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## AN APPEAL COURT.

The proposal which we made in this column a fortnight ago, half in jest, that the Central Council might set up a Court of Appeal to decide questions of a theoretical kind, seems to have raised unexpected interest in one or two quarters; and upon examination there does really seem to be something to be said for the idea. On the other hand, the science of ringing is a serious matter, and as there would be an element of burlesque in setting up such a tribunal and conducting proceedings before it, it is hardly to be expected that so sedate a body as the Central Council would favour the scheme. All the same, some body with more delegated authority than any committee now in existence appears to be necessary to settle contentious points.

In a letter elsewhere, Mr. J. A. Trollope suggests that there is already a Court of Appeal in the Exercise itself. That is true in much the same way that the final court of appeal in this or any civilised country is, or should be, to public opinion; but, even so, it is necessary to have a bench of judges to interpret and administer the laws which public opinion, through Parliament, have set up. It is not difficult to draw an analogy in connection with ringing affairs. There are decisions by the representative assembly of ringers which experts interpret differently, and it needs some kind of tribunal to settle the differences and to say who is right and who is wrong.

One of the drawbacks of legislation on theoretical matters has been the fact that in the past the experts often have failed to agree, and neither side has been prepared to accept the views of the other. That was illustrated not long ago by the 'Lead-ends' controversy. Now we have an equally strong disagreement between men of high repute upon the subject of what constitutes a Surprise method. These instances could, of course, be multiplied, but they are quite sufficient to show that work could well be found for a tribunal of the kind mentioned. Whether such a 'court' is ever likely to be established is doubtful, and discussion on procedure is valueless until some sort of scheme is put forward in authoritative quarters. Whether, if established, the tribunal would be more effective in convincing the Exercise than the present committee of the Central Council, would depend to a great extent upon the personnel and the methods by which it conducted its inquiry. But this much is certain, to be of use it would have to be composed of men who command the confidence of the Exercise, and its decisions would have to be arrived at by some shorter method than an interminable correspondence in which the parties wander off into bypaths that lead to nowhere and only confuse the issue.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, January 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STORY ... .. 7
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 8
JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 10
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 11
ASA HOLMES ... .. 6	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT ... .. 2	HUGH T. SCARLETT ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	GEORGE CARD ... .. 9
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 4	*RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 10
*PERCY TIMSON ... .. 5	FRANK SMITH ... .. 11
*ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 6	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\* First attempt for a 12-bell peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 7
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	CHARLES GARDINER ... .. 8
FRANK COLE ... .. 4	JOHN BALINGER ... .. 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... .. 5	ALBERT HANKS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;**

GILBERT GUEST ... .. Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 2	SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 7
*MISS S. PIGGOTT ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 8
SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 4	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This is Miss Pigott's first peal of Grandsire Caters and was rung at the first attempt. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, sen., who was heartily congratulated by the band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD JENNER ... .. Treble	ERNEST LEIGH ... .. 5
JOHN W. STEDDY ... .. 2	THOMAS WALLIS ... .. 6
JAMES HEASMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE MALGAR ... .. 7
ALBERT BELTON ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by the late H. DAINS. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
On Monday, December 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

*HECTOR WM. CRICKMER ... Treble	CHARLES E. LOVETT ... 5
DAVID COLLINS ... 2	GEORGE STANNARD ... 6
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 3	HARRY HALL ... 7
*SIDNEY ROGERS ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.  
Conducted by WM. G. CRICKMER.

\* First peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE ... Treble	*HARRY J. NORGATE ... 5
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... 2	ALBERT E. GODDARD ... 6
JOSEPH LAW ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 4	HORACE BELCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal away from the tenor. Quickest peal on the bells.  
Rung for the Watch-night Service and on the 45th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LUTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK HUNT ... Treble	HARRY WOOD ... 5
THOS. BLACKBURN ... 2	WALTER PAYNE ... 6
ALFRED KING ... 3	L. A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
BERT WOOD ... 4	ARTHUR ROOKWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

Rung for the Watch-night Service, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, who celebrated their golden wedding on December 23rd, and a welcome to ringers of 6 and 8 recently demobilised.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES ARMSTRONG ... 5
*NORMAN ALMOND ... 2	ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 6
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... 7
JOHN BAILEY ... 4	RICHARD BROUGHTON ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First attempt for a peal, and was elected a member previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of John Taylor, a member of the local company, who was accidentally killed in France on December 22nd, 1918.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

*BERNARD ALLSOP ... Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 2	*EDWIN BLACKWELL ... 6
†HENRY GREGORY ... 3	JOHN SIDDALL, SEN. ... 7
THOMAS WHITE ... 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. Rung with clappers half-muffled. † First peal in the method.

