

THE
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
OF CHANGE RINGERS.

JUBILEE HISTORY.

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PREFACE.

At the Jubilee meeting of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, held at Cambridge in September 1929, it was generally felt that an attempt ought to be made to put on record the fifty years' history of the Guild, whilst the founder and other original members were still with us. Hence this attempt by a very inexperienced scribe, who begins by craving your indulgence. He will try to give a faithful history, mainly extracted from the Guild's books, but considerably helped by the notes of several members. Technical ringing terms cannot be avoided; the names of prominent ringers must appear, but these will appeal to those for whom this book is written. A much more serious matter is the multitude of members who cannot be mentioned, to keep this book within reasonable size. The same reason precludes the giving of more peal records, only those which mark an advance being shown.

Watlington,
July 1931.

B. H. T - D.

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

Except for very minor amendments, the omission of the full list of peals and the correction of typographical errors, this edition is an exact re-print of the first. For all new errors and for bad printing I offer my apologies.

R. Leigh.

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CHAPTER I

The connection of Cambridge with the early days of Change Ringing is still a matter of uncertainty. The old tradition that Fabian Stedman was a printer in Cambridge in the seventeenth century is of the greatest interest, but has never been definitely proved. But anyhow it is quite certain that change ringing has long been practiced in the town, as the Cambridge Youths have a long and honourable history behind them. Their record peal of 6600 Bob Maximus in 1768 proves this. These things however concern the Town and not the University; although individual members of the University used to practice with the Youths. In 1725 we find that Thomas Heblthwait, student of St. John's College, & Charles Mason D. D., Fellow of Trinity and Woodwardian Professor, were elected members of that Society. A few others are also found in the lists, but not until the middle of the nineteenth century do we find many members of the University joining as Hon. Members, or Hon. Ringing Members.

Our concern is now with the introduction of ringing into the University, and its

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progress and development. Up to 1879 there is no record of any attempt to form a ringing society. In that year W. C. Pearson (Clare), who had begun to ring at home, and had been trying to enlist the interest of some of his friends, made a start with the aid of A. C. Holthouse (Clare).

On February 4. at a meeting in Clare College, with five present, it was resolved 'to form a Society for the purpose of practicing change ringing.' The Rev. E. J. Heriz-Smith (Dean of Pembroke) was elected President, and A. C. Holthouse, Secretary. Originally the title was 'The Clare Association of ringers' but on Feb. 10 this was changed to 'The University Guild of Change Ringers'. Rules were made to govern the Guild, of which the following is the most important 'That no one but members of the University be eligible.'

The early practices were held at St. Benedict's Church, a ring of six bells, in a very interesting old saxon tower. The Guild had provided their own bell-ropes, with pale blue sallies.

Handbells were purchased by subscriptions, and practices began in the Presidents rooms in Pembroke.

From the first, notices were posted in all the college screens inviting members of the University to join. M. C. Potter (Peterhouse) was most active in securing recruits; but here, as elsewhere, only a small proportion of those who began eventually became ringers.

An important change was made on May 31 when the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity) was elected President, a post he was still holding in 1929, the Jubilee year. It is quite impossible to express how much the Guild owes to its President, for his 50 years of continuous teaching of new recruits, and for his genial personality, which have held the Guild together, and made his friendship and help one of the happiest recollections of Cambridge life. His rooms in Trinity have ever been the centre of the Guilds handbell activity, and a meeting place for all the members, present and past.

In Oct. 1879 the place of the handbell practice was changed to St. Michael's schoolroom, which was lent by the kindness of Mr. Boughey, then its vicar. Two handbell practices were held each week, tower practice at St. Andrew's.

W. C. Pearson became 'Conductor' in 1880 with M. C. Potter as Secretary and Treasurer.

The Rev. F.H. Chase (Christ's) was elected a member; in later years he became President of Queens', Vice Chancellor of the University, and Bishop of Ely. Two other early members afterwards became well known as ringing clergy, W.W.C. Baker (Clare), & R. Copeman (Clare).

The Guild Peal book does not start till Feb. 6, 1881, the first entry being 360 Bob Minor on handbells, but considerable progress must have been going on to call for an extra practice 'for the more advanced ringers.' An important new rule came into being about this time, making life members of all who were active members at the time of 'going down'. This rule has had far reaching and beneficial results, as will appear later on.

The Rev. F.G. Howard, a Chaplain of Trinity, joined in 1881, and later on he and the President took steps to have the 'Seage dumb practice apparatus' fixed at St. Mary the Great Church at their joint expense. This generous gift has been of the greatest use to the Guild, as it enabled them to practice at any time, without disturbing neighbours. Originally it had been proposed to fix this at St. Andrew's Church, but the Vestry refused their consent, and withdrew

the use of the bells. Thus the University Church, very appropriately, became the home of the Guild and has remained so for successive generations of undergraduates. Help in the tower has been most freely given by some of the Cambridge Youths. In this connection we must mention the brothers, George and John Taylor, and Bill Kempton, who will ever live in our memories.

Two entries from the peal book deserve record - 'Feb. 10 1881 at St. Andrew's tower

60 Bob Doubles (clappers tied), being the first touch rung by the society on Church bells unassisted.'

and 'Feb. 13 at St. Michael's School

720 BOB MINOR

rung on the handbells (in 27 minutes)

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 R. Copeman | (Clare) |
| 2 M.C. Potter | (Peterhouse) |
| 3 Rev. A. Boughey | (Trin.) |
| 4 E. Knowles | (St. John's) |
| 5 W. Baker | (Clare) |
| 5 W. Pearson | (Clare) |

The peal contained 18 bobs and 2 singles, and is the first peal of minor rung by the Society.'

Further rapid progress is shown by the

variety of the touches which are now rung; Kent & Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire & Stedman Doubles, all in hand, single handed. In the tower a 720 of Bob Minor was first achieved on May 31 1882.

The handbells which the Guild had bought were now increased to 12; later on two more accidentals were added.

One member notes that visits were paid to towers outside Cambridge - Horningsea, Cherryhinton, Barrington, & Little Shelford, besides St. Edward's Cambridge. Similar visits might be mentioned of each generation in turn.

At this time the Master of Magdalene, Lord Braybrooke, accepted the office of Patron of the Guild, which position he held until his death in 1904. The custom also began of electing as Hon. members any non - resident member of the University who was already a ringer.

From 1882 some very useful recruits began to come in, H.J. Elsee (St. John's), H.B. Woolly (Non Coll.), J.T. Rickman (Jesus).

The Guild's first Quarter peal was one of Bob Minor on Feb. 1 1888 on handbells. It is also interesting to note that H.J. Elsee was the first to be credited with ringing doublehanded.

A Library of ringing books was begun by purchasing suitable books, and by taking the Bell News and having it bound up. The Guild possesses the complete set of the Bell News.

Chapter 2.

A new period of still greater progress dawned in 1887 as H.L. James (Caius), A.G. Langdon (King's), E.B. James (Caius), C.F. Wedemeyer (Trin.), C.A. Clements (Non Coll.), & H. Drake (St. John's) came into residence and then into activity. Some of these were already capable ringers.

This soon shows, as on

'Wednesday June 5 1889

in the President's rooms, Trinity College

420 changes of Doubles,

60 changes of Bob Doubles, and three six - scores Grandsire, called differently.

Rev. A.H.F. Boughey (Trin.) 1 - 2

H.L. James (Caius) 3 - 4

A.G. Langdon (King's) 5 - 6

Conducted by H.L. James.

This is the longest touch rung by the Society doublehanded.'

Progress now becomes rapid in double-handed ringing: and as E.B. James had joined the band the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung on Nov. 23 by Mr. Boughey and the brothers James. Then C.F. Wedemeyer comes in, and touches of Triples, Major, and Caters are rung. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and then one of Canterbury Pleasure are soon accomplished. In the tower things are not so easy, but a course of Grandsire Triples is managed.

Looking back now it is amusing to find the brothers James practising such 'irregular' methods as Grandsire Major and Bob Triples: but there had been no objection raised at the time. In fact it is to those brothers that the Exercise now owes so much of its recent increase in scientific knowledge, and method construction.

The Guild next attempted to ring a handbell peal, but the first attempt was lost after 1 hour 37 minutes. Success came on

Monday April 28, 1890,

in the President's rooms, Trinity College

on handbells, retained in hand

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES

Holt's Six part. 5040 changes

in 2 hrs. 35 mins.

Rev. A. H.F. Boughey (Trinity)	1-2
Edward B. James (Caius)	3-4
Henry L. James (Caius)	5-6
C. F. Wedemeyer (Kings)	7-8

Conducted by Henry Law James.

Tenor size 13 in E.

First peal by A.H.F. Boughey & C.F. Wedemeyer.
This is the first peal ever rung by the Guild.

Visits were paid to towers outside Cambridge, the majority going on bicycles, but one in a hansom cab or high dog-cart.

A resolute determination to ring the first peal of Double Norwich in hand was arrived at, but to secure the necessary 'beat' for Major ringing a start had to be made with Bob Major. This was rung on Nov. 17, 1890, with 7-8 in the hands of C.A. Clements. The way was now open for the Double Norwich, but only after much practice. We give the result.

The Cambridge University Guild.

