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CARILLONS,
CLOCKS.**

THE PAST AND THE COMING YEAR.

A year ago we were turning our backs upon a period of horror and sadness, scarred deep by the tragedy of war, and looking forward to brighter days of returning prosperity and happier conditions of life for the nation. The hopes that we, as a people, cherished on the threshold of 1919, have by no means all been fulfilled, and the future is looming large with difficulties. Despite this, however, there is much to give encouragement in the Ringing Exercise in the revival that has taken place in the last twelve months. Those organisations which, through the war, had allowed their energies very largely to lapse, have put their machinery into working order again with commendable promptitude, while those who, despite all the handicap, did their best to carry on, have reaped a reward from the very satisfactory manner in which they have gone forward since the return of peace.

Much more quickly than one expected, the bell-founding industry has been getting back into its stride, and the activity of the principal firms must be gratifying to every ringer. Peace bells have given an impetus to the industry which had come largely to a standstill during the war, and the revival of bell work gives every promise of going forward in the coming year at an increasing rate. There is a double, or shall we say a triple advantage in this. Not only does it keep the foundries engaged, and provide ringers with additional peals of bells upon which to practise their art, but it spreads interest in bells among the public, which is all to the good.

Of the recovery in the Exercise itself, our columns have provided ample evidence, and the ever-increasing demands upon our limited space are a source of serious concern. In the coming year we may safely anticipate, among other signs of the revival, a considerable increase in the peals rung, as well as a larger number of meetings being held, for most of the men who have been spared to return are now back in the towers, and have taken up the art with a new zest. Ringing promises to come into its own again quicker than most people expected, and interest will grow as the practice of ringing expands. Ringers, we know, will look to their journal to keep them posted in the doings of the Exercise, as in the past, but we hope they will, at the same time, realise the difficulties which face us in trying to meet the increasing requirements of the times. To maintain the "Ringing World" in the face of the rising cost of production it is necessary to go with the greatest caution, reckless development might, and probably would, end in disaster. It may be disappointing to many to find that paragraphs in which they are interested do not

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always appear, but they may rest assured that it is not because they have been singled out for omission, and we hope they will believe us when we say that we endeavour to do the best we can for all, having in view the general interest of the great body of the Exercise. The real key to the situation is circulation. If ringers would individually support the paper instead of, as is done unfortunately in all too many cases, taking one copy for the tower, they would quickly see the result in a larger journal, adequate to the growing requirements of the Exercise. At the opening of this New Year, therefore, we feel we may be permitted to appeal to ringers throughout the land to send up the circulation to proportions commensurate with the strength of the Exercise, and thus, by their efforts, secure a paper of dimensions equal to the needs of the future.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

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| *FRANCIS K. BIGGS Treble | JOSEPH W. PARNER 7 |
| JOHN THOMAS 2 | WILBY J. HAZELL 8 |
| JOHN McKEAG 3 | ALFRED F. HILLIER 9 |
| BENJAMIN C. DIXON 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON 10 |
| ERNEST E. FERRY 5 | WILLIAM H. BARBER 11 |
| WILLIAM STORY 6 | JOHN STUART Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Cinques and hails from High Wycombe. Arranged for Messrs. Thomas and Hazell of London. Owing to the indisposition of Mr. Stuart the tenor was rung in the last half-hour by Mr. John Foreman.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

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| JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble | † JOHN W. CORNFORD 6 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 2 | FRANK SMITH 7 |
| REGINALD BROUGH 3 | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 8 |
| * JOHN H. WHITE 4 | ARTHUR DEAN 9 |
| ALFRED H. WHITE 5 | * ARTHUR C. OTWAY Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway and his newly-born son and heir. * First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| * PERCIVAL CAVE Treble | WILLIAM A. CAVE 6 |
| * ARTHUR WILKINS 2 | WILLIAM KNIGHT 7 |
| † EDWIN RIDLER 3 | JOHN BURFORD 8 |
| RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4 | GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 9 |
| HARRY BROWNJOHN 5 | GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN BURFORD.

