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**BELLS,
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CLOCKS.**

RECRUITING THE RANKS.

At a recent meeting of the North Notts Association there were expressions of regret that a larger number of young ringers were not coming into the Exercise, and an appeal was made by the Vicar of Worksop that efforts should be made to increase the strength of the ringers from the ranks of the congregations. The experience of the North Notts Association is not unique, and yet we find curious contrasts in other districts, where whole bands of young enthusiasts are being added to the roll of the Associations. Those, however, who are having no difficulty in keeping up the strength of the local companies, and consequently maintaining the membership of the Associations to which they are affiliated, are in an enviable position.

The case of those who lack the regular infusion of young blood is a matter for serious concern. To begin with, it results eventually, as removals and deaths occur, in so reducing the numbers at the tower affected that it becomes impossible to ring all the bells for the services, it limits the scope of practice for those who remain and, in time, undermines their enthusiasm. This in turn reacts upon the Association for the area in which the tower is situated, resulting, perchance, in the ultimate loss of this belfry. The matter, therefore, is one of more than local concern, and the North Notts Association, at any rate, recognises it in this light, and some helpful suggestions were put forward.

The first step in the remedy is unquestionably to interest the incumbent of the church, because it can generally be taken that where there is a lack of ringers there is also lack of active interest in the ringers by the parson, while, usually, where the clergyman is keen about the bells and the ringers, there will be found a flourishing band. With the help of the parson, half the difficulty in securing recruits for the belfry is overcome, for then an appeal to the congregation as a whole, or to the local branch of the C.E.M.S., is never without result. Indeed, as we have more than once pointed out, the Men's Society, which is now to be found in almost every parish, is the recruiting ground which offers the best chance of success, for it includes in its ranks men pledged to the service of the Church, who would be only too glad of the opportunity of proving their desire to help in any direction where help is needed. Interest in bells and ringing could also be stimulated by the methods so often advocated in this column, and, given the active aid of the clergy, there ought to be no parish where, despite counter attractions of a more exciting nature, there is genuine ground to lament the absence of necessary recruits for the belfry.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

| Tenor 24 cwt. in D. | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| A. E. PITSTOW | Treble | F. PITSTOW | 6 |
| *L. E. PITSTOW | 2 | H. N. PITSTOW... .. | 7 |
| F. DENCH | 3 | †A. EVENETT | 8 |
| †R. STRONG... .. | 4 | F. J. PITSTOW | 9 |
| †G. SPARROW | 5 | W. PARISH | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

This is the first peal on the bells. * First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

STEPNEY, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

| Tenor 32 cwt. | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| FRANK BALL... .. | Treble | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD | 6 |
| HERBERT LANGDON | 2 | HORACE ADAMS | 7 |
| BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON | 3 | THOMAS LANGDON | 8 |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON | 4 | EMANUEL HALL | 9 |
| JAMES SCHOLES | 5 | GEORGE BARRELL | Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON.
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as the last mark of respect to the Rev. W. G. Cameron, M.A., Rector and Rural Dean of Stepney, who died on December 26th, 1919, age 45 years.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5072 CHANGES;

| Tenor 17 cwt. | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| HENRY LETTS | Treble | †JAMES F. GEORGE | 6 |
| CHARLES E. HART | 2 | ALBERT H. WARD | 7 |
| *KENNETH G. SHELDON | 3 | EDWARD C. GOBY | 8 |
| †FREDERICK W. HILL | 4 | PERCY PRICE | 9 |
| JOHN C. DICKENS | 5 | HENRY C. BRADLEY | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method and first peal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

| Tenor 19½ cwt. in E. | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE SCARRETT | Treble | *GEORGE JONES | 5 |
| FREDERICK W. TAYLOR | 2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS | 6 |
| ERNEST WEATHERBY | 3 | ALFRED E. FULLOCK | 7 |
| WILLIAM WEATHERBY | 4 | CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. It is over 100 years since a peal of Kent was rung at Shifnal.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

| Tenor 24½ cwt. in D. | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------|
| CHARLES EDWARDS | Treble | †JOHN BEAVEN | 5 |
| *ALLEN GWYNNE | 2 | †WILLIAM POSTON | 6 |
| †JOHN H. RACKHAM | 3 | EX-SERGEANT J. WILLIAMS... .. | 7 |
| †SIDNEY T. RACKHAM | 4 | JOHN CLARKE | Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| *JOHN WOOTTON Treble | †EDWARD G. BATES 5 |
| ALBERT BATES 2 | FRANK E. ELLIS 6 |
| WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7 |
| HARRY RAYNER 4 | EDWARD BROWN Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK E. ELLIS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

