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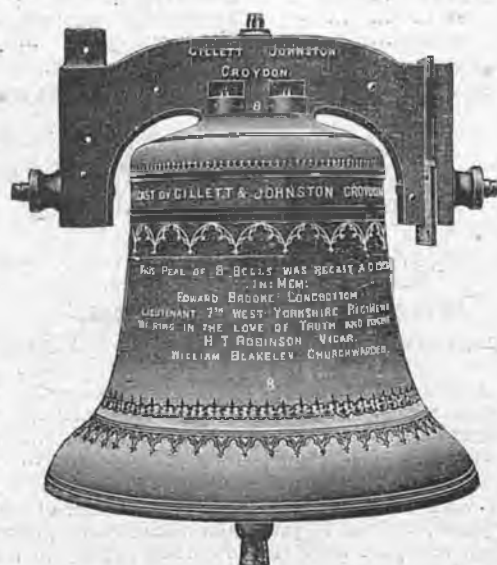
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CHANGE RINGING AND PUBLICITY.

Change ringing, so little understood by the general public, received a generous appreciation last week through a leading article in the 'Morning Post.' In another column we quote what this influential daily paper had to say concerning our art, and our readers will observe that the treatment of the subject, while picturesque, was nevertheless written by, at all events, a sympathetic spirit. It is some years since any similar article appeared in any equally important journal; but one recalls the very valuable contributions which have appeared in the public Press from time to time from the gifted pen of Canon Papillon. Such articles must, in themselves, work for the advance of change ringing, because they educate public opinion, and, as we have always argued, the enlightenment of the lay mind is, in our view, one of the best methods of safeguarding the interests of the art. As we can interest a wider public than the mere ranks of those actually within the Exercise, so we gain a stronger foothold, and it ought to be the aim of every Association to enlist the sympathies and interest of the public as widely as possible.

By its action in extending the scope of reference of the Literature Committee, the Central Council at the Gloucester meeting took a wise step, but there is a much wider field yet for its work in organising an educative campaign, which should be carried outside the limit of the ringing circle. In conjunction with the various Associations, much valuable work might be done among the public by means of lectures and so forth, as well as by instructive Press propaganda, and we hope to see, at no distant date, some scheme on well organised lines for giving effect to this. It could well form part of a greater scheme, which might include lectures of a more technical kind for the special benefit of ringers, for there is not one of us who could not learn something to improve his knowledge of the art from thoughtfully prepared papers by some of those men among us who, admittedly, have a deeper insight into our inexhaustible science than has the average ringer.

Such a scheme of educational propaganda may seem to some a trifle too advanced, but it could be reached, and reached effectively, if those who are in the position to do so were to take advantage of their position. It needs the Central Council as the mainspring, with the affiliated Associations acting in their respective areas, but it is a scheme which requires thoughtful preparation and unity of action. Upon the value of such propaganda work we need not here dwell, except to say that one of the first advantages of educating the public more widely than at present would be to demonstrate that church bell ringing is not a practice which is carried on on sufferance, but that it is established by immemorial right as part of the duties required by the church service.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	HENRY G. MILES... .. 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS 8
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN 9
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 10
ALFRED B. PECK 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 11
HERBERT LANGDON 6	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
REUBEN SANDERS 2	*ARTHUR MASON... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal in the method and also first in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CLIFFORD DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, January 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ALFRED A. RACKHAM... .. Treble	JOHN H. RACKHAM 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	*WILLIAM JONES... .. 6
JAMES P. HYETT... .. 3	EDWARD PUGH 7
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM 4	JOHN JONES... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. S. GRIFFITHS.

The bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to William A. James, William R. Jones and Austin Hamer, members of the local band, who gave their 'all' for their country in the Great War. * First peal.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ASTLEY JOHNSON Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 5
FRANK SMITH 2	JAMES H. COLLIER 6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	EDWARD SMETHERST ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Rung as a compliment to Frank Smith, the respected tower-keeper at Pendleton, on reaching his 66th anniversary. Messrs. Johnson and Collier hail from Flixton, Lancs.

