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### CHURCH COUNCILS AND RINGERS.

The importance of the question raised in our last issue by Canon Baker in reference to the powers which it is proposed to give to Parochial Church Councils under the measure now before the National Assembly, has led us to ascertain the views of a number of representative men in the Exercise, and these opinions will be read with interest. They summarise, we think, the various aspects of the case from the ringer's standpoint and will help to direct consideration of the subject into the right channels. It is clear that there is a difference of opinion as to the exact extent to which the clause in question will apply to the management of the ringers and the bells, but it seems to be generally accepted by those whose views we publish that the control to be exercised is that which is usually applied by an authority that holds the purse-strings. If this be the case, then there is reason for drawing a distinction between the paid and the voluntary ringers. Where the Parochial Council provides the funds for the payment of ringers' services there can be little ground to quarrel with the right of the Council 'to determine the salaries and conditions of tenure of their offices'; but in the vast majority of cases, the service ringers are voluntary office bearers, and, as such, it appears to us have a right to claim treatment equal to other voluntary church workers. Alderman J. S. Pritchett finds what appears to be an effective way out of the difficulty, by a suggested amendment of the clause.

Some of those who have kindly communicated their views emphasize the opinion that no hostility to change-ringing is intended in the clause, and we think most ringers will be inclined to endorse that opinion. But, as with Acts of Parliament, it is not always the intention of the draughtsman that becomes the accepted interpretation of the law, and therefore it is worth while, before it is too late, to endeavour to get incorporated into the measure, such terms as will safeguard the future of ringing. To accept the clause as it stands, would be to leave it in somewhat ambiguous terms, and, if only to strengthen Canon Baker's hands in getting it more definitely shaped and to remove some of the dangers which might arise from the present wording, it is essential that the whole subject should be carefully considered by the Standing Committee of the Central Council. There are a great many points which would arise out of the practical application of the clause as it stands, and these need to be thoroughly explored and their effects investigated before the Exercise can know exactly what its position would be under the measure. Such an exploration can only be carried out by men, fully conversant with the subject, discussing it round the table.

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For that reason and because there is such a difference of opinion as to the exact intention of the clause as drafted, it is necessary that the Standing Committee, as representing the Exercise, should meet to consider, and if desirable, strengthen Canon Baker's hands with a resolution, for the National Assembly would, we hope, not lightly turn down the reasoned opinion of a representative body such as this.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Thursday, Nov. 25, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

JAMES W. DRIVER ... .. Treble	PERCY MILES ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. 2	GEORGE C. ISLES ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 8
HORACE W. BELSHER ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 9
*ARTHUR CUTMORE ... .. 5	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. CHARGE.

C. Charge's 150th peal. \* First peal of Royal with inside bell. H. W. Belsher and P. Miles were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.	
JOHN FEIST ... .. Treble	JAMES HART ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM PALMER ... .. 3	JOHN JAY ... .. 8
HERBERT RANN ... .. 4	BENJAMIN HOBES ... .. 9
ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 5	THOMAS DEADMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the composer, also to Mrs. Dawe, sen., mother of the ringer of the 5th, who attained the age of 76 on the 28th ult.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt.	
*PRESTON TURNER ... .. Treble	ERNEST NIDD ... .. 6
DAVID B. OVERTON ... .. 2	JOHN C. WHETSTONE ... .. 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. 8
HARRY THORPE ... .. 4	FRED TURNER ... .. 9
*ALFRED PARKER ... .. 5	THOMAS H. HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by S. PROCTOR.

\* First peal. Rung by an entirely local band at the opening (by Sir George E. Welby, C.M.G.) of St. Wulfram's War Memorial Cross, erected in the churchyard, and tablets in the church, recording the names of 313 Grantham men who laid down their lives in the Great War.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.	
*WILFRED BOOTH ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 5
WALTER FRANKS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 6
*ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. BARROW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman, also on the bells.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary, Woolwich, S.E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' 4-part.

Tenor, 13 cwt.

* WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WELLINGTON... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 6
WILLIAM WATCHORN ... 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	HARRY DYAS... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Specially arranged and rung as a 59th birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Aldridge.

## PERRY BAR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* ERIC WESTON ... Treble	OLIVER G. NORMAN ... 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 2	* FRED W. RISHWORTH ... 6
* RICHARD INGRAM ... 3	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 4	CHARLES H. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6 and tenor belong to the local band. \* First peal.

## OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	JOHN SMITH ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 3	JOHN WITHERS ... 7
JOHN BASS ... 4	ALFRED DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. SHORT.

## CORSTON, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Treble	MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 5
WALTER FARLEY... 2	WILLIAM ABRAHAM ... 6
SIDNEY ABRAHAM ... 3	FREDERICK LEAKER ... 7
EDWIN J. BROWN... 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. LEAKER.

## MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE ... Treble	FRANK MILLARD ... 5
HENRY NORMAN ... 2	PERCY MERSON ... 6
ROBERT SCOTT ... 3	JAMES HUNT ... 7
EDWARD LLOYD ... 4	* JOHN CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Stedman. The ringers of 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 hail from Taunton, the rest are local.

## MAJORITY 192.

To celebrate the defeat by 192 votes of the proposal to admit women to the University, the following members of the Cambridge University Guild rang a touch of 192 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. V. Wilkins (Trinity) 1—2, J. B. Williamson (Trinity) 3—4, W. H. J. Hooton (Queen's), conductor, 5—6.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES ... Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 6
ALFRED MEARS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
KEITH HART... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAVIS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Stephen.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HORACE WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... 5
RICHARD STEVENS ... 2	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 3	HENRY CASTLE ... 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 4	FRED G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

## WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS... 2	LESLIE E. WIGHTMAN ... 6
JOHN HALL ... 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 7
HARRY HALL ... 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Treble Bob by Victor Kerridge. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
GEORGE LADD ... 2	RICHARD SMITH ... 6
ARTHUR J. FARR... 3	JOHN CURRY ... 7
JOHN T. BROWN... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

## UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Cross,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED J. PIERPOINT... Treble	HERBERT RANN... 5
ARTHUR CAUSLEY ... 2	* PERCY MARCHANT ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	JAMES A. HART ... 7
GEORGE ADES ... 4	WALTER BURRELL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. HART.

\* First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

## CRAYFORD, KENT

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
HERBERT AUDSLEY ... 3	HENRY GIBBS ... 7
JOHN BURLES ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GIBBS.

\* First peal of Stedman.



**DEFTFORD, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

DAVID F. WARD ... .. Treble	RICHARD A. RICHES ... .. 5
GEORGE W. HARRIS ... .. 2	*EDWIN R. POPE ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BILLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. George W. Ford, Churchwarden for over 14 years, who died Nov. 17th, 1920, and was interred in Brockley Cemetery in the afternoon previous to the peal.

**NORWICH, NORFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1920, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 7136 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble	BEN S. THOMPSON ... .. 5
FRANK R. COPERMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 3	FRED J. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This is the longest peal on tower bells by all the band, longest in the method on the bells and in the county, and is the longest peal in Norwich since the 7,360 of Treble Bob at St. Andrew's in 1837, which was conducted by Samuel Thurstan.

**OBISLEHURST, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS PHILLIPS ... .. Treble	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 6
HARRY DURLING ... .. 3	GEORGE DURLING ... .. 7
JAMES FORD ... .. 4	REUBEN S. GOODCHILD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthdays of T. Phillips (age 70), R. Brett-Smith and J. Ford.

**OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	JAMES SHAW ... .. 5
*FRED BRADLEY ... .. 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... .. 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	*EDWIN OGDEN ... .. 7
*THOMAS WILSON ... .. 4	*WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

All the above are ex-service men, and the peal was rung in memory of the fallen ringers of the Blackburn Branch. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th hail from Blackburn, 3rd from Church Kirk, 5th and 6th from Oswaldtwistle, and 7th and 8th from Burnley. \* First peal in the method.

**READING, BERKS.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (ST. GILES'S SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY M. BATTEN Treble	ARTHUR BAILEY ... .. 5
†GILBERT GOODSHIP ... .. 2	RICHARD U. RUNHAM ... .. 6
†ROBERT BISHOP ... .. 3	†HORACE OSBORNE ... .. 7
†GEORGE WIGGIN ... .. 4	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. W. OSBORNE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**MILTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT J. HARLOW ... .. Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 4
W. ARCHDALE NORMAN ... .. 2	RICHARD KENDALL ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY ... .. 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 5
ALFRED SOUTH ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

First peal by Frank C. May, who hails from Rettendon.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER POSTON ... .. Treble	JAMES BLAKE ... .. 4
JOHN BEVAN ... .. 2	JOHN CLARK ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

Believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Minor by the Guild. If any other band has a previous claim, please correct.

**BLABY, NEAR LEICESTER.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Being 42 different 120's. Tenor approx. 10 cwt.

WILFRED BROTHWELL ... .. Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 3
JAMES WILSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells. Very little ringing has been done here since the bells were opened on January 4th, 1888, by St. Martin's Society, Leicester. The 2nd ringer rang in the first 120 on the bells that day.

**RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.**  
**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Thursday, Nov. 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,*  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

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

42 Six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES J. PAIN ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM THOMAS ... .. 3
WILLIAM J. BIRD ... .. 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN ... .. 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD'S CENTENARY PEAL.**

'An Essex Ringer' writes, that it has come to his knowledge that the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Bishop's Stortford for the centenary of the bells—conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker—has left a slur as to the truthfulness of the performance. 'I think,' he adds, 'we should all uphold cleanliness in peal ringing, although it is difficult to form a standard or draw a line between a fair peal or a bad one. If the peal was wrong (which I hope not), let the conductor admit it, and the Exercise will admire him. At any rate it will clear up the rumours that some of the band will not own the peal.'

## SHORNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Nov. 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent  
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS ... ..	Treble	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4
HARRY ARGENT ... ..	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
FREDERICK HAYES ... ..	3	GEORGE MORRAD... ..
		Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MORRAD.

Birthday peal for the conductor who thus conducted his first peal  
in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

## STOKE PRIOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

WALTER S. EVANS ... ..	Treble	*JOHN F. FOX ... .. 3
†ALFRED TALBOT... ..	2	FREDERICK A. JAINE... .. 4
JABEZ FREECE ... ..		Tenor

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Royal Grammar School,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Royal Grammar School,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

This peal and the one on the previous evening were rung in connection  
with Mr. George's birthday celebration.

## LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,  
In the Vestry of St. LAWRENCE's Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

*REGINALD HARRISON ... ..	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3-4
WILLIAM R. NASH ... ..		5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: WILLIAM BENNIAMS and HUBERT WINDERS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, Nov. 26, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
In the Cathedral Belfry,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

JAMES E. GROVES ... ..	1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... ..	3-4	ALBERT WALKER... .. 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... ..		9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. WALKER.

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## CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) BILL.

### VIEWS OF PROMINENT RINGERS.

The important question raised by Canon W. W. C. Baker in our last issue in reference to the prospective position of ringers under the Church Councils (Powers) Bill is likely vitally to affect the future of ringing, and we have obtained the views of some prominent members of the Exercise whose opinions may be taken as representative of ringers generally.

It should be borne in mind that the proposal in the measure now before the National Assembly is to place in the hands of the Parochial Church Councils which are to be appointed, the power 'in conjunction with the incumbent, to appoint and dismiss the organist, parish clerk, bell ringers and sexton, or any persons performing or assisting to perform the duties thereof, and to determine the salaries and conditions of tenure of their offices.'

### BELL RINGERS SHOULD BE OMITTED.

The President of the Central Council (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey):—  
Ringers are greatly indebted to Canon Baker for calling attention to the proposal now before the National Assembly, that the appointment and dismissal of church bell ringers should be in the hands of Parochial Councils. The proposal seems to me both bad in itself and likely to lead to much harm. For the appointment of a single official such as an organist, or clerk, or sexton, a body like a Vestry or a Council is all right: such appointments occur comparatively seldom, and when they do occur can be considered at length with full testimonials as to fitness. It would be intolerable for this to be done in the case of every bell ringer, just as it would be in the case of every chorister. The mere summoning of a Council on every such occasion would be well-nigh impossible; whereas an incumbent, who is the natural representative of the parish, can be consulted at any moment, and surely may be trusted to decide fairly and impartially in such a matter.

But further, as Canon Baker points out, the proposal, if carried, is likely to lead to harmful interference. Ringers will be regarded rather as servants (paid or unpaid) of this Council than as church workers. Difficulties and disputes about the performance of their duties may constantly be turning up. A wise incumbent, from his personal knowledge of both ringers and parishioners, and his desire for the good of all, is the best person to smooth these away. A Council, with the best of intentions, may possibly aggravate them.

The amendment required is simply that the words 'bell ringers' should be omitted from the clause. I earnestly hope that this may be done.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

### SHOULD BE RESISTED TO THE UTMOST.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council (the Rev. C. D. Davies):—

