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THE CLERGY AND THE BELFRY.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church' at the College Youths banquet on Saturday, the Master made an appeal to the clergy generally to take up change ringing, and to join one or other of the societies which exist for the promotion of the art. The appeal was well-timed, for the company included many influential clergy who, if they may be themselves past the age and without the leisure to take up practical ringing, can nevertheless pass on the suggestion to their assistants and to others with whom they come in contact. There is a general desire among ringers to see a far greater number of clergy coming into the belfry to share with them the duties and pleasures of bell ringing. The advantages would be found not all on one side, for the clergy would find the benefit from physical exercise and interest in the fascinating hobby, as well as having the satisfaction of knowing that they are encouraging the ringers by their presence and doing their part in bringing about the further recognition of the ringers as church workers.

Happily the status of the ringer is becoming much more widely recognised, and when we hear from the lips of such an eminent divine as Bishop Ryle that during his occupancy of such honoured and important offices as the Bishoprics of Exeter and Winchester, he made it one of his first duties to inquire wherever he visited into the state of the bells and the efficiency of the ringers, we realise that the time has gone by when the ringer's office is of no account in the service of Church. At the same time, while we can count to-day many clergy in the ranks of the practical ringers, there is room for many more, and in this, perhaps, the Central Council's circular, which is to go out to incumbents as well as Bishops and Archdeacons, may do something to help the matter forward.

That the majority of the clergy appreciate the ringers' work is now unquestioned, while the public also, on occasions of local or national importance, look to the ringers to interpret through the bells the feelings that are uppermost in the human heart. At that memorable ceremony at Westminster Abbey last week, when the Unknown British Warrior was laid to rest with all the honours a nation could accord, the muffled bells gave that final touch to the proceedings which nothing else could give. The Dean of Westminster recalled it on Saturday when he said that on that day, full charged with moving and affecting incidents, nothing stirred the emotions more than when, at the moment the King left the Abbey by the west door, the bells sent out their muffled music. It is on such occasions as this that the bells express the feelings of the people, and when the people recognise the part the bells play in our national life.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH A. LAMBERT | 1 | Treble | HERBERT J. SKELT | 6 |
| REGINALD BROUGH | 2 | 1 | DAVID WRIGHT | 7 |
| JAMES W. TRAPPIST | 3 | 2 | AMOS W. CLARK | 8 |
| THOMAS TALBOT | 4 | 3 | ALFRED J. TRAPPIST | 9 |
| CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... | 5 | 4 | WILLIAM GROVES | Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by D. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Nov. 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| ALBERT SWERTZER | 1 | Treble | ALFRED WATMORE | 6 |
| CHARLES GILES | 2 | 1 | ARTHUR WIGGINS | 7 |
| AMBROSE OSBORNE | 3 | 2 | JOHN SWAIN | 8 |
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT | 4 | 3 | FRANK HOPGOOD | 9 |
| WALTER A. WEBB | 5 | 4 | REUBEN SAWYER | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. Newell, 'father' of change ringing in Reading. The peal was composed 24 years ago and is now rung for the first time. * First peal and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LLANBRADACH.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 4, 6 and 8 covering. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| MISS IVY WILLIAMS | 1 | Treble | STANLEY VOYZEY | 5 |
| HARROLD CASSELL | 2 | 1 | WILLIAM BURGESS | 6 |
| JACK GWILLYM | 3 | 2 | GEORGE COOK | 7 |
| FRANK STEVENS | 4 | 3 | JOSEPH WILLIAMS | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE COOK.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the Dedication of the War Memorial to the fallen of the above parish, two of whom were ringers of the tower.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| PERCY MARCHANT | 1 | Treble | ALBERT HOBDEN | 5 |
| ARTHUR CAUSLEY | 2 | 1 | JAMES A. HART | 6 |
| WILFRED BOOTH | 3 | 2 | ALBERT REED | 7 |
| ALFRED J. PIERPOINT | 4 | 3 | WILLIAM J. BARROW | Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

First peal of Triples on the bells, which have recently been increased from 6 to 8. The ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6 hail from Uckfield, 5 and 7 from Waldron, 3rd and tenor belong to local band.

CHISWICK.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| FRANK V. SINKINS | 1 | Treble | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER | 5 |
| HENRY G. MILES | 2 | 1 | WILLIAM E. JUDD | 6 |
| ARTHUR CUTMORE | 3 | 2 | WILLIAM E. GARRARD | 7 |
| ROBERT HOLLOWAY | 4 | 3 | A. F. MADDSLEY Tuke | Tenor |

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble | ALBERT W. COLES 5 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 2 | CHARLES T. COLES 6 |
| ARTHUR MASON 3 | REUBEN SANDERS 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society.)

