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### THE EASTER MEETINGS.

The Easter holiday is a popular one among ringing Associations for annual meetings, and this year there was the usual crop of such gatherings, all attended with much success. It is a season convenient to most ringers, and there seems a tendency more and more to concentrate upon this bank holiday for the principal meetings of the year. The choice of a date is not always a simple matter, as many Associations know, and it is certainly not to be suggested that any effort should be made to carry through all the meetings on one day, but it is a fact that Easter Monday meetings are uniformly well attended.

This year some of the Associations have found a number of important topics to discuss. Some have had seriously to overhaul their finances, for, with the increasing expenses which they are called upon to meet—the present high cost of everything reflects upon ringing associations as with other organisations—they have to find the means of increasing their income. The small annual subscription of the members, with which many Associations were content, are not sufficient in these days, and, while it may be distasteful to ringers to have to raise the amount which they should contribute, it will be found to be, in many cases, an essential action if the Associations are to maintain a sound financial position. One of the chief items in the expenditure of ringing associations is the publication of the annual report, and the rise in the cost of this is in itself a serious menace to the scanty reserves of some of the organisations. In some cases this is to be met by imposing a charge, or an increased charge, for the reports; but we believe it will in time become necessary for all those Associations whose subscriptions remain at their pre-war level to increase them, in common with the rise in prices which has to be met in practically every walk of life.

Another subject which engaged some of the Associations on Monday was the question of the future authority of the Central Council. The organisations who are affiliated have been asked to express an opinion as to whether the Council should be given compulsory powers, and divergent views found expression. On the whole, however, we gather that ringers whose opinions have been sought this week are generally against conferring such powers, largely for the reason that they can see no means of enforcing the decisions of the Council, even if the decisions arrived at were the unanimous opinion of the Council accepted by the majority of the Exercise. Until some way out of this difficulty can be found, any attempt at compulsory legislation seems idle. On the other hand, there are some who would not entrust compulsory powers to the Council, and between these two sections there does not appear much chance of carrying the thing through.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAM, ESSEX.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;**

Tenor 40 cwt.	
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM SABAN ... .. 8
CHARLES HARE ... .. 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 9
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 5	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Macdonald.

CROYDON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 30 cwt.	
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	CHARLES DEAN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ARTHUR MASON ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 9
REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Royal rung in the county, and by the above Association. It is also the first by the ringer of the sixth. The band wish to thank Mr. C. F. Johnston for his kindness and hospitality, both before and after the peal, and for the pleasant time spent in the Foundry.

STEPNEY, E.  
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.	
FRANK BALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 7
EDWARD WALLAGE ... .. 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	EMANUEL HALL ... .. 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... .. 5	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

A farewell peal to Mr. E. Hall, who sailed for Toronto by the s.s. 'Scandinavian,' on March 30th.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.	
*ERNEST BOYLIN ... .. 2	*JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... .. 6
*GEORGE GARRISON ... .. 2	*WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 7
*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 8
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	GORDON CHECKETTS ... .. 9
*GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5	GEORGE PIGOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas's Church, on Feb. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48½ mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Phillips 3, T. Scumell 4, A. Callaway (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Scott, Jun. 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Rung to commemorate the return of T. Scumell, late London Scottish, from active service.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association.—On Feb. 29th, for evening service, at the Church of St. James, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Butcher 1, H. Beardsaw 2, \*B. Shaw 3, F. Allen 4, G. H. Smith 5, \*A. P. Nights 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, T. E. Lee 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

**SEELY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**  
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

CARTER'S No. 17.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES DOWLER ... .. Treble	ERNEST BOYLIN ... .. 5
JOHN EATON ... .. 2	WILLIAM IRIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILFRED MUMFORD ... .. 4	*HERBERT J. DOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL GROVE.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal of Stedman Triples to be rung at Seely Oak by all local-born ringers.

\* First peal.

**EPSOM, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, March 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

MISS V. SHORTER ... .. Treble	F. G. WOODISS ... .. 5
J. BEAMS ... .. 2	A. J. TRAPPEY ... .. 6
R. LATHBURY ... .. 3	AMOS CLARK ... .. 7
G. MARRINER ... .. 4	C. READ ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by R. LATHBURY.

This was rung to welcome home the Vicar (Rev. Bowles) on his recovery from an illness.

**SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN AVIS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK HAYES ... .. 5
RICHARD SMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 3	WILLIAM HARPER ... .. 7
JOHN BURLS ... .. 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal by F. M. Mitchell as conductor on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to Richard Smith on his silver wedding.