ASHTED, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMBE ... Treble	WILLIAM COOK ... 5
JOHN BEAMS ... 2	GEORGE COOK ... 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
EDWARD T. GROVE ... 4	JOHN HOYLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... 2	WILLIAM C. HART ... 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ERNEST GOWER ... 4	CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung half-muffled for the old year.

HARLOW COMMON.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE DENT ... Treble	WILLIAM WHEELER ... 5
*LEWIS CORDELL ... 2	BENJAMIN COPPEN ... 6
VINCENT TIPTON ... 3	JOHN CORDELL ... 7
STANLEY CLARK ... 4	HARRY SMALL ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY SMALL.

\* First peal. The ringers of 3 and 4 are fourteen and sixteen years of age, and this was their first peal in the method, rung at the second attempt, the first attempt coming to grief on Boxing Day owing to a 'shift' in the last course. Great credit is due to them for the way they rang their bells. First peal as conductor.

HULL.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*JOHN H. HOWELL ... Treble	GEORGE T. MILLER ... 5
HARRY RODMELL ... 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... 6
†JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
THOMAS S. MORTON ... 4	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain-Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD MOUNT ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE ... 4
WALTER WHITE ... 2	SYDNEY PROCTOR ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	THOMAS SQUIRES ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

The ringers of 2, 4 and tenor are from Cotgrave, 3 from Orston, 5 from Grantham and treble from Waltham.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL S. WEBB ... .. Treble	ERNEST A. H. LANE ... .. 4
HERBERT E. WEBB ... .. 2	HERBERT WILCOX ... .. 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 3	ARTHUR GANE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

First peal on the bells, and rung as a welcome home to the returned soldiers and sailors.

DINDER, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT E. WEBB ... .. Treble	† CYRIL S. WEBB ... .. 4
* CLARENCE F. VEASEY ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 5
* SIDNEY J. HILLIARD ... .. 3	* EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal on the bells, and rung as a welcome home to the returned soldiers and sailors of the village. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking most heartily Squire Summerville, of Dinder House, for his generosity, and the Rev. Prebendary and Mrs. McClean, who entertained them to tea at the Vicarage after the peal.

CITY OF OXFORD.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Ebbe.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Kent College Single and Plain Bob.

FRANK BECKETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK T. CLINKHARD ... .. 4
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 5
CHARLES COLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

The above peal was rung half-muffled for the midnight Watch Service.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 20 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and College Single, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

ORLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,**

Comprising 42 six scores, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE KNOWLES ... .. Treble	TOM BUTLER ... .. 3
SAM BUTLER ... .. 2	FREDERICK WYANT ... .. 4
FRANK FOX ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by TOM BUTLER.

First peal by a resident band, also first peal on the bells after being rehung and retuned by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston of Croydon.

The following peals were rung during a 'week's' visit to Guildford:

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At King Edward VI. Grammar School.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. A. H. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At St. Michael's, Joseph Road.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 13½ in Eb.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5-6
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At 160, Woking Road.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	* MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Stedman.

Umpire: C. HAZELDEN.

Witnesses: MRS. SMITHER, MRS. PULLING and E. WOOD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of Holy Trinity.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lb. in D.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7
JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Watch-night service.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At St. Michael's, Joseph's Road.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 18 in G.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: CHARLES HAZELDEN.

Witness: A. E. WILKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's sister, Miss A. Pulling.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Giles.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. This was A. H. Winch's 50th peal on the bells.



GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the King Edward VI. Grammar School.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Size 13½ in E flat.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 1—2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7—8

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: RUPERT RICHARDSON. Witness: MRS. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal on eight bells.