Monday Feb. 23, 1891,

in the President's rooms, Trinity College

on handbells, retained in hand

A Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins.

Tenor size 13 in E.

Rev. A.H.F. Boughey	(Trin.)	1-2
Edward B. James	(Caius)	3-4
Henry L. James	(Caius)	5-6
Charles A. Clements	(Non Coll.)	7-8

Composed by E.B. James.

Conducted by H.L. James.

THIS IS THE FIRST PEAL IN THIS METHOD EVER RUNG IN HAND.

The footnote of this peal deserves attention. This band of young ringers set out to create a record, and to show what could be done by perseverance. The greatest credit is therefore due to them. Later generations of the Guild have followed their example in trying new, or extraordinary methods; but at this time this new departure was a real step forward, and showed that a University Guild could make itself felt.

Some Honorary members of more than usual interest were elected in A.P. Heywood, (afterwards Sir Arthur) of Duffield, Derbyshire; Squire Leonard Proctor, of Dennington Herts; and Canon W. Wigram: all of whom did much for ringing in their different ways. At his death Sir Arthur Heywood left all his ringing books and MSS. to the Guild. These and the other Guild

books were presented to the University Library and are kept in the music room as a unit.

The title of Conductor was now changed to Master, and the duties of Secretary and Treasurer separated. An Auditor was appointed, but does not seem to have functioned very regularly. The Treasurer's books do not yield any items of interest; but the Secretary's minute book is at times, full of lively discussions, and even recriminations about punctuality and regularity. Other ringers still meet with these same difficulties.

Chapter 3.

After the vigorous period just recorded a reaction might have been expected, but keen new recruits appeared in the persons of C.E. Bulwer (Selwyn), C.W.O. Jenkyn (Trinity), G.H. Ridout (Selwyn), G.F. Woodhouse (Caius), R.H. Whitford (Pembroke), H.H. Straffurth (Sidney), J. Rickman (Emmanuel) and C. Elsee (St. John's).

Now for the first time tower bell work predominates, although there are many entries in the minute book about the impossibility of finding a time to suit all. From the very begin-

ning the rules had prescribed fines for lateness or non-attendance, but these could never be enforced, as Tutors and work often made imperious and irresistible claims.

On Oct. 29 1893 an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's Cambridge, but it failed owing to an accident. A touch of 504 changes however was rung. the longest length by a University band in the tower.

The peal was scored next year, when four non-residents came up to help.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Tuesday April 17, 1894

at the Church of St. Mary, Sawston, Cambridge

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

5040 changes.

Holt's Ten-part; in 2 hrs, 52 mins.

*G.F. Woodhouse.	Caius	1
E.B. James.	Caius	2
*C.W.O. Jenkyn.	Trinity	3
†Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	Trinity	4
*C. Earle Bulwer.	Selwyn	5
Rev. C.A. Clements.	St. Caths.	6
Rev. H.L. James.	Caius	7
*W.J. Conybeare.	Trinity	8

Conducted by H.L. James.

* First Peal. † First Peal on tower bells.

This is the First Peal rung by the Guild on Tower Bells.

This peal shows the progress that was being made, but a tower peal has never been possible without calling up non-residents.

Then follows a period of quietness, with very few entries appearing in the peal book. Few Societies are likely to possess records showing every touch rung, as these do. Each fresh method attempted is duly recorded. Other points of interest are also shown, such as a visit to Addenbrooke's Hospital to ring in the wards; it is to be hoped that the patients enjoyed this treat.

In 1896 there was again a revival of double handed work, resulting in a peal of 5152 Bob Major on Nov. 3, by R.H. Whitford, Rev. A. H.F. Boughey, G.F. Woodhouse, (Cond) and J. Rickman.

After a rather long interval a peal was rung at the University Church on Jan. 27, 1897 on the Seage apparatus, with the help of four of the Cambridge Youths. The members taking part in this unique peal were C.W.O. Jenkyn, R.H. Whitford, G.F. Woodhouse (Conductor) and Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.

A Quarter Peal of Bob Royal on handbells was the next advance made. It is a very great pity that G.F. Woodhouse, who conducted these peals, has so seldom followed up these early successes.

The next five years reveal once more the wonderful debt the Guild owes to its President, as he continued to teach generation after generation of beginners, both in the tower and on handbells, and succeeded in getting them over the first and most difficult stages. Without his persistent work the Guild would probably have collapsed frequently, as has been the fate of the Society at Oxford. At this point we might mention that the Rev. F.E. Robinson, so well known to all Stedman ringers, was once anxious to be allowed to join the Cambridge Guild, but could not do so, as he was not a member of the University.

It would be well also to emphasise the care that Mr. Boughey always took with his pupils to try and secure a good style in handling the rope, aiming to get a long steady pull. The Curfew bell at Great St. Mary's also was a great help to many beginners, as George Taylor was always willing to let any member of the Guild try to raise it in record time, and ring it for the

fifteen minutes. Many in this way learnt to handle a heavy bell.

CHAPTER 4.

At the beginning of the October term 1901 only four effective members were left, so it was fortunate that freshmen joined in good numbers. Many, as usual, soon fell out: but it was soon evident that four would stick, and become efficient - E.H. Lewis (Trinity), H.S.T. Richardson (Trinity), F.S. Poole (Sidney), B.H. Tyrwhist-Drake (Pembroke).

Once more the President began his tuition, and this time the progress was fairly rapid as the peal book soon shows. Two private sets of handbells enabled practices to be held in various places, resulting in the formation of 'The Modern Society of College Babes', which met almost every day. Even so it took more than a year to make a band capable of peals. H.S.T. Richardson was the Conductor, acquiring the experience needed to become expert. His ability to transpose coursing orders, whilst ringing, gave a wonderful power to keep the bells in place.

Oxford Undergraduates paid a visit to Cambridge after Easter in 1903, as brothers were in the rival Guilds, and so arranged joint meetings. A return visit to Oxford was made in July, when a joint peal of Grandsire Triples, with Undergraduates from both Universities, was attempted at Drayton, but lost after three hours.

On June 27 a peal of Bob Major was rung by the Guild at St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge, which will never be forgotten by those who took part in it, because R.A. Daniel (Caius), who had come up specially to help, lost his nether garments by degrees, but continued to ring quite undisturbed.

In the long vacation a peal of Bob Major was rung on handbells in the 'Queen's Tower' Trinity College, by E.H. Lewis, Rev. A.H.F. Boughey, H.S.T. Richardson (Cond.) and F.S. Poole. Many peals were afterwards rung in these rooms at the top of this tower, occupied by H.S.T. Richardson: and a carved oak pealboard, the work of E.H. Lewis, was later on erected there, recording Bob Major, Royal, and Maximus. This board is now in the Belfry of Gt. St. Mary's. A notice that 'permission for music' had been obtained, signed but not dated by Mr. Boughey, was

always hung on the door to prevent interruption by College porters, who might hear the bells at a time when music is forbidden.

In September 1903 began what really forms the beginning of a series of Guild Tours, as the four keen undergraduates met for a week's ringing at the end of the Long Vacation, first at Trowell, near Nottingham, and then at Southwell. Many towers were rung in, but as far as the Guild is concerned the only thing possible was a handbell peal, and this, Bob Major, was rung at Southwell on Oct. 8, the first peal by undergraduates. From this time onwards the peal book contains some very beautifully illuminated peal records, with sketches of some towers: this again being the work of E.H. Lewis.

In the next term a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. Andrew's Cambridge, on the King's Birthday, but failed. An old member reappears on this occasion, in the Rev. H.B. Woolley, who had now come to Long Stanton as Vicar. He figures frequently in the Guild's records subsequently.

Another old friend helped in the next peal.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE
YOUTHS.

On Tuesday Nov. 10, 1903
in 2 hrs. 57 mins.
on handbells, retained in hand.

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS.
5280 changes.

E.H. Lewis	(Trinity)	1-2
Rev. A.H.F. Boughey	(Trinity)	3-4
H.S.T. Richardson	(Trinity)	5-6
F.S. Poole	(Sidney Sussex)	7-8
Rev. H. Law James	(Caius)	9-10
B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake	(Pembroke)	11-12

Conducted by H.S.T. Richardson.
Umpire Rev. H.B. Woolley.

FIRST PEAL OF MAXIMUS IN HAND BY ALL
THE BAND AND BY EITHER SOCIETY.

Bob Royal followed on Dec. 11 in 2 hrs.
42 mins. by the five residents.

Stedman Triples was again tried, with-
out success, at Sawston, but Mr. Boughey's very
tactful handling of a very irate and outspoken

Squire is not to be forgotten.
The beginning of 1904 was marked by the
death of Lord Braybrooke, Master of Magdalene,
Patron of the Guild. A muffled peal of Stedman
Triples was rung at St. Andrew's, with the help
of three members of the Ely Diocesan Association.
Feb. 4 brought up the 25th Anniversary
of the Guild's formation, an occasion which dem-
anded adequate recognition. A peal of Bob Major
on handbells in the morning began the celebrat-
ions; and later on many old members gathered to
honour the proceedings. A dinner was held in
Trinity College, at which a silver salver was pres-
ented to the President from the members, in
appreciation of his many services. Canon W.W.
C. Baker made the presentation, as Rev. W.C.
Pearson, the Founder, was not well enough to
be present.

