flat fourth, hung dead for carillon use only.

ELECTRIC CARILLON MACHINES

The old carillon machine and clock were cumbersome things placed in a chamber beneath the ringers, with wires going up one wall through the ringing chamber to the belfry, and the clock winders had to make daily visits to keep the machines going.

All this has been replaced with an electrically-wound timepiece driving the four stone dials with miniature quarter and hour striking

units, made by Messrs. Thwaites and Reed, of Clerkenwell.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank made the three electric carillon machines, which are small motor-driven brass cylinders pegged to play 'Oranges and Lemons,' the R.A.F. March and the hymn tune 'Old Hundredth.' The pegs operate switches which, through relays, energise large solenoids connected mechanically to the bell hammers. The miniature quarter and hour strike mechanisms work on the same electric hammers.

There are two hammers to each bell, which are permanently poised and are, therefore, clear of all ringing gear. A simple tumbler switch in the ringing chamber, with red and green indicator lights, renders chimes and tunes inoperable during ringing.

The whole makes a neat and impressive installation and the tone and 'go' are excellent. If there be any criticism at all it is that the fifth and sixth ropes fall rather close to the north wall, but this was unavoidable as the engineers were insistent that a clear passage should be left along the south side of the frame to allow maintenance men to get to the air-conditioning plant in the roof of the church.

The band of serving or ex-R.A.F. ringers who rang Stedman and Grandsire Caters for the reconsecration service were, unfortunately, not heard on radio or TV, as the bells had to be lowered by 11 o'clock. But it is to be hoped that it will not be long before many more people have the opportunity to hear and ring on this latest addition to London's restored towers.

ST. JOHN AT HACKNEY

This church, which contained a ring of eight (tenor 24 cwt. in E flat), by Robert Patrick at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1786, was destroyed by fire in May, 1955. The bell-frame and fittings were badly damaged, but although the bells were not seriously damaged, the calamity presented the church with an excellent opportunity for remedying what had been a badly-oscillating tower.

St. John's Church was built in 1797 to replace the 14th century building, the tower of which still stands nearby. The tower was added in about the 1820's and was raised on the portico of the new church. The old eight were then transferred and were rung from the new tower for the first time on October 22nd, 1854. Considerable movement occurred when the bells were rung, particularly at the junction between the tower and the portico.

Under the direction of the architect, Mr. William C. Lock, and the consulting engineer, Mr. Douglas Wear, the tower has now been considerably strengthened and the position of the bell-frame lowered. The bells have been recast at Whitechapel into a new ring of eight, with the tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

From tests made at the summit of the tower recently, it was found that the movement was now negligible and the 'go' and tone of the new bells are all that could be desired.

They were dedicated by the Bishop of Stepney on October 21st—almost 104 years to the day from the time when the old ring first rang from the new tower.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The problem of 'The empty belfry,' 'The depleted band' and 'The unringable bells'

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, one of the largest Associations in the country, is preparing a vigorous attack on these problems. Already a scheme has been launched to make good instruction available wherever it is needed, and really helpful grants to be made for the restoration and repair of bells.

This is taking the form of a new scale of affiliation fees, which aims at more positive recognition of the Association by all Parochial Church Councils in the diocese and a greater awareness, by the Church, of the contribution of ringers to the life of the Church.

One of the first practical problems to be solved in this campaign was the production of a suitable form of standard instruction, which would teach recruits to handle a bell correctly and with good style, and teach them the basic need—that of ringing good rounds and raising and lowering a bell in peal to perfection.

A booklet has been written and printed for this purpose and will now be available, free of charge, to every new recruit coming into the belfries of the diocese. Its style is simple and direct, and it will be followed by a companion booklet teaching the first steps to change-ringing.

Whilst the booklet is primarily for the use of the Bath and Wells diocese, it will be available at a modest charge to any others who may be interested.