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal with a bob bell. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

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| REV. H. LAW JAMES... ..Treble | TOM TEBBOTT 6 |
| GEORGE LADD 2 | RUPERT RICHARDSON 7 |
| *MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 3 | JOHN W. WOOD 8 |
| *MISS ANNIE PARKINS 4 | WALTER AYRE 9 |
| *MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 5 | WALTER WOODTenor |

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Caters. Rupert Richardson's 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHUTLAK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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| A. SHEPPARDTreble | J. HISCOCK 5 |
| A. HESTAD 2 | W. FULLER 6 |
| O. PORTER 3 | G. CLEAVE 7 |
| W. WICKS 4 | F. HARRISTenor |

Conducted by G. CLEAVE.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM FLEMINGTreble | HARRY PHILLIPS 5 |
| NORMAN R. BAILEY 2 | JOHN W. AVIS 6 |
| *GEORGE GREENACRE... .. 3 | FREDERICK W. WATLING ... 7 |
| ALBERT J. LINCOLN... .. 4 | FREDERICK J. SMITHTenor |

Composed by REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. WATLING.

* First peal on eight bells.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(WOTTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *FRANK E. ALLENTreble | *WILLIAM DYER 5 |
| JAMES F. PARKER 2 | *ALBERT CARTER 6 |
| FREDERICK OAKHILL 3 | HENRY W. FOSSELL 7 |
| ALBERT BURCOMBE 4 | *HAROLD J. HOBBSTenor |

Conducted by H. W. FOSSELL.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| CHARLES EDWARDSTreble | WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 5 |
| *JOHN BEAVAN 2 | ALBERT E. HURCOMBE ... 6 |
| GEORGE GIBLIN... .. 3 | ALFRED R. ELKINS 7 |
| WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4 | RICHARD POWELLTenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *ALBERT VAUGHANTreble | ERNEST LONDON 5 |
| GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 2 | CHARLES H. PAGE 6 |
| CHARLES MORLEY 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY 7 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 4 | JOSEPH SINESTERTenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| JOHN HAIGHTreble | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 5 |
| WILLIAM HAIGH 2 | FRED. W. RICHARDSON ... 6 |
| WILLIAM SPICE 3 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7 |
| CHARLES WINNER 4 | EDWIN BARNETT, Senr...Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS AND SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| *GEORGE HARDWICKTreble | HERBERT HAIGH... .. 5 |
| *ERNEST CLARK 2 | JOHN T. LADD 6 |
| ALBERT JOHNSON 3 | JOHN T. WILSON... .. 7 |
| *EX-SGT. W. H. JOHNSON, V.C. 4 | THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW ...Tenor |

Composed by JOHN HUBBARD. Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all except 6th ringer, and also the first in the method on the bells. This peal was postponed on June 28th through the indisposition of two ringers, J. T. Ladd, who hails from Gainsborough, kindly consenting on this occasion to take a rope at the last minute through further indisposition. Rung as a Peace Peal to celebrate the conclusion of the Great War, and to give a hearty welcome home to all the 'boys' of Worksop who have served in His Majesty's forces.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS'.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| JOSEPH T. DYKE... ..Treble | THOMAS F. KING 5 |
| FRANK ROMAINE... .. 2 | GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6 |
| PERCY W. CAVE... .. 3 | SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7 |
| LEONARD HARRIS 4 | SYDNEY FRANCIS... ..Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in D.

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| *ISAAC ATTWATERTreble | ARTHUR J. NEALE 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | CECIL MAYNE 6 |
| REGINALD BROUGH 3 | JAMES W. CHAPMAN 7 |
| HENRY G. MILES 4 | HORACE BELCHER... ..Tenor |

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FRED ABBOT... .. Treble | JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. ... 5 |
| TITUS BARLOW 2 | JOHN POTTER 6 |
| RICHARD F. DEAL 3 | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7 |
| HAROLD ODDY 4 | AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT EMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHEPHERD Treble | WILLIAM J. SCHULTZE ... 5 |
| ISAAC J. ATTWATER 2 | WILLIAM E. MARDELL ... 6 |
| WILLIAM STATES 3 | JOHN E. DANIELS 7 |
| LOUIS ATTWATER 4 | WALTER J. ANSCOMBE ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... Treble | *ROBERT GOFTON 5 |
| *RICHARD A. GOFTON 2 | JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6 |
| R. ALDER GOFTON 3 | *STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7 |
| JAMES E. GOFTON 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of London by the Association by an entirely local band.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| *ALBERT J. EDWARDS ... Treble | THOMAS HOAD 5 |
| WILLIAM H. HOAD 2 | TRAYTON BOOTH 6 |
| ALBERT E. EDWARDS 3 | EDWARD MILLS 7 |
| JOHN H. EDWARDS 4 | *LESLIE LINDEN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. All the ringers belong to Salehurst.