On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

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| AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... Treble | JOSEPH HANDS 5 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 2 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6 |
| GEORGE ESSEN 3 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 7 |
| WILLIAM HIBBERT 4 | HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| HARRY GAYTON Treble | JAMES WARD 5 |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER 2 | JAMES HOUGHTON 6 |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE 3 | JOHN J. MAWBY 7 |
| EDWARD J. HOBBS 4 | WALTER PERKINS Tenor |

Composed by the late ERNEST PYE. Conducted by W. PERKINS.

Arranged for Messrs. Gayton, Clarke and Hobbs, who hail from Harrold, Bedford and Husbome Crawley respectively.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| *JONATHAN WHEWELL ... Treble | WILLIAM RILEY 5 |
| ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 2 | JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 6 |
| JAMES SHAW 3 | *WILLIAM TAYLOR 7 |
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4 | BEN KNIGHTS Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for W. Taylor and B. Knights, who hail from Penwortham, Preston. A. Tomlinson hails from Blackburn.

HIGHGATE, N.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, 1920, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Anne, Brookfield.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST PRYOR Treble | CHARLES PRYOR 5 |
| †MISS KITTY SMITH 2 | THOMAS NEWMAN 6 |
| ERNEST BONFIELD 3 | RICHARD BEVAN 7 |
| BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4 | FRANK SMITH Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal by the daughter of the conductor, and the first lady to ring a peal upon these bells.

A great many peals were rung to commemorate Armistice Day, but the reports have, unfortunately, to be held over on account of the pressure on our space.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb. in E.

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| WILLIAM SHAW Treble | *JOHN STOPFORD 5 |
| JAMES SHAW 2 | HARRY NORGROVE 6 |
| JOHN BRIERLEY 3 | TOM WILDE 7 |
| ARTHUR HAUGHTON 4 | ALBERT HOUGH Tenor |

Composed by W. GARRARD.

Conducted by A. HOUGH.

* First peal away from treble. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Taylors.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION (F PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

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| THOMAS TAYLOR Treble | FREDERICK BENDALL 5 |
| WILLIAM PEART 2 | ELIJAH PAGETT 6 |
| *ARTHUR LOACH 3 | ALBERT MILLS 7 |
| GEORGE GRIFFITHS 4 | WALTER REYNOLDS Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal. Rung for the Dedication Festival of All Saints. It was also the first peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

OVERSEAL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| A. JACKSON Treble | J. COTTON 5 |
| H. CARTER 2 | L. FREEMAN 6 |
| W. BROOKER 3 | W. CLAYFIELD 7 |
| W. BOSWORTH 4 | H. SOUTHERD Tenor |

Conducted by W. CLAYFIELD.

This is the first peal on the bells. First attempt by all members except conductor. These bells were dedicated on Dec. 13th last, and all the above ringers except the 7th have learnt the art since that date.

DEPTFORD KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

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| *REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble | THOMAS A. EASTERBURY ... 5 |
| EDWIN J. PANNETT 2 | GEORGE H. DAYNES 6 |
| *GEORGE W. HARRIS 3 | ERNEST B. CROWDER 7 |
| *RICHARD A. J. RICHES 4 | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor |

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Harris and Riches. The ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th, hail from St. Nicholas, Deptford, the remainder are of St. John's.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Nov. 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5 |
| PERCY L. PARSLAW 2 | WILLIAM SEBLEY 6 |
| WILLIAM C. L. PRIOR 3 | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7 |
| EDWARD P. ASHEY 4 | WILLIAM I. OAKLEY Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association.

LONDON, W.C.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. | |
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| MORACE BELCHER Treble | HAROLD W. CLARK 5 |
| ARTHUR MASON 2 | CHARLES T. COLES 6 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 3 | REUBEN SANDERS 7 |
| WILLIAM J. NEDDS 4 | DALBY HODGSON Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. | |
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| MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble | WILLIAM A. CAVE 5 |
| RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS ... 2 | JOHN A. BURFORD 6 |
| PERCIVAL W. CAVE 3 | GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... 7 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES 4 | HENRY BRIDLE Tenor |

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Wilkins and also to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. A. J. Burford, eldest son of the ringer of the 6th. First peal as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| HOLY'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11½ cwt. | |
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| MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... Treble | *MRS. F. I. HAIRS 5 |
| MRS. J. THOMAS 2 | FRANK I. HAIRS 6 |
| JOHN THOMAS 3 | CHARLES HAZELDEN 7 |
| MRS. C. HAZELDEN 4 | ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. This is the first peal ever accomplished on tower bells by a band composed of four married couples. Mrs. Thomas was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

WHISTON, ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. | |
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| *ERNEST KETTEL, ex-R.E. Treble | *C. R. WRIGHT, ex-R.F.A. 5 |
| MISS W. M. HAGUE, ex-V.A.D. 2 | A. HAGUE, ex-R.A.M.C. ... 6 |
| J. E. L. COCKEY, ex-Y. & L. 3 | C. RYDER, ex-K.O.Y.L.I. ... 7 |
| SIDNEY BRIGGS, ex-N.F. ... 4 | GEO. OAKES, ex-R.N. ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. HAGUE.