It is hoped that the not-too-distant-future all the bells in the Diocese will be ringing, and fully manned by resident bands.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

The autumn meeting of the Society on October 11th was held at Brewood, a pleasant country village with a fine parish church, in the tower of which is hung one of the best 'eights' in the West Midlands (tenor 21 cwt.).

The attendance of 89 must have been very gratifying to the Rev. S. D. Austerberry, Vicar, who conducted the service and gave the address, and to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, who made the arrangements for this most enjoyable meeting.

A bountiful tea was kindly provided by the Brewood ringers and their wives. As one ringer remarked afterwards, it was well worth coming to a meeting at Brewood just for the tea alone. In view of the fact that no charge had been made for tea, a collection was taken, and this resulted in over £4 being handed to the Vicar towards Brewood Church funds.

R.A.F. APPRENTICES' TOUR

A group of bell-ringers from the Wendover and R.A.F., Halton, apprentices' sections toured eight towers in the Cambridge area on September 27th.

The towers visited were: Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford, Little Shelford, Harston, Meldreth, Melbourn and Royston, approximately one hour being given to each tower. The tour proved very enjoyable.

Methods rung were: Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Doubles, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Grandsire Minor.

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JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 26th Jasper Snowdon commemoration dinner was held at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, on October 11th. Prior to the dinner there was general ringing at St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Headingley, St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, and St. Francis', Holbeck. Two peal attempts also took place, one of which—Bristol Surprise at Horbury—was successful. The 12 bells of Leeds Parish Church were unfortunately not available owing to the presence of television engineers in connection with the Leeds Musical Festival Week, which commenced on this day.

The president of the Association, Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, presided at this friendly gathering of 115 ringers and friends, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Messrs. S. F. Palmer and W. Barton (trustees), Mr. W. E. Critchley (peal secretary) and District secretaries Messrs. E. Hudson, J. J. L. Gilbert, H. S. Morley and A. E. Marsh. Principal guests included Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood.

The president gave the loyal toast and then read messages of greetings and good wishes from Miss Margaret E. Snowdon and from the Association treasurer, Mr. G. Benfield, who is at present in the United States.

The first and principal toast to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association was proposed by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. Barton commenced by quoting a verse from the well-known hymn:—

'Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.'

These words, he said, precede the obituary biography of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon in the Yorkshire Association report for 1885. They were not, however, well chosen, for the name of Snowdon will be remembered as long as church bells are rung by human agency and text books are needed to instruct pupils in the intricacies of our art. His name will live on long after the paint wears off the peal board in Pudsey (the speaker's) tower, which records Snowdon's 129th and last peal.

ACT OF PENANCE

Jasper was no ordinary man. Following every peal that he rang, he would sponge himself down with cold water. It is difficult to understand why a man should spend three hours bringing his body up to a warm and pleasant glow and then reduce it to freezing point with cold water. Did he regard it as an act of penance for the annoyance caused to those people living near the church who had to endure three hours of Treble Bob? Was the weather milder in those days or were ringers made of sterner stuff?

Jasper was also very fond of walking—not just gentle strolls through the countryside, but long treks lasting for days. He once walked from Leeds to London, a journey which took him six days. On arrival he partook of a hurried meal and caught the next train back to Leeds. We in the north can understand his eagerness to get away from London—what we cannot understand is why he should want to go there at all!

During his presidency of the Yorkshire Association, Snowdon made himself responsible for the compilation of the annual report, a task which he carried out single-handed. At one time he was seriously concerned at the number of members who had not paid their subscriptions. He tackled this problem by listing the names and towers of all defaulting members in the report, following which the subscriptions simply rolled in.

Mr. Barton went on to refer to several other past officers of the Association. One who would be remembered personally by most of those

present was the late Canon Marshall, that genial parson ringer, a true son of the Church, who by his wisdom, tact and keen sense of judgment guided the affairs of the Association so successfully for many years.

Then there was that delightful person Jimmy Cotterill, for 28 years treasurer of the Association. Jimmy was a great ringer and conductor, and called the then record length (10,400 changes) of Treble Bob Major. His untimely death in 1935, whilst preparing to go to the annual general meeting at Doncaster, was a tragic blow to the Yorkshire Association.