PERRY BAR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, December 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 33.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble | *JOHN CARRIGAN 5 |
| JOHN CARTER 2 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 6 |
| W. HENRY JONES 3 | ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 7 |
| ALBERT E. NORMAN 4 | *CHARLES ALLEN Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal since being demobilised. Ringers of the 3rd and tenor were proposed members of the above Guild before starting for the peal. This peal was originally arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. G.T. Mitchison, but owing to the death of Mrs. Cooper, wife of Mr. Cooper, foreman of the tower and member of the local band for 40 years, the bells were muffled as a token of respect to the deceased.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, KOTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

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| *GEORGE J. HARMAN ... Treble | ARTHUR D. DAKKER 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | WILLIAM BERRY 6 |
| ERNEST J. KING 3 | RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 7 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 4 | †ALFRED H. PHILLIPS ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal with an inside bell. † First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, December 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| THOMAS MILLER Treble | GEORGE PIGOTT 5 |
| CHARLES DICKINS 2 | GEORGE F. SWANN 6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 3 | SAMUEL GROVE 7 |
| JOHN WITHERS 4 | ALFRED DAVIES Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

LEE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 18, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

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| *WILLIAM G. PINNIGAR ... Treble | WILLIAM F. RICHARDSON ... 5 |
| HORACE BELCHER 2 | ALBERT E. GODDARD 6 |
| *NORMAN H. WILLIAMS 3 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7 |
| THOMAS A. EASTERBY 4 | JOHN W. CROWDER Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal, and members of the tower. The remainder are from St. John's, Deptford. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Belcher, late of Wolverhampton.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob.

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| THOMAS LAMBERT Treble | FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4 |
| ALBERT RELFE 2 | RICHARD HOPE 5 |
| FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3 | JAMES WAGHORN Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a welcome home to Robert T. Lambert, recently demobilised on the second anniversary of the capture of Jerusalem, in which this young ringer took part.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob.

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| JAMES BUTLER Treble | E. MAURICE ATKINS 4 |
| *MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2 | *WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5 |
| WALTER T. WILSON 3 | GEORGE A. BLAXLEY Tenor |

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in seven methods. Miss Hepburn is the first resident lady member of the Association to ring an inside bell to a peal of this description. Rung on the occasion of the annual ringers' supper which took place subsequently through the generosity of Mr. Churchwarden Stanyon.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JOHN B. HALLIFAX Treble | THOMAS HANNAH 4 |
| HARRY V. FLETCHER 2 | ARTHUR H. MUNSON 5 |
| WILLIAM HANNAH 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor |

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells and Canterbury Surprise, Oxford
and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ALBERT J. GREEN Treble | WALTER W. BONHAM 4 |
| EDWIN YATES 2 | THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5 |
| ERNEST C. LAMBERT 3 | CECIL A. VALENTINE Tenor |

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of
Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JOHN W. WOOD Treble | GEORGE LADD 4 |
| THOMAS TAYLOR 2 | JOHN CURRY 5 |
| WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3 | RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor |

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. E. PARSONS

(Master of the Association),

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

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| A. PADDON SMITH 1-2 | JAMES E. GROVES 7-8 |
| GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9-10 |
| ALBERT WALKER 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

Referee: MR. A. E. PARSONS.

Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

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| ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2 | CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4 | JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8 |
| EDGAR H. BAILEY 9-10 | |

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

"... all our friends throughout the Exercise we extend our heartiest good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Boxing Day was the anniversary of the long peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Crawley, Sussex, the record length of 9312 changes being rung in 5 hrs. 29 mins. It hardly seems possible that this performance took place five and twenty years ago, but so it is.

'The real standard of excellence in our Association,' say the committee of the Lancashire Association in their annual report, 'is to be proud not in the length of its peal list only, but in the variety of methods which can be accurately rung in many of its towers, and in the high quality of its Sunday ringing.'

The death has taken place at Sedgley, Staffs, of William Mills, who for 35 years was a ringer at All Saints' Church.

The peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at Waltham Abbey and recorded in our issue of Dec. 19th, was rung under the auspices of the London County Association. This fact was omitted from the report as sent for publication.

The Lancashire Association's membership is 1,247, of whom 1,010 are resident ringing members.

The meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, which was originally announced to take place at Wednesbury, is to be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich.

One of the ringers who took part in the opening touch on the new bells at Overseal had rung in 208 towers, and said in his opinion Overseal were the best light peal he had heard.