On the next day a peal of Minor, in three
methods, was rung at Barrington. The whole for-
med a very happy reunion of past and present
members.

Handbell ringing continued with increasing
variety, quarter peals becoming quite frequent.
Just before the breaking up of his band
a visit was paid to Mr. Pearson, at Henley, when

another step forward was made.

**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
AND
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday June 15, 1904,
in 2 hours and 44 minutes

at the Church of St. Peter, Henley, Suffolk.

A Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

5088 changes.

Tenor 8 cwt 3lbs.

*H.S.T. Richardson.	(Trinity) Treble.	
Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	(Trinity)	2
Rev. W.C. Pearson.	(Clare)	3
*E.H. Lewis.	(Trinity)	4
Rev. J.H. Pilkington.	(Pembroke)	5
*F.S. Poole.	(Sidney Sussex)	6
*B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.	(Pembroke)	7
Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn.	(Trinity) Tenor.	

Composed by J. Pratt.

Conducted by H.S.T. Richardson.

*First peal in in the method, and by the Guild.

On the next day a peal of Bob Major was rung in hand, conducted by the President, who needed a great deal of persuasion, almost compulsion, to get him to call his first peal. The following day the Guild's first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in hand was rung: followed

by another of Bob Major with Rev. W.W.C. Baker taking part. Again we must record failure to score Stedman in the tower. An expression of thanks is needed to those who so kindly came up time after time to assist in these attempts to conquer fresh ground.

The Long Vacation produced peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Grandsire Caters, with G.F. Woodhouse ringing in each, and conducting the Grandsire.

So ends another period in the Guild's history, during which much new ground had been covered. The establishment of the Tours as an annual event is, by itself, a splendid achievement.

CHAPTER 5.

Of the former band H.S.T. Richardson and F.S. Poole alone remained in Cambridge, and could do nothing except coach beginners, until A.O.C. Longridge (Trinity) was ready on Feb. 8 for his first peal, Bob Major. On March 4, Revs. C.W.O. Jenkyn and G.H. Kidout rang their first peal of Bob Major in hand.

A visit to Lancashire in April produced

a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung in the Belfry of the Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter, Liverpool, before several well-known ringers.

Then in the Long Vacation another meeting brought many together; touches were rung in a variety of methods including Double Norwich Caters, but peals would not come.

Much 'tubbing' followed for a whole year, during which only short touches were rung.

The wisdom of appointing a special Secretary for the non-residents became manifest in the Midland Counties Tour, which began on Aug. 27 1906, when seven parsons and one layman ('to do the talking') took the field. By kindness of Mr. J.W. Taylor the Bell Foundry at Loughborough was visited, and a peal of Kent Major rung in the Foundry tower. At Ripley a peal of Stedman Triples was lost after 2 hours, but in the absence of the Vicar a kind churchwarden said 'Try again to-morrow', so we did, and rang an excellent peal, the first of Stedman by the Guild.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday Aug. 29, 1906

in 2 hours and 51 minutes

at the Church of All Saints, Ripley,

A Peal of Stedman Triples,

5040 changes. Tenor 17 cwt.

Heywood's variation of Thurstan's four part.

H.S.T. Richardson. (Trinity) Treble.

Rev. W.C. Pearson. (Clare) 2

Rev. A.H.F. Boughy. (Trinity) 3

Rev. W.W.C. Baker. (Clare) 4

Rev. H.J. Elsee. (St. John's) 5

Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn. (Trinity) 6

Rev. H.L. James. (Caius) 7

Rev. B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. (Pembroke) Tenor.

Conducted by H.S.T. Richardson.

First peal in the method by the Guild, and the quickest on the bells.

This renewed attempt was made memorable by the fact that a telegraph boy brought an anonymous telegram, addressed to the ringers, imploring them to stop, 'if they had any mercy'. Through the kindness of the Steeplekeeper, himself a keen ringer, this was not delivered until the peal was complete. The telegram is supposed to have come from an old opponent of the ringers. Over the attempts at Lenton and Duffield we had best draw a veil. Duffield Bank the home of Sir A.P. Heywood, was visited, and a trip taken round the miniature railway. Finally a good

peal of Kent was secured on the bells of Southwell Minster, in spite of the difficulties of that huge tower, and a record heat-wave.

The year 1907 was a quiet one, as those in residence were not strong enough to do much ringing. A splendid tour was arranged by E.H. Lewis for September, with Headquarters at Pulford in Cheshire; but the absence of Rev.C.W.O. Jenkyn, due to appendicitis, caused the band to be one short, so no peals could be booked to the Guild. Five peals were rung.

Sept. 2 Bob Major at Chester Cathedral.

' 3 Stedman Triples at Pulford.

' 4 Double Norwich at Halewood.

' 5 Stedman Triples at Widnes.

' 7 ' ' at Pendleton

At Widnes the occasion was the opening of a new peal of bells. Large posters announced that 'a peal of upward of 5000 changes will be rung by an expert band of clerical ringers.' As only a very narrow margin of time was allowed between two services, some anxious moments were caused. However all went well, and the huge crowd, which had gathered in the Market Place to listen to their new bells, heard the peal brought round after excellent striking.

A very fine supper rewarded the 'expert band'. Manchester Town Hall, with its heavy ring of ten bells, was visited, when Mr. Harry Chapman met us and showed us how to ring the tenor. In the peal at Chester Cathedral, H.L. James gave a very fine display of heavy bell ringing, as the tenor (35 cwt.) gave no handstroke, and so had to be rung entirely by the rope-end.

During 1908 several attempts were made for handbell peals but without success. In February two members took their M.A. degrees on the same day, but even this would not bring a peal. Later in the year renewed efforts were made at Frodsham, the residence of E.H. Lewis, but all in vain.

The Tour was brighter, once more organised by the Rev. H.S.T. Richardson, when nine 'parsons' assembled (H.S.T.R. had now himself 'joined the rookery'). To begin with a clerical peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. John's, Darlington, and another of Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, in each case the first clerical peal in the method. To make an attempt at Royal possible a curate was telegraphed for, and his Vicar, who had before refused permission now relents. Failures to achieve peals at

Durham Cathedral, Stranton, Saltburn and West Hartlepool (the first time the Guild had ever rung on ten tower bells) must be confessed, but success came at last at Stockton on Tees.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Friday September 11, 1908

in 3 hours and 10 minutes

at the Church of Saint Thomas,

Stockton on Tees.

A Peal of Bob Royal.

5040 changes.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

Rev. H.L. James.	(Caius) Treble.
Rev. H.S.T. Richardson.	(Trinity) 2
Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	(Trinity) 3
J. Thornton Rickman.	(Jesus) 4
Rev. C.A. Clements.	(St. Cath.) 5
Rev. E.W. Carpenter.	(Caius) 6
Rev. H.J. Elsee.	(St. John's) 7
Rev. B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.	(Pembroke) 8
Rev. W.W.C. Baker.	(Clare) 9
Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn.	(Trinity) Tenor.

Composed by C. Wallater.

Conducted by H.S.T. Richardson.

First peal on ten tower bells by the Guild.

In 1909 the Guild at Cambridge was still very much below peal ringing strength.

The annual week, which had now become fixed for the first week in September, was in the capable hands of Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn, who made Witney the centre, and conveyed the band about in a large two-horsed wagonette. Among the towers visited were Witney, Bampton, Burford, Southleigh and the Cathedral of Christ Church at Oxford. Two peals were rung.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Wednesday September 1, 1909,

at the Church of St. Peter, Drayton, Berkshire,
in 3 hours.

A Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

5040 changes.

Tenor 9 cwt.

Rev. H.S.T. Richardson	(Trinity)	Treble
Rev. T. Lewis Jones	(Queens')	2
Rev. H.J. Elsee	(St. John's)	3
Rev. A.H.F. Boughey	(Trinity)	4
Rev. B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake	(Pembroke)	5
Rev. C.A. Clements	(St. Caths.)	6
Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn	(Trinity)	7
Rev. H.L. James	(Caius)	Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. Earle Bulwer.

Conducted by Rev. H.L. James.

FIRST CLERICAL PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH

Two days later a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Kidlington, with E.H. Lewis ringing in place of Rev. C.A. Clements.

This year's plan of a fixed headquarters, instead of moving ones, and of journeys out by road, instead of by rail, proved very successful and has been adopted ever since then, only with motors taking the place of horses in due course.

Chapter 6.

In the autumn of 1907 two useful recruits joined the Guild - E.M. Atkins (St Catharine's), and B.C. Roberts (Pembroke); the former very quickly came into evidence, being elected Master in the following April.

The Guild in 1910 claimed for the first time a seat on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers electing E.H. Lewis to represent them. The fine scientific investigations which he has made into the stresses of frames and of towers have proved of great use to the Council and so to the whole Exercise.

Our President has long been a member of

the Council, but as an Hon. Member, and for three years as its President.

The fifth annual tour was arranged by Rev. W.W.C. Baker, the Rector of Dunstable. The Churches rung in were Dunstable Priory, (peal of Double Norwich), Hatfield, St. Albans Cathedral, Toddington, Luton (peal of Stedman Triples), St. Paul's Bedford, Linslade and Leighton Buzzard.