He was followed in office by Sid Palmer, who continued to serve as treasurer for 17 years. Happily enough he is still with us and, at 84 years of age, still takes an active part in ringing.

One of the most proficient conductors of Grandsire and Stedman there has ever been, and secretary of the Association during the early part of the first World War, was Clement Glenn. Although exiled from ringing for more than 20 years, his peal total reached about 500, 376 of which were rung for the Yorkshire Association, and of these he conducted 288. When, in 1914, the Association was divided into four districts, most of the work of reorganisation fell on his shoulders—and how well he carried out this task.

This toast is, of course, intended to embrace all past officers of the Association, and Mr. Barton mentioned such names as William Snowdon, Charles Henry Hattersley, George Bolland, Charles Jackson, Percy Cooper, Frank Rayment, Fred Hutchinson, William Ambler, George Lewis, Francis Willey, Fred Cryer, Arthur West, Ted Cawser, Arthur Haigh, Leonard Brightman, Bernard Cook and Fred Clark.

PERCY JOHNSON

'But there is one other whom I feel I ought to mention, one who would have been here tonight had his health permitted. In fact, I think this is the first Snowdon dinner he has missed—our old friend, my personal friend, Percy Johnson. Percy, the sergeant-major of the belfry, whose voice has struck fear and terror into the heart and bosom of many a young ringer, but whose bark was worse than his bite. Many youngsters have profited by his mode of teaching—they couldn't do otherwise if they did as he said. Those of us who have known Percy down the years have known him as an excellent ringer, a first-rate conductor, and one who has always preached and stressed that good striking is the sole criterion of good ringing. But there are still a few of us knocking around who remember him also as the secretary who brought order out of chaos.

Mr. Johnson took on the job of general secretary just after the first World War. Clement Glenn was the secretary in the early part of the war, but he left hurriedly to join the Navy, and that caused a certain amount of disruption. He was followed in office by an exceedingly capable man—Mr. Harry Williams, of Headingley—a good man, but one who just had not the time to give to the office, and things got rather out of hand. The issue of the annual report had ceased, not through any fault of the secretary, but because of restrictions and cost. But material which should have gone in the reports had accumulated, papers were lost or mislaid, the books were incomplete. Then there was the worry about the Northern District which, so far as the Association was concerned, was then absolutely dead. Not a single officer remained in the District. That was the position when Mr. Johnson took hold. Then, shortly afterwards, there was discontent and threats of resignations from up and down the county because the committee had been compelled to cancel resident life membership in order to keep the Association going; in fact, some individuals and some whole companies did resign when they

knew that they had to start paying subscriptions again.

But Mr. Johnson tackled this problem in the same fearless and forthright manner in which he seems to tackle everything. He defied or ignored his critics—and they were not a few—and in 1921 a report was issued which covered all the lapsed years from 1916 onwards. I am not saying that that report was faultless, it couldn't be from the material that was available; I grant that it was published at a loss, but it did more than any other single factor to put the Association on an even keel after the upset of the first World War. Granted there was depleted membership; but that, to a large extent, was rectified before Mr. Johnson relinquished office. But that was not all. There was the inauguration of these commemoration dinners in 1922, of which Mr. Johnson was the progenitor.'

Mr. Barton then formally proposed the toast 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association.'

A fitting response to this toast was given in a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by Messrs. W. E. Critchley, W. F. Moreton, W. Barton, L. W. G. Morris and J. Ambler.

THE VISITORS

The toast of 'The Visitors' was then proposed by Mrs. C. C. Marshall, this being the first occasion upon which the annual dinner had been addressed by a lady speaker. As a 'mere woman' Mrs. Marshall welcomed to Yorkshire, representing the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Barnett, who had 'brought along' her husband, Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council); also Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, the Rev. J. Wylie (Vicar of St. Chad's, Headingley) and other visitors.

