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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The London County Association, the third of the great Metropolitan societies, is coming much into prominence again, and the past year's work, reviewed at the annual meeting the other day, shows that it is once more taking the place in the campanological world that it occupied in years gone by when societies were not so numerous as they are to-day. Founded originally as a link between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, whose rivalries in the preceding years had led to some big ringing feats, the society has had a career of nearly a century, and has admirably served its purpose. It has always been an unwritten law that a member of either the College Youths or Cumberlands ceases to be a member of the one society as soon as he joins the other. In those early days there were not the numerous neighbouring organisations that there now are, and the consequence was those old pioneers were unable to ring peals together under the auspices of any common society. St. James's Society, formed in 1823, was the outcome of an attempt to surmount this difficulty, and the leading members of the generations of ringers that have since passed through the London bell-fries have met on the common ground which this organisation provided. With the growth of ringing the society expanded its sphere, and, much to the regret of some lovers of old tradition, changed its title.

But the society has most certainly justified its wider territorial name. It has carried its activities into a much larger circle of towers; it has drawn in ringers who are not even members of one of the two older societies, and it has shown its capacity and enterprise by organising upon the lines of the larger modern provincial ringing societies, by decentralising into branches and holding periodical district meetings. All this is a sign of virility, but we are not quite sure that in the process of expansion the Association is not, to some extent, losing its tradition. It is still open to be made the meeting-ground of the College Youths and Cumberlands, but its purpose now goes much beyond this. No one, however, will quarrel with the wider scope which the Association now adopts, and, in the hands of a body of energetic officials, it is more than justifying its existence. Like its progenitors, it has now well established headquarters. St. Clement Danes is the parent church, and the society is exceedingly fortunate to find a Rector so deeply interested in its welfare as the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford. The future of the London County Association is promising. There is a large field of work open to it, and it might well turn its attention to getting regular ringing at more of the churches which lie within the inner London area, and using its influence to get restored some of those rings which at present hang in a state of sad disrepair.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Four Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH, E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

\$JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	\$JOHN W. CORNFORD 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2	*CECIL J. MATTHEWS 8
\$THOMAS NEWMAN 3	FRED WILFORD 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	†RICHARD N. RUNHAM 10
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 5	FRANK SMITH 11
RICHARD BEVAN 6	†EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

First peal of treble twelve on the bells since the restoration. * First peal on tower bells. † First peal on twelve. ‡ First peal of Maximus. § First peal of treble twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CAUSLEY Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
WILLIAM WATTS 2	JAMES A. HART 7
HERBERT RANN 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
GEORGE PIPER 5	GEORGE RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Errey, the secretary of the local band; also to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, parents of R. J. Dawe.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	PERCY TIMSON 6
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM 7
CYRIL PEASE 3	HENRY HEAD 8
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	JOHN WOOD 9
WILLIAM LINCOLN 5	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS. Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal of Royal on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	ERNEST E. GRIMES 6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
ALFRED H. WATSON 4	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS CHAPPELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE BENNETT 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	THOS. W. LAST Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

This and the peal at Worlingworth were arranged for CLR.-Sergt. James Bennett, R.M.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

FRANK BELSEY Treble	*THOMAS JULL 5
SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
Mrs. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. ... 3	*CHARLES E. NORRIS 7
WILLIAM NYE 4	FRED RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRED RICHARDSON.

* First in the method.

TARPORELEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*REV. H. R. INGHAM... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
HARRY OVERTON... .. 4	JAMES V. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal. C.C. Collection No. 99.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 5
ARTHUR H. PALMER 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH... 5
†JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. 6
JAMES SHAW 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
GEORGE POWNALL 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal on the bells. They are a very fine eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and have been in the tower 21 years. Previous attempts have usually failed owing to the great noise in the ringing chamber. The band thank the Vicar (Rev. James Ryder) for allowing the peal, and for his hospitality on this and previous occasions.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN Treble	†BERNARD PETTITT 5
†OLAVE BROYD 2	†ARTHUR WASH 6
HORACE COOPER 3	†SIDNEY HALE 7
†FRED WISEMAN 4	†STANLEY WILDING Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by LEWIS WISEMAN.

† First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*THOMAS M. WHITFIELD ... Treble	†R. ALDER GOFTON 5
†WILLIAM L. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
JAMES E. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... 7
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

Rung for the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the eight bells. * First peal of London. † First Surprise peal. ‡ First peal of London as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

W. E. BASON Treble	THOMAS FORD 5
CLEMENT MORE 2	ELLIS HAYWARD... .. 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	HENRY CATTIERMOLE Tenor

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

The ringer of the treble hails from Fakenham, 2nd, 4th and tenor from Palgrave, the rest are local men.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY... .. 5
*OWEN H. GILES... .. 2	D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
*WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich on a working bell. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John B. P. Fleming, the son and daughter-in-law of Mr. John E. A. Fleming of North Stoneham Park.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, Jan. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

MISS ANNIE BROWN Treble	FRED G. LEAKER... .. 5
PERCY CAVE... .. 2	EDWIN J. BROWN... .. 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
EDGAR GUISE 4	WILLIAM E. ABRAHAMS ... Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpire: JOHN A. BURFORD.

This was the first non-conducted peal by all the band and also in Bristol. The ringers were congratulated on the good striking throughout the peal, which was rung strictly on 'non-conducted' rules. The band wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Perry, the steeplekeeper, for his kindness.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 2 | WILLIAM LATTER ... 6
HERBERT MARKWELL ... 3 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
†ALBERT RELFE ... 4 | *RICHARD J. RUSH ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.
BEN S. THOMPSON ... Treble | ALBERT ROUGHT ... 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 2 | *CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 6
*GEORGE A. SPARKS ... 3 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
JOHN E. BURTON ... 4 | *FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... Tenor
Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
WILLIAM MESSAM ... Treble | ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... 5
*WILLIAM E. OTWAY ... 2 | ALBERT HARMAN ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3 | EDWARD HULL ... 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 4 | ARTHUR DEAN ... Tenor
Conducted by A. H. WINCH.
* First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on these bells by a local band since 1829.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, Jan. 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.
GEORGE DURLING ... Treble | ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
*REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2 | *RICHARD A. J. RICHES ... 6
JOHN LYDDIARD ... 3 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
PERCY J. SPICE ... 4 | WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... Tenor
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
* First peal of Stedman. Rang to celebrate the 17th birthday of R. D. Marshall.

SOUTHEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
R. KEEN ... Treble | G. CAUDWELL ... 5
†J. HONEY ... 2 | J. MONK ... 6
†MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3 | T. BULL ... 7
H. HOLIFIELD ... 4 | A. E. LOCK ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN MONK.
† First peal. † 20th peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES

F. W. TURNER ... Treble | R. HICKTON ... 5
R. A. HICKTON ... 2 | *H. E. GREEN ... 6
J. BAILEY ... 3 | E. C. CHASTY ... 7
†C. GEARY ... 4 | W. R. DRAGE ... Tenor
Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by W. R. DRAGE.
* First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.
ERNEST A. REEVE ... Treble | RALPH MACKRILL ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 2 | *WILLIAM ESSERY ... 6
WILLIAM J. DEAN ... 3 | HORACE BELCHER ... 7
HENRY S. ELLIS ... 4 | HARRY MANCE ... Tenor
Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by H. MANCE.
* First peal of Major and first attempt.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.) (ST. GILES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.
*GEORGE WHEELER ... Treble | *ARTHUR BAILEY ... 5
*LEN T. OSBORNE ... 2 | RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 6
*GEORGE WIGGIN ... 3 | *HORACE A. OSBORNE ... 7
†ROBERT BISHOP ... 4 | AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... Tenor
Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by AMBROSE W. OSBORNE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor and rung at first attempt. R. N. Runham's 50th peal.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.
WILLIAM E. WHITE ... Treble | *WALTER WHITE ... 5
*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2 | ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 6
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3 | F/S. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 7
†ALBERT COPPOCK ... 4 | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor
Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. † Elected a life member at a previous unsuccessful attempt when the same band rang 2½ hours.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.
*EDWARD T. HENDLEY ... Treble | *WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
†LEONARD G. STONE ... 2 | ALBERT BEST ... 6
†HERBERT LAMBERT ... 3 | GEORGE PRESTON ... 7
ROY VINCENT ... 4 | WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... Tenor
Conducted by LEONARD STONE.
* First peal, and belongs to local band. † First peal as conductor, age 16. † First peal with a bob bell. The rest belong to Christchurch. This was the quarterly peal for the Christchurch District.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.
ROBERT BUCKLEY ... Treble | †CHARLES BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE STAFF ... 2 | †JOHN NASH ... 6
JOHN FITTON ... 3 | JOHN MASSEY ... 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4 | WILLIAM CRABTREE ... Tenor
Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by W. CRABTREE.
† First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of 4, 6 and tenor hail from Todmorden, the rest being local men.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR	Treble	HENRY DEW... ..	5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW	2	THOMAS J. WATTS	6
THOMAS JORDAN	3	FREDERICK DENCH	7
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW	4	GEORGE JORDAN	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

Rung in honour of Mr. G. Jordan's birthday. The ringers of 1 and 5 hail from Bishop's Stortford, 2, 4 and 7 from Saffron Walden, the rest being local men.

CABERPHILLY, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM PIKE	Treble	ALBERT ADDICOTT	5
PERCY JONES	2	FRANK BOUCHER	6
† DAVID STEPHENS	3	GEORGE COOKE	7
HARRY BROUGHTON	4	† BRINLY ADDICOTT	Tenor

Conducted by F. BOUCHER.

† First peal. Rung as a wedding peal for the ringer of the 4th.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CLIFTON ASSOCIATION.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

STEDMAN'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

† MRS. ERNEST CANN	Treble	† GEORGE PRICE	5
† WILLIAM GIST	2	JAMES R. JONES	6
† WALTER J. RAWLINGS	3	RICHARD CLARK	7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS	4	† ERNEST CANN	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD CLARK.

Rung as a wedding peal for the ringers of treble and tenor. † First peal. † First in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

T. REGINALD DENNIS... ..	Treble	ALBERT W. COLES	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ARTHUR MASON	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

* HUBERT E. HOLGATE	Treble	ALBERT C. HARDY	5
ROWLAND FENN... ..	2	CALES FENN... ..	6
WILLIAM G. JACKSON	3	GEORGE COTTIS	7
WALTER BEARD... ..	4	HARRY HOLGATE	Tenor

Conducted by G. COTTIS.

First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE	Treble	* GEORGE KENWARD	5
CHARLES W. PLAYER... ..	2	WILLIAM WENHAM	6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	3	CHARLES H. SONE	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4	PHILLIP HODGKIN	Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

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

JOHN H. B. HESSE	Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK	2	CANON G. F. COLERIDGE	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN	7
GEORGE W. STEERE	4	ALFRED H. POLLING	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. BISS	Treble	SIDNEY DAWE	5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS	2	* ERNEST E. PEACOCK... ..	6
JOHN W. JONES	3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	7
* ERNEST T. CARTER	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Clarence O. Hobbs. First peal of Triples as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* SIDNEY ANSTEAD	Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL	5
HERBERT AUDSLEY	2	HENRY GIBBS	6
GEORGE POVEY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	4	JOHN S. MORTON	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Audsley.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* MISS E. G. BELLINGER... ..	Treble	C. STITCH	4
B. DEVONALD	2	J. BLOKHAM	5
D. REES	3	A. J. PITMAN	Tenor

Conducted by D. REES.

* First peal and first attempt. It is believed that the ringer of the treble is the first lady ringer in South Wales to ring a peal of Bob Minor.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in D.

* CYRIL SINFIELD... ..	Treble	* ERNEST HERBERT	4
* ALBERT FLEET, JUN... ..	2	HORACE H. SMITH	5
* CYRIL HERBERT... ..	3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

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WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
On Monday, Jan. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Court, two 720's of Double Oxford,
two 720's of St. Clement's and one 720 of Plain Bob.

WILLIAM BEETON Treble	PHYLLIS HARE 4
CHARLES HOARE 2	ANNIE PARKINS 5
HERBERT HOARE 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

NEWINGTON NEXT SITTINGBOURNE.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Canterbury
Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*EARNEY MILLARD Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
*SYDNEY MILLARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
†CHARLEY MILLARD 3	SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by SERGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford
Single Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WALTER MILLER Treble	†PERCY POTTER 4
GEORGE STANNARD 2	†WALTER RUFFLES 5
†ERNEST CURTIS 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by H. HALL.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lichfield, Bristol, Worcester,
Cambridge and Killamarsh. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE E. LAWRENCE Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
JOHN WALKER 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE 3	FREDERICK T. DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by W. C. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal of Surprise by all except J. E. Wheeldon; also
the first on Norton bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to
W. P. Deane.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and
three 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	CHARLES BAILEY 4
EDGAR BAILEY 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
*FREDERICK WADE 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses E. L.
and F. M. Naunton, sister and daughter of the conductor. * First
peal in three methods.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, College Single and Canterbury
Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CHARLES COCKINGS Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
HERBERT ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
ALFRED ROBINSON 3	GEORGE THEW Tenor

Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

First peal on the bells in five methods by a local company.