The points brought forward by the Rev. Canon Baker are very important, and it is a matter for congratulation that we have on the National Assembly of the Church a member so well qualified in every possible way to speak for ringers and ringing as the Rector of Dunstable. It is manifest that unless the Bill, if it becomes law, is to stir up turmoil and confusion, not to say something far worse, there are many points in it calling for amendment, and not least among them the clause in question. If church bells are to continue to be used for any purpose except to make a certain amount of noise for a specified time before service, it is evident that there must be change ringing, as no set of men worth their salt will be content with less, and change ringing necessarily entails regular practices, a brotherhood of ringers who must and will occasionally meet for purposes of comradeship and united practice. It also necessarily entails occasional peals by the home or by a visiting company. Without these things all enthusiasm and progress would be strangled. Under these circumstances it appears to me to be a vital necessity that the control of the bells should be vested in one responsible person. Occasions will inevitably arise with which a Council or Committee could not adequately deal. Not only would there often not be time enough for calling them together, but in numberless ways such machinery would be too cumbersome. In 999 cases out of 1,000 the authority of the incumbent has worked well and smoothly in this matter, and there does not seem to me to be any sufficient cause for upsetting the present arrangement. As things now are, no wise incumbent manages his bells, ringers and ringing, in opposition to the known wishes of his devout parishioners, and with a Church Council in his parish I feel sure that every such incumbent will not fail to come to some general and friendly understanding with the Council on the subject. If possible, he will suggest to the meeting of qualified electors the advisability of electing one or more of the ringers themselves on the Council. To my mind, the proposal to confer power on the Council to appoint or dismiss ringers should be resisted to the very uttermost. Like the organist and choir, the ringers form a definite part of the ministry of the church, and to subject them to any authority other than that of the parish priest is distinctly subversive of Catholic order and if insisted upon is likely to land the church in difficulties and

troubles more serious than we care to contemplate. It might seem harmless to give the Council some consultative voice in the matter, but such devices almost invariably lead to encroachment (of which the Bill has already plenty), and are, therefore, to be excluded. After about five-and-forty years' experience as a ringer, and close on thirty as an incumbent, it seems to me best to leave things as they are. I entirely agree with you in holding that the Standing Committee of the Central Council should be summoned, and should fortify Canon Baker with their opinion.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

#### OBJECTION BETTER EXPRESSED THROUGH REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

The President of the Lancashire Association (Canon H. J. Elsee):—  
We are all grateful to Canon Baker for calling attention to this clause as it affects ringers. I take it that the phrase, 'in conjunction with the incumbent,' means that each party, the incumbent by himself as one, and the Parochial Church Council—with the incumbent as its chairman—as the other, has a separate voice in the appointment or dismissal, so that no mere majority on the Council can overrule the incumbent. Each party is in fact able to veto the other's action; both must be in agreement if any change is to be made. If this is the right interpretation of the clause, I do not see great objection to it. It does not seem to alter the custody of the bells, which still remains in the hands of the incumbent alone. He, therefore, will still be the only authority to give or withhold permission for the ringing of the bells. But while this is and will still be his legal position, I do not resent the suggestion that the Council which represents the people of the parish should be able to express their opinion. In a broad sense, bells are a national possession, and ringers are trustees for the enjoyment of them by the public. We cannot rightly enjoy them all to ourselves without consideration of those outside who hear them. If there is reasonable objection to the way the bells are used in any place, it is better that this should be expressed through a representative body than through individuals who may speak only for themselves. I do not fear that the Church Councils will in general put obstacles in the way of reasonable use of the bells, whether for practice or for peal ringing.

H. J. ELSEE.

#### A SUGGESTED AMENDMENT.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham:—

It seems to me only reasonable that the Council should have the same powers with regard to paid ringers as the Council has with regard to other paid officials of the Church, for the very good reason that it represents the people who in most cases will have to find the money. Control, however, of this kind is a very different thing from a right to say when and by whom the bells are to be rung, and this should be reserved strictly to the incumbent as heretofore. In other words, the Councils should have no power beyond that of paying or withholding payment, according as they approve or disapprove of the conditions under which the bells are rung. Ringers who expect payment will, of course, make their own agreements with the Council, taking care to provide against summary dismissal without good cause.

I suggest the addition to clause 6 (iii) of the following words, 'provided that nothing hereinbefore contained shall prevent the incumbent from permitting the organ to be played or the bells to be rung voluntarily by such person or persons at such times and under such conditions as he may think fit.'

J. S. PRITCHETT.

#### INTERESTS OF RINGING SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

Canon Papillon, formerly Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association:—

As it stands, clause 6 (iii) of the draft measure concerning the powers of Parochial Church Councils, now before the National Church Assembly, is open to the objection stated by Canon Baker, that it may lead to undue interference with existing facilities for peal or practice ringing. I doubt whether it is so intended. The draftsman, or those who inspired him, was probably thinking only of the regular paid officials of a church, among them the person or persons whose duty it is to ring the church bell or bells for services, funerals, etc.; or whose status and salary must necessarily fall within the purview of the body responsible for the church finances. The words 'any persons performing or assisting to perform the duties' of the church bell ringers might be held to include voluntary or visiting ringers, with whom the Parochial Council need have no concern. I should suggest that those words be struck out, and that some words be added to safeguard the existing rights and responsibilities of the incumbent as to the use made of the church bells and the person (other than the official ringer or ringers) who may be invited or allowed to ring them. With reasonable 'give and take' between the friends and enemies of change ringing in any particular parish, there has not been in the past, and need not be in the future, any real trouble; and I hope that its friends in the National Assembly will be able to protect its interests against its enemies, if any, and against the ignorance or indifference of the great majority of that body. The House of Commons generally listens with respect to a real expert on

any subject of which it knows little or nothing. I hope that the new Church of England Parliament will pay respectful heed to Canon Baker on this question.