Mr. E. A. Barnett responded on behalf of the visitors. He assured Mrs. Marshall that he was not one of those who thought that north of Birmingham lay the frozen wastes—surely, this started at St. Albans! As a Southerner, he felt like a Daniel in the lions' den, but nevertheless it gave him great pleasure to be present at this, one of the main ringers' dinners of the year, and to meet again so many old friends.

Mr. Barnett then referred to Miss Margaret Snowdon, and said that it was he who had had the pleasure of seconding her election as an honorary life member of the Central Council—the greatest honour which could be bestowed upon one who had never previously been a member, and one which she well deserved.

Between the speeches the company was entertained with musical items by Mr. Edward Yorke (tenor).

The president thanked Mr. A. E. Marsh for his assistance in organising the dinner.

THE COMPANY

Ven. and Mrs. C. O. Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. H. Loft-house, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. P. Massam, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Short, Mr. and Mrs. C. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Staveley, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Strangeway, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thorley.

Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mrs. M. J. Robshaw.

The Misses M. Archer, S. Chaddock, M. V. Copping, M. Edwards, I. Lemare, V. Massam, M. Mills, J. Quirk, A. Shillito, E. Slater, S. M. Taylor, E. A. Wardill, M. E. Wilkinson.

Rev. J. Wylie, Messrs. J. Ambler, W. Ambler, D. Armstrong, R. Bettley-Cooke, R. Birch, V.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S WEEK AT BRISTOL

I SUPPOSE the only trouble with Cambridge Guild Weeks is that they are too infrequent. It seems a pity to have such a grand time only once a year. This year's Ringing Week, organised by Tony Cleaver, was no exception. Friday and Saturday, August 22nd and 23rd, saw members travelling to Exeter, where they assembled outside the west door of the Cathedral at 3.15. We started for Stedman Cinques but as the ringing was not worthy of such magnificent bells Frank Haynes called it round after 1 hour and 50 minutes. Afterwards a good touch of Spliced Surprise was rung on the Thomas eight and we made our way back to Bristol, our centre for the week.

THE RINGING MACHINE

'It wasn't the size
Which occasioned surprise.'

Sunday being a day of rest, we rose at 7.30 a.m., ate a hearty breakfast and went to Redcliffe, where we were made welcome, and a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on the fine 12. Later in the morning we rang at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, and then, after lunch, went to the home of our organiser, where Brian Price's ringing machine had been set up. Members had great fun here persuading it to ring 'Glasgow,' though 'Big Bob' proved elusive. Mrs. Cleaver did very well, providing tea for about 20 of us—many thanks!

Later in the week the ringing machine was moved to headquarters.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to speak too highly of this magnificent engine, developing, as it does, some 10-bell power. The machine can ring anything on six, eight or ten bells containing a repeating block no longer than a lead of treble ten. When in the hands of its inventor it behaves perfectly.

Monday morning started the Guild Week in earnest. The first tower was the fine eight at Chewton Mendip, where the peal band arrived in haste, rang a lead of Original Triples, and left, in similar haste, for Mells, where a peal of Cambridge was rung. In the afternoon the Guild assembled at Wells for ringing on the grand ten there. Inside they are not too easy to hear, but although the back bells are deep set they had few vices. We returned via Cheddar (8) and the famous Gorge, the younger and keener members going on to Bath Abbey for practice.

Tuesday began early with Corporate Communion. We then divided into two parties—most going to Keynsham and All Saints', Weston, while a peal band set out to tour Bristol in the hope of finding the Marshfield road. This was eventually located, Marshfield reached and a peal of Yorkshire rung. A peal of Cambridge was lost in the afternoon, but others enjoyed themselves in Bath. Later Cambridge Royal was scored at St. Stephen's, Bristol.