* First peal. First ex-service peal in the county. With the exception of the ringer of the 3rd, the whole of the above are members of the Rotherham Parish Church.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT, ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. | |
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| *EDWIN TONYOUGH Treble | WILLIAM MYATT 5 |
| THOMAS BIRCH 2 | *TOM RHODES 6 |
| WILLIAM FITCHFORD 3 | JOHN MORLEY 7 |
| LIEUT. WILLIAM WRIGHT ... 4 | HENRY MYATT Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM FITCHFORD.

Rung as a welcome home and birthday peal to Lieut. W. Wright, of the R.A.F., also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 6th. The band thanks Messrs. W. Fitchford (their old instructor) and J. Morley (of Wolstanton) for their assistance. * First peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

| Tenor 16½ cwt. | |
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| WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble | HENRY STALHAM 5 |
| WALTER FRANKS 2 | CHARLES W. PLAYER 6 |
| CHARLES TRIRE 3 | ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT 4 | FREDERICK LAMBERT ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

| Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat. | |
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| JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Treble | FRED STUBBS 5 |
| LEONARD J. WYMAN 2 | FRANK KIRK 6 |
| *WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 3 | *LESLIE GROOM 7 |
| †DANIEL REDHEAD 4 | REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

| Tenor 13½ cwt. | |
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| THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble | HERBERT LUDKIN 5 |
| JAMES W. BELL 2 | JAMES MARTIN 6 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | REV. C. A. CLEMENTS ... 7 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor |

Composed by HERBERT LUDKIN. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band desires to thank the Vicar for his permission to ring, and Mr. J. Hall (tower-keeper) or having everything in readiness.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

| Tenor 18½ cwt. | |
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| REGINALD C. THRIFT ... Treble | HENRY W. KIRTON 5 |
| *CYRIL PEASE 2 | HIRZEL EDWARDS 6 |
| PERCY TIMSON 3 | JOSEPH ROOTE 7 |
| ARTHUR EDWARDS 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. EDWARDS.
* First peal. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

| SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. | |
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| CALEB FENN Treble | ROWLAND FENN 5 |
| †GEORGE W. JACKSON 2 | GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 6 |
| †ARTHUR J. WORBOYS 3 | GEORGE COTTIS 7 |
| ARTHUR H. HARRISON ... 4 | *HARRY HOLGATE Tenor |

Conducted by CALEB FENN.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

| Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. | |
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| OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble | GEORGE ELLIS 5 |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN 2 | ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 6 |
| ARTHUR H. WHITE 3 | ALBERT D. STONE 7 |
| CHARLES PALMER 4 | KEITH HART Tenor |

Composed by the late H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford
and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

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| JOHN PATMORE Treble | *SIDNEY CARTER 4 |
| HENRY WALLACE 2 | NATHAN PATMORE 5 |
| ERNEST A. OVERALL 3 | BARNARD PATMORE Tenor |

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

* First peal inside.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Oct. 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Oxford
and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

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| JOHN PATMORE Treble | ERNEST A. OVERALL 4 |
| NATHAN PATMORE 2 | BARNARD PATMORE 5 |
| SIDNEY CARTER 3 | GEORGE H. CARTER Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. CARTER.

KNIGHTON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 1920, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six score, with 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILFRED BROTHWELL ... Treble | JAMES WILSON 3 |
| HENRY FARMER 2 | *GEORGE STRAW 4 |
| WILLIAM H. CLARKE Tenor | |

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE CUSTODY OF BELLS.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford Association was held at Elichin on Saturday, 13th November. Ringers from Eastbourne, Tottenham, Barnet, Braughing, Dunstable, Stevenage, Baldock, and the local band, assembled, and touches at Bob Major, followed by Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Steedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob, and Superlative Surprise were rung. The ringing and striking were good, and showed keenness towards progress, especially among those who rang their first touch of Superlative. The President of the Middlesex Association, Mr. A. T. King, honoured the meeting with his presence, and took part in the ringing. Service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Ashby), was followed by tea and meeting, at the restaurant, over which the Vicar presided.

The Secretary remarked that according to the leading article in the 'Ringing World' of the 5th inst., the custody of the bells was invested with the ringers themselves, but this the Vicar took up, claiming the right of stewardship over the bells as part of the furniture of the church.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service presiding over the meeting and for the use of the bells, was carried unanimously.—Further ringing concluded a very enjoyable time, not soon to be forgotten.

[We think there has been some misconception placed upon the article referred to, as it was never intended to convey that the ultimate responsibility for the tower and bells does not rest with the Church authorities.—Ed. 'R.W.']