It would take too long to explain why many peals were lost; it is not always the Conductor's entire fault. During the progress of the peal at Dunstable a zealous Curate wished to silence the bells for Mattins, in spite of the fact that his Rector had given permission. He therefore began to push up the trap door at the head of an inclined ladder, only to receive the ringer of the 7th crashing down from his box onto the rising trap. The Curate, fortunately, was not thrown off the ladder, but retired with a hurt arm, to receive very scant sympathy from his Rector when he reported the incident later on. The Rev. A.G. Langdon came on this year's tour and charmed all in the evenings with his singing. We must also record the fact that the peal at Luton was the 100th by E.B. James.

In October an extra meeting was held at Cambridge, when a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Great St. Mary's; this being the 100th by H.S.T. Richardson, the conductor.

A revival by residents now begins, as a 720 of minor is once again rung in the tower, the first for six years. Handbell work also shows better progress. R.O. Street (St. John's) was the most useful new member.

Handbell peals begin again in 1911, with Bob Major on Feb. 25 by B.C. Roberts, Rev. A.H.F. Boughey, E.M. Atkins (cond.) and R.O. Street; and then again another on March 16 by the same band.

The Rev. H.S.T. Richardson now returns to Cambridge to be Curate to Mr. Boughey at Great St. Mary's.

A handbell week for five members was held at Southwell, at which strenuous efforts were made to ring Double Norwich once more, but without success.

For the sixth tour the Rev. E.B. James was the organizer, with Hythe as the headquarters. To return to Hythe in the evenings a short trip by boat down the Solent was necessary; one night a sailing boat had to be chartered as the last steamer

had gone, so it was nearly midnight when Hythe was reached.

A peal of Double Norwich was rung at Lymington, and Little Bob Major, the invention of E.B. James, at Brading, Isle of Wight. To secure this, the first peal in the method, three starts were made under different conductors, and over five hours spent in the belfry on a very hot day.

The Cambridge University Guild. On Friday Sept. 8, 1911 in 3 hours and 5 minutes, at the Church of Saint Mary, Brading.

A Peal of Little Bob Major, 5040 changes.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	(Trinity)	Treble.
E.M. Atkins.	(St. Catharine's)	2
Rev. H.L. James.	(Caius)	3
Rev. A.G. Langdon.	(King's)	4
R.O. Street.	(St. John's)	5
W.D. James.	(Pembroke)	6
Rev. E.B. James.	(Caius)	7
Rev. H.S.T. Richardson.	(Trinity)	Tenor.

Composed by W. Royle.

Conducted by Rev. E.B. James.

The First Peal ever rung in the method.
North Stoneham, Winchester Cathedral, Rom-

sey Abbey and Christchurch Priory were all too much for success. Oh, what a hot day it was at Romsey, to ring for 2 hours and 57 minutes and then lose the peal!

It must have been a welcome change to get new members who did not need teaching the rudiments, having already rung peals, in W.D. James of Pembroke and J.H.R. Feeborn of Clare.

The bells of Great St. Mary's were rehung at this time, and the Guild were glad to make a contribution from their funds.

CHAPTER 7.

Now begins a time when handbell peals become so numerous that it is impossible to do much except record the result of each term's ringing. It is quite beyond the powers to mark the progress of individuals.

Michaelmas term, 1911, two peals, Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Major.

Lent term, 1912, three peals, Bob Major and Royal, and Kent Major, this being Mr. Boughey's 100th. peal.

J.B. Williamson (Trinity) and F.P. Cheetham (St. John's) joined and quickly reached peal standard.

The Easter term surpassed all previous records with thirteen peals - Bob Major (2) and Royal, Kent Major (3), Double Norwich (2), Little Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Caters and Oxford Treble Bob Major. This was a wonderful performance for the ten weeks of a term.

Of these we must give in full.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Tues. June 11, 1912, in 2 hours and 44 minutes, in the President's rooms, Trinity College.

A Peal of Little Bob Royal, 5184 changes.

Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	(Trinity)	1-2
E.M. Atkins.	(St. Catharine's)	3-4
*W.D. James.	(Pembroke)	5-6
Rev. H.S.T. Richardson.	(Trinity)	7-8
R.O. Street.	(St. John's)	9-10

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by E.M. Atkins.

This, the first Peal of Little Bob Royal to be rung, contains the extent of 4, 5, and 6 in 6th. place.

*First peal of Royal.

Then, with the help of four non-residents, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Andrew's

and one of Double Norwich at St. Mary's. A further handbell meeting in August produced peals of Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich, both being clerical peals.

On Wed. August 7 1912, in 2 hours and 55 mins., in the President's rooms, Trinity College.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters. 5057 changes.

Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	(Trinity)	1-2
Rev. E.B. James.	(Caius)	3-4
Rev. H.S.T. Richardson.	(Trinity)	5-6
Rev. H.L. James.	(Caius)	7-8
Rev. B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.	(Pemb.)	9-10

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Rev. H.S.T. Richardson.

This is the first handbell peal rung by clergymen.

A University Guild is naturally the most likely place to set up such records of clerical activity, as the main training ground for Holy Orders. Oxford set the pace at the beginning, but were soon completely outdistanced by Cambridge. Very nearly all the clergy whose names appear in the Ringing World have come from one or the other of these Guilds.

The Tour for 1912 was once more arranged by Rev. H.S.T. Richardson, so he is going to tell

his own tale.

"Among the memories of the Devonshire week, that of W.L. James must come first; he arranged the week, and he and his family gave us a cordial reception when we met at Plymouth on Monday, before moving on to our headquarters at Newton: to write Newton Abbott in full is to proclaim oneself a stranger to Devon.

Two unconduted 720s of Treble Bob Minor on handbells opened the week's ringing. Tower bell ringing was to have begun with Grandsire Caters at Charles Church, Plymouth; we met one short however, and were amused when one of the famous brothers laid down the 'law' for us. 'We are going to ring Cambridge.' We all thought it a joke when ringing began: but in due course the Guild brought round its first peal of Surprise, and the first peal of Cambridge in Devonshire. Several other attempts for Cambridge were made during the week, but the top hat (sporting by Rev. T. Lewis Jones) brought us no luck, and it would not go.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Monday Sept. 2, 1912, in 3 hours 12 minutes, at Charles Church, Plymouth.

A Peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. 5056 changes.

*Rev. W.W.C. Baker.	(Clare)	1
Rev. H.L. James.	(Caius)	2
Rev. H.S.T. Richardson.	(Trinity)	3
*E.M. Atkins.	(St Catharine's)	4
*E.H. Lewis.	(Trinity)	5
W.D. James.	(Pembroke)	6
Rev. E.B. James.	(Caius)	7
Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn.	(Trinity)	8

Composed by C Middleton.

Conducted by Rev. H.L. James.

* First peal in the method.

This is the first peal in the method in the county, and by the Guild.

No mistake was made about Superlative at East Teignmouth, where a splendid peal was rung, to be duly commemorated by a peal board placed on the wall at the western entrance to the Church, under the tower. This peal was like to have had an unhappy sequel for the treble man. Certainly the bells are (or were) noisy in the adjoining narrow street of lodging houses. When 7 years later he took his 'intended' to see the Church, and her eyes fell on the fateful board, she exclaimed 'Oh! so it was you, was it?' And, but that time softens memories, the first round might not have gone in

treble man's favour.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Wed. Sept. 4 1912, in 3 hours 35 minutes, at the Church of St. Michael, East Teignmouth.

A Peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

5152 changes. Tenor 22 cwt.

Rev. H.S.T. Richardson.	(Trinity)	1
Rev. H.L. James.	(Caius)	2
Rev. E.B. James.	(Caius)	3
E.H. Lewis.	(Trinity)	4
E.M. Atkins.	(St Catharine's)	5
*W.D. James.	(Pembroke)	6
*Rev H.J. Elsee.	(St. John's)	7
Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn.	(Trinity)	8

Composed by John Cox.

Conducted by Rev. H.L. James.

*First peal in the method.

First peal on the bells, and the first peal of Superlative by the Guild.

It was a good peal, for it was preceded by a good lunch at the Dolphin, Thorveton, and, not less important, by a good rest in the train.

At Thorveton was rung the Guild's first plain course of London, which encouraged us to attempt London at Bovey (again no good Devonian

adds 'Tracey' to the name) before we parted on Saturday. And, on that day at least, we could ring the method; only we could by no means ring the bells. There is, or was, a very long draft; and a set of brand new and exceedingly springy ropes had been most thoughtfully provided for us.

At Dartmouth the Double Norwich was interrupted by the Vicar - he said he was the Vicar, but his appearance hardly indicated it. 'He had not understood what was meant by a peal'; and he appeared to be displeased. Happily our President was never yet known to fail in such an encounter.

At Exeter Cathedral the full ten, the 'Stafford' eight and the 'Cobthorne' six were all sampled, but with due respect and in small doses. Mr. Taylor's hanging was duly admired.