The handbell peal, rung at Leicester on December 20th, was unique as a 'family' affair. Mr. J. Morris and his two sons are intimately connected with St. Margaret's Church. Mr. E. Morris is sidesman, Mr. J. Morris vergor, and Stedman Morris is a chorister, the peal being rung on the twelfth birthday of the last named.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Chichester, on Saturday, December 27th, 27 members and visitors being present from Angmering, Aldrington, Brighton, Bosham, Billingshurst, Heene, Slinfold, Shoreham with four from Portsmouth; Mr. Dewey from Reigate; Mr. J. H. Shepherd from Swindon, and several members of the local band. Some very good touches were brought round in Grandshire, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The members attended a short service at the Cathedral and afterwards sat down to an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) was voted to the chair. The Cathedral band were re-elected to the Association, and three life members from Portsmouth, viz., Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. E. J. Harding, senr., and Mr. E. J. Harding junr., were elected.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Steyning. It was also suggested that something should be done to show the members' gratitude to Mr. H. Evans, who has been a member of the Association over 30 years and for half that time as secretary to the Western Division, and to help him in his long and continued illness. This was left in the hands of the secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) for presiding and making the necessary arrangements for the meeting, was proposed by the secretary, and suitably responded to, Mr. Tompkins also undertaking to convey the thanks of the members to the Dean for granting the use of the bells.

The campanile was again visited, and after several more touches were brought round the bells were lowered in peal. Everyone agreed that the 'go' of the bells is excellent. They have lately been overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Uckfield on Boxing Day 21 members being present. A short service was held, the address being given by the Rector (the Rev. E. Sanderson, M.A.), and afterwards the visitors adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where an excellent tea had been provided, and at which the Rector presided, supported by Mr. Wm. Gould (churchwarden). The following new members were elected at the meeting which followed: W. Beeson, junr., Godstone, Surrey; G. Illman, Horley; G. Bliss, Charlwood, Surrey; J. N. Frossell, Kingston-on-Thames; R. Bade, J. Kingswood, F. Kingswood, N. Kingswood, H. Humphrey, J. Warner, Reg. Taylor, Owen Taylor, Ray Welfare, S. Miller, H. Rogers, C. Welfare, R. Philpott, of Withyham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and his capital address, and to the Rector and churchwardens for their great kindness in providing tea for those attending.

There was ringing both during the afternoon and evening, and the following towers were represented: Aldrington, Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's), Ditchling, Laves, Lindfield, Mayfield, Rotherfield, and the local branch.

DENTON.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on Nov. 25th, 720 Hail Surprise: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Hockingbottom (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

BENGOE'S NEW BELLS.**ADDITION TO HERTFORDSHIRE PEALS.**

Two new trebles have been added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to the ring at Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe, and the old six have been overhauled, so that the tower now possesses a capital ring of eight. The new bells have been hung over the old ones, but they run well, and the Whitechapel Foundry is to be congratulated upon the completion of a splendid job. Given as a thankoffering by Mr. and Mrs. A. Baker, of The Limes, Bengoe, the new bells have just been dedicated at a service attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Hertford, and other leading residents of the parish. After the formal ceremony the peal were rung in the service by Col. H. Baker 1, Alfred Baker 2, G. R. Gray 3, A. Wright 4, J. Ladley 5, J. Pomfret 6, G. H. Austin 7, D. Bennett 8.

The preacher was the Rev. A. G. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, and an active member of the Herts Association, who gave an inspiring address from Psalm xc. 17, 'The work of our hands, establish Thou it.' The true dedication, he said, was not merely of the pieces of metal, but of their own hearts. Referring to ringing, he said it was a wholesome and fascinating recreation, intellectual as well as physical. Every gift of body and mind was for Christ's service, and men who wanted to do something for the Church with their hands could find it in the belfry. The old prejudice against the ringers as men of not too sober habit was gone, and the change ringing of today was all against the baser forms of indulgence. In the quiet country places it was almost the salvation of the young men who took to it. The life of the good bell ringer and of the good man was the best kind of preaching. He asked their sympathy for and support of the bell ringers, into whose care these bells were now handed over to be well and truly used, dedicated to the service of God.

The offertory was to meet the expenses—over £60—incurred in the necessary overhaul of the old bells, etc.

The new bells bear the following inscriptions: Treble 'In Thee, O Lord, do we put our trust.' G. M. Baker Lieut., King's Liverpool Regt., 1919.' Second, 'Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory.' W. G. Baker, Lieut., R. Innis, Fusiliers, 1919.'