DORKING, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
JOHN H. WHITE ... 4	WILLIAM LYNCH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This was G. Marriner's 50th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
At King Edward VI. Grammar School.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 1—2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and A. E. WILKINS.

\* First peal of Triples. The ringers take this opportunity of congratulating Master C. W. Woolley on his fine performance in both peals.

TEDDINGTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
At 16, COLESHILL ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 21 in D.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. DOBBIE and MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's sister, Miss L. Pulling.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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At the Church of St. Nicholas.

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Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

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REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
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JOHN W. STEDDY ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

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Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the funeral of the late Mr. G. W. Bemrose, at Bolsover, it should have been mentioned that among the wreaths was one sent by the Midland Counties Association, of which deceased was a valued member.

'Something new under the sun!' A brothers' 12-bell peal. Six of the Leiston Baileys have scored a peal of Kent Maximus 'in hand,' the first time such a thing has been done, and so there is something new under the sun. It wasn't altogether unexpected either, for those who have watched the brotherly peals, first at Major and then of Royal, have seen this coming. Congratulations again.

A peal report has been sent from Worsley, Lancs, without the name of the method. Will the sender, also unknown, kindly forward.

The death has occurred at Sherborne, near Northleach, Glos., of Mr. F. Pitts, who passed away after a short illness. He was an enthusiastic ringer, and although his opportunities were not great he followed the doings of the Exercise with the keenest interest.

Progress is being made at Worcester Cathedral, which has now been opened for ringing practice, and the first touch of Caters was rung on Wednesday of last week.

A peal tablet has been unveiled at Daventry by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Lindsay) recording a peal of Steadman Triples, which was run on June 10th 1919. The tablet was erected by the ringers as a memorial to the late Mr. A. Andrews, who was an enthusiastic member of the Daventry belfry and the Northants Association.

Congratulations to the Rev. H. B. Woolley and his sons upon scoring a 'family' peal of Minor on handbells. The enthusiastic Vicar of Long Stanton has done much to encourage ringing, not the least being the installation of a peal of eight in his parish church tower. The conductor of the handbell peal is a ringer of only 13 years of age. The Rev. E. B. J. will be proud of his pupil.

Guildford, we think, can boast of the oldest ringer in Mr. John Heathorn. He has rung on Holy Trinity bells several times since he passed the age of 90, and in celebration of his 96th birthday a handbell peal was rung, of which the old gentleman was the principal witness.

## WATFORD'S NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

The new peal of eight at Watford, cast at the Croydon Foundry, were dedicated at a largely attended service at Watford Parish Church on Saturday.

The bells are a magnificent ring, and in their place in the tower more than justify the high opinion formed of them when they were heard in the foundry by a number of interested visitors some few weeks ago.

In connection with that visit, we mentioned the new 'slider' that had been introduced, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also included in the fittings a device for preventing the clapper from rebounding on to the bell after striking.

Experts have long been looking for a successful device of this kind and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have taken out a provisional patent.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held on Saturday week at Appledore. The following towers were represented: Ashford, Brookland, Great Chart, Kingsnorth, Lympne, Mersham, Rye, Stone, Tentenden, Wye, Woodchurch, and the local band. Several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were successfully brought round before service, which was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt). Afterwards, 37 members sat down to tea at the Swan Hotel, presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Balcomb) read the report for the year, showing the Guild to be in a good sound position.

The Chairman was re-elected president, Mr. H. Balcomb hon. sec., and Mr. George Billenness, who had been on service (but was not present) is to be invited to take up his old position as Master. The retiring committee was re-elected, and two new members were elected.

Stone was selected as the next place of meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the hon. secretary for his work during the past year, and especially for the great pains he took to make the summer outing to Croydon such a great success.

The Chairman was thanked for the use of the bells, for the service in church, and for presiding at this meeting, and the Vicar suitably responded.

Some capital recitations were given by the Hon. Secretary, and songs by Messrs. F. Apps, J. Barling, W. Cook, S. Coleman, L. Hoad, Gilham, A. Johnson, A. Monk, C. Noakes and C. Tribe. Messrs. F. Burt, C. Player, A. Daw, G. Johnson and C. Tribe gave several touches on the handbells.