MITCHAM. — At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Lambert 1, W. Smith 2, F. Larbey 3, D. Wright 4, W. Joiner 5, G. Tilley 6, A. Mason (conductor) 7, C. W. Grimwood 8.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE ... Treble	NORMAN NORTH 5
FRANCIS GROVE 2	SAMUEL BATEMAN 6
WILLIAM WATCHORN 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM H. WELLINGTON... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Evereet, widow of the late Ven. Archdeacon of Lewisham, who was for some years Rector of Woolwich. Both well known to ringers in this district.

CRAYFORD.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER COE Treble	*HERBERT ANDSLEY 5
†SIDNEY ANSTEAD 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	JOSEPH SPOONER Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an inside bell.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM FAREY Treble	*GEORGE BASFORD 5
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 2	*JOHN R. MAIN 6
WILLIAM R. PARKER 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
†HARRY PETTIT... .. 4	JOHN T. HENSMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from tenor.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

THOMAS CHINNERY Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM 5
PERCY GRIDLEY 2	FREDERICK INCH 6
WILLIAM UNDERWOOD ... 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
ARCHIE IVES... .. 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.
Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... Treble	†VICTOR G. H. EMUS... .. 5
JOHN CARTER 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	GEORGE PIGOTT... .. 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman, also first peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor, also to celebrate the Ratification of Peace on the 10th January, 1920.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIENEY ANSTEAD Treble	RICHARD MORGAN 5
GEORGE POVEY 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
*HERBERT AUDSLEY 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Major.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON... .. Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
JOHN J. JEFFRIES... .. 2	*WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by GORDON W. CHECKETTS.

This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. J. J. Jeffries was elected a member before starting. * First peal of Bob Major.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ROBERT HOLLOWAY Treble	CHARLES PALMER 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	ALFRED CRIPPS 6
WILLIAM WATTS... .. 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
JOHN JAY 4	CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.
Conducted by CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN.

Mr. R. Holloway hails from Acton.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDMUND E. DUFFIELD ... Treble	HERBERT J. HARLOW 5
HARRY LEAR... .. 2	HORACE H. SMITH 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	CHARLES WM. CLARK... .. 7
EDMUND J. HOBBS 4	HERBERT SHARP Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARK.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS (Cathedral) ... Treble	FRANCIS WARD (Cathedral) 4
THE REV. J. R. LEE NICHOLLS	J. E. L. COCKEY (Ranmoor) 5
(Ranmoor) 2	W. CHOWN (Pitsmoor) ... 6
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE (Ranmoor) 3	W. S. PLANT (Ranmoor) ... 7
	CHARLES HAYNES (Ranmoor) Tenor

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung in commemoration of the Ratification of the Treaty of Peace with Germany, and of the victorious conclusion of the war with that country. First peal and first attempt by the Vicar of Ranmoor (the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls), and the first time in the Diocese of Sheffield that an Incumbent has taken part in a peal on the bells of his own church.

CHELSEA. — At St. Luke's Church, on Nov. 9th 1259 Grandsire Callers: H. H. Mance (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Essery 2, A. Hardy 3, G. Watkin 4, A. Newman 5, W. Dean 6, A. Reeve 7, W. Barber 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, H. Burton 10.

EARLSHEATON.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER IDLE Treble	HEMMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 5
JOHN W. DEW 2	GEORGE H. HARDY 6
JOSEPH HEWITT 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 7
MISS OLIVE LUMLEY 4	GARFORTH TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. HARDY.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NUTFIELD.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, College Exercise, London Scholars, Oxford and Kent,

T. S. LEESON Treble	W. BEESON, JUN. 4
A. E. WOOD 2	W. CHEESMAN 5
A. E. CHEESMAN 3	F. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKINS.

* First peal.