After the service a number of touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung, the ringers including Messrs. J. Thomas and W. J. Hazell from the Whitechapel foundry, and representatives from Ware, Munden, and Hertford towers.

The old ring of six bells in Holy Trinity tower was the gift of Mr. Robert Smith, of Goldings, and the bells were consecrated by the Bishop of Colchester at a service on New Year's Eve 1882, when the Rev. Mansell-Pleydell was rector. The 'Hertford College Youths' who rang on that occasion. It is interesting to note, were: James Staples 1, Jasper G. Crawley 2, Alfred Baker 3, Herbert Baker 4, Thomas Gathard 5, John Godfrey 6.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting was held at All Saints' Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day. The bells of both All Saints' and St. Woolos' Churches being available, full advantage was taken to make good use of them. The service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very able address. Tea followed in the Mission House, the large room being well filled with ringers, including several ladies.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Williams). The absence of the Trevechin ringers was explained by the Chairman, who said that the death had occurred of the wife of Mr. D. Penny, one of the Trevechin band, and the other ringers belonging to the tower were attending the funeral that afternoon.—A vote of condolence with Mr. Penny was passed.

Mr. George Cooke, of Caerphilly, was chosen as Master of the Association for the ensuing year and Mr. J. W. Jones was re-elected hon. secretary.—The Rev. W. Williams was appointed treasurer in place of the Rev. Connop L. Price, who desired to retire.—Mr. W. Bolton and Mr. S. Dawo were elected auditors.

It was resolved to place a tablet in the Cathedral as a memorial to those members of the Association who had fallen in the war. It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held at St. John's, Cardiff; the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas, and the Monmouthshire quarterly meeting at Blaenavon.

Although it was a very wet day there was a good attendance and the meeting a success.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday evening, December 20th, at Rainham, Kent, in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. W. J. Walker, a respected ringer of the Kent County Association, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1919 changes), arranged by F. Stone, was rung in 1 hr. 13 mins. by: W. Raynes 1, W. Haigh (conductor) 2, F. Ockwell 3, A. Manktelow 4, C. Winsor 5, J. Champion 6, P. A. Holden 7, F. Belsey 8. At Upchurch, in the afternoon, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung.

OVERSEAL'S WAR MEMORIAL.**GIFT OF BELLS BY MR. W. W. WORTHINGTON.**

A peal of eight bells, three of them the gift of Mr. W. W. Worthington, whose interest in ringing is well known in the Midlands, have been placed in St. Matthew's Church, Overseal, and a marble tablet erected in memory of the nineteen Overseal men who fell in the war. The bells are the product of the Loughborough foundry, and their beautiful tones are much admired, for although the peal is a light one, they are a most musical octave. The tablet, which is of white marble, bears the inscription, 'The peal of bells in the tower and this tablet were placed in this church to the glory of God and to the men of the parish who laid down their lives in the great war, 1914-1919.' Their names are inscribed hereunder: Edward Percy Clapp, Ronald Eacot, Charles Percy Fernihough, Job Smith Hall, Frederick George Harper, Thomas Henry Hogg, John Win. Hogg, John Thomas Hughes, Albert Jordan, Wilfred Jordan, Joseph William Lamsden, Samuel Norman Leatham, Percy Walter Perry, John Reginald Teblitt, Joseph Thorpe, George Walker, Charles Woodward, James Wood, Harold Yates.

The inscription on the tenor bell is 'Treble, second and tenor bells were presented to this church by W. W. Worthington in memory of those who have fallen in the great war, and as a thankoffering for its conclusion, 1919. Herbert Edward Worthington, B.A., Rector, George Pratt, John Hall wardens.' On the treble are the words, 'The two small trebles and the fifth sixth and seventh bells were presented by the parishioners to the glory of God and as a memorial to the 19 Overseal men who fell in the great war, 1914-19.'

Mr. A. Jackson was the secretary for the committee which had charge of the arrangements, and it is interesting to note that the whole of the money was raised in ten months.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Peterborough. The choir and clergy met at the schools, and marched in procession to the church, the hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' being sung en route. After the dedication by the Bishop there were four minutes of silent prayer, during which there was muffled ringing and afterwards 'The Last Post' was sounded from the steps of the church by Mr. Chadburn, an ex-soldier.

The band that rang the opening touch comprised: John H. Swinfield 1, William W. Worthington 2, Edward I. Stone 3, Harry Withers 4, John Withers 5, William J. Smith 6, Joseph Griffin 7, John Jagger 8.