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

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK S. SANDERS ... Treble | HENRY HOLLIS 5 |
| HERBERT C. SPENCER 2 | WILLIAM J. MEERS 6 |
| JONATHAN PRESTON 3 | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 7 |
| *WILLIAM C. RHODES 4 | JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Frederic Smith Swindell, M.A., Vicar of Erdington, Rural Dean of Aston and Honorary Chaplain to the Bishop of Birmingham.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ST. LAWRENCE MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

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| JOHN T. SCOTT Treble | MAURICE SMITHER 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6 |
| CHARLES HAZELDEN 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7 |
| GEORGE W. STEERE 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor |

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the first peal rung in the method, it is also the first peal of Major by Messrs. C. N. Burdock and G. W. Steere.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| *DENNISS DEACON Treble | THOMAS ABBOTT 5 |
| JAMES GARRATT 2 | GEORGE BASFORD 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HALL 3 | WALTER PERKINS 7 |
| HARRY BLUNDELL 4 | *BEN MORRIS Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Arthur Chapman who had been a member of this belfry for 25 years.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| GEORGE JORDAN Treble | WILLIAM T. PRIOR 5 |
| FREDERICK BIRD 2 | THOMAS JORDAN 6 |
| WALTER PRIOR 3 | HENRY DEW 7 |
| HARRY M. WHITE 4 | HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY DEW.

Treble, 3rd and 6th hail from Stansted, remainder belong to the local band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

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| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | FRANK SMITH 5 |
| OWEN H. GILES 2 | ALBERT MARKS 6 |
| CHARLES J. FRAY 3 | WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7 |
| *D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 4 | WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| *ALFRED YOUNG Treble | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2 | SPENCER MARSHALL 6 |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7 |
| HERBERT AUDSLEY 4 | SIDNEY ANSTEAD Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| J. RAY Treble | J. A. BROWN 5 |
| W. A. ABBISS 2 | J. SCREEN 6 |
| F. EVANS 3 | W. A. COOPER 7 |
| H. SHEPPARD 4 | B. FULLWOOD Tenor |

Conducted by W. A. COOPER.

Rung in honour of the Golden Wedding of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Swindell, also of his 32nd year as Vicar of Sedgley.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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| *WILFRED W. BAILEY ... Treble | FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5 |
| *LEONARD P. BAILEY 2 | EDGAR H. BAILEY 6 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 3 | ALLEN F. BAILEY 7 |
| JAMES M. BAILEY 4 | CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by eight brothers. Rung as a welcome home to the ringer of the treble, being the last one of six brothers to be demobilised.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble | ALFRED E. REEVES 5 |
| GILBERT H. HARDING 2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE 6 |
| PERCIVAL W. CAVE 3 | GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... 7 |
| RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4 | WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor |

Composed by HERBERT H. TUCKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal in the method and quickest peal of Major on the bells. The peal was composed on 23rd December, 1900, and is now rung for the first time.

TICHBURGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

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| TOM TEBBUTT Treble | GEORGE BASFORD 5 |
| *PHILLIS HARE 2 | JOHN R. MAIN 6 |
| ALFRED MAWBY 3 | WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7 |
| WILFRED J. SHARP 4 | WILLIAM PARKER Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ALLEN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| WILLIAM HEWETT Treble | ISAAC EMERY 5 |
| GEORGE KILBY 2 | FRANK I. HAIRS 6 |
| FRANK BENNETT 3 | HENRY STALHAM 7 |
| LOUIS ATTWATER 4 | ALFRED B. PECK Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and Mr. I. S. Daniels for having everything in readiness.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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| GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. | |
| HENRY W. BROWN Treble | EDMUND KING 5 |
| GEORGE W. TEMPLE 2 | CHARLES W. BELL 6 |
| FREDERICK C. RICH 3 | THOMAS F. KING 7 |
| THOMAS HODSFLESH 4 | LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

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| *GEORGE ALDER Treble | GEORGE MARTIN 4 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 5 |
| JOSEPH J. PARKER 3 | WILLIAM WELLING Tenor |

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

The first peal on the bells. The Rector closed the Church for the afternoon to enable the band to make the attempt free from interruption and afterwards kindly provided tea at the Rectory. * First peal of Minor in a list of 50 performances.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of (1) Armley, (2) Denton, (3) Rochester, (4) Killamash, (5) Duke of Norfolk, Islington and Norbury (spliced), (6) Neasden, College Bob iv. and Wragby (spliced), (7) Kingston, London Scholar's and Sandal (spliced).

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| ALFRED BARNES Treble | REV. A. T. BEESTON 4 |
| ALBERT E. MARSHALL 2 | WILFRED WILDE 5 |
| *HARRY BARDSLEY 3 | JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM Tenor |

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

Rung as a welcome home to local ringers demobilised from the Army. * First peal.

BROMHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM TYSOE Treble | JOSEPH SLADE 4 |
| THOMAS MERRITT 2 | †GEORGE FREEGARD 5 |
| GEORGE MORTIMER 3 | JAMES WALKER Tenor |

Conducted by J. SLADE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a compliment to P. C. Joy.

ASTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| SIDNEY CARTER Treble | ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4 |
| WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 2 | NATHAN PATMORE 5 |
| BARNARD PATMORE 3 | ERNEST A. OVERALL Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST A. OVERALL.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| HAROLD W. BIRDSEY Treble | LEONARD A. SMITH 4 |
| THOMAS E. ROBERTS 2 | THOMAS E. READ 5 |
| ALBERT J. GREEN 3 | FREDERICK C. CASE Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN.

First peal by the ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6. All are members of the local band. Rung at the first attempt.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES TUMBER Treble | THOMAS JULL 4 |
| Cecil C. BISHOP 2 | WILLIAM J. WALKER 5 |
| EDWARD H. SPICE 3 | WILLIAM NYE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

LANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, February 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Mins.,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores in 10 different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ERNEST H. DEW Treble | ARTHUR BREWER 4 |
| HENRY WEALE 2 | WILLIAM POSTON 5 |
| FRANK VOICE 3 | JOHN F. DILLAM Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal for ringers of treble and tenor.

GAYWOOD.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's of Kent, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of St. Clement's Bob.

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| FRED MITCHELLS Treble | TOM GREENACRE 4 |
| WILLIAM MITCHELLS 2 | B. M. TARGETT 5 |
| ROBERT GREENACRE 3 | GEO. HAWES Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE HAWES.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Friday, January 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HERBERT LANGDON ... 1-2 | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7-8 |
| MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3-4 | HARRY R. PASMORE ... 9-10 |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 5-6 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 11-12 |

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Umpire: THOMAS LANGDON.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, February 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET, HARWICH.

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Umpire: THOMAS PHILO. Witness: GEORGE THOMPSON.

This is believed to be the first performance of the kind for the Association.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 1-2 | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6 |
| CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4 | JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7-8 |
| CHARLES SAMPSON ... 9-10 | |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Witness: E. H. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey.

EDMONTON,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sunday, February 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.*

AT 128, THE CRESCENT, HERTFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

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| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7-8 |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1920, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF BERNARD PETTITT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob called differently.

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| *BERNARD PETTITT ... 1-2 | SIDNEY HALE ... 3-4 |
| OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6 | |

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD. Witness: LEWIS WISEMAN.