CONSCIENTIOUS STRIKING

Wednesday was a successful day though unfortunately we could not ring at Gloucester Cathedral. A peal of Bristol was rung at Almondsbury—a fine eight which can be heard so perfectly in the tower that any blow which is not perfect 'stands out a mile for all to hear' and shames its striker. The afternoon was spent losing a peal at Wotton-under-Edge and ringing on the fine and historic 12 at Painswick. Invigorated, no doubt, by the drive back, we reached headquarters in good time and excellent form for the business meeting. During the course of the meeting it was unanimously agreed to send wishes for a speedy recovery to Major J. H. R. Freeborn, who had unfortunately sprained his ankle earlier in the week.

Thursday heard ringing on the fine eight at Ditchat, the 10 at Yeovil and a peal attempt at Sherborne. Here the noise in the ringing chamber was so great that when one member wanted to alter his rope, and the conductor bellowed 'Stand!' in his best stack-

yard voice, two of the band promptly went into changes. Stedman Triples came to grief after half an hour. A practice followed and then a tea as leisurely as luncheon had been.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH

The rest of the party had gone round by Milborne Port and Wincanton and we joined them at Queen Camel. Someone bought some grapes and having offered them round, discovered what fun there was in watching people dispose of the pips, stalks and skins. One had no trouble at all; he spat a pip out in the donor's face, though outside the tower, I hardly need add. In the tower the bells were raised and soon Cambridge Minor was being rung. In view of the number of tenor men and would-be tenor men, most of the ringing was Minor, though a course of Stedman Doubles was rung.

The evening was spent as guests of Frank Hansford at Redcliffe. Half a course of Cambridge Maximus and some touches of Cinques were rung with members of the Redcliffe band.

On Friday morning we said goodbye to several of the party and then divided, one party going to Long Ashton and, after a great deal of searching, Barrow Gurney and Portishead, while the rest went for a peal of Bob Major at Blagdon. The bearings were dry, unfortunately, and Bob Major was called round after a quarter peal, the tenor man being wet through by this time. Brian Price then took blackboard and chalk and, putting on his schoolmaster's manner, he explained a new principle to us, which we rang. I don't want to start three months' acrimonious correspondence, but we called it 'Blagdon Triples.' The Rector of Blagdon invited us round for lunch, and I think few of the band had any regrets about the last peal as we enjoyed his excellent hospitality.

Congresbury in the afternoon presented an interesting feature—small tower—typical ground floor ring—a light eight, no doubt, and a tenor of 35 cwt. so deep set that it took two to pull it off. Here the advance party joined London University Society and several touches were rung together.

During the afternoon another party had set out for London at Clevedon and they joined us in high glee at Chew Magna. They had rung a good peal and one of the band was so delighted that he had stood drinks all round.

The evening was spent over dinner, enjoying steak and chips, and other relaxations.

Saturday saw a peal attempt at Cirencester, which I believe was successful, but most of us were bound for home carrying memories of another wonderful week, and thanks to Tony Cleaver for his organisation, and all the incumbents who had made it possible.

J. H. F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Meeting At Maidstone

The annual District meeting at Maidstone on October 11th provided a good opportunity for ringing on the new bells, recast and rehung by Taylors a few months ago. About 50 members attended the service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon F. Bennett), during which a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung.

At the business meeting, 13 new members were elected. The secretary's report and statement of accounts showed that in spite of a slight drop in membership, there was plenty of evidence of healthy activity in the District.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: District secretary, R. L. Sills; District representatives, A. Waddington and W. R. Manser; 'The Ringing World' representative, P. M. Town.

A list of meetings for next year was finally adopted, and it was decided that the annual coach tour should be to Essex.