MEARS-ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

ALFRED KNIGHT Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 4
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	HARRY MEADOWS 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Bob Minor.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. E. S. J. Rayson (brother-in-law of the conductor) and Miss Elsie Mary Louise Catchpole, daughter of the late Mr. W. L. Catchpole of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Stoke, Ipswich, on Dec. 24th. The band wish them every happiness, the bridegroom lost his left arm in the War.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

HAROLD EASKY Treble	MISS L. M. MOBBS 4
PERCY HOODLESS 2	WALTER GODDARD 5
WALTER AYRE 3	*ARTHUR H. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. HOODLESS.

Rung in honour of the consecration of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Swayne (which took place on the Feast of the Epiphany). First peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th and rung at the first attempt. Miss Mobbs is the first Barton lady to score a peal. * First peal as conductor.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNAPP Treble	ALFRED D. MILLS 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
GEORGE ELLIS 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING ... Treble	GEORGE GREENACRE 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	JOHN W. AVIS 5
SERG. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. WATLING.

Arranged and rung to oblige the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, the latter being on leave from H.M.S. 'Phaeton,' which arrived in England from the Baltic on the 1st Jan., 1920.

CHARLBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ALBERT STURDY Treble	WALTER BUSBY 4
HERBERT SHAYLOR 2	WALTER LARGE 5
JACK KEYTE 3	ALFRED SHAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace. First peal by all except the conductor, and the first peal that any local men have taken part in on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Churchwarden Bowl after the peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	ALLEN E. GWYNNE 4
JOHN BEVAN 2	JOHN CLARK 5
JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Single Court, and two 720's each of Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

RICHARD W. PORTER ... Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE 4
CHARLES W. BAINS 2	JOSEPH NORTH 5
GEORGE SCOTT 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*BASIL LATHAM Treble	ADOLPHUS HERBERT 4
GEORGE LATHAM 2	FRANK COLE 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes.
In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	*JAMES M. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	†FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by the late Rev. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.' † First peal in the method on an inside pair.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
In the Common Hall at the Abbot's Hospital,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor size 21 in D.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: JOHN HEATHORN, PHILLIP PALMER, MRS. A., Miss A. M. and Mr. A. HEATHORN and MRS. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the 96th birthday of Mr. John Heathorn. The old gentleman sat and listened to the whole peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

*ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	*FREDERICK W. BAILEY 9-10
CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6	EDGAR H. BAILEY 11-12

Composed by H. E. DURRANT. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Witnesses: G. WILSON, J. G. ROMSEY, H. KEEBLE, J. TITTERTON.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal on twelve 'in hand' by all. First peal of twelve as conductor. First peal of treble twelve 'in hand' in the county by the Association and by a local company. First peal of Maximus rung by six brothers and rung as a birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1920, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Vicarage,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor size 12 in F.

*J. B. WOOLLEY 1-2	†REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 3-4
C. W. WOOLLEY 5-6	

Conducted by J. B. WOOLLEY.

Umpire: W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First as conductor. † First peal of Minor and in hand.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1920, in Two Hours,
At the Vicarage,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

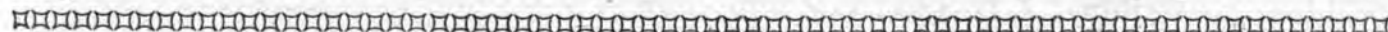
Being seven 720's each called differently.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A memorial peal tablet, erected to the memory of the late Mr. H. Hampson, who died of wounds received in the war, is to be unveiled in the belfry of St. Thomas's, Moorside, Oldham, on Feb. 21st.

A member of the band at the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, for 32 years, Mr. John Henry Jones has passed away. He was very regular in the discharge of his belfry duties, and was held in the highest respect by his colleague.

The peal rung at Market Harborough, on January 3rd, 1920, and reported in last week's issue, should read 'First peal of Bob Major on these bells.'

A notable performance has been accomplished by Mr. Arthur J. Morris, of Harwich, who, in the presence of competent witnesses, has tapped Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. We believe, however, that these performances are not recognised by the Analysis Committee of the Central Council.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Between 50 and 60 members attended the annual meeting of the North and East District on Saturday, at Christ Church, Southgate, when from 3 o'clock onwards, except during the interval for service, tea, and business, the fine peal of bells was kept going to a variety of methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Prof. R. de Geoy-Hampson, who gave a very interesting address on the duties of ringers towards the church; whilst the singing, led by the choir, was accompanied by the organist, Mr. P. Bigg, himself a member of the Southgate band and of the association.