* First peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

IN THE NETTLES ROOM AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 CHANCES;

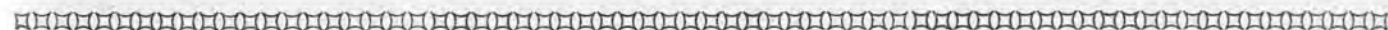
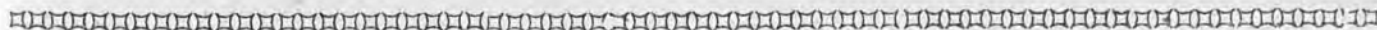
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| CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER ... 5-6 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7-8 |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... 9-10 | |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters by the Holy Trinity Society. First on 10 bells by G. W. Steere; first on handbells by C. Hazelden and L. W. Wiffen.

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MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many ringers who know the late Rev. H. A. Cockey may be interested to know that a memorial reredos has been placed in Oldland Church, where he was Vicar for many years. The following is an extract from the church records: 'Dec. 14th, 1919. At 11 a.m., a Reredos in memory of the late Herbert Adolphus Cockey, Vicar of the Parish from 1888 to 1916, given by the Parishioners and the Diocesan Bell Ringers' Association, was dedicated by the Rev. A. H. Sowell, M.A., Diocesan Missioner. Mr. Cockey was some time Master and hon. treasurer of the Bell Ringers' Association.'

The Reredos is of plain wainscot oak, containing five panels, with carved traceried heads. At the foot is carved, 'To the glory of God and in memory of Herbert Adolphus Cockey, Vicar of this Parish, 1888—1916.'

The cost of the work was about £100, towards which the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association collected £32 10s. 6d.—Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL E. THOROLD.

PROPOSED RING OF 12 FOR TAUNTON.

A meeting of St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, was held in the belfry on Monday evening, the Rev. Preb. Corfield presiding; Major Lightowers (churchwarden) being also present. After the election of officers for the ensuing year, the conductor asked the chairman to unveil a board, recording a peal of Bob Royal (5340 changes), the first peal of Royal rung in the country by resident members.

The Chairman congratulated the band on their performance, and an interesting discussion followed on the ways and means of obtaining the money to rehang the bells in St. Mary's tower, as it is considered detrimental to the tower to ring them in their present condition.

The tower contains 14 bells—10 rung in peal and four carillon bells. It is hoped to have two of these utilised and a new treble added to make a ring of twelve, and a light ring of eight, with the present 7th as tenor. It is hoped subscribers will be forthcoming in the near future.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH MEETING.

The members of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association held an exceptionally successful meeting on Saturday week at St. Thomas', Moorside, seventeen towers being represented. There were 34 members of the Rochdale and Manchester branches present, and the ringers were delighted to welcome a great many friends who attended this meeting to show their respect to the memory of the late Mr. Harry Hampson, who had passed away as a result of wounds received while serving in the Great War. It had been specially arranged to hold the meeting at Moorside in order to unveil a peal tablet recording the muffled peal that had been rung on June 25th, 1919, a little ceremony being impressively performed by the Rev. J. H. Garnett, M.A. (Vicar of the Parish). On behalf of the Moorside band, Mr. Herbert Barlow then handed over this tablet to the Vicar's care, and the Vicar said he was very pleased to receive this beautifully designed board, as it would certainly be an ornament to their tower.

The bells were kept going in touches of Steadman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. The tower chosen for next meeting was Rochdale Parish Church, the date being left in the hands of the branch secretary (Mr. T. K. Driver).

A resolution received from the Bolton branch recommending that the annual meeting of the association be held earlier in the year (about Whit-Week) was fully discussed, with the result that the majority of the Rochdale members were not in favour of any change being made. It was decided to leave over the making of any decision until other members, unable to be present on that occasion, were given an opportunity of stating their views.

The meeting concluded with the customary vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the tower, and to the local band for having everything in readiness.