**SURPRISE METHODS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—Mr. Carter asks which are we going to have as the Standard Surprise Method, Bristol or Superlative? The answer, of course, is neither by itself! The Method Committee had to find a definition to cover not what they thought a Surprise Method ought to be, but what the whole Exercise has agreed to call a Surprise Method, and they adopted Mr. Bankes James' definition, because it is the only one that has ever been suggested that does not at once break down when you apply it to things as they are and not to things as people fancy they should be. Of course, Mr. Carter is entitled to have his opinion on the matter, but I do not think the committee would have been well advised if they had suggested a definition which would have excluded not only Bristol but Norfolk, Brighton and Gloucester. The Exercise rings these as Surprise Methods, and, say what you like, they will continue to be called by that name. Doesn't that settle the matter?

You, Mr. Editor, talk about a court of appeal. May I suggest that we have already a court of appeal in the whole Exercise? To it all these questions must ultimately go, and the suggestions of the Method Committee, and of any other authority, stand or fall, as they pass that test or not.—Yours,

Ealing.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**MR. CARTER'S REPLY.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—In reply to the Rev. E. Bankes James, who says:—'Will he please tell us in the first place what is his reason for doing so, and also show what advantage we are to obtain by it,' all that I have to say is that Bristol is not a Surprise Method, as it has not interior place making at the cross section, while the Treble is in front or behind, the same as in Superlative.

JOHN CARTER.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The first meeting in the New Year for the Manchester Branch was held at the Cathedral, when about 50 were present from the towers in the branch and surrounding district, and the members were pleased to welcome Mr. Lane, of Loughborough, who is working in the district. There was a great call for Grandsire Caters all through the evening, sandwiched with Kent and Stedman.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. W. Washbrook and St. John, Deansgate, was chosen as the next place of meeting on February 21st. Three new members were elected, and a discussion on the advisability of having a branch committee with a branch president, was eventually adjourned till a later date, with the idea of getting it in working order by the commencement of the association's new year, on September 1st.

Mr. Washbrook gave his theory on how peals and touches should be struck, and advised the members, when they got one method properly, to attempt something higher.

The meeting closed with the best thanks to the Cathedral authorities for the use of the bells, to the local band for having everything ready on this occasion.

**PRESTON BRANCH.**

A well-attended meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday last, over 40 members putting in appearance, representing 11 towers in the branch. In the course of the afternoon's ringing everyone was given the opportunity for a pull. An adjournment was then made to the Imperial Hotel, where tea had been kindly provided by the Rector of Chorley (the Rev. Archdeacon Allen). Slight indisposition unfortunately prevented two reverend gentlemen from attending, much to everyone's regret.

At the business meeting the Rev. J. H. Rideal (curate) presided, and in replying to a vote of thanks, remarked that that was his first appearance amongst ringers, but he was so much struck with the brotherly spirit that seemed to exist amongst them that it certainly would not be his last.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector for so generously providing tea and granting the use of the bells.

Four new members were elected, and Higher Walton was chosen as the next meeting-place, to be followed by Tarleton. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 8.30, everyone voting the meeting a huge success.

The methods rung during the day were Bob Minor and Woodbine Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich.

**THE FIRST 1920 DATE TOUCH.**

Haslemere, Surrey, can, after all, probably claim the first 1920 date touch. It was begun at midnight, and consisted of 720 of Woodbine, 720 of Oxford and 480 of Kent Treble Bob, and, occupying 64 minutes, was brought round at 1.4 a.m. on New Year's Day: v. White 1, T. Mack 2, J. Madgwick 3, E. Pressling 4, G. Goodchild 5, R. Hayes (conductor) 6, A. Wisdom tenor (covering).

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.**

On Saturday last, a splendid gathering of ringers met at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, for the first quarterly meeting of the year. After ringing during the afternoon, between 60 and 70 members attended the choral service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Stanhope Newland), assisted by his curate. A fitting address was given by the Vicar, and after service the members adjourned to the Church House, where a splendid tea was set out, between 70 and 80 sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and Hagley was selected for the next meeting on June 19th. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Stourbridge. Twenty-one new members were elected, which shows that the branch meetings are doing good work.