Following tea at the Cherry Tree hotel, the business meeting was held, and the members were welcomed by the President (Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.), who was supported by the Rev. R. de G. Hampson, Mr. C. E. Barker, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P. (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. Armstrong (Master), Mr. W. H. Oram, etc.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) submitted the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £15 13s. 1d., an increase of £3 12s. 9d., on the year's working. Besides this sum, the district has £73 13s. 8d. invested in five per cent. War Loan stock, so that the financial condition could be considered as satisfactory.—The balance sheet was passed subject to audit, and a short statement was made by the hon. secretary on the work of the district during the past year. As far as he could judge, said Mr. Coles, the district was quickly recovering from its war-time losses. Most of the bands had been reformed, and although it had not been possible, during the short period that had elapsed since his own return, to go over the whole ground, yet he thought he could say that they were well on the way to a complete recovery of all they had lost during the war. In 1919 there had been elected one honorary and six ringing members, whilst three members had been lost by death. There had been a considerable number of lapses of membership through non-payment of subscription, and they would probably find their membership about the same as at the end of the previous year.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, and the president thanked the hon. secretary (pro tem.), Mr. W. H. Oram, whose services during the last three years had been of such value to the society.

Nineteen new members were then elected, including the Rev. R. de Geoy-Hampson and Mr. C. E. Barker, both of Southgate, as honorary members.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow) for the use of the bells, and to all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

The handbells were brought into use immediately after tea, when a 'bob course' of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. J. B. Williamson, J. Thomas, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Hewett, and G. M. Kilby.

DEATH OF A NORTHANTS RINGER.

The Central Northants Association has lost an enthusiastic member, and the Higham Ferrers band a loyal colleague, by the death of Mr. Arthur Chapman, who has passed away at the age of 39 years, after nine weeks' illness, leaving a widow and two children to mourn their loss. The deceased had been a ringer for about 20 years, and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Higham Ferrers on Oct. 19th, 1901. His best peal was at Cardington, Beds, on August 23rd, 1913, when he rang the treble to a perfect peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which was rung from start to finish without a trip. Deceased's last peal was at Higham Ferrers, on February 19th, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, for the late Mr. J. B. Martin.

The funeral took place at Higham Ferrers Cemetery, when the local ringers, who sent a wreath, were represented by Messrs. Randall, Everett, Garrett and Sneathers. In the evening the Parish Church bells were rung half-muffled.

The following are a list of his peals: Bob Minor (7 methods) 9, Bob Major 3, Grandsire Triples 11, Stedman Triples 12, Double Norwich 9, Superlative 7, Cambridge 1; total 52.

SURPRISE METHODS. SUPERLATIVE'S 'GAUDY OUTSIDE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Since Mr. Carter will not answer my questions I turn to the Appeal Court: the Exercise at large.

First, then, let me try and make it quite clear to them what a cross section is. For this purpose we will place the chart of a treble bob method upon the map of England, and we will choose the South Coast. The treble dodges in 1-2 in Hampshire, it then crosses the county boundary—a cross section, and dodges in 3-4 in Dorset, another cross-section, and we dodge 5-6 in Devon, and after the third cross section we dodge 7-8 up in Cornwall. We now make a place and dodge 7-8 down, but we are still in Cornwall. We have not had any cross section, we have crossed no county boundary, and if we try to cross the boundary at the Land's End we shall be at sea, as we all shall be if we follow Mr. Carter's lead.

I am sorry that I cannot myself answer the two questions that I put to Mr. Carter. In the first place I cannot imagine why he wishes to change the definition, nor can I think of any single advantage that we should get by doing so. Perhaps, then, I had better tell the Exercise why I do not want it changed.