At St. Sidwell's later we found a ring of ten which we could handle: and the first peal of Royal on the bells resulted, this being also the first tower peal of Little Bob Royal. The peal was a personal triumph for the tenor man, as early in the ringing his rope end came untucked: then gradually the air became filled with fluffy snow, and we saw the severed ends of a strand of his rope slowly unravelling and flapping about. Then a black

board against the wall fell forward onto him: but he turned round, grappled it, and flung it to the floor. The last half hour was an anxious one for the band as they watched the tenor rope; but thanks to very skilful nursing it held out to the end. When we afterwards examined the severed strand we did wonder, just a little, whether the first peal of Royal on the bells may not have been wanted by some-one else.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Friday Sept. 6 1912, in 3 hours 33 minutes,
at the Church of St. Sitwell, Exeter

A Peal of Little Bob Royal, 5040 changes

Rev. H.L.James.	(Caius)	1
Rev. A.H.F.Boughey.	(Trinity)	2
E.H.Lewis.	(Trinity)	3
E.M.Ackins.	(St. Catharine's)	4
Rev. H.S.T.Richardson.	(Trinity)	5
*Rev. H.J.Elsee.	(St. John's)	6
Rev. E.B.James.	(Caius)	7
*Rev. W.W.C.Baker.	(Clare)	8
W.D.James.	(Pembroke)	9
*Rev. C.W.O.Jenkyn.	(Trinity)	10

Composed by W.Royle. Conducted by E.B.James.

*First peal in the method.

This is the first peal of Little Bob Royal rung on tower bells, the first peal in the method in Devon, and the first peal of Royal in Exeter.

Other places visited were West Teignmouth, St. Leonard's, Newton Abbot, - now standing alone as a clock tower in the middle of the street, and St. Mary Church, a suburb of Torquay- if a place standing so high above the town may be called its suburb.

In this tour, more perhaps than in most, the handbells were in constant use for touches in all methods up to Double Norwich, - perhaps because we had with us a little 8, by Taylor, which would travel comfortably in a coat pocket. On Exeter platform we really thought the hat might have been filled.

A few handbell ringers stayed on for a second week, to ring three handbell peals on Dartmoor: again with 'W.D.' as organizer.

Michaelmas term 1912. A very strong and active band was in residence, doing a great amount of ringing.

The most interesting feature was that on the 21st of November, as the result of the energy and determination of Rev. H.B. Woolley, Vicar of All

Saints', Long Stanton, a new ring of eight bells (tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.) was dedicated. This light ring from the celebrated Loughborough foundry showed itself to be both sweet and musical: and of course ideal for peal ringing - as events have shown. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted by the Guild after the opening service, with the Vicar on the tenor, but it came to grief after two hours.

A peal of Bob Minor on handbells in 1 hour 38 minutes, rung by J.B. Williamson, W.L. James and F. Barker, shows the speed that can be attained by practice.

Lent term, 1913. The year opened with a peal of Stedman Triples at Long Stanton. Then in rapid succession handbell peals of Minor (Kent & Plain), Kent Major, Bob Royal, Minor in three methods, Little Bob Major, Kent Major and Royal: altogether a useful lot for one term.

Easter term. Peals of Bob Major and Royal, Kent Major (2), and Grandsire Caters.

The 8th. tour was held in North Wales, with E.H. Lewis making the arrangements, and our headquarters at Pulford. Three peals were accomplished; Stedman Caters at Wrexham, Triples at

at Bebington, (with M.C.Potter once more appearing, now with the prefix Dr. to his name), and Cambridge Surprise at Frodsham.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Tuesday Sept. 2 1913, in 3 hours 33 minutes,
at the Church of St. Giles, Wrexham.

A Peal of Stedman Caters.

5006 changes: tenor 25 cwt.

W.D.James.	(Pembroke)	1
E.H.Lewis.	(Trinity)	2
*J.B.Williamson.	(Trinity)	3
Rev. H.S.T.Richardson.	(Trinity)	4
E.M.Atkins.	(St. Catharine's)	5
Rev. H.L.James.	(Caius)	6
Rev. H.J.Elsec.	(St. John's)	7
Rev. E.B.James.	(Caius)	8
Rev. C.W.O.Jenkyn.	(Trinity)	9
Rev. B.H.Tyrwhitt-Lrake.	(Pembroke)	10

Composed by G.Newson: conducted by H.L.James,

*First peal of Stedman.

First peal of Stedman Caters by the Guild, and first peal by the Guild out of England.

We also rang at Llangollen, Chester, (the Cathedral and St. Mary's within the Walls), Backford, Waverton and Pulford. A visit was made to Eaton

Hall, where the miniature railway, an offshoot from that at Duffield Bank, was explored, and several tried their hands at a new sort of conducting. - Katie and her train.

During this week the journeys were made in a large wagonette, driven by that genial ringer, G.R.Newton.

Michaelmas term, 1913. The roll of peals for this term is a short one; two of Little Bob Major and one of Bob Major in hand, and another of Bob Major in the tower, at Long Stanton.

Lent term, 1914. Six peals in this term - one each of Major and Royal in the following methods: Bob, Little Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Easter term. A very quiet time, with only a single peal, Grandsire Triples, at Long Stanton.

CHAPTER 8.

The outbreak of War on Aug. 4th. of course put a stop to the usual tour, but a few members met at Surfleet Vicarage, at the invitation of Rev. H.L.James, for handbell ringing. After strenuous efforts one peal was accomplished, but nothing

further could be got.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Wednesday September 2, 1914

at Surfleet Vicarage, Lincolnshire,

in 3 hours 22 minutes, on handbells.

A Peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 5040 changes.

J.B.Williamson.	(Trinity)	1 - 2
Rev. A.H.F.Bouhey.	(Trinity)	3 - 4
Rev. H.S.T.Richardson.	(Trinity)	5 - 6
E.M.Atkins.	(St. Catharines)	7 - 8
Rev. E.B.James.	(Caius)	9 - 10
Rev. H.L.James.	(Caius)	11 - 12

Composed by E.M.Atkins.

Conducted by Rev. H.S.T.Richardson.

Umpire. Rupert Richardson.

First peal of Treble Twelve in hand by all, and first peal of Treble Twelve by the Guild.

When term began at Cambridge, nearly all the members were away 'on service'; so for the next eighteen months only a few elementary handbell practices were possible.

It is with the greatest regret that we record that on Sept. 25 1915, William Douglass James, Lieut. R.G.A., was killed in action in France. He was a ringer and conductor of considerable ability,

who would certainly have gone far in the Exercise. He had taken part in 44 Guild peals, of which he had conducted 16.

The Guild's records show that 118 old members served in the War; of these 6 were killed in action and 9 more died of wounds.

No peals were rung in 1915.

In 1916 a handbell peal of Kent Major was rung at Surfleet. When the Lent term began things were brighter, as J.B.Williamson, a medical student, was 'up' again, to complete his studies; and B.F.Sheppard was also able to take part in helping various officers and cadets who were temporarily in Cambridge.

Another peal of Kent Major was rung at Surfleet.

The death of Sir Arthur Heywood deprived the Exercise of one of its brilliant leaders.

The years 1917 - 18 are completely blank in the Guild's peal book.

CHAPTER 9.

The year 1919 brought in some very keen new recruits, W.H.J.Hooton (Queens'), A.E.Wilkins (Trinity), and J.B.Woolley (Jesus) as an 'Associate'.

This is the first instance of father and son belonging to the Guild.

In celebration of the Peace after the Great War, the Guild held its next general meeting, after a five years interval, at Cambridge on Sept. 1 1919. A peal of Bob Major was rung at Sawston on the next day; then in the evening two bands sat down with handbells to try to ring the 100th. peal for the Guild: one band rang Bob Major, the other, Stedman Triples. Both failed. On the next day an attempt in Mildenhall Church was no more successful. In the evening the two handbell bands started again in different rooms, and this time the Major team brought round their peal, so securing no. 100

Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's Cambridge came round at the proper place, but could not be counted, as only one single had been made. Finally a muffled peal was rung as follows.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Friday September 5, 1919

in 3 hours and 20 minutes,

at the Church of All Saints, Long Stanton.

A Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

5024 changes.

Tenor 7 cwt, 2 qrs, 11 lbs.

Rev. H.B.Woolley.

(Fitzwilliam Hall) 1

E.M. Atkins.	(St. Catharine's)	2
J.H.R. Freeborn.	(Clare)	3
A.E. Wilkins.	(Trinity)	4
Rev. E.B. James.	(Caius)	5
R.O. Street.	(St. John's)	6
Rev. H.L. James.	(Caius)	7
Rev. C.W.O. Jenkyn.	(Trinity)	8

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. (Trinity)

Conducted by E.M. Atkins.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of William Douglass James, (Pembroke), R.G.A. who was killed in France, September 25, 1915.

In the Michaelmas term two handbell peals of Bob Major were rung on the same day E.M. Atkins and B.F. Sheppard taking part in each. The freshmen this term produced H.G. Benson (King's) and M.C.G. Hooton (Queens').

Lent term 1920 yielded five peals, 3 of Bob Major, 1 of Bob Royal, and 1 of Little Bob Major. In one of these peals the last quarter was rung in ever increasing darkness, as the electric light had not been turned on, ending in total blackness except for faint gleams from the white cuffs of the President.

Another visit to Surfleet in the vacation enabled

Double Norwich to be practised again, and also supplied two peals, Kent and Bob Major.

The Easter term, 1920, was again a busy one, with peals of Little Bob Royal, Kent Major (2), Grandsire Triples and spliced Plain and Little Bob Major. Once more the Guild is able to give a lead in an innovation; that of spliced method ringing on handbells.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Wed. May 19 1920, in 2 hours and 6 minutes,
in Trinity College.