There was unanimous support for the Central Council survey of Sunday service ringing, and it was decided that the forms be sent out so that replies would be received before the November committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the Vicar and the ringers of All Saints' and St. Michael's for arranging the meeting and preparing the tea.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

SNOWDON DINNER — Continued

Bottomley, A. Carter, G. K. Chaddock, J. N. D. Chaddock, D. Clegg, L. Cowling, W. E. Critchley, D. Cubitt, M. Davies, H. Dempster, W. Dixon, J. H. Fielden, T. H. Foster, D. G. French, J. J. L. Gilbert, F. Gledhill, L. Greenhorn, B. Holland, D. Holland, D. H. Holland, I. M. Holland, E. Hudson, A. I. Johnson, A. P. Knights, M. Maskill, L. W. G. Morris, R. E. Moulds, M. Page, S. F. Palmer, S. J. Philbrick, R. T. Pinchen, C. Reeves, G. Robinson, J. S. Seager, P. Skelton, N. Smith, S. H. Steel, B. Sullivan, J. Thorley, I. Tilling, H. Wagstaffe, H. Walker, G. Watson, A. Wear, J. Woolford.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BROMLEY, KENT.—There will be no practice on November 4th.—D. Martin, Sec. 3154

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY extend an invitation to their friends in other towers to join them at the annual Gopher Dinner, Friday, November 14th. Tickets 13s. each.—F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark, Notts. 3278

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 321st anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, on November 1st, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (18s. 6d.) by Oct. 27th, please. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 11 to 12.15; St. Lawrence Jewry, 2 to 3; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 3 to 4.15; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5.15.—John Chilcott, Kirklake, 67, Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey. 3211

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Elstow, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Phyllis M. Gray, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3245

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith (6), Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. Train 1.5 p.m., Derby, all stations; return 8.38 p.m. from Chapel. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 3233

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—D. E. R. Knights, Dis. Sec. 3223

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 5.30 p.m. Special method, Lincolnshire Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 3216

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, on Saturday, Nov. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 3224

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bring own food—cups of tea provided. Deeping St. James' not available.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 3201

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 1st. All Saints', Burton (6), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Modwen's, Burton (8), available following tea in St. Modwen's Schoolroom at 5 p.m. All welcome. 3222

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 1st, West Bridgford. St. Giles' (8) available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements—local cafés.—S. Adams, Dis. Sec. 3187

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk. 3200

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Coleman's Hatch (8), Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tea at Hartfield 5.15 p.m. 3226

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 3rd, at 7 p.m. 3258

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Monthly practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. 3264

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Elland (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. F. Linfoot, The Mount, Wistons Lane, Elland. 3249

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wash-on-Deerne, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Teas. Please notify not later than Nov. 5th Miss Vera Parish, 67, Burman Road, Wash-on-Deerne, Rotherham. 3253

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Next meeting at Tempsford (6), Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Southill bells not available. A good company is hoped for.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 3259

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cottingham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, King Street Rooms, 5 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names by Thursday, Nov. 6th, to Mr. K. Orno, 54, Burniston Road, Bricknell Avenue, Hull. Cups of tea available for those not sending names. 3271

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Ringing meeting, Great Budworth (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. J. Scott, High Street, Great Budworth. 3279

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Black Torrington, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin. 3254

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and LADIES' GUILD (Yorkshire District).—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea provided.—A. B. Cooper and E. A. Wardill. 3280

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, Saturday, Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. R. J. Wilson, 21, Mill View Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland. 3265

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Saturday, Nov. 8th, tea and meeting at Maresfield. Uckfield in evening. Names to C. Catt, 55, Lampool Corner, Fairwarp. Names will be taken for annual dinner (January 10th).—C. A. Bassett. 3277

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawton, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. W. Bullman, Dis. Sec. 3270

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District).—Joint meeting, Waltham Abbey, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in nearby hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. Austin, 33, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey. 3217

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 5th, to H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 3159

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wroughton (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Tea. Advise Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 3257

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good. 3213

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 8th, Hoddesdon, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at Broxbourne followed by tea. Ringing at Broxbourne in evening.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 3269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Berkhamsted, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 5th, to Mr. Porritt, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted.—J. Good. 3213

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Chart Sutton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Please bring tea. 3256

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Joint meeting with Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, near Oldham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea arrangements please see Rochdale Branch notice.—S. P. Wain, Dis. Sec. 3260