Later in the evening the members of the branch were favoured with the presence of the President of the Association (Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton), who spent a short time in the tower, and expressed his personal satisfaction with the tone of the bells. The members afterwards adjourned to the Moorside Hotel, where touches of Grandsire Triples were indulged in on the handbells. Attempts were made at Grandsire Caters, but owing to lack of practice, this did not prove quite as successful as might have been desired. Mr. John Mitten (of Todmorden) gave his usual excellent display of tune ringing.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—Llandaff Association.—On Monday, January 26th, 1920, at St. Peter's Church, for the consecration service of St. David's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Crabbe 1, J. Cross 2, B. Davies 3, T. Hamlin 4, W. Page 5, F. Lasbury 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Roberts 8.

DEATH OF A VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER CLOSE OF A LONG CAREER.

After a ringing career of more than 60 years at the church, where his father before him was a ringer for half a century, Mr. John Wilson Lang has passed away at his home at Liversedge, at the ripe age of 79 years. As son of the late Mr. Obadiah Lang, formerly of Listing Lane Farm, Liversedge, the deceased was well known throughout the ringing circles of West Riding of Yorkshire.

Mr. Lang had been in failing health for some time, and retired from business 15 years ago, having been a partner in the firm of Messrs. O. Lang and Sons, blanket manufacturers, of Valley Road, Liversedge, for many years. His early years were spent at the Listing Lane Farm, which had been in the occupation of members of the Lang family for a few generations, and it was there that blanket manufacturing was first started. There is at the present time at the farm, a building which is known as the 'shop,' and it is believed handlooms were at work there long before power-looms had been introduced to the district.

When Mr. J. W. Lang was only a boy his father had already earned for himself a name as a first-class bell ringer, being regular in attendance at the Liversedge Parish Church. When still in his teens the deceased evinced a keen interest in the art. So much so, that at the age of sixteen years he frequently accompanied his parents to the belfry and received his instruction. He shortly afterwards joined the band of ringers at Liversedge, and when 26 years of age (in 1867), he participated in a peal of 6,240 changes, which was accomplished in three hours and 42 minutes, at the Liversedge Church. An accomplishment of which he was very proud was that he constituted one of the ringers at Liversedge when 10,272 changes were rung in two minutes short of six hours. For a period of about four years he was a member of the Birstall Parish Church belfry, and he was connected with the local handbell ringers. His father and he were the proud possessors of several campanological trophies. It was only in November of last year that Mr. Lang found it necessary to relinquish his connection with the Liversedge ringers. He was in attendance at the church when the news of the signing of the Armistice was pealed out on November 11th, 1918.

He had attended prize ringing all over the North of England, and had won the following first prizes along with his company:—Rawmarsh Abundbury, Brighouse, and Huddersfield, as well as many seconds and thirds. Mr. Lang had rung peals at all towers in the surrounding districts, and secured numerous prizes for handbell ringing; and he had also accomplished the feat of ringing all the bells at Liversedge three times round in peals of 5,020, which probably constitutes a record.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, including ringers from Liversedge, Birstall, Mirfield, Earlsheaton, Huddersfield and Lindley. After the committal a course of Grandsire was rung over the grave by W. Knott 1-2, W. Thomas 3-4, G. Bolland 5-6, S. Goodall 7-8. In the evening a date touch of 1920 Kent Treble Bob was rung on the parish church bells by B. Cook, Liversedge, 1; W. Knott, Liversedge, 2; W. Clark, Birstall, 3; A. North, Mirfield, 4; S. Goodall, Liversedge, 5; E. Lister, Liversedge, 6; E. Crother, Birstall (conductor), 7; W. Brearley, Lindley, 8. On the following Saturday a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung.

A BELLS REPAIR FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have often wondered why there has never been established a direct church bell fund for the repair or recasting of bells. I think there should be one in every county. Why should bells in various belfries be so neglected that the time arrives when they cannot be rung at all? It makes no difference how good and expert the ringers are, good ringing cannot be obtained on bad going bells.

I would suggest that a church bell fund should be started in every county, and a Sunday appointed in each year for collections in aid. I think the first Sunday after Christmas would be a good time. The general cry is when money is wanted for this purpose, where is it to come from? I think my suggestion would put an end to that. I would further suggest that all collections should be merged in one fund and placed on deposit at some appointed bank until it is required.