CHURCHKIRK.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM HINDLE Treble	JOHN WATSON 4
ARTHUR INGHAM 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5
*FRED HOLLINS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Ringers of 4 and 6 belong to Blackburn, remainder
to Churchkirk. Quickest peal on these bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Beverley, London, Wells, Lancashire,
Stamford and York. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
T. A. HOWES-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

TYDD ST. GILES, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MARSHLANDS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED BACON Treble	JOHN CLAXTON 4
TONY PRICE 2	WALTER J. BARKER 5
CHARLES W. LARGE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The band wish to tender their thanks to the Rector for his kind
hospitality after the peal. It is worthy of note that Nicolas Break-
spere, only English Pope of Rome, known as Hadrian, was Rector at
this church in the time of Henry II.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Feb. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spiced 720's in the following methods: (1) Braintree,
Wragby and College Bob IV., (2) Grove Delight and Neasden, (3)
Islington and Norbury, (4) Trowell and Duke of Norfolk, (5) Bocking
and Willesden, (6) Poynton and Old Oxford Modernised, (7) Oxford,
Sandal, Overton, Kingston and London Scholars. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 4
*JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JOHN W. HARTLEY 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	*ALLAN S. GORDON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

* First peal in 18 methods. All the above methods will be found
in the C.C. Collection of Legitimate Methods, except Overton, Poy-
nton, Trowell and Grove Delight, which are the composition of Mr. E.
H. Lewis and are also regular methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and One Minute,
At 25, FAR FOLD,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GERALD MOORHOUSE ...	1-2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE...	5-6
OLIVE L. LUMLEY ...	3-4	MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ...	7-8

Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE.

Witness: MR. A. WINDSOR.

First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' by all. The conductor, aged 15½ years, is believed to be the youngest ringer to have called a peal in the method.

LONG BENNINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, Jan. 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH'S HOUSE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

KATHELEN A. JUTSON...	1-2	F/S. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F.	5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	3-4	*ARTHUR MACEEARS ...	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thursday, Feb. 3, 1921, in Three Hours,
In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

*PERCY O. LAFLIN ...	1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ...	3-4	ALF. PADDON SMITH...	9-10
JAMES E. GROVES ...	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

Referees: THOMAS RUSSAM and ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Cinques 'in hand' and as conductor.

LATE NOTICES.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 6 p.m. Will members notify me by Wednesday, March 2nd, if intending to be present. Annual subscriptions now due, 2/-.—Charles Morse, Sec., 2, Dycok Road, Sketty, Swansea.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Woodbridge District.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—C. E. Fisher, Dis. Sec., High Street, Ufford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Chelham (8) on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Will all those intending to be present kindly inform me not later than Thursday, March 3rd.—E. G. Vuesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A District meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 12th. Further particulars next week.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Div. Sec.

The Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, ringers inaugurated and carried out a highly successful whist drive and dance to raise funds for new bell ropes, and the effort resulted in a splendid balance of £13 1s. 6d. The prizes and refreshments were kindly given by the ringers and friends, and the leader, in the absence of the customary 'hobs,' conducted the affairs with the whistle. New ropes have been obtained, and it is whispered that the next move is to 'go' for two new bells to complete the octave.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A most interesting anniversary fell on Wednesday, for it was on February 23rd, 1783, that, according to 'The Clavis,' the first peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung. This was at St. Giles-in-the-Fields by the Ancient Society of College Youths (there were two societies of College Youths at that time), and was 'deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever.'

'Indeed,' says this ancient record, 'the same people (except one) did ring a peal in this same method and at the same place on Sunday, January 30th, 1780, they being then London Youths, but as this was rung with the tenors together it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal.'

It may be added that the composition rung in 1753 had the tenors parted in some courses. It was left to Charles Middleton to find a peal of Cambridge Surprise with the tenors together throughout.

Henry Johnson, whose memory will be honoured by the gathering at Birmingham to-morrow, was born on February 28th, 1809, and forty years ago on Monday next his 72nd birthday was celebrated by a record peal of 9,238 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, which the old gentleman composed and took part in. Mr. John Buffery is the only survivor of that band.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of 10,000 Bob Major rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, in the year 1777, and March 1st is the anniversary of two long peals of Grandsire Caters at Painswick; 8,064 in the year 1734, and 10,080 a year later.

The Cambridge University Guild is one of the oldest of the modern ringing associations, and on February 5th the 42nd anniversary of the foundation of the Guild was celebrated by a peal of Bob Major rung on handbells.

Last week the question was asked as to the first peal of Surprise Minor in which two ladies took part. The information now comes to hand that this was achieved by the Misses Steel, of Bedford, who took part in such a peal at Willington, Beds, on February 21st, 1914, when Miss Dorothy Steel rang the treble, and Miss Evelyn Steel the 3rd. On September 18, 1915, at the same church, both rang bob bells to a peal comprising 720 each of Stamford, Lancashire, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Both peals were rung for the Bedfordshire Association.

An ex-service men's peal has been rung at Norbury, Cheshire, and five out of the six ringers were local men. Of the original band at this tower in 1914 (including learners) seven served in H.M. Forces, and one, Herbert Williamson, made the supreme sacrifice. Of those seven, four are now back in their old places, the other two having fallen off. As, however, one other late member of the forces has joined, there are now five ex-service men as regular ringers.

The bells at the Royal Exchange, a peal of 13 cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were opened on Wednesday of last week by the Lady Mayoress, and the wonderful tones of these new bells, the first in the City of London to be tuned on the Simpson principle, has been widely commented on.

The carillon, with a tenor of two tons, and weighing seven-tons altogether, plays twenty-one different tunes; but some surprise has been expressed that the Chimes Committee have not had included any Welsh airs, those at present on the barrel being English, Scotch and Irish.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received many congratulations upon the splendid result of their work, the new peal having restored to the City a feature of its daily life, which appears to have been much missed in recent years by those whose occupation takes them to 'the hub of the universe.'

His many friends will learn with much regret of the serious illness of Mr. Raymond J. Wilkins, a member at St. Stephen's, Bristol, at which church also he is a member of the Church Council. The good wishes of the Exercise for his speedy recovery will go out to him. He has been greatly missed in the belfry for the last seven weeks.