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—Meeting, Bowness (8) on Saturday Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere. N. M. Newby. 3281

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD (North Western District), Saturday, Nov. 8th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick (Oldham). Bells 2.30 p.m. Business 6. Tea 5 p.m. at Irlans Café. Names by Nov. 5th to F. Pritchard, 13, Peveril Road, Stoneleigh, Oldham. Teas cannot be ordered otherwise. A 20 minutes' diesel service from Manchester Victoria to Oldham Mumps Station. No. 4 bus from Mumps Bridge to church door.—Hudson, Sec. 3276

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston St. Mark's, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bring own food. P1 bus (Larches Estate) from town centre or railway station—alight Pedder Street.—L. Walmsley. 3272

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Banham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 4th, to Mr. J. Rout, The Nilgiris, Banham, Norwich.—C. F. W. Philippo, Branch Sec. 3220

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mortimer (8) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. R. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer. 3246

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Harworth (6) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Please be sure to send names for tea by Nov. 4th to Mrs. S. Frost, Blacksmith's Arms, Harworth, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 3274

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Shifnal, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by the previous Wednesday to J. Vaughan, 15, Park Street, Shifnal. Important business—a good attendance is requested. 3232

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Debenham, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Nov. 4th to W. J. Button, 7, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket. 3268

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—West-ern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Steyning (8), Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Keys, Grey-stones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester. 3275

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea not later than previous Tuesday to P. Dickinson, Riverbank Cottage, Cheriton, near Alresford, Hants. 3266

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Egham (8), Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names at the latest by Nov. 12th.—Mr. D. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham. Good attendance by all members of the District earnestly requested.—H. Hancock. 3249

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington (6) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to C. T. Hillis, 244, Hythe Road, Willesborough, near Ashford. No names, risk of no tea.—C. T. H. 3263

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th, in St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea 4.45 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) not later than Wednesday, Nov. 12th, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, enclosing cash, please. 3272

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Marden, Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 12th, to Mrs. C. Nye, The Hill Tea Rooms, Marden. 3261

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Blechingley (8) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday Mr. F. W. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Blechingley. 3251

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential (no names, no tea) to Alan R. Bridges, 28, Waterloo Avenue, Leiston. Note: Special item on agenda to discuss—Suffolk Guild Districts. 3250

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Preliminary notice. The annual dinner will be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 7 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Further details later.—P. Dickinson, Sec. 3267

OBITUARY

MR. C. E. JONES

The Manchester District has lost in Mr. C. E. Jones, a ringer who was connected with St. Peter's Church, Swinton, for the past 35 years, but owing to ill-health had not been ringing for the past two years. He was a very welcome visitor at surrounding towers. The funeral was at Swinton Parish Church on October 17th, and was attended by ringing friends.

OUTINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

This year's outing on September 13th was a great success as it was one of the few fine days of the summer. Ringing at the first tower—St. Mary's, Portsea—unfortunately had to be curtailed because of a wedding. Promptly at 1.30 we presented ourselves at Portsmouth Cathedral, where Miss Knight and Roger Baldwin had the bells up and waiting; but we did not do justice to these lovely ten, and the best ringing was some Yorkshire Major.

Mr. Daughtry was waiting at Arundel, where most of the party had a ring and wandered off to see the town and castle before tea. One little group was nearly killed in the process: they were crossing the Arun bridge when a car swerved on to the pavement, pinning a man against the wall. Some of the ringers had a narrow escape.

After a good tea at the White Hart, a move was made to Angmering, where we had to help ourselves to the bells. Mr. Haffenden gave us a friendly welcome to Goring tower, which has the heaviest six in Sussex. These bells were rung to various Minor methods. A leisurely journey home completed a happy day. C. A. B.