To me the belfry and bells are as sacred as any other part of the church, and it has its rights as well as its duties. But in general the bells and belfry are the last consideration. That should not be.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR LORKIN.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Carter's last letter does not seem to help us much. We all know what Mr. Carter wants. What we want to know is why he wants it, and what advantage we are to get by it.—Yours faithfully,

E. BANKES JAMES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TUNBRIDGE WELLS NEW BELLS.

Tunbridge Wells, with its new ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Church, was the venue of the recent Tunbridge district meeting of the Kent County Association, and the attraction of ringing on this fine peal helped to bring together an attendance of 60 members from all parts of the district. Ringing was kept up during the afternoon, and the association's form of service was used in church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Ferguson) officiating. The choir led the singing, and the Vicar gave a short address.

Tea in the Parish Room was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the two churchwardens, Mr. R. R. Collins and Mr. C. F. Catt, and also by Mr. C. Dean (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Bell Founders, Croydon). At the conclusion of the tea, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) said that the Vicar and Mr. Collins were obliged to leave owing to another engagement, and he proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Room, and for conducting the service and presiding at the tea; and to Mr. Collins for his attendance.—The Vicar, in reply, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to meet the members, and he also announced that the debt on the bells was entirely wiped out. This announcement was received with applause.

The business meeting followed, Mr. C. F. Catt presiding.—The District Secretary read his annual report and balance sheet, which were considered very satisfactory.—About 30 new practising members and three new hon. members were elected. It was decided that the quarterly meetings for the ensuing year should be held at Edenbridge, East Peckham, Sevenoaks or Staplehurst, and the next annual meeting at Tonbridge.

The District Secretary was re-elected. Mr. Latter returned thanks for his re-election, remarking that he had held that office for 25 years, and thanked the secretaries of the various bands for their kind assistance.—Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) was re-elected district representative.

The District Secretary then made an earnest appeal to the members for subscriptions to the Association's War Memorial, which it was proposed should be the addition of two bells to the peal of ten at Canterbury Cathedral, and the erection of a tablet in the Cathedral. He said that about 60 members of the Association had laid down their lives in the Great War, and he read the names of 12 members of this district. He hoped that the members would enable the committee to carry out the scheme, and thus perpetuate the memory of their fallen brothers in true ringers' fashion.

Mr. G. H. Stonesteele, of Tonbridge, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Catt for presiding at the meeting, and also to Mr. Collins and the late and present Vicars for the part they had taken in getting the bells recast and relunged; and dwelt on the vast improvement in the tone and 'go' of the bells as compared with the old ones.—This was seconded by Mr. C. Dean (Croydon).

The District Secretary, in putting the resolution, spoke of the enormous difficulties that had been overcome in carrying out the work by the opposition some people had expressed to the work being done, and also of the difficulty in raising the amount required (nearly £500). He also said that the ladies of the parish deserved the highest praise for the manner in which they organised and carried out the house-to-house collection and the concert, which had so materially helped to wipe out the debt.

Mr. Catt, in reply, recounted some of the difficulties they had encountered, but they were amply repaid now by possessing such a beautiful peal of bells, which had been pronounced by that well-known expert on bell-tuning (Mr. W. W. Sturmer) to be absolutely correct in tone. He was also gratified to hear the favourable comments of the members present that day. He also mentioned that the whole of the money had been raised within a year.

Votes of thanks to the organist and choir for their services, concluded the meeting, and the members again adjourned to the tower, and the bells were kept going until nine o'clock.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday last a monthly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild was held at St. Leonard's Church, Malins Lee; and the weather being favourable, there was a fair attendance of members, about 20 being present, several members cycling 15 miles to the tower. The following branches were represented: Shrewsbury, Coalbrookdale, Bridgnorth, Malins Lee, and Stanton-on-Hinehoath. Tea was provided by Mrs. Woodvine and friends in the parish hall. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung: Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob, Double Court, College Single, Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Thursday, Feb. 5th, at a 68th birthday compliment to the conductor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church: Miss V. Shorter 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, H. Skelt 3, F. Ford 4, R. Lathbury 5, A. Clark 6, R. Brough 7, B. Hall 8.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. DEARTH OF YOUNG RINGERS.

A quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Workop on Saturday, February 7th, when 30 members assembled from Anston, Blyth, Gainsborough, Harthill, Lincoln, Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, and Workop. The Priory bells were most kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and many touches were rung of Oxford and Kent, Violet, Woodbine, Plain Bob, Standard and Cambridge Surprise, the conducting of which was shared by Messrs. J. S. Betts (Lincoln), C. F. Fowler and H. Stenton (Anston), F. Hargreaves (Shireoaks), and H. Haigh (Workop).

The Vicar (Canon D'Arey) presided over the tea and the business meeting which followed. Mr. D. Linton, of Norton Cuckney, was elected a probationary member; and the next meeting (annual) will be held at Retford in May.

The Hon. Secretary drew the members' attention to the importance of electing as many vice-presidents in the association as possible; in fact, every town or village affiliated should be represented by at least one hon. member, and when elected the members of the tower should keep in touch with them, and not allow their membership to lapse. He admitted the clergy had passed, and were still passing, through a very critical period, financially; in fact, they were having the most trying time of their existence, but all were anxious to keep in touch with the association.

The Hon. Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon D'Arey for presiding over the tea and meeting, and also for granting the use of the bells.—Mr. J. Guest (Harthill) seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman, in acknowledgment, paid a great tribute to the ringers' activities as church workers. Many years ago their science, he said, was not regarded with the respect and reverence that it was to-day. He did not know why, unless it was because the tower and ringers were isolated from the rest of the church and the ringers were unseen by the people. What he particularly noticed that day amongst the ringers present was the many old and middle-aged men, and only one young new member had been elected. Many of the men there, by dint of hard work, and assiduous perseverance, had become experts in their beautiful art of campanology. He did not understand much about it, nevertheless he knew it was a most extraordinary art to manipulate the ropes and produce those beautiful changes which have come down from the ages. Where were all the young men of Workop and other places? Why were they not following in the footsteps of their predecessors? He was just afraid the rising generation of young men all over the country found something with more fun and excitement to occupy their spare time, and were not so interested in the art as their forefathers. But what was going to happen when the old ringers passed away or others left the neighbourhood? Who would fill their places? He exhorted the young members to follow in the footsteps of their elders, and to try and carry on steadfastly in their duty as churchmen. Continuing, the Chairman remarked that the hon. secretary had hit the nail on the head when he alluded to some of the poor clergy resident in North Notts and other places. They could meet one almost every day trying to carry a smile on his face, ready to crack a joke, but who, in the innermost recesses of his heart, had a feeling of heaviness. They were almost broken-hearted not because they were thinking of themselves, but the future of their wives and children. A fund had been started in that district, but no one liked to accept charity. What a man wanted was honest work and respectable pay. There would no doubt be a change some day. A steam roller moved very slowly, but when it got to work it did its work powerfully and well. He asked the ringers to carry on the good work they were doing, and make known in the town and village, wherever they went, the true position of the clergy.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Canon for his most inspiring address, and said he had touched on the fringe of two subjects that would give food for reflection for many days to come.

Further ringing was indulged in during the evening, and the bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m.

H. H.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester on February 14th. Tea was provided at St. Maurice Hall, and was followed by a business meeting presided over by Canon Braithwaite, supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, the Rev. E. Banks James, and Messrs. J. W. Elkins, E. Williams (Master), W. T. Tucker, W. H. George (secretary), and a good attendance of members from Winchester and North Stoneham. Mr. A. Bowker was elected hon. member, and six probationary members belonging to St. Maurice's tower were also elected.