The claim to the first peal of Major on the bells at All Saints', Daresbury, Cheshire, made in the footnote to a peal published last week cannot be sustained. The bells were restored by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. They were dedicated at matins on Sunday, Feb. 15th, 1914, and a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, was rung for evensong the same day.

The temporary address of Mr. A. H. Winch (of Leatherhead) is 1. Cliff Street, Whitby, Yorks.

The best ringers sometimes fail, and it is the glorious uncertainty which partly makes peal ringing such an attraction. Last Saturday week, at Southwark, the Kent County Association nearly took its first peal of Cambridge Maximus, but an otherwise splendid performance went wrong in the last lead, and the bells stopped about 20 changes short of a peal after 4 hours 8 mins.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. T. Stuart, of Dalton-in-Furness, who passed away on Monday of last week.

OLDEST BELL RINGER DEAD.**THE PASSING OF MR. JOHN HEATHORN.**

At the advanced age of 97 years, Mr. John Heathorn, England's oldest bell ringer, passed away at Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, last week. Born on January 11th, 1824, Mr. Heathorn learnt to ring just 70 years ago, taking his first lessons in handling a bell at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, where there are six bells. At that time (1851) there was very little change ringing in the neighbourhood, but the company got along well with Grandsire Doubles until they broke up in the early '70's. Mr. Heathorn then went to Holy Trinity Church, and was instrumental in getting the bells rung regularly for Sunday service for some years. The bells, however, were sadly in need of the attention of a bell hanger, and when Messrs. Taylor and Co. put in the eight bells at St. Nicolas' Church in 1879, Mr. Heathorn threw in his lot with a band formed there. He was the only change ringer among them, and progress was very slow; indeed it was nearly ten years before they succeeded in ringing their first 168 of Grandsire. This was in January, 1889, and on May 27th in the same year, Mr. Heathorn, at the age of 65, rang his first peal. From that time onward Mr. Heathorn took part in occasional peals, and altogether rang 23, viz., Grandsire Triples 13, Grandsire Caters 1, Union Triples 1, Bob Triples 3, Bob Major 4, Oxford Bob Triples 1. Mr. Heathorn's last peal was on October 1st, 1902, although he made an unsuccessful attempt for another on his 84th birthday. Born in the reign of George IV. Mr. Heathorn rang for the Coronation of George V., and even had a pull after he had passed his 90th birthday. From August, 1897, Mr. Heathorn was an inmate of Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's ancient almshouse, close under the bells of Holy Trinity Church, whose ringing gave him much delight in the evening of his days. Only in January last a handbell peal, in honour of his birthday, was rung at Abbot's Hospital.

TREBLE BOB VARIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While thanking Mr. Trollope for his appreciation of my two variations of Treble Bob, I find myself unable to agree with any of his arguments. We all know how pleasant it is to enjoy good health after a severe illness; but surely no one would expose himself willingly to infection with the object of obtaining that pleasure. If Mr. Trollope's suggestion is to be carried to its logical conclusion, the conductor should introduce some crashing discords into every concert, with the object of making his audience appreciate the good music that came between them; but his orchestra would soon be playing to empty benches if he did so.

I grant that Duffield and Forward are horribly monotonous; but the monotony comes from the lack of variety in the work of the method; not from the music. If it were so, then Double Norwich would share their fate.

Cambridge Royal is better music than Treble Ten, simply because it contains nothing like the two leads in which the tenors are in the slow in the latter.

Mr. Trollope seems to have entirely misunderstood my allusion to 'Worcester.' I was not trying to frame definitions for a bob, but only pointing out that the absence of the three-pull dodge that comes at the bob in the ordinary method tended to monotony.

Having had fair experience in both these methods, I venture to say that no one will find them monotonous, but far more interesting than the parent method.—Yours, E. BANKES JAMES.

MIXTURE WHICH IS A CENTURY OLD.

A Yorkshire ringer writes to us as follows: 'This hybrid Treble Bob, of which so much is being made, was produced by Hudson, of Sheffield, a hundred years ago. He called it "Hudson's New Light," an Oxford Plain lead being used to keep the tenors out of the slow. Tell them quite gently to ring Forward if they want a dodging method with slow work, or send them a lead of London or Cambridge.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, when members, representing the following to wets, were present: Battle, Brighton, Bexhill (St. Peter's), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), and Salehurst.

Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon at St. Clement's, followed by tea, which was provided at 'The Restaurant,' High Street.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. Franks, of Battle, occupied the chair, and two new members were elected (Mr. E. T. Baber and Mr. Jack Sharp), of St. Saviour's, Eastbourne.

Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. W. Franks, J. Livermore and G. H. Howse were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee.

Bexhill was the place decided upon for the next meeting.

The Chairman made an earnest appeal for increased support for 'The Ringing World.' He pointed out that it was the only paper published in the interests of change ringing, and asked the members to support it wholeheartedly, and take their copy each week, it being the only sure way to make the paper a success.—Mr. A. Piper, of Eastbourne, also supported the appeal.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.**

Once again the London County Association has to record a most successful annual general meeting held on February 12th at St. Clement Danes, Strand. Owing to the large number of ringers that attended, it was found impossible for all to have a pull on the 'beautiful bells of St. Clement's.' The association's form of service was used, conducted by the hon. Chaplain, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A., assisted by Canon J. H. Ellison, M.A., Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill; the Rev. E. C. Bedford, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn; the Rev. J. A. Mayo, Rector of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel; the Rev. H. Mayne Young, M.A., Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and the Rev. A. G. B. West, M.A., Rector of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, some 76 members being present. The lessons were read by the Rev. E. C. Bedford and Mr. R. A. Daniell, and an interesting address was given by Canon J. H. Ellison. Commencing with a short account of the meeting of the National Assembly, he urged ringers to make friends with the Parochial Church Councils that they might be recognised as churchworkers by the Councils, which had come to stop. Preaching from 1 Corinthians xii. xiii. and xiv., the speaker applied the words of St. Paul to the work of ringers. Ringers, he said, were peculiarly gifted, and only one person in three was actually gifted for ringing. Punctuality and method particularly were required, and each worker should, if possible, do only a little, but take infinite pains over that little. Everyone who was doing a good work should work for God, which would make them give their best to the work. Ringing was a work that was being done for the whole of the community, but few understood the higher branches of change ringing. Parochial Church Councils should be used to educate the people in these matters, and ringers should get elected to the Councils in order to carry this out.