T. L. PAPILLON.

#### RINGER RANKS WITH CLERK AND SEXTON.

The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn):—

Referring to Canon Baker's letter under 'National Assembly's proposal':

To his question i. I should suggest as answer: 'The bell ringer performs a necessary part of church worship (see Book of Common Prayer concerning the service of the Church). He therefore receives some remuneration for his work unless he chooses to do it for nothing. Accordingly he ranks with the clerk and sexton. The choirman, on the other hand, is an extra (in many churches there is no choir), and as a rule gives his services free.'

To his question ii. I should remark that I consider the answer to be 'in the affirmative.'

In view of the proposal generally, I will venture to state three points which seem to me of importance—

1. Whatever service ringers as such can render to the church should be voluntary service.
2. There should be no grounds for members of the general congregation of a church saying of the ringers, any more than of the sidesmen or choirmen, that they do not know them by sight.
3. Ringers should take their proper part in church affairs, and it is possible should put forward one of their number as candidate for election upon the Church Council.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

#### CLAUSE NOT HOSTILE.

The President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (Mr. A. T. King):—

You ask me to give my views on the subject of Canon Baker's letter, and I should just like to say that I do not necessarily read into the proposals that are being made by the National Assembly of the Church any such hostility to our church bell ringers as he seems to dread. My own experience in the past has satisfied me that the clergy have always considered the juste milieu between parishioners and ringers in the matter of using the bells, with very few exceptions, and I see no reason why, under the new regime, it should be any different. To me it seems that clause 6 (iii) is designed primarily for purposes of finance, and not of interference with ringers' privileges. It is true that it limits slightly what Canon Baker calls the 'autocratic' power of the clergy, but I should like to draw attention in this respect to the words of the clause, which gives power to every Parochial Church Council to do certain things, 'in conjunction with the incumbent.' If the Council looks after the finance, surely it has a right to see that it gets value for money, and that persons appointed to fill posts are fit and proper persons. We must not forget that we are now dealing with communicants, not like the old vestrymen, when all sorts and conditions of men thought they had the right to dictate a parochial policy to the Church. I fail to see why, if ringers are to be under control, choirmen should go free. It may possibly be that in a very great number of cases the choir is a voluntary one, and that there is no finance attaching to it; but assuredly the same may be said of a multitude of ringers, most of whom get very little, even when the voluntary members of a belfry take nothing. As for fees for ringing at weddings, it must not be forgotten that ringers have to leave their work to do it, and that what they lose in one way they gain in another. My own belief is that parishioners as a body do like to be proud of their ringers, and in all well-ordered parishes they are proud of them. Why should we go out of our way to imagine that, in future, parishioners are going to be hostile? Let us rather hope that they will pay a friendly visit to the belfry sometimes to see how the work is done, and take some interest in the ringers themselves. Let them come and recognise for themselves the beauty and the complexity of a ringer's art. Then on the one hand, we shall have ringers who deem it their privilege as well as their duty, Sunday after Sunday, to proclaim the message of the bells; and on the other, we shall have parishioners seeing for themselves that we do perform our part with the best of our intelligence, in the best possible way. I am not dealing with the fanatical enemies of the ringers. There will not be found, I feel sure, in Church Parochial Councils, as at present constituted. The language of the disturbing clause is doubtless loose and indefinite as it stands, but it is not hostile.

ARTHUR T. KING.