If we are to follow Mr. Carter's rule, we can take Superlative and leave out seventh's place, and we have a variation which is nearer to Superlative than any other method can be, but one is to be classed as a Surprise Method, and the other is not. If I take Bob Major and put in another place, 7ths, when the treble lies behind, we have Double Bob. Are we to have different classes for these two methods? Now, to be logical, if we are to have methods in different classes for these small differences, we must have different class for any greater differences; and so in the end we shall have as many classes as there are methods, which hardly seems to me to be an advantage.

Again, in the Central Council's collection of six-bell methods there are forty-one Surprise Methods, all of which have been practised and, as far as I know, approved of by the six bell ringers.

If we are to follow Mr. Carter, twenty-one of these will cease to be Surprise Methods. The collection will have to be reprinted. Again I ask why? And again I shall receive no answer!

In conclusion, let me make an assertion: I do not see why all the asserting is to be on one side.

Bristol Surprise is Bristol Surprise, and it will be known as Bristol Surprise, and rung as Bristol Surprise when Superlative is resting in eternal silence.

For Superlative is like the shows at a fair; all the attraction is on the outside, but when you lift the tent door and look inside what do you find? A dirty nigger, perhaps, in a pair of cotton drawers and some wicked-looking boxing gloves, with which he is quite ready to damage your countenance.

Are you aware in Superlative that the seventh only comes up behind with the tenor for ten rows in the plain course and the sixth the same? All the rest of the time the tenor is dodging with the fourth and fifth, and better music you cannot have. The plain course is the gaudy outside of the Superlative show, but as soon as you call a few bobs to get a peal, up comes the second like the devil at prayers and puts an end to the golden dream. Don't tell me of your twelve courses with the sixth at home, it is only 120 rows that she is behind with the tenor in the whole lot of them. Cambridge, which only allows five courses with the sixth at home, will give no less, while in the twelve courses of Bristol we can get 576 rows. And in the best peals of Superlative the second will be up behind with the tenor for 168 rows, while Charlie Middleton's peal of Cambridge puts it to shame with only 72, and any respectable peal of Bristol will be content with 0. Superlative has had its day, it is time to strip off its gaudy covering and show the nasty nigger inside.—Yours faithfully,
E. BANKES JAMES.

A PEACE PEAL AT RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

A well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, on January 17th, in commemoration of the ratification of the Treaty of Peace with Germany, which occurred a few days earlier. The peal was notable in several respects. It was the first peace peal rung in the City of Sheffield, and, being the first peal (rung at the first attempt) by the Vicar of Ranmoor (the Rev. J. R. Leo Nicholls), it is the first time in the Diocese of Sheffield that an incumbent has taken part in a peal on the bells of his own church.

At the conclusion of the peal, the Vicar received the hearty congratulations of the band on his performance and on his excellent handling of his bell, and he responded by inviting those present to join him in a substantial tea at the Vicarage, which was greatly appreciated, and to which full justice was done.

It may be added that the band was appropriately chosen, the two members from the Cathedral being ex-Ranmoor ringers (the conductor, Mr. Sam Thomas, having taught several of those present the art of change ringing), and the ringer of the 6th coming from All Saints', Pittmoor, where Mr. Nicholls formerly held a curacy, and where he first learnt to handle a bell.

The Church authorities intend to record the peal, by placing a suitably inscribed peal board in the ringing chamber at an early date.

'THE LAUGHTER OF MUSIC.'

Under this heading, the 'Morning Post,' which not many days previously had published a long article upon carillons, printed a leader upon bells. It is a step forward when a newspaper of the importance and influence of the 'Morning Post' gives editorial prominence to such views as are expressed in the following:—