Those who aspired to religious work, the preacher added, should be religious. If they had love in their bellfries, everything else would follow: loyalty to their fellow members, and a sense of responsibility that they might do the work with an unselfish and generous spirit.

At the conclusion of the service, a move was made to the Parish House, Clare Market, where a most satisfying meal had been provided by the Hon. Chaplain and his wife, the tastefully decorated tables speaking of the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Pennington Bickford, who personally arranged them.

The business meeting followed, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) presiding.—Six new members were elected, including Mrs. Pennington Bickford as an honorary member.

Mr. E. A. Young, as junior auditor, read the balance sheet, which shows an increase in the funds of £11 7s. on the year's working. It was decided to purchase 25 War Savings Certificates.

The Hon. Secretary's report, which was received with approval, showed that 38 new members were elected during 1920, and gave some interesting figures on the past year's peal ringing. Twenty-five peals had been rung, 20 on tower bells, and 5 on handbells, 75 members taking part in them. Eight members had rung their first peal, 26 their first in various methods, two their first with an inside bell, and one his first away from the tenor. It was interesting to note that one member, who was elected in January, 1920, took part in 15 peals, and scored his first of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Major on tower bells, and Stedman Caters on handbells.

The election of officers aroused considerable interest, the following being successful: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. general secretary, Mr. A. D. Barker; hon. general treasurer, Mr. W. G. Matthews; senior steward, Mr. W. H. Pickett; junior steward, Mr. F. W. H. Sergison; trustees, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. E. A. Young; Central Council representatives, Mr. T. H. Taffender and Mr. E. A. Young.

The positions of Master, junior steward and Central Council representatives were contested, but to no purpose, the opposition being badly left in the minority.

Touches on handbells concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

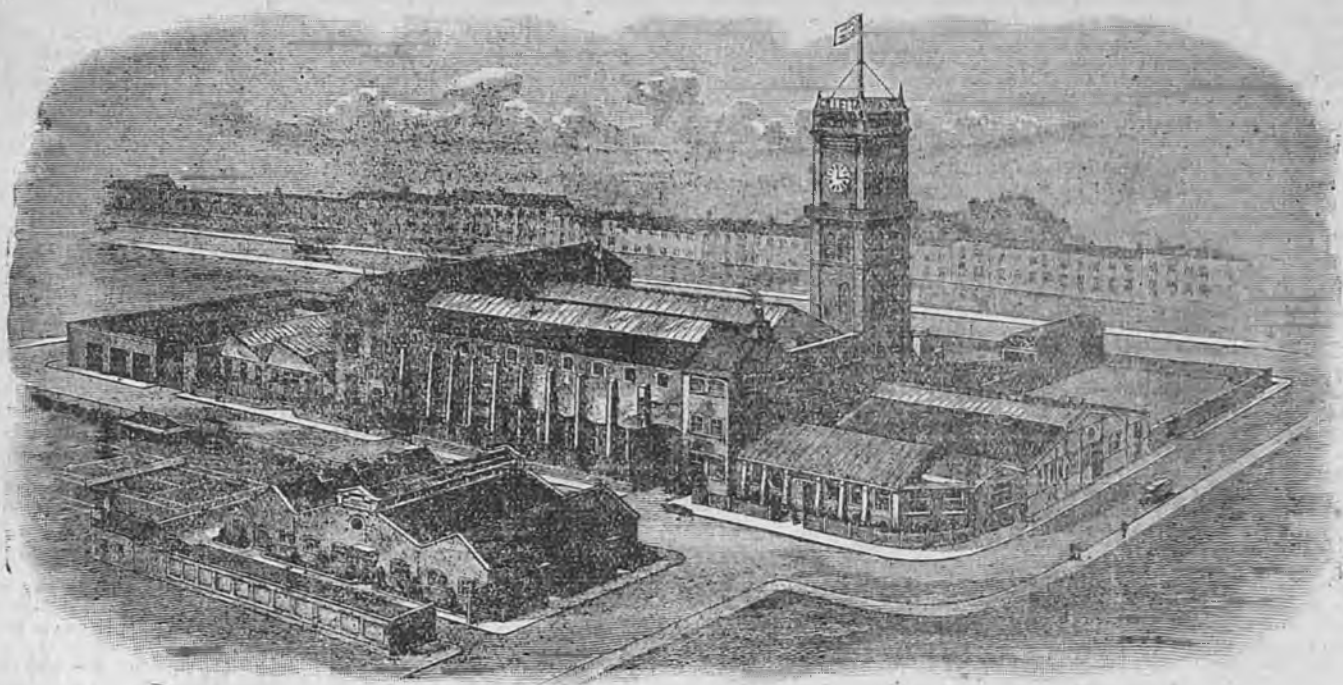
A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at St. Mary's, Grassendale, members attending from St. Nicholas' and St. Francis' (Liverpool), Farnworth, Garston, Huyton, and local company. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Johling), who presided over the business meeting, at which three new members were elected, and St. Luke's, Liverpool, was chosen for the next place of meetings.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of bells, and also for the tea.—The Vicar, in replying, welcomed the members to the church, and hoped that they would not be long in coming again.—The methods rung during the evening were Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' DINNER.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances it has been found necessary to postpone the annual dinner and concert of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths to April 2nd. The arrangements made for the previous date will stand for the revised date.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 45 members being present. Towers represented were Aldershot, Farnham, Chiddingfold, St. Nicholas' and Holy Trinity, Guildford, Portsmouth, and the local company; the Rev. E. Banks James also being present. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. — Wragge, and an address was given by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. One compounding and three new members were elected.

Mr. J. J. Jones then informed the company that, owing to failing eyesight, he was compelled to resign the secretaryship which he has held since the opening of the district, and he gave some interesting accounts of his early days, when the district was started, and the sorrow he felt of having to take the step he was taking.

His resignation was accepted with regret by all, and it was decided to call a representative meeting of the district to consider the situation.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

A SIX-BELL 'STUNT.'