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Parsons, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for arranging the service, and for his very instructive address, and to the donors of the tea, and also to Mr. A. J. Skelding and the ladies who had so greatly helped to make the meeting such a success.—The Vicar, responding, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to have the meeting at Stourbridge, and he hoped to have the pleasure of their presence later on.

Arising out of the address given by the Vicar, a very friendly discussion took place at the meeting with reference to the attitude of the clergy towards their ringers, and there is no doubt that a little heart to heart talk at such gatherings can be the means of clearing up any little difficulties that may arise. The discussion showed that the faults, if any, were not always on one side, and every member left the meeting with the impression that to talk such matters over could only be for the better welfare of the Exercise.

The bells were kept going during the evening in the four standard methods, and also in Bristol and London Surprise. Some tunes and a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells brought a most successful meeting to a close.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING OF BEDFORD DISTRICT.**

On Saturday week, the annual meeting of the Bedford district was held at Bedford, the gathering being a most successful one, with ringers present from St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford, Harrold, Sharnbrook, Biddenham, Elstow, Clapham, Kempston, and Willington, Beds; Olney and Blethley, Bucks; Welington and Isham, Northants. Service was held at St. Peter-de-Merton Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Gilbert), who stands high in the esteem of Bedfordshire ringers. His homely address on the standard of a ringer's calling, and his warm welcome to the members as 'fellow workers,' was very much appreciated.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Hall, about 40 sitting down. Afterwards, the Rev. A. O. Cheney (Rector of Clapham) was voted to the chair, and those present included Miss E. Steel (vice-president), Mr. E. P. Duffield (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. H. L. Harlow (hon. district secretary), the Rev. J. E. Gilbert, Miss D. Steel, Messrs. C. W. Clarke, H. Sear (Blethley), E. M. Atkins (Isham). The Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford (Canon J. H. Speck), was absent through indisposition, and other clergy and friends were unavoidably prevented from attending.

The committee's report was adopted, and Miss E. Steel and the General Hon. Secretary spoke of the excellent work that had been done in the past year by Mr. Harlow, as district secretary, in arranging practice meetings, and in assisting young bands in surrounding villages. Although the year does not end until Easter, eleven practice meetings had been held, all arranged by him. Twelve peals had been rung by members of the district, several ringing their first peal. The progress in several belfries was very gratifying.

Mr. Harlow was unanimously re-elected and thanked for his services. A committee was also elected for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Gilbert for conducting the service and for the use of St. Peter's bells, and to the Rev. A. Cheney for presiding, concluded the business.

The methods rung before the service and after the meeting varied from London Surprise to Doubles for the 'young hands.'

**THE PEAL AT NEWCASTLE.**

A peal of Stedman Cinques was arranged at Newcastle-on-Tyne Cathedral for four visitors from Manchester (Messrs. R. F. Deal, Amos Trippier, Harry Chapman and J. W. Washbrook, junr.), and one from Birmingham, Mr. Jas. George. The Manchester men wired at the eleventh hour that they had missed their connection at Normanton and would return home. Fortunately, a surplus of ringers turned up, and the peal rung, but the Newcastle men regret exceedingly to have lost the pleasure of a peal with their Lancashire friends. Mr. Ferry has now rung a 5,000 on every bell in the Cathedral tower, a record he is justly proud of.

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**PEALS AT CREWE.****MR. C. J. BOWEN COOKE'S GIFTS.**

An interesting ceremony took place at Crewe, on January 6th, when a memorial, containing the records of two peals rung at Christ Church, was unveiled in the belfry by Sir Henry Fowler, chief mechanical engineer of the Midland Railway, and a new set of bell ropes, presented by Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., chief mechanical engineer of the L. and N.W. Railway, and Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, were dedicated.

Mr. Bowen Cooke, who, amidst his multifarious duties, finds time to take part in the ringing at the parish church, introduced Sir Henry Fowler, and said the tablet commemorated two peals rung during his office as mayor of the borough. One peal was rung simultaneously with the service held in St. Paul's Cathedral in honour of the fallen railwaymen. The ringers present were all railwaymen, and they were glad to be able to pay tribute to their fallen comrades. For that peal they reproduced on the tablet the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral, which weighed approximately seventeen tons. The tablet also recorded the peal that was rung to commemorate the conclusion of the war. Thus the tablet had a kind of threefold connection—with the war, the town, and the time during which he was honoured to be Master of the Guild.