'Change ringing has been called the laughter of music. But it is much more than that to all of us. It decorates the fleeting time with arabesques of coloured sound, which form a fitting accompaniment to the emotions, be they joyous or sorrowful, of those that hear it. The soul-compelling powers of bells, it is true, have been diminished since the waning of the Middle Ages, the great ago of Christianity when Earth seemed the ante-chamber of Heaven and the strait gates of mortality stood always ajar. We no longer believe that the music of bells laughs to scorn and drives away the blue malignant mists which brood over a plague-smitten land. And, since we cannot believe in it, so salutary a miracle is now impossible. But, in the countries of the vine, at any rate, there are many simple, Christian folk who are sure that the clangour of great bells will break and dissipate a storm of lightning and pelting hail more effectively than the wide-mouthed noise-guns invented for the same purpose. Yet the love of change ringing, which caused England to be called 'the Ringing Isle' in a bygone century, is still quick in the hearts of Englishmen. Therefore, we wish good fortune to all the fraternities of bell ringers, both great and small, who ply their long-descended craft—a noble athletic pursuit indeed!—in innumerable belfries, and have the art always to turn a holiday into a holy day. During the war women often took the places of the ringers who had gone to the war, and many of them attained such skill that they still keep their place in the aerial choirs. Change ringing will doubtless remain the Englishman's favourite form of music in the heavens, for he is still the most conservative of racial types in all matters that appeal to that giant heart of memories and tears and laughter which is called nationality. But we may yet hope that another and more subtle art of bell music will be cultivated in this country—the art of the keyboard carillon, which enables the artist to interpret noble compositions for the largest and loftiest of instruments and is a heritage of the people in Belgium and Holland. So that it is good tidings to know that a tower is to be built and a fine keyboard carillon installed therein at Loughborough as a War Memorial to the fallen townsmen.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A QUARTERLY MEETING.

The third quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 17th, at North Wingfield, Derbyshire, when members from Nottingham, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Chesterfield, Loughborough, and the surrounding neighbourhood, put in an appearance. The bells of the parish church—itsself a landmark for a considerable distance—were kept going in various methods, from Grandsire to London, that doughty warrior, John Flint, being mainly responsible. Tea was served in the schoolroom adjoining, when 31 sat down to an excellent 'uncontrolled' repast, and were excellently waited on by ladies, who, although 1920 is Leap Year, had evidently not got into their stride (in sporting parlance), and whose gracious modesty made gastronomical exertion both a pleasure and a delight.

The business meeting followed, Ald. R. B. Chambers, vice-president, occupying the chair. Matters of a purely routine character were dealt with, but notice of motion for alteration of rules were given, viz.: To raise the entrance fee to 3s. and the yearly subscription to 1s. 6d. instead of 2s. 6d. and 1s. as formerly, and to provide for a vice-president in each of the seven districts.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright) read the minutes of the special committee meeting held at Derby, at which it was resolved to produce a report for the war period, 1915-1919. Commenting upon Central Council criticisms, the Chairman remarked that with new blood and new ideas no doubt the Council could be got back into its former state of efficiency.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Willson, said that he thought one or two delegates would be quite sufficient to represent the Association. In fact, he had come to the conclusion that the day of the Council's usefulness was over. That there was little the Council could do that the Association could not do for themselves. In this he was in agreement with Mr. Arthur Knights.

It may be mentioned that it is probable that the strength of the membership will not call for four delegates as formerly.

About 20 ringing and honorary members were made, the Derby district coming out quite 'top of the poll' in this respect.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his presence, to the local company for their arrangements, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought a successful meeting all too soon to a close, when those who could afford to laugh at railway companies climbed once more to the ringing room, in which time the unlucky ones ran to catch their train.

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THE OXFORD GUILD.**INTER-BRANCH MEETING.**

An inter-branch gathering of members of the Sonning Deanery and the E. Berks and S. Bucks branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Warfield, when a successful afternoon's muster took place, about 45 hands taking part in the ringing, service, and tea. Proceedings began with the ropes at 3 p.m., with Doubles and Minor, and ended with Stedman and Major methods at 9 p.m.; several young hands venturing upon the most difficult task of all—the accurate striking of their own bells in rounds.

Service was held at 5 p.m., the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) assisting. The address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Clifford Toogood), Tennyson's old poem, 'The Bells,' and much that it conveys in these days of labour and domestic difficulties, forming an appropriate theme for a congregation of men.