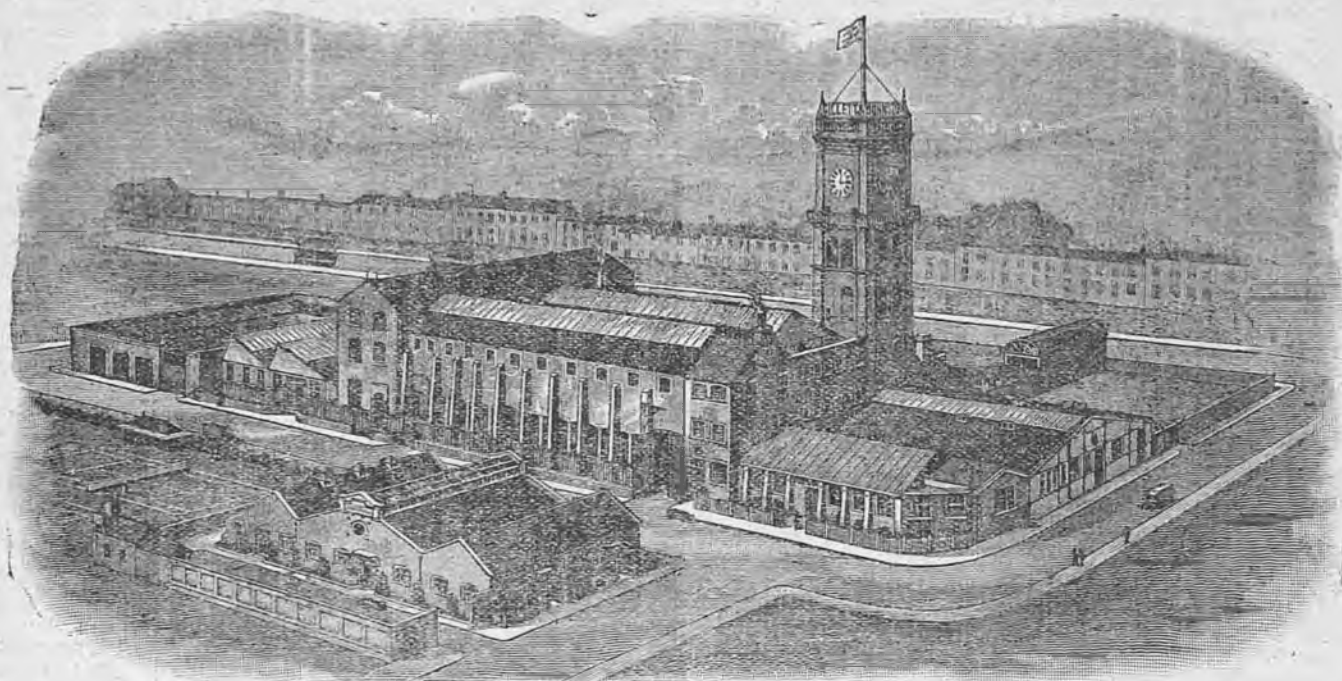
#### LIVERPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.

Death has removed a ringer of some years from the band at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, in the person of Mr. William Down, who passed away on November 25th. On the 30th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 40 minutes as a token of remembrance: W. Fisher 1, E. Ludkin 2, E. Lloyd 3, T. Hammond 4, S. Banks 5, C. Davies 6, J. Martin (conductor) 7, A. Listott 8.



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## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. BISHOP'S AND ARCHDEACON'S INTEREST.

A largely attended and very successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 13th. Over 70 members were present from Anston, Beighton, Chesterfield, Dore, Doncaster, Eekington, Ecclesfield, Hayland Swaine, Lenton (Notts), Norton, North Wingfield, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Sheffield (Cathedral, All Saints', and St. John's, Ranmoor), and Wortley.

Ringling on the fine peal of twelve bells (tenor 42 cwt.) was commenced at 3 p.m., and continued till 5.30 p.m., and again from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Royal, Stedman Cinques and Caters, Grandsire Caters, and Bob Major were brought round; a number of learners getting their first touches in methods above eight.

A substantial tea was partaken of in the adjoining Wostenholme Hall, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Vicar and Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Ven. C. Lisle Carr, M.A.), supported by the President of the Society (Mr. J. P. Tarlton, North Wingfield), the Vice-Presidents, hon. treasurer (Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Ranmoor), hon. secretary (Mr. Sam Thomas, Cathedral), the Revs. J. R. Lee Nicholls (Vicar of Ranmoor), W. P. Wright (Vicar of St. Silas), W. G. Moeran, M.C. (Cathedral staff), J. F. Amies (Chesterfield Parish Church), and others.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese (the Rt. Rev. Leonard Hedley Burroughs, D.D.) had intended being present at the tea, but was unavoidably delayed until the commencement of the service.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, which included the election of six new members, a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Sheffield for the interest shown in being present among the ringers, and for making arrangements for the service, etc., was proposed by Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, who expressed the pleasure that the members of the society felt in having an opportunity of meeting the Archdeacon so soon after his induction as Vicar of Sheffield. The speaker referred to the loss which change ringers in the district had suffered in the departure of the ever-genial Archdeacon Gresford Jones (now Bishop of Kampala), but expressed the opinion that they had secured a worthy successor in Archdeacon Lisle Carr. He also referred to the great improvement which had taken place of late years in the relations existing between Church authorities and the ringers, to the great respect in which the ringers were now generally held, and in which they held themselves, and claimed that this improvement had in the main proceeded from amongst the ringers themselves, being due to the influence of the various ringing Guilds; the speaker emphasising the great work which these societies were doing in all parts of the country at the present time. He welcomed the presence of the Archdeacon among them, expressing the hope that this might be the first of many similar meetings, assuring the Archdeacon that the ringers always responded cordially to any interest shown in them, and would always welcome the presence of the clergy among them.—The Rev. W. P. Wright, in seconding, expressed the opinion that one qualification for the position of Archdeacon should be ability to ring a 720, a remark greeted with laughter and applause.