**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.**  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD HARRISON ... .. Treble	MARTIN HARRIS ... .. 5
GEORGE JONES ... .. 2	GEORGE JONES ... .. 6
JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. 3	GILBERT GERRARD ... .. 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4	FRANK FOX ... .. Tenor

Composed by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Fox.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**  
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. Treble	HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 5
† HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 2	PERCY TIMSON ... .. 6
* REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 3	EDWARD P. BECKINGHAM ... 7
† WILLIAM F. ALLEN ... .. 4	JOSEPH ROOT ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung on the completion of a War Memorial, erected in the Parish Church, for the fallen in the war. Four ex-service men (Messrs. Edwards, Thrift, Kirton and Buckingham) took part, three of whom joined up from the local company.

**DENHOLME, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL ... .. Treble	* EDWIN RAWNSLEY ... .. 5
* WILLIAM FOSTER ... .. 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 6
JOHN WM. CUNDALL ... .. 3	* VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 7
* BOOTH HOLMES ... .. 4	* GEORGE DENNY, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells for 26 years. They were rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank recently.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 2	JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... .. 7
HARRY COX ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The Rector kindly omitted the usual Evensong for this attempt. It is the first Surprise peal by the branch since War was declared. The band spent the rest of the evening at Windsor End, where tea was prepared for them by Mrs. R. Buckland.

**WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**  
**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, March 22, 1920, in Three Hours,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

\* First peal of Bristol.

**CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**  
 On Tuesday, March 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. Treble	GEORGE FARNISH ... .. 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... .. 2	GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,  
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

## VICARS'.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS STEPHENSON ... Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER... .. 6
CHARLES W. KING... .. 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON... .. 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON... .. 4	THOMAS H. NAISBY... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

\*First peal. Mr. C. W. King is from Goole, and was elected a member of the Association prior to starting for the peal.

## BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM LYDDIARD... .. Treble	WILLIAM GRACE... .. 5
*GEORGE HASNIP... .. 2	*JAMES E. KEEP... .. 6
GEORGE F. JAMES... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
GEORGE DURLING... .. 4	PERCY J. SPICE... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

\* First peal.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, March 26, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS... .. Treble	*ERNEST MANSELL... .. 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 3	JOHN NEAL... .. 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS... .. 4	ARTHUR E. WILKINS... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged for the ringers of the Treble and Tenor, who hail from Bristol.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EASTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNE BURGH.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. B. FITZJOHN... .. Treble	WALTER CROSS... .. 4
ANNIE PARKINS... .. 2	FRANK ROWLINSON... .. 5
JOHN J. JUTSON... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

## CHIPSTABLE SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES:

Tenor about 8 cwt.

*E. SMITH... .. Treble	W. COMINS... .. 4
G. JONES... .. 2	A. TOUT... .. 5
F. POLE... .. 3	A. C. SMITH... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

\*First peal. First peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—On March 18th, at St. Martin's Church, 1,311 Stedman Cinques, specially arranged for the Rev. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna, Dorset, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild: T. Russam 1, A. Scrivens 2, A. Norman 3, T. Reeves 4, J. Neal 5, M. J. Morris 6, Rev. L. Edwards 7, A. P. Smith 8, E. Mansell 9, W. Kent 10, J. L. Wells 11, A. Walker (conductor) 12.

## ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court and Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

GEORGE FARNISH... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT... .. 4
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 5
WILLIAM BURGESS... .. 3	*WILLIAM T. LAST... .. Tenor

Conducted by SGT. J. BENNETT, Royal Marines.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as Conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on the anniversary of his birthday.

## SEAL CHART, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 Six-score.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

†FREDERICK G. PHYALL... .. Treble	JOHN P. COX... .. 4
*ERNEST G. SAXBY... .. 2	WILLIAM WENBAN... .. 5
ARTHUR WENBAN... .. 3	†GEORGE A. J. BURR... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

† First peal. \* First peal on a Bob bell. First peal of Doubles by 2nd, 3rd and 5th. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells.

## MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE &amp; TREBLE BOB MIK'ER 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one of Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS... .. Treble	GEORGE MORRAD... .. 4
*LESLIE BECKETT... .. 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER... .. 5
FREDERICK HAYES... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

\* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells, and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to the President of the Milton Band (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.), and the youngest member, Fred Mitchell, jun., elder son of the conductor.

## BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY PUTTOCK... .. Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH... .. 4
*GEORGE M. GREENACRE... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER... .. 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

\* First peal in seven methods with a Bob bell.