A Peal of Plain and Little Bob Major, 5016 changes.

W.H.J. Hocton.	(Queens')	1-2
Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	(Trinity)	3-4
E.M. Atkins.	(St. Catharine's)	5-6
B.F. Sheppard.	(Trinity)	7-8

Composed and conducted by E.M. Atkins.

Umpire H.G. Benson. (King's)

This is the first peal of spliced major ever rung. The composition contains 117 courses, each consisting of one lead of Plain Bob, one of Little, and one of Plain, with 3 courses of Plain Bob added to complete the 120 courses.

In the Long Vacation a very quick peal of Bob Major in 1 hour 55 minutes was rung in the garden

at Isham Rectory, Northamptonshire, being hastened by an approaching thunderstorm.

The 9th Annual Tour was held in East Hertfordshire in September 1920, arranged by the Author, with headquarters at his Vicarage, Thundridge, near Ware. Ringing began at Ware, at that time a very bad going ring of bells. The next day we went to Hertford, where the ten at All Saints and the eight at St. Andrew's were used for short touches. A peal of Double Norwich followed at Bengon, which had only recently been increased to eight, so it was the first peal of major on the bells. That beautiful and famous village of Bennington, with all its memories of Squire Proctor and his famous band, gave us a peal of Little Bob Major. This method was selected to give the two survivors of that band something to think about, as they listened with wonder to the work of the treble. Then on to Gt Munden, where A.G. Langdon was Rector, and to Braughing, another tower which once made ringing history by a long peal. The next day took us to Waltham Abbey, to ring for a short time on that fine ring of twelve bells, and then the modern eight at Cheshunt. A peal of Double Oxford was rung at Broxbourne.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Thursday Sept. 9, 1920, in 3 hours 8 minutes,
at the Church of St. Augustine, Broxbourne.

A Peal of Double Oxford Bob Major; 5024 changes.

Tenor 20 cwt 1 qr.

B.F. Shepard.	(Trinity)	1
A.E. Wilkins.	(Trinity)	2
E.M.A. Kings.	(St. Catharine's)	3
W.H.J. Hutton.	(Queens')	4
Rev. E.B. James.	(Caius)	5
Rev. B.H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.	(Pembroke)	6
Rev. C.W.O. Jankyn.	(Trinity)	7
Rev. H.L. James.	(Caius)	8

Composed and Conducted by Rev. H.L. James.
First peal in the method by the Guild, and by all
except the ringers of the fifth and tenor.

On the following day we visited Hoddesdon,
and then tried for Cambridge Surprise at Hunsden,
where W.A. Errington, also a ringing parson, was
Vicar, with several ladies in his band.

Two Lancbell peals were attempted during
this week, but without success.

The Michaelmas term produced but two peals,
Bob Major, and Kent. E.G. Benson (St. Catharine's)
came up, and soon was able to handle a pair of bells.

The continual week end visits of E.M. Atkins were
a great help in keeping up the peal list. Oh! those
lucky government servants, let us hope they work
hard during the week.

The Lent term 1921 was a time of great activity,
as in addition to a large number of short touches,
seven peals were rung. At the beginning of the
term Rev. E.P. James and E.M. Atkins came up, and
after getting into form by peals of Bob Major and
Double Norwich, they then proceeded to ring a
peal of Plain and Medium Bob Royal. These three
peals in one day, described as, 'Before tea', 'After
tea' and 'After Hall', should surely be enough to
satisfy the hungriest of peal-snatchers.

We had best give the footnote to this 'freak'
peal to show what it was.

This is the first peal of Royal ever rung on this
plan. Each course consists of two leads of Plain Bob,
one of Medium Bob (in which the treble makes 6th
place and back), and two of Plain Bob. Thus the
tenors are never parted.

Two days later the same band followed it up
with Kent Treble Bob Major (Gonville Variation).
This again calls for explanation.

The tenors never go into the slow, as the treble

makes 2nds place over each of them in addition to the usual dodging with them in 1-2. During each of these cuts there is a three pull dodge in 5-6 and 7-8. First peal of Treble Bob ever rung on this plan.

With relief we turn back to record two more ordinary peals of Bob Major, and one of Little Bob, which gave the brothers Benson the opportunity to appear together.

Another Surfleet meeting in the vacation gave peals of the Granta Variation of Kent and two of Double Norwich. One of the latter was the President's 200th peal.

In the Easter term, peals of Kent Major (in the Cam variation), Double Norwich, and Bob Major, were rung. In the long vacation two more peals of Bob Major and one of Kent were scored.

The 10th annual tour was held in Northamptonshire, with Isham, the home of E.M. Atkins, the organiser, as headquarters. A start was made with a peal of Kent (Granta variation) at Burton Latimer. Oh! those variations, - what a nuisance they are!

On the next day Double Norwich was rung at Rothwell; then visits were paid to Desborough, Rushton, and Kettering.

On Wednesday, Titchmarsh, a modern ring of

bells gave us Little Bob Major. Thrapston and Raunds were only used for touches. At Northampton ringing was done at the five towers after failing with Grandsire Caters at St. Giles. Then Earls Barton with its famous Saxon tower claimed our attention. Finally Irthlingborough, Finedon and Higham Ferrers were in turn visited. A great many handbell touches filled up the time in the evenings, with, of course, the usual amount of ringing talk.

The Michaelmas term shows the reappearance of Rev. R. Copeman, who had retired from regular parish work and come to live in Cambridge. He soon was given something to do for ringing, being made Secretary to the Ely Diocesan Association.

Peals of Bob Major (2) and Royal, and Grandsire Caters were enough for this term.

CHAPTER 10.

The year 1922 opened with yet another fresh departure.

The Cambridge University Guild.
On Tuesday Jan. 10, 1922, in 2 hours 22 minutes,

in Trinity College.

A Peal of Single Norwich Court Bob Major.
5024 changes.

Rev. A.H.F.Boughey.	(Trinity)	1-2
Rev. E.B.James.	(Caius)	3-4
W.H.J.Hooton.	(Queens')	5-6
Rev. H.L.James.	(Caius)	7-8

Composed by J.Hunt.

Conducted by W.H.J.Hooton.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method.

Cambridge Court Bob Major was then attempted on several occasions but without success.

A proposal was made that the Guild should ring for the University Sermon, but the Vice Chancellor would not give his sanction for this. So ringing for Evensong on the top five of the twelve at Great St. Mary's was undertaken instead.

The next effort was another spliced peal.

The Cambridge University Guild.

On Saturday Feb. 4, 1922, in 2 hours 41 minutes.
In Trinity College.

A Peal of Plain and Little Bob Royal; 5004 changes.
Contains 32 courses of Little Bob and 13 of Plain Bob

E.G.Benson.	(St. Catharine's)	1-2
Rev. A.H.F.Boughey.	(Trinity)	3-4

W.H.J.Hooton.	(Queens')	5-6
E.H.Lewis.	(Trinity)	7-8
H.G.Benson.	(King's)	9-10

Composed by E.M.Atkins.

Conducted by W.H.J.Hooton.

This is the first peal of spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal, and was rung on the 43rd anniversary of the foundation of the Guild.

A peal of Double Norwich in hand is now so ordinary a performance as scarcely to need mention, except as the first Guild peal by J.B.Woolley, now a full member.

The next peal was one of Double Bob Major, rung in 2 hours 7 minutes at 11, Queen Anne's Terrace, Cambridge, by Hooton, Atkins, and the brothers Benson. This was the first peal of Double Bob ever rung in hand, and the first in the method by the Guild.

In the Easter vacation two peals were rung in London, Double Norwich and Double Bob Royal. J.B.Williamson was the addition to the major band. Again this was the first peal ever rung in the method in hand. Thus once more the Guild is able to create a fresh record. It is a pity that many more ringers do not take up this fascinating side of the

Exercise. There is still plenty of scope left for all, and the interest in the work amply repays the toil.

The Easter term was a quiet one, with only two peals - Little Bob and Bob Major. In the former, two pairs of brothers, Benson and Hooton, made up the band; in the latter, L.J.Goddard (Trinity Hall) rang his first peal.

In the long vacation we find one peal of Bob Major, with A.E.Wilkins in it.

The 11th annual tour was arranged in Lancashire by Canon H.J.Elsee, having as its headquarters 'Watermillock', the Diocesan Retreat House in Bolton.

Three peals were scored,

Double Norwich at Holy Trinity, Bolton,

Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral,

Little Bob Major at Holy Trinity, Houghton.

None of these call for any special mention.

The other places rung at were Deane, Horwich, Bolton (St Saviour's), Manchester (Town Hall), Whitworth, Rochdale, Milnrow, Heywood, Stand, Prestwich, Middleton, Brindle, Tarleton, Croston, Salmesbury and Whittle-le-Woods. In truth a goodly array! The variety of methods rung was greater than usual.

The handbell experts then seem to have adjourned to Surfleet, where they rang -
On Tuesday Sept. 12, 1922, in 2 hours 30 minutes,
at Surfleet Vicarage.

A Peal of Cambridge Court Bob Major: 5184 changes.

Rev. A.H.F.Boughy. (Trinity) 1-2

Rev. E.B.James. (Caius) 3-4

W.H.J.Hooton. (Queens') 5-6

Rev. H.L.James. (Caius) 7-8

Composed by Rev. E.B.James.