The Bishop gave an address, and after the service tea was served in the schoolroom, for which a sub-committee of ladies was responsible.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association was held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, December 20th, when about 40 members attended. The ringing started punctually at 3.30, with a touch of Stedman Triples, and touches in other methods followed. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Hartley), who gave a short address on the message of the bells. The organist and choir were present, and added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, at which four new members were elected, whilst two elections made prior to ringing peals were confirmed.

The District Master (Mr. J. Armstrong) proposed that the next meeting, which would be the annual meeting of the district, should be held at Southgate, and he took the opportunity to inform the members that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had received the order to add two new trebles to the existing peal of eight at that church. They were being given by the family of the late Mr. A. R. Barker (churchwarden) and Mrs. Barker, in memory of their parents.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), in seconding the proposal to hold the next meeting at Southgate, stated that they would all look forward to the reopening of the peal after the new bells were added, and he was quite sure that the firm who had cast the present splendid peal would make every effort to add two bells worthy to take their place with them.

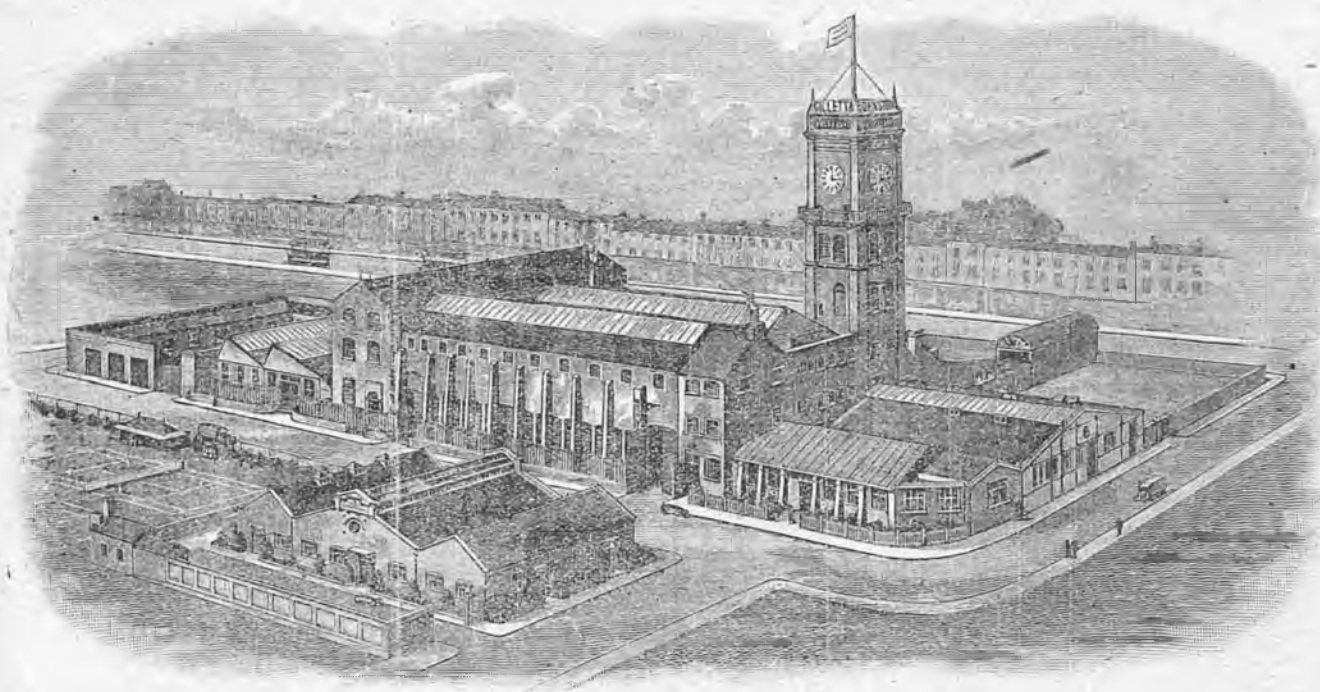
Mr. J. Waghorn asked the ringers present to give their support to the 'Ringing World,' stating that the paper had had a hard struggle to exist during the war.—The Hon. Secretary said that he would like to see all ringers taking a copy as it was only by increased circulation that the present difficulties could be overcome.

The Chairman (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to the organist and choir; and to Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Hawkins, and friends for so well arranging the tea.—This, with a vote of thanks to Mr. D. Hodgson and the local ringers, was carried, and the meeting terminated.