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Eighty-three next February, Mr. Ted Horrex was one of the company at the College Youths' banquet. He has missed only one of these functions—either in their present form or on the smaller scale of half a century ago—since he came to London in the early sixties.

The Exercise has another hale and hearty veteran in Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, who, on his 81st birthday last Friday, rang a peal of Stedman Triples.

Recently we quoted a letter which appeared in 'The Kent Mercury,' urging that the bells of St. Peter's Church, Brockley, which have been silent for many years, should be used again. There follows—of course—the usual protest by objectors to any such action being taken. Their chief concern seems to be their own Sabbath rest, which, maybe, they spend on tennis or golf, or even, perhaps, dancing.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on Armistice Day at All Saints' Worcester, where the only peal by the Worcestershire Association on Armistice Day, 1918, was rung. In the peal last week were two young ringers, who put up a most creditable performance. The ringer of the treble had never rung in changes on ten bells before, and the ringer of the sixth had only rung one or two short touches of Caters previously.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association at Goole brought together a gathering of 41 ringers. Four new members were elected, and Selby provisionally chosen for the next meeting.

The two bells at West Leake have been recast and rehung by Sir Arthur Ernest Blake, K.R.E., and his wife, in commemoration of their silver wedding. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

On Armistice Day three new bells were dedicated at Exhull, near Coventry, as a memorial to the 33 men of the parish who fell in the war. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the tower now contains a light ring of six, (tenor 6½ cwt).

This week the ancient ringers' Guild, of St. Stephen's, Bristol, celebrates its 500th anniversary.

On Sunday-week, two new trebles, making a peal of eight, were dedicated at Kinver, Staffs. A new iron frame on steel girders has been put in, and the old six rehung in new fittings by the Whitechapel Foundry. Last Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells.

George A. Wightman, and not George E., was the ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Grandisburgh, published last week.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRANT FOR ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the Kent Association, at Chatham on Nov. 13th, it was decided to hold the annual meeting next year on Easter Monday at St. Nicholas, Deptford.

A grant of £5 from the Belfry Repairs Fund was made towards the recasting of the third bell at Rochester Cathedral, for which the local ringers had made themselves responsible. Considerable surprise was expressed that the Dean and Chapter of Rochester should have allowed the contract to be increased to £800 or £900 instead of the original estimate of only £300 or so.

A grant of £2 was also made to Wormshill (four bells only), on condition that one or two more bells be added.

A resolution was passed to the effect that in order to save postage and secretarial labour, and also, if possible, to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' notices of district meetings will be announced only in the pages of 'The Ringing World.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Yorktown district of the above Guild was held at St. Mary's, Otlands Park, on Saturday, Nov. 6th. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bow Major were rung during the day. Service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. J. de Verd Leigh) officiated, and the Rev. F. S. Colson (curate) gave the address, which was very much appreciated. Tea took place at the Working Men's Institute, 42 sitting down, representing Sandhurst, Bagshot, Cherissey, Guildford, Walton, Hersham, Aldershot, Yorktown, and the local band.

Owing to a prior engagement the Rector was unable to preside at the business meeting, and at the conclusion of tea, therefore, a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells and also for officiating at the service was accorded him.—The Rector, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to do anything he could for ringers, as they were churchworkers.

The Rev. F. S. Colson was then voted to the chair, and the following officers were re-elected: Mr. W. Shepherd, Ringing Master. Mr. W. A. Woodrow, representative on Central Committee. Mr. G. Gasson, auditor; Mr. G. Miles, secretary; and Mr. F. J. Shepherd, assistant secretary. Mr. H. Chaffey was elected representative in place of Mr. F. J. Shepherd, who unfortunately was unable to give the time required. Ten new members were elected, including one hon. member.

Meetings will be held at Egham in March; Farnborough in May; Molesey in August; and the annual at Bagshot.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

283rd ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

DEAN OF WESTMINSTER AND BELLS.