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12th, six stalwart men (one of them being a lady) left Reading for a short journey down the Thames Valley. At Goring they were met by Mr. J. Bower, who did the conducting as far as Streulley, where the light peal of six were raised, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob lost in the last lead through the indisposition (to ring) of one of the band. However, a 720 of Bob Minor was finished by: J. Waime 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Miss S. Davis 3, J. Smith 4, J. Bower 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 6. Then over the river to Goring, where the 720 Oxford Treble Bob was finished: H. Simmonds 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. Wiggins 4, W. Hibbert 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 6. It was on the cards to go right away to South Stoke, but the lady said 'No, it is tea-time,' and rather than hurt her feelings we allowed her to take the place of honour and pour out 'the cup that cheers.' Then to South Stoke, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in good style: H. Simmonds 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, Miss S. Davis 3, J. Smith 4, A. Wiggins 5, W. Hibbert 6. These are a pleasing peal of six, a treble having been added and the bells rebung in metal frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank as a way memorial; and, needless to say, it is a pleasure to ring there. Several old friends had turned up by this time, and Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were enjoyed by all and sundry. The writer wishes to thank Mr. J. Bower and other Goring ringers for their kindness and hospitality. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Dartford recently. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Major were accomplished. Service was well attended, and an address was given by the Rev. Canon L. Savill (Vicar), the prayers being read by the Rev. D. R. A. Williams (curate). Tea followed in the Church Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar, to which about 50 sat down, the Vicar and curate being present; also Messrs. C. H. Steelman and W. L. Parry (churchwardens). A good staff of ringers' wives and friends were present to wait on the company.—At the conclusion of the tea, a vote of thanks, carried by acclamation, was accorded the ladies for their kindness, to which one of them briefly replied.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.—Mr. R. Brett, of Newdigate, Surrey, was elected a non-resident life member, and six practising members were elected.—Erith (St. John the Baptist) was selected as the place for the meeting in April.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries (district representative) read his report of the Central Committee meeting.—This was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to him.

A suggestion was then put forward with regard to making Dartford a ring of ten, and after a little explanation, the Vicar and Mr. L. Parry promised to see what could be done.

Mr. W. Hewett then put forward a suggestion with regard to 'The Ringing World,' and after discussion, the District Secretary informed the meeting that he believed it was settled to raise the price of the paper. On a show of hands it was found that nearly all took the paper.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and the tea.—This was carried with applause, and in reply the Vicar thanked the meeting, and said it had been a very great pleasure to entertain them.—A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to the churchwardens for their presence, to which Mr. W. L. Parry responded.—This concluded the business, and the members again visited the tower for more ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**STROUD BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Painswick on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Thirty members from the towers in the branch, and from Gloucester, Dursley and Witcombe attended. Some good ringing was done during the afternoon with Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques and Bob Royal. A ringers' service was afterwards held, and the association's form was used. The Vicar officiated, and an excellent address on the law of liberty was given by the Rev. A. M. Coode (a brother ringer), which was much appreciated.

After the service, by the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Verey, all were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. The annual business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided.

The Branch Secretary (Mr. W. Hale) presented the accounts, which showed that the working expenses of the branch for 1920 had been £2 7s. 2d., and the sum of £4 8s. 10d. had been paid to the treasurer of the association. Eleven ringing meetings had been held at different towers, and there were 69 performing and 4 honorary members who had paid their subscriptions. Three new members had been elected, and 11 peals had been rung in the branch during the year, including the record peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick of 13,001 changes.

The Rev. W. J. Clay (Vicar of Bisley) was re-elected president, and the retiring officers and branch committee were re-elected en bloc, and heartily thanked for their services.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local Press and 'The Ringing World' for publishing the reports of the meetings and peals rung in the different towers; also to the clergy, churchwardens and friends at the diocesan churches for the use of the bells and kind help to the Diocesan Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Verey for the use of the bells and for their hospitality, also to the Rev. A. M. Coode, for his practical address, and all who had helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept merrily going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters till 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**S. and W. DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the S. and W. District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 5th. The attendance was very good, about 80 members being present. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and after the business meeting, to many methods, and some good ringing was heard. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist and choir gave their assistance.

The gathering for tea overtaxed the accommodation of the 'London Apprentice,' and many had to be content with a 'stand up' meal.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. Edgley (churchwarden), who, with the Vicar, had kindly given the tea.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, subject to audit, and showed a deficit on the year's working of 1s. 8d., which Mr. W. H. Fussell kindly wiped off by a donation.

Many new members were elected, and the officers for 1921 were elected as follows: Master, Mr. C. S. Bird; treasurer, Mr. S. Carter; hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Hollier; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. Chandler, Harding and Holloway.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the retiring hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Oram) for his services.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, wardens, organist and choir, and local ringers, for their help in making such a successful meeting.

BEQUEST FOR BELL RINGING.

By the death of Mr. Robert Marslow, J.P., of Ludlow, the Hereford Guild has lost one of its best supporters, who took a particularly keen interest in the Guild almost from its formation. For a number of years he was one of its representatives on the Central Council, had served as one of the managing committee of the Guild for a long time, and at his death he was hon. auditor. Some twenty years or so ago he took a more active part in bell ringing, and on several occasions he entertained the members to tea when the annual festivals were held in his neighbourhood. He had rung one or two peals.

By his will he bequeathed to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Lawrence's, Ludlow, £200, in trust, the income to go to the Ludlow Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild to encourage the science of bell ringing.

The annual gathering of the Berks and Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is proposed to take place at Old Windsor, on Easter Monday, March 28th. A good day's programme is being prepared, and several adjoining rings of eight will be available. The Hon. Secretary advises ringers to 'get that new cycle tyre ready and watch 'The Ringing World.'

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

Recognising that the first and essential duty of a ringer is service to the Church by utilising his art to call the public to worship, we are taking the earliest opportunity, now that the paper is enlarged, to make special provision for this phase of the work in the belfry.

There are many thousands of ringers whose interest lies almost solely in this Sunday duty, and who only occasionally indulge in a peal. Their performances, therefore, do not often find their way into print, and, especially in the period through which we have just passed, the publication of their touches on account of the limitation in the size of this journal, have been almost eliminated, not through any fault of ours, but by sheer force of circumstances.

These ringers, however, have a claim to greater recognition, and we hope to meet it by making this page a permanent feature, so that

preference to those reports which reach us not later than the Tuesday morning following their performance on the preceding Sunday. We cannot, of course, definitely promise to publish everything that is sent to us, for it may happen that we may be overwhelmed with 'copy' of this kind; but, so far as there is conformity to the above suggestions, we will do our best.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ASHFORD.—Kent County Association and Romney Marsh Guild.—On Sunday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss E. Thomas 1, C. Tribe 2, W. Everett 3, H. Parker (first quarter inside and first attempt) 4, E. Powell 5, G. Billenness (conductor) 6, E. S. Ruck 7, P. Page 8. This is the first time Miss Thomas has attempted a quarter-peal, and she rang re-

HIGHEST IDEALS IN RINGING.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

It is with great pleasure that I learn that in future the Editor intends to introduce into the 'Ringing World' a special page each week having reference to Sunday ringing for Church services. Such ringing deserves hearty encouragement for many reasons. To employ the music of the bells for the purpose of drawing worshippers to God's House is the highest of the ideals connected with ringing. It shows that ringers do really put first the honour of God, and not their own glorification or the pleasure which they take in their exercise.