During the period afterwards available for ringing some capital touches were rung, including courses of London and Bristol Surprise, followed by Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, and Double Norwich Major on handbells.

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**THE CROYDON
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BRISTOL SURPRISE !*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest your leading article of December 26th. I notice that you refer to the 'Central Council's definition of a Surprise Method.' Now, I may have been mistaken, but I was always under the impression that the definition was mine. Some years ago a long discussion on this subject took place in the columns of the 'Bell News.' It was when the controversy was almost worn out that my attention was first drawn to it; and I at once posted off my definition to the Editor, who consigned it to the waste paper basket. He afterwards explained that he thought sufficient had been said on the subject. Finding that my letter was to be ignored I sent copies of it to my two old friends, Mr. Henry Dains and Mr. George Baker. Mr. Dains was delighted with it, and wrote to say that he would get it published; which he did, but made no mention as to where he got it from; but Mr. Baker wrote the next week and accused him of using my work, and I had to write and explain. Those who have the old files of the 'Bell News' can verify these facts for themselves.

Let us see then what the definition is.

1. A Surprise method is one in which the treble has a dodging hunt, and a place is always made at a cross section.

2. A cross section is the point at which the treble moves on from one set of dodging places to another.

That is the definition as I made it for myself in 1890. It is carefully worded to avoid the very point that Mr. Carter is now bringing up. When the treble lies her whole pulls in eighth and at lead she does not move on from one set of places to another, but merely dodges the other way round in the same places.

In framing this definition, I had two objects in view. First to include the old Surprise Methods, and secondly, to embrace all the best methods that could be obtained in the class that had always been regarded as the highest.

If Mr. Carter wishes to alter the definition, will he please tell us in the first place what is his reason for doing so, and also show what advantages we are to obtain by it?—Yours truly,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seaford Park, December 26th.

Dear Sir,—Not only is Bristol Surprise my brother's method, but the definition of a Surprise Method in the Methods Report is also my brother's, and is first laid down in a letter by him to Mr. Henry Dains, which letter is in my possession and from which I copied the definition for the report.

Cross-sections are peculiar to Treble Bob Methods and the whole pull of the Treble in front and behind is not a cross-section; it is something far more, it is a lead division in Double Methods, and a lead division and half lead division in Single Methods and complex methods; it is common to Treble Bob Methods and Plain Methods.

Bristol is not a Bob Surprise Method; but it is a Mixed Court Surprise Method.—Yours truly,
H. LAW JAMES.

Surfleet, December 24th, 1919.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Carter is mistaken. Bristol is a Surprise Method, according to the Central Council definition as an examination of the adopted report on classification will show. Mr. William Snowden was the only authority who held that a Surprise Method must have second's made at the lead end. In the 'Bell News' for August 17th, 1907, will be found tables by Mr. Law James, from which all Treble Bob Methods can be worked out similar to Mr. Carter's tables in this week's 'Ringing World.'—Yours, etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Ealing, Christmas Eve, 1919.

PRESENTATION TO EX-SERGT. E. MORRIS.

An interesting presentation has recently been made to Ex-Sergt. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. It took the form of a book on 'The Church Bells of Devon and Cornwall, with a supplement on the bells of the church' by the Rev. H. T. Ellicombe, M.A., F.S.A., and was presented by the officers and staff of the West Midlands Area Administrators (Forage Committee), R.A.S.C., Cheltenham, where Sergt. Morris served for six months during 1919.

It will be remembered that Sergt. Morris served over two years in York, under the District Purchasing Officer of Supplies, as clerk-in-charge of the Registration of Correspondence, and equipment accounting. While there he attached himself to the York Minster Society of Change Ringers, and on his transfer was the recipient of a handsome pair of pictures and an address from the members of that society. He also received a 'mention' before the Secretary of State for War for his valuable services rendered in connection with the war, and on his transfer to Cheltenham was placed in charge of the Equipment Accounting of the Forage Department, covering that half of England under the Administration of the West Midlands area.

The volume now presented to him in recognition of his services makes a splendid addition to the many valuable works he possesses on 'bell literature.' It was formerly in the possession of Mr. J. R. Garstin, M.A., F.S.A., of Dublin.

NOTICES.