One of the most representative gatherings of ringers that has ever assembled to celebrate the anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, met at the still more ancient London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday last, when the 283rd anniversary of the foundation of the society was commemorated. There was ringing during the afternoon at the famous old Churches of St. Michael's Cornhill, and St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge—two of the churches, by the way, which come within the Commission's scheme for demolition—and visiting ringers gathered in goodly numbers to take part in the touches. The party that gathered round the festive board at the London Tavern—a sixteenth-century hostelry that escaped the ravages of the Great Fire—numbered about 160, who enjoyed a sumptuous and excellently served repast. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. C. H. Horton, and the company was honoured in having as its chief guest, the Rt. Rev. the Dean of Westminster, Dr. Ryle, who before coming to the Abbey, was Bishop of Exeter, and afterwards of Winchester. At the top table also were the Revs. Prebendary Isaacs (Vicar of Cripplegate), J. H. J. Ellison (Rector of Cornhill), W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), — Simpson (Rector of Stepney), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Rector of Crowshorn), C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and E. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. F. Knapp-Fisher (chapter clerk of Westminster Abbey), Mr. Stainer (son of the late Sir John Stainer), Mr. E. A. Young (London County Association), Mr. Skinner (Dean's verger, St. Paul's Cathedral), and Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths). The vice-chairman was Mr. Albert A. Hughes (treasurer of the society), and among the general company were Messrs. Chaffis Winney and Walter Prime (trustees), Alan R. Macdonald (steward), E. Horrex (the 'father' of the society), J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), W. J. Kemp, A. S. Miller, H. R. Newton, A. E. Nokes, W. H. Pasmore, R. Sanders, and A. Walker (Birmingham), who, with the officials formed the Dinner Committee; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins and Mr. G. Condict (Bristol), Mr. J. Carter and Mr. A. P. Smith (hon. secretary St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Messrs. E. H. Lewis (Cambridge University Guild), C. H. Howard (Master), and W. J. Nevard (District Master of the Essex Association), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), W. J. Judd and P. Judd (Southend), G. Bowen (Deyon Guild), F. Johnston (Croydon Foundry), C. Dean (hon. secretary Surrey Association), J. A. Trollope (Royal Cumberland Youths), J. E. Davis (one of the last of the ringing 'veterans' to be demolished), G. N. Price, G. R. Fardon, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Hairs, Messrs. G. F. Hoad (Reigate), W. Truss (Marlow), J. Evans (Beaconsfield), T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), J. B. Williamson (Chalfont), and other members of the society within a wide radius.

The Master submitted the loyal toast, which was honoured with enthusiasm.

THE CHURCH.

Afterwards he proposed 'The Church.' One of the great reasons for honouring that toast, he said, was that if it were not for the Church, that society, probably, would never have been formed, for the very simple reason that there would be very little use for such a society in civic life. The Church, he continued, was the great cornerstone; indeed, it was the pillar of the Empire (applause); it might be said it was a pillar on which the sun never set, and they as church-workers, although perhaps only in a small way, must give their greatest support in upholding its dignity. It was to the Church that people turned in time of sorrow, for prayers and for advice; it was to the Church they turned in times of joy, for the purpose of thanksgiving on a national occasion and sometimes even on family occasions. It was the Church which announced by its bells as well as by its services the death of kings and statesmen, and even the humble parishioner, it was the Church through its bells that announced the joyful tidings of great victories; it was through the Church that they gave thanksgiving for fine harvests, or offered their prayers for those who were sick. They as ringers took their part in all these things, whether in muffled ringing or in joyful ringing, and he thought he might be pardoned for expressing pride in the fact that the Church had never appealed in vain to that society for a band of ringers to help in those services from time to time. He had made, as Master several appeals for ringers for special occasions, both Sundays and week-days, and even though it sometimes meant loss of time at work, he had always had sufficient and often more than sufficient men. They were very grateful to the clergy of the London churches for their courtesy in allowing them the use of the bells for practice; for the nice way in which the bells and belfries were kept. There was one thing he would particularly like to see, and he hoped the clergy who were present would pass it along to their friends, that it would be

a big help to the ringers if more of the clergy could spare time to learn change ringing and become members of that or some other society (applause). That evening they were honoured by the presence of several of the City clergy, and he appealed to them and to all those present to do their utmost to help in any reasonable scheme which might be put forward to save the nineteen threatened City churches (applause). These churches had been handed down to them as precious relics and heirlooms, and they should take care to hand them down to future generations (applause). These churches were the homes of the City of London, and he appealed strongly to them all to give their hearty support to any reasonable scheme brought forward to save these churches (applause). If it were a matter of money, surely in that wealthy city there were business men capable of finding it and saving those magnificent specimens of the work of past generations (hear, hear). He had to couple with the toast the name of the Dean of Westminster, Dr. Ryle (applause). It needed no words of his (the Master's) to say how welcome the Dean was, among them, and the College Youths were proud to think he had honoured them by coming there to give them his support. The great work the Dean had done and was doing at the Abbey was well known to them all. The Abbey was the shrine and Mecca of Englishmen, and it occupied in their hearts a place unequalled by anything else. The restoration of the peal of bells and the work that was being done to put this magnificent fabric in repair was largely owing to the interest and activity of Dr. Ryle, and he could only hope the Dean would be spared for many years to continue that good work, and that he would be able to attend the annual banquet of the College Youths (applause).

The toast was drunk with great cordiality.

THE DEAN'S PROBLEM.