Ringings at the Cathedral consisted of Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and at St. Maurice's (a new peal of six), Bob Minor, Stedman, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob (the first in the method on the bells): O. Giles 1, Rev. E. Banks James 2, C. Woolley 3, A. Marks 4, W. H. George 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30, followed by tea.—Charles Morse, Sec., 2, Dycock Road, Sketty, Swansea.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held by kind permission on Saturday, March 6th, at Midsomer Norton. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3; service and address by the Rector (Rev. Campbell Ward) at 5; the Rector is kindly providing tea in the Parish Room at 5.30. Subscriptions for 1920 should be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—N. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3; Service at 5. Tea, by kind permission of Mr. Nye, at Lynhurst. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing 3 to 4.30 and after service. Tea at 4.30, followed by meeting. Service at 6, address by Canon Chichester. All ringers welcome.—Mrs. Hazelden, St. Michaels, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The March meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, the 6th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 in Church Hall, at 1/- per head.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock; Service at 4, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. H. Phelps (Vicar). It is urgently hoped that all outstanding contributions will be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 9th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Alban's District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The early Spring meeting of the above will be held at Deal on Saturday, March 13th. Bells at Deal and Walmer available for ringing. Service at St. Leonard's, Deal, conducted by the Rector at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each for those who send their names to Mr. S. Mockett, Holly Cottage, London Road, Upper Deal, by the Wednesday before the meeting.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Birstall on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 until 9 p.m. Short service in church 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in Boys' School. business meeting afterwards.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head to those who notify Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, not later than March 9th.—Arthur Hague, Dis. Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown St., Harrow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea at 5 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A special meeting on finance will be held at the King of Denmark, after practice at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday, March 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Pickering, North Yorks, on Saturday, March 20th, for the purpose of re-organising the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association, and all towers interested are hereby invited to send delegates to that meeting. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. for which a small charge will be

made. All applications for tea must reach Miss A. L. Henderson, 'Mayfield,' Pickering, not later than the first post on Tuesday, March 16th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec. (*pro tem.* Yorkshire Association), 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 5th, to receive officers' report, treasurer's accounts, and for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Under Rule 7, nominations for the various positions must reach me one month before the meeting. Further particulars of meeting later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. HENRY WHITE.—The Basingstoke Combined Society (St. Michael's and All Saints') respectfully invite contributions towards a fund being raised to erect a suitable memorial in recognition of the sterling work of the late Mr. Henry White, who for upwards of 30 years was Sexton and Captain of ringers at St. Michael's, a leading conductor and Hon. Auditor of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and one of its representatives on the Central Council from its formation. Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. Councillor Wyeth (Churchwarden), 17, New Street, Basingstoke.

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MIDSOMER NORTON.—On January 25th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Milbourne 1, S. Carter 2, I. B. Holmyard 3, A. Speed 4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5, J. Hambleton 6, W. Farley 7, W. Keavill 8. The quarter-peal was the composition of the late Mr. A. P. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, and, in addition to being rung for Divine service, it was also rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. W. Williams) and Mrs. Williams, January 25th being the anniversary of their wedding day.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**UNVEILING CEREMONY AT LEWISHAM.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Greenwich, members turning up in good force. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal were rung and service was held in the church, over fifty being present, including the two churchwardens (Mr. J. East and Mr. W. C. Fretwell). The Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Tackley) officiated, assisted by the Rev. D. R. Evans (curate), the organist and choir also being present. Mr. F. W. Thornton read the lesson.

Previous to the Nunc Dimittis, the clergy, choir and the churchwardens proceeded to the west end of the church, and the Vicar dedicated a marble tablet recording a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the consecration of the building, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, to celebrate the conclusion of the great war.

The Vicar then gave a short address, in which he spoke very kindly of ringers and their duties, and also made feeling allusion to those who had given their lives for their country.

Tea followed, the Vicar and churchwardens sitting down with the company. The business meeting was held in the Church house, Mr. W. J. Jeffries in the chair. Fifteen new members were elected, and Beckenham was selected for the next quarterly meeting in April.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries then read his report of the Central Committee meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him. Cordial thanks were also accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and the use of the room, to the organist and choir, and others who assisted to make the meeting so successful.

CIRENCESTER.—At the Parish Church, on New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1263 changes): R. W. Watts 1, G. Timbrell 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, S. Hicks 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermore, on Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): A. Parsons 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis 4, S. Hicks (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

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