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THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The first meeting in the New Year will be held at Eckington on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920. Eight bells available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30; tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Fen Ditton (5 bells), near Cambridge, on Saturday, January 3rd, 1920. Ringing from 2.30 onwards. Tea provided by the Rector.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A big meeting will be held at Cobham (6) on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, 1920. Bells available from 3—9. Subscriptions will be due for 1920, and the Secretary hopes to be in attendance. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 8th and 22nd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 13th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. * Business afterwards at Headquarters. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill (Hon. Sec.), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 10th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church with an address at 5.15. Tea, 1s., at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 6th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, 10th January. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting, 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea (free) at 6 o'clock; will all members wishing to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 6th?—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells of Holy Trinity (10), All Saints' (8), Sutton-on-Hull (6), will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 5; tea 5.30; meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. T. S. Morton, 83, Blenheim St., Hull, not later than Jan. 6th. Tea 1/- per head.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Volta Avenue, Selby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Jan. 10th at St. Thomas' (City). Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30; address by the Rev. M. E. Thorold (Master). Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. Will Tower Secretaries advise me not later than Jan. 3rd how many of their members expect to be present?—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 10th. Bells available from 2 to 4.30 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock by the Guild. Will all intending members please notify me not later than Jan. 7th?—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1920. Service in St. Peter's Church at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting to follow. Bells available before and after service. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1920. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Master. Tea and Business meeting after at Church House. Ringing at St. Paul's and All Saints' before service and after meeting. Those intending to be present at tea kindly notify F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at Headquarters, 'The Edinburgh,' Milford Lane, Strand, on Monday, Jan. 12th, at the close of practice at St. Clement Danes.—F. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50 Cannon Street, E.C.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at St. Giles', Camberwell. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service in the church, 5 p.m. Tea kindly given by the Vicar, Rev. H. Lindsay, in St. Giles' Hall, near the Green, at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., at 6.45. Tower open again after. Members requiring tea kindly notify Mr. T. H. Taffender, 10, Northland Street, Camberwell, S.E. 5, not later than Jan. 12th, or F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W. 19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (six bell tower), on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1920. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. Subscriptions are now due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next month's meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Heywood. St. Luke's bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6. Reports are now ready.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourbridge (St. Thomas) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service in the Church at 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for all members who let me know on or before Wednesday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All members are cordially invited.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday afternoon, 17th January. Ringing from 2 o'clock; committee meeting, 4 o'clock; tea, 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head for those who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, not later than the 13th January. General meeting after tea. Notice of any proposed alteration to Rules should reach me before this meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 17th. St. Wulfrum's bells (10) available 1 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Cook's Temperance Hotel, Westgate.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 20th, 1920. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., in the chair. Ringing at St. Martin's, 6.30. Business, 7.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 24th, 1920. Tower open 3 p.m. Service, 5.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Will members please notify me if they intend being present at the tea?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Broudesbury, N.W. 6.

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It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. J. I. Doman captain of the Llanelly band of bell ringers, which sad event took place at the Victoria Cottage Hospital, Abergavenny, after an illness lasting four months. The cause of death was consumption, following an operation for a septic abscess in the left groin, which was caused by a wound in the knee, sustained by falling from his motor bicycle in July last. Having sold the motor, deceased journeyed to Burghill to attend the quarterly meeting of the Hereford Guild on August 9th on an ordinary push bicycle. He contracted a chill on the homeward journey and this developed into consumption. Subsequently he was removed to hospital at Abergavenny, where an operation was successfully performed. For some weeks the patient improved, but three weeks before his death he had a relapse from which he never recovered.

Mr. Doman had been a ringer for eight years, learning the rudiments of the art at Llanelly, and further improving at Merthyr Tydfil. Returning to Llanelly, he was elected captain of the local band. Although not a great peal ringer, deceased could ring Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob up to eight bells, and was a member of both the Hereford and Llandaff Associations.

The funeral took place on December 20th, and the service, conducted by the Rev. E. A. T. Roberts, was fully choral. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from the Llanelly ringers, who acted as bearers. After the committal, the 'whole pull and stand' 29 times (deceased's age) was rung on the tower bells, and on Dec. 22nd a peal of Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, was rung as a tribute to his memory by the local band.

WELCOME HOME.

As a welcome home from service abroad of members of the All Saints' and St. Andrew's ringing societies, Hertford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for service on Sunday, December 14th, at All Saints' Church by four members of each society: W. Story 1, J. Ladley 2, D. Dye 3, R. Dore 4, A. Wright 5, V. Neale (conductor) 6, H. J. Gray 7, G. Gray 8.

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