### ARCHDEACON'S CONNECTION WITH BELLS.

The Archdeacon, in reply, thanked the society most cordially for their welcome, stating that he considered it an honour and a privilege to be among such enthusiastic and able Church workers. He deeply appreciated the work of the ringers, and was very sensible of the good fellowship existing among them (in which they set an example to many other Church workers), and he further always appreciated their kind welcome to any stranger in the tower. He traced his connection with bells from his first cradle, where there were three bells, which played 'three blind mice,' to another church with one bell, at both of which he said it was difficult to work up much enthusiasm; then to a church in Liverpool with a fine peal of eight, and from there to Great Yarmouth and Sheffield, both with their great peals of twelve. He laughingly remarked that he was not going to get himself into trouble with either of these two places by drawing comparisons between the two peals. Adroping the remark of Mr. Wright, the Archdeacon stated, that while not a ringer himself, he had done the next best thing, in that 'he had "chirvied" one lusty youth up the tower at Yarmouth,' his only son to wit, where they had been most kind to him, and he intended to introduce him to the Cathedral company, in the hope that they would make a ringer of him—a remark greeted with much applause. He cordially endorsed the hope of the proposer—that this might be the first of many meetings, and concluded by again expressing his pleasure at being present, assuring the society that he was always at their call if at any time or in any way he could be of service to them.

In proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for coming to address them that evening at some inconvenience, the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls expressed the regret that all felt at his Lordship's unavoidable absence from the tea, and referred to the Bishop's interest in ringing, and to the fact that it was the Bishop who preached the sermon at the memorable ringers' memorial service at St. Clement Danes Church not long since.—In seconding, the Rev. J. F. Amies referred to his presence at that

gathering which would always remain an impressive memory to all who took part in it.

Very hearty votes of thanks to the Cathedral organist (Mr. T. W. Handforth, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O.), to the choir, and to the ladies for helping at the tea, concluded the proceedings.

An impressive, beautifully rendered, and much appreciated musical service was afterwards held in the Cathedral, conducted by the Archdeacon, supported by the Rev. W. G. Moeran, M.A., M.C., the Cathedral organist and choir, the Bishop being present on his throne. The hymns were heartily joined in by the congregation, as was the 122nd Psalm, while the Magnificat (Gadsby in C), and the anthem, 'Jesu, priceless treasure' (Varley Roberts) were beautifully given by the choir. The lesson was read by the Rev. W. G. Moeran, and the prayers, including some special ones for the ringers, by the Archdeacon.

### GOOD FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN CHURCH WORKERS.

In giving the address, the Bishop of Sheffield remarked on the great pleasure that he felt in being present to meet the society, assuring those present that he had made a great effort to be with them that evening, having motored straight over from an induction near Doncaster, and only just arriving in time for the service. He referred to the recent meetings at Whiston and elsewhere, where he had met and addressed the ringers, and expressed the hope that these services might often take place. He emphasised the need of closer relationship between the ringers and other church workers.

The Bishop added: We cannot be too thankful for the keen desire of bell ringers throughout their associations that they should come together in Cathedrals and Central Churches and hold festival services. These gatherings for corporate prayer and thanksgiving are important for several reasons: (1) They are an outward sign that the authorities of the Church recognise bell ringing as a form of definite church work; (2) they emphasise the fact that bell ringing which is both a science and an art needs also the consecration of a devotional atmosphere; (3) they show an important body of church workers that the Cathedral Church of the Diocese belongs to them, and ought to be the centre of gatherings of this kind; (4) they excite friendly relations between the bell ringers and the clergy and other church workers, and bring them into closer fellowship with each other; (5) they demonstrate to the world that the bells are a Christian symbol, with their notes of invitation, warning and triumph: 'Ring out the false, ring in the true.'

After the concluding hymn, his Lordship pronounced the Benediction, which was followed by Naylor's 'Final Amen,' by the choir.

After the service, many of those present spent an interesting few minutes looking round the beautiful old building, redolent of memories of ancient Sheffield; of the Earls of Shrewsbury, of James Montgomery, poet and hymn writer; of Sterndale Bennett, and others. Much interest was displayed in the magnificent war memorial of the Freemasons, consisting of the High Altar and an exceptionally beautiful reredos, Canons' stalls, and chancel floor, and hardly less interest in the simple but exquisitely designed tablet in the south aisle, with its restrained yet moving dedication to the ever glorious memory of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Sheffield City Battalion, who at the call of duty and in the cause of right, nobly made the supreme sacrifice, surmounted by a crucifix flanked by the badge of the York and Lancaster Regiment, and the coat of arms of the City of Sheffield, with at the base, a single vase of white chrysanthemums, symbolic of purity and sacrifice; the tablet being the gift of the surviving members of the Battalion in memory of their comrades.