Sir Henry Fowler said he was delighted to know that they had commemorated the work that had been done—the work of sorrow, sadness and rejoicing. They were fortunate in having Mr. Bowen Cooke as Master of the Guild, and the ringers were very proud of the interest he was taking in bell ringing. In ringing the bells they were doing a great service to the church. They were rung to spread news and to express sorrow and rejoicing. He had great pleasure in unveiling the tablet, and trusted it would be looked upon as an undying memorial of those events which were inscribed on it (applause).

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake) said the bell ringers of Crewe were recognised as church workers, just as much as any official of the church (hear, hear). They were fortunate in having Mr. Bowen Cooke's great interest in that belfry. He had done a great deal to keeping the men together and to promote comradeship (hear, hear). He proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Henry.—This was seconded by Mr. R. T. Holding, and tributes to Mr. Bowen Cooke's interest in the belfry were also paid by Ald. G. P. Wooldridge (warden) and Major J. N. Jackson, and acknowledged by Mr. Cooke.

Tenches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were then rung, and afterwards the whole company, including Sir Henry Fowler, the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers, were the guests of Mr. Bowen Cooke at Chester Place.

The memorial, which is the gift of Mr. Bowen Cooke, records the two peals of Grandsire Caters rung in the tower during Mr. Cooke's Mayoralty—one on May 14th, 1919, with the bells muffled in memory of fallen railwaymen, simultaneously with the memorial service in St. Paul's Cathedral, and the other a Peace Peal, on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1919.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.****YEAR'S WORK IN WOTTON BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Wotton-under-Edge, upwards of 30 members attending from the following towers: Berkeley, Dunley, Thornbury, Wotton, Stone, Nibley, and Wickwar. Some very good practice was put in during the afternoon and evening. A special service was held, the Rev. F. C. Black officiating, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Greenham), who was ill. Tea was partaken in the Parish Room through the great kindness of the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the Secretary read a short report of the year's work, which showed that twelve meetings had been held, with an average attendance of twenty at each meeting. Two honorary and 24 performing members had joined during the year, the total number of the branch now being 60 performing and nine honorary members.

The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory.—Mr. H. W. Fussell (chairman) expressed a wish to resign, but the members would not hear of it, and he was re-elected, as was Mr. W. A. Lewis (branch hon. secretary), several members testifying to his abilities and good work for the association during the past five years.

Mr. A. Burcombe was re-appointed representative on the management Committee, and Mr. F. Oakhill was elected vice-chairman, in the place of Mr. G. Sheppard. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Yate, on January 31st. Five new members from Wotton were elected.

Mr. F. R. Howell voiced thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the excellent tea provided, also expressing the hope that he would soon be restored to health again. Mr. Howell also thanked the churchwardens (Messrs. H. Ford and E. L. Webber) for their attendance and interest.—Thanks were also due to Mr. R. Marmont for his services at the organ, and to the local band who had worked so hard to make the meeting such a success.

**NOTICES.**

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**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, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

**WORCESTERHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Droitwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service at 4 o'clock prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Torquay (Upton Church), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea.—W. C. Wakley, Bella Vista, Teignmouth.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 o'clock. Tea, at the Cherry Tree, at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 2.30. Divine service 4 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George Vea, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Practices will be held at Whittlesford, 6 bells, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, and at Ickleton, 6 bells, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available afternoon and evening. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at All Saints', Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells will be available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in School Room at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present at the tea kindly advise Mr. W. Hodges, 265, High Street, Sutton?—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Estab. 1637).—Meeting for practice at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Jan. 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \* Business afterwards at Headquarters. Notice of motion re Rules 3 and 7 has been given for Jan. 27th. 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.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at York on Jan. 31st. The bells at the Minster (12) and Clifton (6), also Bishophill (6) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. All applications for tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, must be sent to Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Jan. 27th. Divine service in the Minster at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon C. C. Bell will preach.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports ready.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Important Notice.—A district meeting will be held at Colchester, on Jan. 31st. St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (5). Bells available from 2.30; Short service with address 4.30. Tea at a moderate charge will be served in St. Peter's Parish Room followed by business meeting. Members in this division are specially requested to attend as the district officers for the newly-formed division will be appointed. Those who intend to be present please notify me not later than Jan. 27th first post. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Rayne St., near Braintree.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea 1/- per head at Burton's Restaurant, Nelson St., but names must reach me not later than Tuesday, 27th. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**HEREFORD GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Clifford, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service 5.30, tea 6 p.m. Please advise me by 27th.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Jan. 31st. Bells available from 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Vicarage at 5. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, 27th.—Ernest F. Creed, Castle Cary, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual branch meeting will take place at Swindon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. The Parish Church and St. Mark's bells will be available. Further particulars next week.—H. W. Bishop, Branch Sec.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warkton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells open at 2.30; service at 4.30; tea at 5. Weekley (6 bells) will be open after 6. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday 27th.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st.

Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Barker's Cafe. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Thomas H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Jan. 31. Christ Church tower open from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., Blacklands at 6.30. Please let me know how many intend to be present by Wednesday, Jan. 28th. Tea (kindly provided by the Christ Church Band) at 4.30, evensong 5.30. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due.—Geo. H. Howse, Sec., Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30; service 4.30; tea 5. Meeting to follow.—James Nickerson, Dis. Sec., Halford St., Thrapston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, 31st inst. Service in the Parish Church 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4, service in church at 4.45; Tea 1/3 per head in the Parish Room at 5.30, but names must reach me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The first annual meeting of the above district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Nicholas (6) available 3.30 to 5.30. Cathedral (10) 7.30 to 9. Service in St. Nicholas Church 5.30, preacher the Bishop of Hereford. Tea in St. Nicholas Parish Room 6.15, free to members notifying me not later Feb. 3. Business meeting to follow. It is earnestly requested that all members will make an effort to be present at this meeting as there will be matters of great interest to discuss.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting of this society will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5. Meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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In order that a complete roll of honour may be inserted in the Peal Book, it is requested that friends of members killed in action or who died of wounds, will send names, rank and regiment to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, as early as possible.

### PORTBURY BELLS.

The bells at Portbury have just been renovated by Messrs. Jewellins and James, of Bristol, and a visit by the ringers of Easton-in-Gordano to try the bells proves that the contract has been splendidly carried out, and the firm deserve the highest praise for the workmanship. The visitors were met by Mr. H. James (churchwarden), and Messrs. H. Sealey and C. Davis, of the local band. The tenor is 25 cwt., and the bells were admirably raised in peal, and several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung. After this a 720 Bob Minor was rung by: A. T. Atherton 1, U. Greenslade 2, L. H. Moore, junr. 3, L. H. Moore, senr. 4, J. Atherton 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. Then 480 of Stedman, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung, with H. Porter on the tenor. Mr. Porter is 76 years of age, and said he could ring the bell to a peal. From the 'go' of the bell and the way he handled it, there could be little doubt of this.

### LEYTONSTONE RINGERS' PERFORMANCE.

During 1919, St. John the Baptist's Association, Leytonstone, and visiting friends, rang the following 720's:—Surprise Methods: Cambridge 16, London 8, York 4, Lincoln 4, Wells 3, Beverley 3, Ipswich 3, Durham 3, Chelsea 1, Chester 1, Carlisle 1, Norwich 1, Newcastle 1, Canterbury 1; Kent Treble Bob 13, Oxford Treble Bob 3, Plain Bob 8. Number of 720's rung by each member:—W. Miller 67, A. Prior 55, J. Moule 49, W. Riches 47, G. Dawson 46, E. Smith 44, W. Theobald 37, G. L. Joyce 36, H. P. Avey 23, H. Torble 11, W. Doran 9, G. Hayden 4, J. Horwood 4, B. Thompson 3, G. A. Black 2, H. Gowers 2, W. J. Rundle 2, E. Petty 1, H. Collins 1, B. Marks 1. Conductors: W. Miller 40, J. Moule 11, G. Dawson 10, A. Prior 9, G. L. Joyce 2, W. Theobald 1, E. Smith 1.

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