It emphasises the fact that ringers are Church-workers, and carry out a real and beautiful ministry entrusted to them. More than that, it presents bell-ringing to the world in general in its most attractive, as well as its most sacred and useful form. I believe that everyone, unless he be a bitter and prejudiced opponent of all religion, loves to hear on Sundays 'the sound of the Church-going bells.' They have a message to the listener even at a distance; they have a call to prayer which he may not obey, but cannot refuse to hear; they have a voice which reaches to inmost heart and soul. By all means, then, let us encourage and promote the best of ringing for Sunday services. And what better can there be than good change-ringing in well-struck touches? everyone joining in harmony with his brother-ringers, and filled with the true spirit of the work in which he is taking a part.

A. H. F. BOUGHHEY

some, at any rate, of the best touches may be placed on record.

But we desire, also, that this page shall provide something more than a mere collection of touches rung, and we shall publish a series of short messages to ringers from their clerical colleagues of the belfry, which we believe will prove an acceptable addition to our 'Sunday Service Ringers' Page.' Several of the well-known ringing clergy have already promised to contribute, and others, we hope, will follow. The first of this series appears to-day, and in it the Rev. A. H. F. Boughhey, President of the Central Council, talks upon the highest ideals in ringing. Next week's message will be by Canon Coleridge.

Another direction in which we hope to make this page useful as well as interesting, is by the publication of touches in various methods of lengths which should prove suitable for service ringing purposes. Many of these touches are being got together from well-known composers, and the aim will be to give what is musical, and, sometimes, something off the beaten track. If these touches cannot be utilised on the Sunday following their publication, conductors may like to keep them for service at some future date.

With regard to the publication of Sunday Service ringing performances, we must ask our readers to use some discrimination in what they send us. The touches which we should prefer to publish would be those which are rung for special occasions, or which mark some interesting advance in the art by the band or some members of it. After these we shall publish quarter-peals on eight bells and 720's on smaller numbers as far as space permits, and we shall give

markedly well throughout. She is the first lady to figure in a quarter in the Ashford tower, and the first lady member of the Romney Marsh Guild to score a quarter.

LONDON.—At St. John's, Wilton Road, for evening service, on Feb. 6th, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Dyas 1, Miss G. E. Bateman 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, C. C. Mayne 4, C. V. Elberston 5, E. C. Phillips 6, J. Bullock 7, A. Howell (first quarter-peal) 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 13th, for evening service, in 45 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples (composed by the late A. P. Wakley): E. C. Chivers 1, A. Speed 2, S. Carter 3, I. B. Holmford 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, J. Hambleton 6, W. Keavill 7, W. Ford 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, February 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 28 mins.: J. Avis 1, H. Argent 2, G. Jones 3, G. Ambrose 4, F. Hayes 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Hartson, an ardent supporter of the church, and the only lady vice-president of the Ringers' Society, who died on the 18th inst.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday, February 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Mills 1, G. Tizzard 2, G. Hewitt 3, H. Coombor 4, T. Tullett 5, N. E. Hope 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, H. Pelling (first quarter-peal) 8.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For morning service, on Feb. 20th, in 25 mins., 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Mills 1, W. Mills 2, S. Cooper 3, H. Cunningham 4, A. Holmes (conductor) 5, A. Sneath 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

Here is an old but musical touch of

1064 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

23456 B H

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45236 S —

52346 S —

42356 S

Five times repeated, with S at H half-way and end.

From 'Shipway.'

672 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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Each course end has 6-7 at home.

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NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD. UNVEILING CEREMONY AND DINNER.

An 'Armistice' peal tablet and another commemorating a peace peal, rung at Newcastle Cathedral, were unveiled in the Cathedral belfry on January 27th by Sir Arthur Sutherland, who was Lord Mayor of the City at the time the peals were rung—the first on Nov. 11th, 1918 (Stedman Cinques, the only 12-bell peal rung in the United Kingdom that day), and the second on July 21st, 1919 (Stedman Cinques).

Mr. C. L. Routledge (Ringing Master) welcomed Sir Arthur, who made an interesting speech on bells, and unveiled the oak tablets.

After a dedicatory prayer by Canon Newsom, Mr. W. Story, president of the Northumberland and Durham Association, moved a vote of thanks to Sir Arthur, which was seconded by the Vicar.—Ald. Robinson, in support, recalled the fact that Sir Arthur's father was sheriff when the new peal was installed.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a short touch was rung, and Mr. George Renwick, M.P., in a few genial words, wished the Cathedral ringers every success.

Subsequently the Guild held their annual dinner in the Collingwood Restaurant. Mr. C. L. Routledge presided, supported by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom, M.A.), Alderman Robinson and Mr. E. W. Lidderdale (churchwardens), Rev. E. D. Clark, Mr. W. Story (president of the Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. E. E. Ferry and Mr. Ben Dixon (joint secretaries of the Diocesan Guild) and Mr. R. Thompson (senior vergers of the Cathedral). An excellent repast was served.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the toast of the Vicar was submitted and replied to by Canon Newsom in a most encouraging speech. He complimented the ringers upon their fine work in the Cathedral belfry, and, referring to Sir Arthur Sutherland's remarks at the unveiling, that in olden days 'the bells were thought to drive evil spirits away,' said that undoubtedly when the merry peal of the Cathedral was ringing it drove away the evil spirits of present-day life—passion, greed, discontent, and all that tended to make people unhappy, and in their place the joyful sounds of the bells helped them to think of all that was good and best in life. The bells had their message to the city, and he knew how Newcastle people loved the old Cathedral, and, not least, its bells.

Alderman Robinson replied for the wardens, and said how deeply they were indebted to the Guild for their services, and how greatly they appreciated the splendid way in which the bells were rung. He supported the Vicar in the promise that they (the Vicar and wardens) should provide the annual dinner of the Guild next year. He had taken a deep interest in the ringing of the bells in his 39 years in office as churchwarden, and he considered the Guild's ringing the finest he had known on the Cathedral bells.