The thanks of the society are due to Mr. Sam Thomas for his unobtrusive but very effectual efforts in arranging this successful meeting.

J. E. L. C.

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over the interesting suggestions of many of our readers, on the subject of paying for peals and in other ways increasing support for 'The Ringing World.'

A tablet recording a muffled peal rung in honour of the ringers of Solihull, who gave up their lives in the war, is to be unveiled at Solihull Parish Church to-morrow (Saturday), after a service at 5.30. The tablet has been erected by the parishioners.

The very excellent performance of R. A. Fardon in ringing at the age of 17, a peal of Stedman Cinques for his first peal, and that, too, at the first attempt, prompts the inquiry as to whether this is a record. Can any reader tell us if this or anything better has previously been done?

Mr. William Pye keeps piling up record upon record. He has now reached 150 peals of London Surprise Major.

The North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild is the latest organisation to join the movement of advertising meetings in 'The Ringing World' only. Other associations who have recently taken this action are the Kent and Norwich Associations. In these days of increased postage and other costs it saves the societies money—and helps 'The Ringing World.'

A non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Groves' Variation of Parker's twelve-part) was rung at Twerton-on-Avon last Saturday.

## NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual meeting of the North Forest Branch will be held at Newent on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea provided by the Rector at the Parish Room at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—Joseph Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., Newent, near Gloucester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at Shore Parish Church. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

**BOLTON, LANCS.**—The bells of Holy Trinity will be opened on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ST. MARY'S, HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.**—The new ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge, and the bells open for ringing after dedication. All ringers welcome.—F. Watkinson.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Free tea at the Church Rooms, Heene Road, at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**DONCASTER AND ARKSEY SOCIETIES.**—Combined practice at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 18th, at 6.30. All ringers welcome. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob.—George Halksworth, Ringing Master.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells ready 3.30. Short service 5.15, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Vicar).—F. G. Symonds, 157, High Street, N.W.1.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 18th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Belkirk Street, Carrington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Dec. 18th, for combined practice in Stedman and Treble Bob methods to commence at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which entitles

members who have not attended twenty times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Dec. 23rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st, and \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The unveiling of War Memorial Tablet and Annual meeting on Boxing Day, Dec. 27th, will be as follows:—At 11 a.m., Service in Llandaff Cathedral and unveiling of tablet by the Bishop of Llandaff; at 4.30 p.m., Service in St. John's Church, Cardiff, to be followed by tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom. Cathedral bells available during the morning; Cardiff bells during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION** for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting of the Norwich Branch of the Association will be held at Diss on Thursday, Jan. 6th, 1921. The rings of eight bells at Diss and Palgrave will be available for the use of members. Dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel at 1.30 p.m. (tickets 3/6 each), followed by the general business meeting. Those who intend to be present at the dinner must send notice to the Secretary not later than Sunday, Jan. 2nd.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next Quarterly meeting will on Jan. 15th, 1921, at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Further particulars later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION** for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—The district secretaries and leaders of companies that have not sent in the secretary's lists (dated Nov. 6th) for revision in respect of members' arrears and outstanding subscriptions for 1920, are kindly requested to do so, enclosing remittances not later than Dec. 22nd, for the purpose of revising the Register of Membership of the Association for 1920, upon which revision the number of Annual Reports for 1920, which will be issued free to members who have paid their subscriptions as decided at the Ipswich meeting, 1920, will be limited. The secretary would also be glad to receive for the Council Report short 'In Memoriams' of members who have died during the year 1920. Conductors of peals are kindly reminded to send in their peal references as usual at the end of the year.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL MEMORIAL APPEAL.**—The Association is very anxious to collect the remaining £50 at the earliest possible moment. Members and friends, please make an effort to give your donations. If you have already given and you can give more, please send direct to Hon. Sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**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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LONDON.—On Sunday, November 14th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, 1277 Grandsire Caters: H. Flowers, jun., T. H. Taffender (conductor), A. D. Barker R. G. Chappelle, E. J. King, H. Choct, W. H. Fickett, G. Card, H. J. Gummer, A. A. Coward.

EGHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Nov. 14th, for morning service, a 1050 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Shepherd 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, Miss L. Stevens 4, A. E. Bush 5, J. A. Crocker 6, W. Shephard (conductor) 7, F. Cummins 8.

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