FRAMSDEN HALF-DAY TRIP

October 11th was the annual half-day tour for the Framsdens and District party. For the first time this took the form of a mystery tour, which was truly run to Eaton Socon and Biggleswade, where an excellent tea was awaiting the party. Ringing here after tea, some of the party saw the organiser's letter appropriately fixed up in the belfry revealing St. Paul's, Bedford, as the last call of the day, to the delight of all. Ringing ranged from rounds to Spiced Surprise, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Cambridge Royal. Home was reached by some around 2.30 a.m. after 14 hours and 190 miles covered.

HARPENDEN, HERTS

Some of the ringers of Harpenden Parish Church had a very enjoyable day on October 11th, when they visited some of the out of the way towers in Hertfordshire. In the morning, Datchworth, Little and Great Munden and Standon—a lovely six in an unusual tower—were visited. After a picnic lunch came Westmill, where Audrey Bailey, who had joined us for the trip, was able to say 'This is all' to the towers of Hertfordshire (congratulations, Audrey!); Aspenden, the only eight of the day; Ardeley and Weston. A quick cup of tea, and with numbers slightly depleted, on to St. Ippolyts, and so to the last tower of the day, King's Walden. Mr. A. Day expressed a vote of thanks to the incumbents and to the local ringers. M. A. C.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), Nov. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 5th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromball. 3282

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Tickets for supper and social at Lavenham, Dec. 6th, now obtainable from Miss R. Seabrook, 31, Callis Street, Clare, price 6s. 6d. each. Please note, no tickets will be available after December 1st. 3283

LETTERS

PAYING THE FOOTING

Dear Sir,—When I was a lad none of the blooded veterans who followed the hounds would condescend to accept a drink at the inn during a hunt from a lad or any stranger who had not proved his worth as a huntsman. I do not doubt that in the circles of bell-ringers the same principles applied. I can well believe that no band of Stedman ringers would accept a round of drinks from some novice who bumped his stay every other pull, and could not keep his place in rounds, let alone hunt the treble through a plain course of Grandsire. But the day would come when the pupil would be able to raise the tenor in peal and maybe call a touch of Spiced Surprise. How proud he would then feel to be allowed to buy a round of drinks for the rest of the band and, indeed, 'pay his footing.'

Inevitably there would be people and localities with whom or in which the paying of a footing could be carried to excess, and to safeguard against over-drinking or over-spending the institution of a footing fee became a very wise precaution, temperance being better than intolerance. But with the change in our approach to conviviality old customs are dying out. There are, however, still many amongst us who appreciate the labour of our mentors in bringing us to our present standard of proficiency, and appreciate, too, the tolerance of those who stand in with us to ring a touch of this or that. In such company it is indeed an honour to be allowed to pay our footing; and what an honour I would esteem it to be allowed to pay my footing in the company of such as William Shepherd.—Yours sincerely,

HENRY ALLEN.

Leamington Spa.

MR. W. C. GILLINGHAM

Dear Sir.—The Mr. William C. Gillingham whom Mr. Crook recently met in Canada was born in November 1889, and his father, also a William C. Gillingham, was well known at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, where he chimed the bells for Sunday services for a period of 28 years. His son rang quite a number of peals under the conductorship of the famous James Motts, including a peal of Kent Maximus a few days after his 17th birthday. His last peal in England was a peal of Superlative Surprise Major on April 23rd. 1907. The family left England on May 2nd for Canada.—Yours sincerely,

WM. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Sir,—The W. C. Gillingham referred to in Belfry Gossip, October 17th, came of an Ipswich ringing family: his uncle, Charles H. Gillingham, rang in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus. He left England for Canada in 1907, having then rung 21 peals; he came back in 1912 to be married at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on March 2nd, when a peal was rung to mark the occasion. Before returning to Canada he rang the fourth at St. Mary-le-Tower to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. I don't think he has ever been back again; neither, as far as I know, is any of the family left in the town.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

A correspondent asks: What is the correct weight of the tenor at Wiveliscombe, Somerset? He points out that when the first peal was rung after the recent restoration the tenor was published as 19½ cwt. Dove has since made it grow to 20 cwt., and the conductor of a more recent peal to 23 cwt.

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