The Master read out the list of 17 men belonging to the Sonning Deanery Branch, who had 'fought and won,' as follows: F. Baston, F. W. Emblem, S. Stacey, A. Hawkes, N. Hale, S. Gearing, G. Howard, A. M. Priest, E. W. Lloyd, A. Doe, G. Collins, F. Collins, E. Cox, A. V. Loader, C. H. Ridout, T. D. Russell, A. Norcott. An interval for prayer by the congregation standing in silence was observed.

The Master occupied the chair at the tea, which was held in the Brownlow Hall, a fine building given for the use of the parish by the late Field-Marshal Sir C. H. Brownlow, who was also the means of restoring the tower and the long-silent bells of St. Michael and All Angels' Church in 1913 to the memory of Lady Brownlow.—The Master was supported by the Vicar of Warfield, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (diocesan secretary), two lady ringers—Misses A. H. Walker and V. Robinson—and Messrs. Bristow, Brant, Giles, Paice, Jos. White, and others. Canon Coleridge wrote expressing regret at not being able to be present. A pleasant hour was spent by diocesan ringers (who were ignoring their branch dividing line) with mutual advantage, and a wish was expressed that the gathering should be an annual one. It was disappointing to the handbell men to find an ancient set of twelve with boxwood clappers were past double-handed work.

Mr. Hibbert was responsible for a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and kind arrangements for the combined practice and refreshments, and Mr. S. Paice for thanks to the Master for coming to help the proceedings, both motions meeting with unanimous applause. An outward sign of the inward gratitude that ringers feel towards those who practically assist their calling.

The company represented some 14 towers, and also included Messrs. Bungay, Rance, W. Paice, Henley, Brooks, Jeffery, Brant, junr., T. S. Smith, J. W. Croft, Green, W. Welling, Crocker, Chaney, senr. and junr., Skinner, Inglefield, Hopkins, Herridge, Cole Clark, Darlow, Moth, Avery, Boyd, Ing, Diaper, Bayley, Briggs, Gill, Gale, Parkes and Fussell. The local service roll showed that 17 ringers of this parish had gone to fight on the 'field-of-war.' Would that the late Sir Charles were living now to know that the bells he generously gave in 1913 had brought forth the men to defend them from the invaders' destruction, threatened in 1914. W. H. F.

THE YOUNGEST RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to your paragraph re John Hartill, I beg to inform Mr. J. W. Beddard, with all respect to his pupil's ability, that the lad has not created a record. Mr. James W. Washbrook, junr., raised and tolled the sixth bell at Arklow for the death of Queen Victoria, on January 22nd, 1901, being then only eight years of age. He made his first attempt for a peal within a few months of that date.—Yours faithfully,
RICHARD F. DEAL.

Another ringer who began his campanological career at an early age was Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., who, at the age of nine years and three months, was able to hunt the treble to a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. Before, however, he had advanced far enough to attempt an age record for a peal on tower bells ill-health compelled him to relinquish the art until the age of seventeen.

LINKINCHESTERBRIDGE GUILD OF STRANGE RINGERS.

Bob Myner had a motor-car, 'twould cough and squeal and sob, and when he took it down the street 'twould dodge like treble bob. The people hunted left and right and sought to make a place, and gladly would have missed a bob for any vacant place. The car it made no inside place, close to the curb it flies. Now was this merely a Delight or was it a Surprise?

Answers to the above, together with threepence in stamps to be forwarded to Mr. Robert Cauter (hon. secretary), 168 Queen's Row, Dobell Court, London, W.M.H. The funds thus collected will be utilised in making bobs at home.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Further alterations to rules have been made by the College Youths in rule 3 'twopence' is substituted for 'one penny,' and in rule 7 instead of 'threepence' 'sixpence' is to be read.

NOTICES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading will in future be at the rate of 3d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with a minimum charge of 1/6.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Feb. 19th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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. 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. 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.