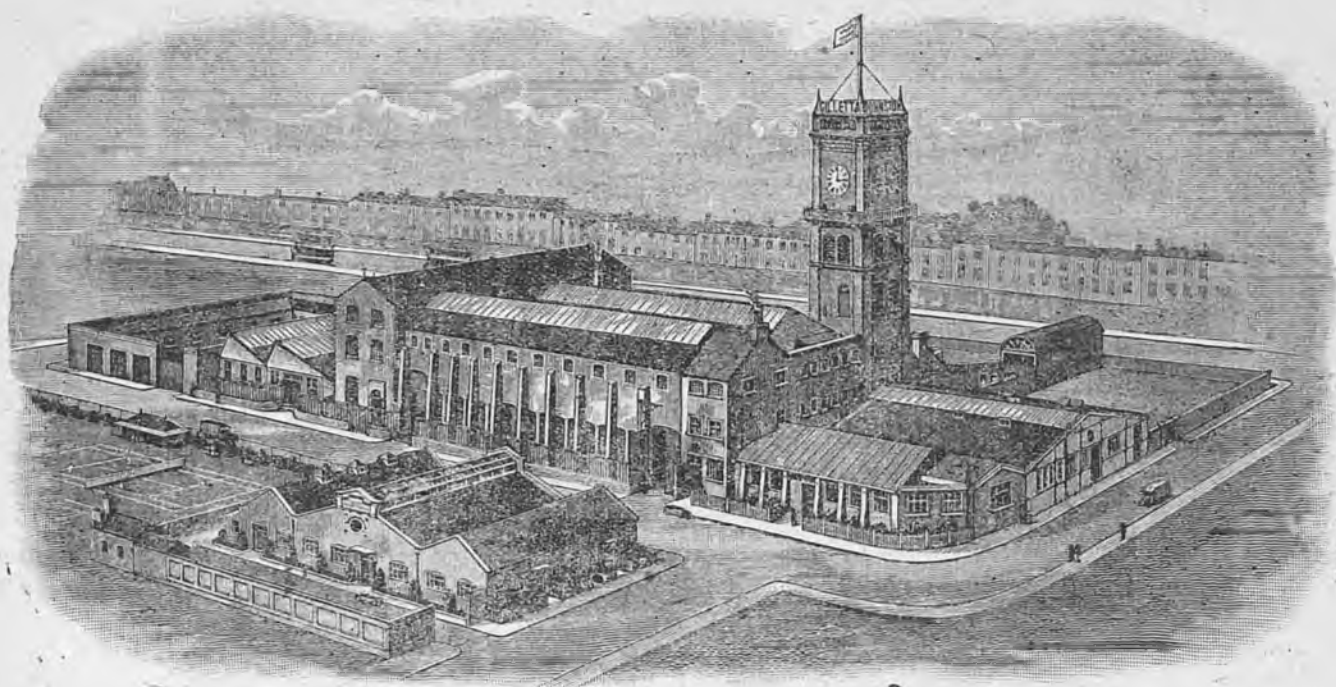
The Dean of Westminster, who, on rising to respond, was received with cheers, said: I count myself highly privileged to be called upon to respond to the toast which you have drunk with so kindly, warm-hearted a welcome. I count it a privilege to be standing here amongst you on this occasion of your banquet, and thank you, Master, for the extraordinarily generous words which you have used in reference to the old Abbey. I know that I am privileged to speak to a roomful of men—Youths, I suppose. I should call them—who are greatly interested in the welfare of bell ringing throughout the country, and who, naturally, view with sympathy and kindness the interests of our old Church. I used, as a boy, to wonder which came first, the bells or the tower. That is a problem which I commend to you, because I have not been able to answer it myself. I am getting an old man, but I am even now not quite sure which came first, the bells or the tower. Was the tower made for the bells, or were the bells made for the tower? I sometimes think that the tower was made first, and that, in the past, when the church was very weak, the tower was used as a place of refuge, so that the people might repair to it to defend themselves against invaders and bandits. In later years, when bell ringing had become an art, everyone said, 'There is the place for the bells, in the tower.' If that were so, the tower came first, and the bells were added afterwards. But certainly in the case of a very large number of the church towers with which I have been acquainted since I was a boy, I should say that the towers were built after the bells and the art of bell ringing had become known. When I go back in memory to recall the great towers of the Eastern Counties, of Suffolk and of Norfolk (applause), I know you will not find many towers to surpass them in beauty and strength, and they carry their bells well. I believe many of them were built in the fifteenth century, and that they were built with the idea that they would have to support the bells that were rung at times of happiness, and also as sounds of warning and of sadness; and they have done so for five centuries. That being so, I think it is very likely historically the case that a large number of our finest towers in England were erected for the purpose of holding a good peal of bells (applause). As I have wandered about the country, whenever I have come to a good church tower, my first question has always been, 'How many bells have you there?' Sometimes there has been a needlessly small number, and I have always said, 'Are you going to add to them?' I have always found the people really keen to have, if possible, eight bells where there were only six. People were really dead keen to try to secure the addition of two more bells, and that, I am sure, is the right spirit.