Conducted by W.H.J.Hooton.

This is the first peal in the method.

Nine days later this achievement was repeated at Cambridge, and then followed by Grandsire Triples in hand, for the first time by the Guild.

On Thursday Sept. 21, 1922, in 2 hours 13 minutes
in Trinity College.

A peal of Grandsire Triples.

Holt's Original. 5040 changes.

Rev. A.H.F.Boughy. (Trinity) 1-2

Rev. E.B.James. (Caius) 3-4

W.H.J.Hooton. (Queens') 5-6

J.B.Woolley. (Jesus) 7-8

Conducted by Rev. E.B.James.

First peal of Grandsire Triples in hand by the Guild.

The Michaelmas term had no peals at all, but a perfect orgy of peals broke out in the Lent term of 1923, with Kent (Granta), Kent, Cambridge Court Bob, Bob Major (2), Bob Royal (2), Double Norwich (3), and finally;-

On Thursday Jan. 25, 1923, in 2 hours 7 minutes, in Trinity College.

A Peal of Double, Plain, and Little Bob Major.
5016 changes.

Rev. A.H.F. Boughey.	(Trinity)	1-2
J.B. Woolley.	(Jesus)	3-4
W.H.J. Hooton.	(Queens')	5-6
H.G. Benson.	(King's)	7-8

Composed by E.M. Atkins.

Conducted by W.H.J. Hooton.

The first spliced peal of Major in three methods.

Twice the score was two peals in a day.

Then Surfleet, not to be outdone, adds four in five days;- Double Norwich (2), Single Norwich and Cambridge Court Bob.

JUNIOR TOUR. 1923.

Isle of Wight. [By W.H.J.H.]

This new venture, suggested by E.M.A. in the first place, was a great success, and took the form of a camping tour with bicycles.

J.B. Williamson undertook the arrangements for the towers, and for a camping site near Whitwell. E.M. Atkins, J. Butler, E.G. Benson, W.H.J. Hooton (the camping party) and J.B. Williamson arranged to meet at 3 p.m. on August 8th. at Freshwater Church. Coming as they did from widely separated parts of England, it is noteworthy that all arrived within half an hour of the appointed time. After ringing at Freshwater the campers selected a site for the night on Alum Bay cliffs, and then on the next day went on to their permanent camping ground near Whitwell. During eight most enjoyable days all the towers in the island were visited, (15 in all) except Ryde, where illness prevented ringing.

A seven method peal of minor (the Guild's first) was rung at Whitwell on August 10th. and a peal of doubles at Chale on August 15th.

Our last day saw an incident of note. After a visit to Sandrock Spring, John Woolley slipped while geologising on the cliff edge and dislocated his knee. J.B. Williamson at once clambered up to a doctor's house to get chloroform and a stretcher. He administered the chloroform with great difficulty, owing to the mud on the cliff edge, and per-

the knee right. John was then conveyed up the inner cliff to the road; he much amused his bearers by coaching a boat in typical 'Jesus' style all the way up the cliff.

The 1923 tour took place again in Lincolnshire, after an interval of nine years. It is needless to say that Surfleet was the venue, and H.L. James the host and organiser. The only tower peal was one of Double Norwich at Lincoln Cathedral: another in the same method on handbells was rung later. A great deal of ground must have been covered as visits are recorded to King's Lynn (both St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas'), Gedney, Fulney, Lincoln (St. Botolph and St. Peter at Arches), Spalding, Ewerby, Sleaford, Quadring, Grantham, Caythorpe and, of course, Surfleet itself. The usual standard methods were rung, with the addition of Primrose Major as a novelty.

CHAPTER II.

After these 'years of plenty' it is scarcely to be wondered at that 'lean years' now appear in succession. The Michaelmas term of 1923 shows

only a few bare touches, with a solitary attempt, a failure, for Bob Major. Then in the next two terms we find but one peal of Double Norwich in each, and these due to visits from old members.

The camping tour was repeated during August, in the Isle of Wight. The object was not to ring peals, but to enjoy the ringing of good touches. One peal, Double Norwich on handbells, was allowed. Ryde, the tower missed the previous year, was now available.

My informant does not call it a 'Junior' tour this year; probably because of the presence of Rev. H.B. Woolley, but he was always sufficiently young in spirit to be called a junior.

In September the Guild met for its tour at Cambridge, but journeyed outwards for most of the time. A peal of Bob Major was rung at Longstanton and one of Bob Royal at the University Church. In the evenings two handbell peals were rung, Bob Major and:-

on Saturday Sept. 6, 1924, in 2 hours 23 minutes,
in Trinity College.

A Peal of Double Oxford Bob Major; 5184 changes.
Rev. A.H.F. Boughey. (Trinity) 1-2
E.M. Atkins. (St. Catharine's) 3-4

W.H.J.Hooton. (Queens') 5-5
 Rev. H.G.Benson. (King's) 7-8

Composed and conducted by W.H.J.Hooton.

First peal in the method in hand by the Guild.

The fine new bells at St. Neots were rung to Cambridge Surprise for over two hours, but in spite of good striking, a trip occurred and the peal was lost. The local paper in its next issue informed its readers that they should know that it was not their local ringers. The other places in which ringing took place were Over, Swavesey, Eynesbury, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Ickleton, Bourn and Great Gransden.

In the following week the Surfleet enthusiasts ran Double Norwich and Double Bob Major in hand.

The whole of the next twelve months was a very dry time yielding only a single peal of Bob Major.

J.T.Rickman undertook the management of the 1925 tour, and quartered his flock at the Y.M.C.A. in Brighton. Why should I tell of any failures? We had some, but we succeeded in ringing Double Norwich at Burgess Hill, and a splendid Little Bob Royal at St. Peter's Brighton, and Bob Royal on handbells. In addition we

rang at the Parish Church Brighton, Lindfield, Cuckfield, Sealord, Ringmer, Hurstpierpoint, Southover, and three Churches in Eastbourne. The long motor rides in Sussex, with the wondrous wide views were most enjoyable.

The young men returned to Cambridge, and there rang a peal of Bob Major in hand.

Over the next two terms I must draw a veil, merely remarking that the names of F.E.Haynes (St. Catharine's), N.M.Assheton (Jesus) and S.H.Wood (Magdalene) begin to emerge. The question of Guild colours, to be worn in a tie, once more comes up, and they are changed from 'light blue and pink' to 'bronze with a narrow blue line'.

The Easter term 1926 might well be called 'bobbed' as five peals of Major and one of Royal were rung. Two new conductors appear in the persons of S.H.Wood and C.W.Woolley. In this spasm of Bob major the Guild's 200th peal passes almost unnoticed. We must comment also on father and son ringing a peal together, the first handbell peal for the Guild by Rev. H.B.Woolley. J.R.Duffield (Selwyn) also comes on the peal list.

The Rev. C.A.Clements undertook charge of the 1926 tour, with his Rectory at Grappenhall as

the centre. Peals were not rung, only attempted. The ringing of the bells at Middlewich is reported to have called out the fire brigade, but nothing so startling seems to have happened at the other places, Grappenhall, Daresbury, Crewe, Malpas, Bartholmley, Tarporley, Nantwich, Macclesfield, Gawsworth and Sandbach. A touch of 769 Grandsire Cinques at Macclesfield was the longest piece of twelve bell ringing by the Guild

October saw the beginning of another busy term, as the peal book shows a large number of touches; many of them being in the tower on Sundays for services. The peals rung were Bob Major, Bob Royal (2), Grandsire Triples and Kent Major.

Lent term 1927. A fresh member, the fourth of the Woolley family, Rev. R. Woolley (Caius), rings his first peal.

Easter term; plenty of activity, with touches in a great variety of methods. Peals of Bob Major and Royal, Little Bob, Double Norwich and:-

On Saturday April 30, 1927, in 2 hours 31 minutes, in Trinity College.

A Spliced Peal of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters
5039 changes.

Containing 2520 of Royal and 2519 of Caters.

C.W. Woolley.	(Selwyn)	1-2
E.M. Atkins.	(St. Catharine's)	3-4
W.H.J. Hooton.	(Queens')	5-6
S.H. Wood.	(Magdalene)	7-8
F.E. Haynes.	(St. Catharine's)	9-10

Composed by A.J. Pitman; conducted by S.H. Wood. This is the second spliced peal of Royal and Caters to be rung, and the first on handbells

For this year's tour E.M. Atkins came forward with the proposal of another week in Northamptonshire, after a six years interval. Three peals found their way into the book, Kent at Burton Latimer, Bob Major at Newport Pagnell and Grandsire Caters at Kettering. After each day's work was done, some of the party had their recreation by attending local practices in neighbouring towers. The Guild rang at the following places:- Isham, Northampton (St. Giles and Holy Sepulchre), Brixworth, Finedon, Gilmorton, Leicester (St. Saviour, St. John, St. Martin and St. Margaret), Oakham, Rothwell, Cranford, Monk's Kirby (where one of its members, Rev. B.L.B. Oliver, was Vicar), Rugby, Lutterworth, Thornby, South Kilworth, and Orlnbury. Note a touch of Little Bob 'in the Bone Crypt at Rothwell Church by candle light'. Did

they wish to arouse the dead?