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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.15. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea in Church House are being made. Those wishing to attend please notify the Secretary as early as possible. All ringers are cordially invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 85, Glencoe Road, Bushey.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3. Divine service at 4.30, an address will be given by the Rev. Walter Frift.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 5 to 8 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The February meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday the 7th. Bells (8)

from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/- per head.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Schoolroom.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. M. Kelton), 6 p.m., at the London Apprentice, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. On account of the meeting there will be no practice at Heston on this date.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Worsop on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 2 to 8.30 p.m.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worsop.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Stalybridge (H.T.) on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The Lord Bishop of Chester will preach at the service.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Leighton Buzzard. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—A. King, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; Service 4.30; tea at 5. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Feb. 10th?—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral bells (10) 2.30 to 4, and in the evening, also St. Maurice's (6) afternoon and evening; tea at St. Maurice Hall at 5.15, those intending to be present will please notify me not later than the 11th. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due.—W. H. George, District Sec., 1, Newtown Road, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Coffee House. Will all intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Wednesday the 11th?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, business meeting after.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open 2 p.m.; Service 5.30, followed by business meeting; tea will be provided.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. St. Clement Danes open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Clare Market, at 5.50. Business meeting 6.45. Tea, 6d. per head, to those informing me not later than Feb. 11th.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ash, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service at 4.30; tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service at 3.30. Dinner will be provided in the Schoolroom (adjoining the Church) at 1 o'clock for all those intending to be present, tickets 2/6 each. Will those who require dinner please send their names to Mr. R. Richardson, 'Glyn Garth,' Surfleet, Spalding, not later than Feb. 9th? Stations: Surfleet, G.N., Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E. (2 miles).—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, and not at St. John's, Deansgate, as already announced. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

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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The list now being closed, I take this opportunity of thanking the subscribers to the fund. It is very gratifying to me to know that with their valued and kindly assistance we have been the means of helping the widow and family of an old brother ringer and friend, and on behalf of them I tender their thanks, gratefulness and appreciation.

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ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On December 17th, 1919, at the Parish Church, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor: G. Gardner 1, A. O. White 2, H. Summers 3, C. Aylett 4, J. Taylor 5, G. H. White (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.—On December 24th, 720 of Bob Minor: G. Gardner 1, H. Summers 2, C. Aylett 3, F. Gardner (first 720 with a bob bell) 4, J. H. White (conductor) 5, J. Taylor 6.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**ANNUAL DINNER TO BE REVIVED.**

The annual meeting of this society was held on Saturday last, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard), himself an hon. member. As usual, the reverend gentleman provided a substantial tea in the church room, to which about sixty sat down, including a fair number of ladies, but the proceedings were somewhat lacking through the absence of the genial Vicar himself through indisposition, more particularly as he has made it his invariable custom to be with the members on this annual occasion. Shortly after three the old belfry was housing a goodly number of ringers from various parts, which gradually increased until 'standing room only' was the order. Touches in various methods were brought round on eight, ten, and twelve bells until six o'clock, when the adjournment took place for tea.

Following this the usual business was got through in a fairly expeditious manner, the only bone of contention being the question of delegates to the Central Council, some members—in common with other societies—feeling that the benefit derived from the Council was hardly worth the expense. However, the matter ended in the subscription to the Council being voted. Another item of interest to members who were unable to be present was the determination evinced to resuscitate the annual dinner. Members are, therefore, requested to make a note that it is hoped to arrange this for a Saturday at the end of April.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. H. J. Bradley; treasurer, Mr. B. Foskett; senior steward, Mr. F. Smith; junior steward, Mr. J. W. Cornford; trustees, Mr. Chapman and Mr. R. Warner. During the evening Mr. Mac-Master, churchwarden of St. Martin's, looked in, and gave a few words of cheery welcome. The next quarterly meeting it is hoped to arrange for Leatherhead.

The balance sheet was considered very satisfactory, as also was the number of new members made during the year.

The remainder of the evening was spent in little reunions among old friends, while a fine peal of handbells, at one time the property of that late stalwart of the society and ringing in general, Mr. H. Dains, received a fair share of attention.

A special general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 13th, at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey, following the practice at St. Bride's to consider an important matter with regard to finance.

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