A DUTY FOR THE CLERGY.

I would fain hope that my brother Bishops and Archdeacons and the leading Church authorities will, as they go up and down in their parishes, always make it a duty to inquire how the bells are being cared for (hear, hear), whether the ringers are a good team; whether the belfry is in proper order; whether, in a word, the tower, the peal of bells and the ringers are worthy of the best traditions of the Church (applause). Sometimes, I do not think in these days, but the times have been, when the Church neglected the subject of the bells and bell ringing. In these days I think a happy chance has passed over the minds and feelings of the Church and the Church authorities, and they welcome the formation of a good band of bell ringers. I am glad to know that lady bell ringers are not unknown. I do not know how long ago it is since ladies began to ring, but I

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remember, when I was Bishop of Exeter, twenty years ago, there was one exceedingly good lady bell ringer. I think she was the first in that part of Devonshire, and there have been several to follow her example. We go back in memory most of us to the time when we were boys, and looked up at the old church tower at night, perhaps on the last evening of the year, and could see midway up the tower, when the stars were overhead and the sky almost blue-black, a window letting out a bright stream of light. The bells are ringing out the old year, and you know that there are men who are ringing out, with a sense of the solemnity of the duty they are discharging and dispersing far and wide over many miles, the sacred message, which makes people in their homes, old and young, think of the past, and the possibilities and the hopes of the new year. That is one of my earliest recollections. I pass on to another stage in my life, when I was at Cambridge. I used to think that listening to St. Mary's bells was one of the privileges of University life. "I had my rooms at King's and used to have the window wide open to listen to the bells of St. Mary's. I remember so well, on a bright summer evening, hearing for the first time a muffled peal, and being enormously struck with the beauty of that muffled ringing, and not knowing what it meant I inquired, and was told that one of the ringers had died, and my brothers were ringing a muffled peal in memory of one who had been with them for many years. Side by side with that, I think of that other day in the Abbey, of that extraordinary service which we had on Thursday, when we tried to do honour to the Unknown British Warrior. As the King stepped out of Westminster by the west door—at that very moment, the bells sounded a muffled peal, and I am quite sure it was one of the most moving and affecting incidents in a day which was full charged with extraordinarily affecting and moving scenes.

THE KING AND THE ABBEY BELLS.

I cannot refer to the Abbey bells without thinking of my friend opposite, Mr. Hughes (applause), who did our bells for us. No longer is the old tower of Westminster dumb. When I first came as Dean I was told the bells were never rung because it was dangerous and the tower would come down, but I said, when the King was crowned, we must have the bells rung, whatever happened (applause). I told the King that and he said, 'I suppose you do not mind if the tower does come down upon us?' (laughter). I told him I thought it was worth the risk (renewed laughter). Well, the tower survived; the King survived, and I survived (applause), so that was all right. But since then the bells have been done and two new ones added; a proper cradle put up, and now we can ring the Abbey bells, and personally I delight in hearing them. It is a good sound (applause). I am not an expert, but it has been a perfect joy to me to hear Westminster Abbey tower speak again. I know that we have good ringers, and you are responsible, I believe, for securing that the ringing is good. I am able to tell people, when they come to Westminster Abbey, that we have a first-rate peal of bells and a first-rate set of ringers (applause). If they want to hear good bells and good ringers they may, of course, go to St. Paul's; but don't let us forget that at Westminster Abbey we are indebted to Mr. Hughes and to his men for having put them straight. It is a matter for which I thank him, and I thank all of you, because I realise that you are College brothers and what is prosperity or fame or honour for one man, Mr. Hughes is prosperity and fame and honour for you all (applause). There is a great privilege in belonging to a College, which is a congregation of real brotherhood, and I am glad to think that the church towers which are the glory of the land, and the bells which are the glory of the towers, should be and are a bond of union between you, the brothers of this society (loud applause).

The other toasts included 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' proposed by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, and replied to by Mr. Cockerill; 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' submitted by the Vice-Chairman, and responded to by Mr. E. A. Young, Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. A. Paddon Smith; 'The Visitors' and 'The Press.' The report of these speeches will appear in our next issue.

STOKE-ON-TRENT SOCIETY.

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent at Norton (Staffs.) on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, when a party of ringers from Burslem paid a visit for the purpose of a combined practice with the ringers of Norton. It was a very successful and eventful meeting, and the Burslem ringers would like to thank Mr. Wheeldon and his band for their advice and instruction, which enabled them to bring round touches in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Oxford Treble Bob, and closing with a 720 of Violet as a birthday compliment to the conductor of the Burslem band. The Cambridge was the first Surprise ringing by the visitors. The ringers taking part were Messrs. Wheeldon, W. Denno, G. Lawrence, F. Dawson, Weatherby, F. Triner, T. Hilditch, T. Hurd, J. Hurd and A. Lees.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On October 5th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1280 changes): J. Woodberry 1, G. Davis 2, N. Davis 3, Keith Salter (1st quarter-peal of Major) 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8. These bells have been recently overhauled, but the result is not very satisfactory.