A peal of Bob Minor on handbells by three Woolleys was rung at Longstanton at the end of September.

When term began a strong band was still in residence, but only one peal, Bob Major, was rung. It is unfortunate that one cannot help laying stress, probably too much stress, on peals, but what else can the wretched historian find to write about? They are a certain criterion of progress.

In 1928 the 'lay' members of the Guild met in January to try to ring, without any 'spiritual' help, a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Bourn. They failed but switched over to Double Norwich at Longstanton, which they rang. Next day they tried again for Cambridge at Ickleton but could not see it through. However a handbell peal of Bob Maximus was accomplished by these laymen. During the term plenty of touches were rung.

The Easter term was again full of life with one peal, Bob Royal.

S.H.Wood arranged the tour, with Almondsbury near Bristol as headquarters. Fewer peals were attempted, but a high standard of touches was reached. Bristol Surprise appears for the first time.

Towers visited were Almondsbury, Bristol (St. Ambrose and St. Mary Redcliffe), Clifton, Corston (peal of Double Norwich), Wells Cathedral, Chewton Mendip, Cirencester, Winscomb, Tewkesbury, Painswick, Wraxall and Wroughton. A peal of Bob Royal was rung on handbells.

For the next three terms very little was possible, as another bad time had come.

February 4th should have been, and would have been, kept as the Jubilee of the Guild, but the arrangements had all to be cancelled owing to the death of Rev. H.B.Woolley. It is sad to think that one who loved his Church and its bells so devotedly should come to his death in consequence of a scratch received while attending to the bells. How can we possibly express the affection which we all felt for this 'servant of God'? His smiling welcome will always remain in our memories.

Requiescat in pace.

A 'Jubilee' peal of Bob Royal was however rung on February 24th. This was rung without a conductor, but not 'silent'. The ringers were S.H.Wood, E.M. Atkins, C.W.Woolley, F.E.Haynes J.R.Luffield.

The delayed celebrations were held in Cambridge in September, when the President entertained

the largest meeting the Guild has ever known to dinner in Trinity Common Room.

After dinner Canon W.W.C.Baker, in the absence of the Founder, (Rev. W.C.Pearson), spoke in glowing terms of the debt the Guild must always be under to its President, and, in the name of all, presented him with a large silver rose bowl, in token of their appreciation and regard. Mr. Boughey, with much emotion, expressed his thanks. This large gathering, 25 in number, was later photographed, to appear in 'The Ringing World'. Then came the customary tour, including Braughing, R. yston, Barley, Anstey, Barkway, Melbourn, Saffron Walden, Wendens Ambo, Stapleford, Sandy, Gamlingay, Potton, Biggleswade, St. Neots and Bury St. Edmunds. Peals were rung at Ickleton (Kent); Bourn (Stedman Triples); Scham (Stedman Caters) Two clergy from overseas were present:- Canon G.H.Ridou from Johannesburg and H.G. Benson from the U.M.C.A. For Canon Ridou: the peal at Bourn was of special interest, as the place was his old home and the trebles had been added in memory of his parents.

CHAPTER 12.

We have reached the end of the first fifty years in the life of the Cambridge University Guild. It only remains to try to summarise the position.

The Guild remains, of necessity, small in number, as only a few members are recruited each year. Next, the period of residence is so brief and so full of other interests that the active personnel must ever be small. This makes the link with the old members of the uttermost importance, and it has always been of the happiest nature.

The Guild has no territorial jurisdiction, not even the University Church; so tours are a necessity, and the co-operation of an Incumbent with a good peal of bells, within easy reach, (such as the Rev. H.B.Woolley at Longstanton) is a priceless blessing.

The Guild is essentially a training ground, teaching and sending out those who should make their influence useful in wider spheres later on. Hence the value of a specialist in this and other branches of education, such as our President has proved himself. That the influence of the Guild

has been extensive is shown by the fact that it has provided three Presidents and a Librarian to the Central Council, Presidents, Masters or Secretaries to the following organisations:- Ely, Lancashire, Norwich, Bedford, Lincoln, Gloucester & Bristol, Sussex, Oxford, Hertford, Hereford, Suffolk and others.

Two Bishops have risen from our ranks, the Right Rev. H.M.E.Price, formerly of Fuh-kien, now Assistant Bishop of Ely, and B.C. Roberts of Singapore, who rang two handbell peals with the Guild. Many Canons of the Church, active ringers, came from our midst.

As a 'pioneer' the Guild has opened up fresh paths, such as Double Norwich and spliced methods in handbell: Little Bob, Cambridge Court Bob and Norwich Court Bob as fresh methods.

Handbell ringing must of necessity form the main part of the Guild's activities, so that peals in hand will ever outnumber those in the tower.

On the scientific side of the Exercise we can claim to have been of service, through such investigators as Sir A. Heywood and the brothers James. On the engineering side no one can surpass the help afforded by E.H.Lewis.

As regards composers and conductors, those 'prevaricating figure merchants' we will keep silence lest we offend.

For all this we must again express our gratitude to our beloved President, who for fifty years has so well taught, guided, and inspired the C.U.G.C.R. May his principles and tenets be transmitted, pure and unsullied, from generation to generation!



SUMMARY OF PEALS.

Method.	Hand.	Tower.
Bob Minor.	2	
" Triples.	1	
" Major.	54	6
" Royal.	18	2
" Maximus.	2	
Kent T.B. Major.	22	6
" (Gonville)	1	
" (Granta)	2	1
" (Cam)	1	
Kent T.B. Royal.	3	
" Maximus.	1	
Grandsire Triples.	2	2
" Caters.	8	2
Stedman Triples.		8
" Caters.		2
Double Norwich C.B. Major.	25	12
Single "	2	
Little Bob Major.	10	4
" Royal.	3	2
Double Oxford Bob Major.	1	1
Cambridge Court Bob Major.	5	

Method.	Hand.	Tower.
Cambridge Surprise Major.		2
Superlative "		1
Double Bob Major.	2	
" Royal.	1	
Oxford T.B. Major.	1	
Minor in 2 methods.	1	
" 3 "	1	1
" 7 "	1	1
Doubles 4 "	1	1
Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters.	1	
Plain and Medium Bob Royal.	1	
Plain and Little Bob Major.	1	
" Royal.	1	
Double, Plain, and Little Bob Major.	1	
Totals.	174	54
Final total.	228	

Officers.

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1879	Rev. E.J. Heriz Smith.
"	Rev. A.H F. Boughey.
Vice President.	Secretary and Treasurer.
1879	R.W. Hope. A C. Holthouse.
Conductor.	L. Staley.
1880	W.W.C. Pearson. M.C. Potter.
81	M.C. Potter. E. Knowles.
82	" W.W.C. Baker.
	E. Knowles.
83	" H.J. Elsee.
84	"
85	H.J. Elsee. H.B. Woolley.
86	" J.T. Rickman.
87	J.T. Rickman. W.O. Assheton.
88	" "
89	H.L. James. A.G. Langdon.
Master.	
1890	H.L. James. C.F. Wedemeyer.
	E.B. James.
91	E.B. James. C.A. Clements.

	Master	Secretary	Treasurer
1892	C.A. Clements	C.E. Bulwer	H. Drake
93	C.E. Bulwer	C.W.O. Jenkyn	G.H. Ridout
94	C.W.O. Jenkyn	G.F. Woodhouse	H.E. Munby
95	G.F. Woodhouse	R.H. Whitford	"
96	C.W.O. Jenkyn	G.F. Woodhouse	J. Rickman
		C. Elsee	
97	C. Elsee	H. Staffurth	P.O. Edwards
98	H. Staffurth	J. Young	J.F. Williams
99	J.F. Williams	P.E. Barnes	M. Coales
1900	P.E. Barnes	T.L.M. Bunbury	H.C. Johnson
01	R.C. Turner	L.S. Clarke	R.E.V. Pritchard
02	L.S. Clarke	E.H. Lewis	H.S.T. Richardson
03	H.S.T. Richardson	"	F.S. Poole
04	"	A.O.C. Longridge	L. Patterson
05	"	W.E.F. Dodds	G.C. Rolfe
06	L. Patterson	A.N. Claxton	R.A. Leakey
07	R.A. Leakey	"	C.W.J. Henslow
08	A.E. Staffurth	C.W.J. Henslow	G.M.B. Dobson
		Secretary and Treasurer	
09	G.M.B. Dobson	E.B. Walker	
1910	E.M. Atkins	A.C. Blyth	

	Master	Secretary and Treasurer
1911	E.M. Atkins	W.D. James
12	W.D. James	J.B. Williamson
13	"	"
14	J.B. Williamson	F.E.S. Fursdon
	J. Butler	J. Butler
15	J.B. Williamson	B.F. Sheppard
16	"	"
17	No record	
18	"	
19	J. Butler	B.F. Sheppard
		E.H.L. Truscott
1920	B.F. Sheppard	W.H.J. Hooton
21	W.H.J. Hooton	H.G. Benson
22	E.G. Benson	L.J. Goddard
		J.B. Woolley
24	J.B. Woolley	H.G. Hoare
25	N.M. Assheton	R.F.S. Gooch
26	S.H. Wood	N.M. Assheton
27	"	F.E. Haynes
28	F.E. Haynes	A.H. Lance
29	A.H. Lance	G.P. Eastern