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Mr. W. Story) made a strong appeal on behalf of 'The Ringing World,' and stated that not only should it be in every belfry, but that every ringer should be a reader and interest others. He asked all present to help to that end. It was a great joy to him to look up the old numbers of 'The Ringing World' and see the peals of the past.

Mr. Routledge, Ringing Master, supported Mr. Story in his appeal.

The Guild were also complimented on the artistic addition to the belfry in the two peal boards unveiled that evening, commemorating the great historic events of the war, the armistice and the signing of the peace treaty, and the Newcastle belfry bids fair to be one of the finest furnished with the many great and historic peals that have been recorded.

The sympathy of the gathering was extended to Mr. Alfred Dalton, one of the Guild members, in his illness which had prevented his taking part in ringing for some time, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be restored to health again.

The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Alderman Robinson, Messrs. Ben Dixon, E. Ferry, and friends, and members of the Guild rang touches on the handbells. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Prestoign and Leominster District was held at the Priory Church, Leominster, on January 29th, when over 30 members attended and enjoyed ringing on the fine peal of ten. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Gillanders, M.C.), and was followed by tea and business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.

The District Secretary (Mr. A. Talbot) read a short report of the year's work, which showed that the district had a balance in hand of £3 4s. 6d., and a membership of 79. The balance sheet was passed as very satisfactory. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Aynestry on April 30th.—Mr. C. Edwards, who proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells, congratulated the district on the progress made.

After the meeting members returned to the tower, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Calers and Bob Major were rung.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab 1755).—The 33rd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s. to meet the increased cost of the dinner, to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. It is necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 19th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Proposed Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, at the old Wine Vaults, East Street. All wishing tea please write, Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, by Feb. 24th.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Morpeth on Feb. 26th. Tower will be open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at cost price.—James E. Gofton, Netherby, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Twyford on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Feb. 26th of their intention of being present.—W. Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) will be held at Portishead, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send me a card not later than March 1st.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells ready at 3.15 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea should advise me by March 2nd; a charge of 1/3 will be made

for same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of this guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than March 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Galleywood on March 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the White Bear. Those requiring tea please notify me before Wednesday, March 2nd. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Business very important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 5th. Eight bells, from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided if sufficient send in their names to Mr. W. Warburton, Meadow View, Whiston, Rotherham, on or before March 1st.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available all day. Meeting at 4 o'clock.—W. Robinson, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, District Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 1st?—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION CHANGERINGERS.—A meeting will be held at Sandal, on Saturday, March 12th, at 4 p.m. All ringers cordially invited to be present.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Keighley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in West Lane Schools. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. W. Jennison, 40, Aireworth Street, Keighley, before March 8th.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—A service will be held to dedicate two new trebles on Saturday, March 12th. Service will be held at 2.30, conducted by Rev. A. H. F.

Boughey, President of the Central Council. A free tea will be provided for ringers in the Assembly Room. All those wishing to be present at tea kindly send in their names on or before March 8th to Charles Patten, Mill Cottages, Fulbourn, Cambs. The two new bells are a gift (an addition to the six) of Mr. Reuben Moore, churchwarden since 1887.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends of the above branch have received an invitation from the Vicar to take tea at Bray on Saturday, March 12th. Tower bells available from 3. Service at the Parish Church at 5, and social in the Church Room at 6 o'clock. Foremen of towers will please make this meeting known to all members in their district and advise me by March 9th how many are proposing to be present.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea at 1/6 per head in the Wolstenholme Hall at 5.45 to those who notify Mr. C. Harrison, 53, Baltic Road, Darnall, Sheffield by Wednesday, March 9th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, April 2nd, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W. 18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W. 9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W. 2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E. 1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 79, Morgan Mansions, N. 7.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney, Gloucester, on Whit-Monday, May 16th, 1921. The annual meeting of the Management Committee will precede that of the general meeting. Further particulars later. Any motions to be moved should be sent in at the earliest.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Rule 3. Will those concerned kindly note that particulars (with entrance fee) of members elected prior to peal attempts must reach me within one month of such election?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**SUFFOLK BRANCH AND THE CHURCH COUNCILS' POWERS**

The third general meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Norwich and Ipswich Association of Change Ringers was held at Leiston. The bells of the Parish Church were open to the members all day, and well-struck touches were rung in a great many methods. The Rev. E. M. Girling presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), Messrs. E. Evans (Branch Secretary), F. C. Lambert, G. Wilson, and C. E. Fisher (District Secretaries). The election of Mr. Wm. Rose as secretary for the Eye district was confirmed, and the Rev. Girling was elected an honorary member of the Association.

The Rev. H. Drake explained Clause 6, Section III. of the Church Council (Powers), and said that no doubt the bell ringers there mentioned were those appointed to toll the bells for special services and funerals. It would be well to have this clearly defined, and suggested that the members present should pass a resolution such as that passed at Diss at the Norfolk Branch meeting.

Mr. E. Evans referred to the pleasant relationship existing under the present system between the clergy and ringers, and as change ringers were, generally speaking, voluntary workers, Canon Baker's letter pointing out the danger of their being 'appointed' came as a surprise to most of them, and he moved that the general secretary's resolution be adopted, viz.: 'That this Association deprecates the inclusion of bell ringers in Clause 6, Section III. of the Church Council (Powers) Bill, and is of opinion that the words "bell ringers" should be omitted from this, as it considers it detrimental to the best interests of bell ringers and the art of change ringing to subject the ringers to any authority other than that of their parish priests.'

Mr. F. C. Lambert seconded, and the motion was carried.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Ipswich on Easter Monday.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. M. Girling for presiding, and for granting the use of the bells.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.
NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Ecton on February 5th, when about 30 members were present from Weston Favell, Cogenhoe, Brafield, Wylby, Northampton, Moulton, and the local tower. Evensong was conducted by the Rector (Canon Jepson), who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Ecton. After service the Rector called attention to the beautiful photo album containing the photos of all the 88 men of Ecton, who served in the army during the great war. The novelty of this album is that it is bound in oak, which was grown at Ecton. There is also in the belfry a tablet of beaten copper on which are the names of the local ringers (five in number), who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war.

After tea, in the absence of the Rector, Mr. Law presided at the business meeting, and took the opportunity of thanking the members for the presentation they had made him. He also urged the members to support 'The Ringing World.'

Old Duston was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Hardingstone for a special meeting on the 9th April.

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