NOTICES.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ichester Deanery Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Nov. 20th.—S. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East district will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 20th. St. Michael's tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 to be followed by the annual business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society) (Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20th, at St. Alfege, Greenwich. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting at 6 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells ready 5.30. Meeting at 7. Good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. Subscriptions are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane (St. Mary) on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 20th, in St. Nicholas' Parish Room. Evensong 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 20th, for combined practice in Stedman principle. Bells available from 3 o'clock. It is hoped that members will avail themselves of this special opportunity to learn Stedman.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's,

Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business at the Chequer's Hotel.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, Nov. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berke'ey, Glos.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Isham, Northants, on Nov. 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea will be provided at 4.30, but the catering will be considerably simplified if all those who possibly can would inform Mr. W. Wilson, The Pines, Isham, Kettering, of their intention of being present. All ringers and friends welcome.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th; *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Halsted on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2.30. Short service with address 4.30. Tea will be provided in Co-operative Hall (opposite railway station) for all those who send me their names not later than Monday, Nov. 22nd. Members are requested to be present as the District officers for the ensuing year will be elected.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull, near Chorley, on Nov. 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Vestry Hall. Note: Chelmsford Tower (St. Mary's) will also be open from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me by Nov. 27th?—P. Timson, District Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Clifton Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells open from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me hear not later than Saturday, Nov. 27th?—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL.—A tea and social will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Bristol, on Nov. 27th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, 1.30 to 5. Announcement later. Ringers from distant places heartily welcomed. Tickets 1/6. Tea 5 o'clock.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Balcombe, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rendham on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells of the Parish Church, also Sweffling, available afternoon and evening. Business meeting in Church House at 5.30.—George Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Colwall, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.30.—Richard Thomas, Coddington, Ledbury, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting for November will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Bilston, Staffs, Nov. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Ford (Vicar).—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, business meeting afterwards. Will all ringers intending to be present let the Sec. know not later later than Nov. 22nd?—S. Hayzelden, Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Nov. 27th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Thos. H. Kirby.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Geo. Hunt, Northgate, Horbury, by Dec. 2nd.—A. Panther, Sec. (*pro tem.*).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Short service at 5 followed by business meeting in the vestry.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

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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RAWMARSH.—The band at St. Mary's, under the guidance of Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield Cathedral, rang their first 720 of Bob Minor on October 26th: Sam Thomas 1, C. Wilson 2, A. Stocks 3, T. Winchcombe 4, E. Parmenter 5, T. Cooper 6.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION REVIVED.

The Cumberland Association has been revived, and the first meeting since 1914 was held on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at St. Michael's Parish Room, Workington. About 30 members were present, from Aspatria, Bridekirk, Carlisle, Cockermouth, Cleator Moor, Egremont, Hensingham, Irton, and Workington.—The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wallis (Carlisle) presented a report, which showed a balance in hand of £5 11s. 5d.

Canon Parker (Cockermouth) was elected patron, and the Rev. S. P. L. Curwon, Workington, president. The vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. J. J. Wallis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Messrs. G. W. Tamby (Egremont) and T. Birkett (Cockermouth) were appointed auditors.

It was decided that the competition should be revived, and be held at Hensingham on Easter Monday, and that any method be rung. — Quarterly meetings are also to be held, the first at Aspatria in February, when Kent Treble Bob will be practised.

The bells of St. Michael's were found to be in poor condition, but Treble Bob was attempted and brought round. When the meeting closed everyone was satisfied that the C.A.C.R. had again come to life, and that the prospects looked very bright for the future.

NEW PEAL OF FIVE.

The Kingston-on-Soar war memorial to the men of the parish who sacrificed their lives on the field of battle consists of two bells, and these have now been dedicated by the Rural Dean, the Rev. R. Hargreaves. Upwards of two hundred pounds was subscribed by the parishioners. A crowded congregation was present at the service, and an inspiring sermon was preached by the Rural Dean. The bells have been cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and are inscribed: 'In memory of the Great War, 1914-1919.' Three bells, the gift of the late Lord Belper, were placed in the tower by the Loughborough firm in December, 1900, the tenor weighing 10 cwt. The two bells that have just been added make a peal of five. The framework in the tower was made to hold six bells. After the service the bells were pealed for a short time.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 26th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. H. Lambert 1, C. Tribe 2, H. Weller 3, A. Bowell 4, L. Hones 5, F. S. Macey 6, J. Arthur (conductor) 7, O. Hodges 8.

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