## DESBOROUGH.

## THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising seven differently arranged extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS ADA DEACON... .. Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 4
*EDWARD SPARKS... .. 2	ALFRED TAILBY... .. 5
*HAROLD TAILBY... .. 3	SAMUEL BURDETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal. All except the conductor belong to the local company.



RENHOLD, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 30 six-score of Grandsire and 12 six-score of Bob Doubles.  
\*STANLEY G. HARLOW ... *Treble* | HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3  
†THOMAS BARTRAM ... 2 | RICHARD KENDALL ... 4  
EDWARD WHITE ... *Tenor*  
Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

First peal of Doubles by 4th and 5th. First peal on the bells. The village in which this peal was rung was the birthplace of the conductor, and where he first learnt to ring. \* First peal. † First peal with a Bob bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EDMONTON,  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT 128, HERTFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6  
WILBY J. HAZELL ... 3-4 | EDWARD T. KING ... 7-8  
Conducted by J. THOMAS. Witness Mrs. J. THOMAS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT 1, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ALBERT J. INNS ... 1-2 | CECIL CHAPMAN ... 5-6  
DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 3-4 | FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.  
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal on an inside pair by Cecil Chapman.

BREASTON CHURCH BELLS DEDICATION.

On Saturday, March 20th, the Rev. Canon Field, Vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham, in the absence of the Rural Dean (the Rev. A. W. Bell), through illness, dedicated the three new bells which have been added to the three existing ones at Breaston, making a peal of six. The bells come from the foundry of Messrs. Meers and Stainbank, of White-chapel, who have also put in a new steel frame, recast one of the old bells, and tuned the other two.

A large congregation filled St. Michael's Church on Saturday week, including many ringers from the neighbourhood.

After the dedication the bells were rung by the Stanton ringers who also rang touches later: E. Scattergood, F. Tansley, H. Fawcett, H. Doar, F. Sisson, W. Bower and L. Smith.

The new bells are the gifts respectively of Mrs. and Miss Watson, in memory of Captain Thomas Palmer Watson, and Mr. George A. Perks in memory of the work of the V.A.D.'s, while the cost of the frame, etc., has been borne by the congregation, the total cost being £518.

The Rector (the Rev. Bingley Cass) expressed the gratification of all who have had the pleasure of hearing the new bells, both with their richness of tone, and the harmony with which the whole peal blend.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Perry Barr, Staffordshire, on February 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,920 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 10 mins., by M. Read 1, W. Cooper, junr., 2, R. Ingram 3, J. Carter (composer and conductor) 4, G. Mitchison 5, C. Davies 6, J. T. Risworth 7, H. Cook 8. The composer has the 6 and 7 together throughout, and is the longest touch ever rung with the 6 and 7 in these positions.

A date touch of Bob Major was rung on February 24th in 1 hr. 10 mins., at the Parish Church, Cuckfield, Sussex, by: C. Starley 1, C. Stephenson 3, S. H. Green 4, G. Apps 5, T. Gasson 6, E. Davey (composer) 7, F. Attwater (conductor) 8. The ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 7 hail from Bolney, and all are members of the Sussex County Association.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25th, a date touch of 1920 changes was rung at St. Mary's Church, Penwortham, Preston, by the local ringers, in 65 mins., comprising 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Bob Minor, and 120 of College Single: S. Robinson 1, J. Burgess 2, W. Taylor (conductor) 3, J. R. Taylor 4, V. Martin 5, J. Gornall 6. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 were demobilised during 1919, having served overseas, and have now taken up their places in the belfry, where it is hoped they will make good progress, and help to augment the local records.

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### BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new chime of eight bells (tenor 7½ cwt.), which Messrs. Taylor and Co. are now hanging in the tower of St. Barnabas Church, Swefffield, is to be dedicated on the afternoon of Sunday, May 16th.

In answer to the question as to whether there has been a peal rung at Swefffield, Suffolk, Mr. T. E. Slater writes to say that a peal of Doubles was rung there in 1884, and is recorded in the Norwich Association Report. It may also interest the band to know that a 7,080 of Doubles has been rung at Wrentham.

As a mark of esteem and appreciation, the members of the Llanishen band have presented a case of brushes to Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association) in recognition of his kindness and tireless energy in instructing the company in Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. Tom Russam has attended the Johnson dinner ever since its inception, a record which can be claimed, we believe, by no other man.

It is reported that Mr. Harry Withers will 'positively appear' at the next Johnson dinner. He disappointed many friends by his absence from the programme the other day.

### ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The following are the names received so far for the roll of honour. As it has been decided to start the work, any members' names who do not appear on the list, or any mistakes in description, should be communicated to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. J. Bradley, School House, Willesden Lane, N.W.6, at once: Austin, C. H., Corpl. C.G.; Armstrong J.; Anstead, S., R.F.A.; Black, G. A.; Bennett, J.; R.M.L.I.; Brough, R., Corpl. R.A.F.; Buckland, R.; Butler, W. E.; Coles, C. T., Sapper, R.E.; Oullurn, T. J., R.N.; Coles, E. R.; Deacy, H. J., R.A.M.C. (drowned); Dell, Chas. (killed); Fletcher; Harris, F., R.N.A.S.; Holden, F. H., Sergt. R.M.L.I.; Hardy, A. N. (late steward); Hooper, E. T.; King, T., Rifle Brigade; Lee, W. C., Suffolk (killed); Matthews, C. J., Corpl. E. Surreys; Pye, A., Sergt.-Major R.F.A.; Pye, L. A., R.F.A.; Pilling, A. E., Sergt. R.G.A.; Runham R., R.F.C.; Stubbs, H. C., R. Fusiliers (killed); Sheppard, Rev. H. R. L.; Stilwell, L.; Warner, A., Q.V.R. (killed); Young, R. H.

### RAWTENSTALL'S NEW PEAL TABLET.

An interesting event took place in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 20th, when a unique form of peal record was unveiled. Mr. John Smith, of Blackpool, one of the original ringers, performed the unveiling ceremony, and related interesting reminiscences of the happy times spent in the tower. Mr. Smith was leader of the ringers when the bells were opened, on December 20th, 1888, and had the difficult task of teaching the new band to master the art of change ringing.

The tablet is in the form of an ornamental oak easement, with a glass panel door at the front. The peals are recorded on white embossed cards, and fixed on a dark navy background of velvet, which gives a very pleasing and pretty effect. The records of ten peals are placed in the frame, and with a rearrangement of the cards, room can be made for many more. The whole of the peals rung in former years by local ringers are recorded, and include many first peals in different methods by the men who took part in them. Perhaps the best record is the 'Peace peal' of Stedman Triples rung on Nov. 8th, 1919. This was the first peal in that method by all the band.

Mr. J. H. Banks, ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association, congratulated the local ringers on the unique form of recording peal ringing, and ventured to assert that the method adopted in the tower would become general, especially in towers where the wall space was very limited.

The work in connection with the making and fixing of the tablet was carried out by Mr. Thos. Collings, one of the local ringers, and he was highly complimented on its artistic finish.

There was a good muster of ringers present, along with the clergy, churchwardens and sidesmen, and many well struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung before and after the event.

### THE LATE BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS.

At the Parish Church, Luton, on March 29th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 50 mins. in memory of the late Bishop of St. Albans: A. King 1, H. Walker 2, T. Blackburn 3, T. Kendall 4, W. Payne 5, B. Wilson 6, L. A. Good-enough (conductor) 7, A. Rockwood 8. It was also rung as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. W. A. Boutwood, a sidesman, who was interred in the church cemetery on the same day.

**ISLEWORTH.**—At All Saints', on March 7th, for evening service, 1,386 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Pedrick 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, Miss P. Shorter 3, F. Goddard 4, C. Read 5, G. Spencer 6, R. Lathbury (conductor) 7, F. Laver 8.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

### THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

As already briefly reported, the 32nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner was held at Birmingham on March 27th, at the Imperial Hotel, and was attended by a company of over 180, a record number. The chair was taken by the new Rector of Birmingham (Canon Gorse Hodge), who was supported by the Rector of Solihull, Sir Edward Malins (churchwarden of St. Philip's Cathedral), Mr. J. Kendal (churchwarden of St. Martin's), and the following officers of the Guild: Vice-Presidents, W. H. Godden, T. Russam, J. Carter, W. Kent and J. H. Shepherd; J. E. Groves (Deputy Ringing Master), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary), Mr. C. Dickens (trustee), Messrs. J. L. Wells and G. F. Swann (auditors), Councillor Houlston (churchwarden of Erdington), and Mrs. Houlston, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. Harry Mason (past Master of the Dudley Guild), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry), Mr. C. Dean (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. C. H. Horton (Master of the College Youths), Mr. J. George (past Master of the Warwickshire Guild), Mr. and Mrs. H. Chapman (Manchester), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society), Mr. E. Horrex (London), Mr. W. Willson (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (Bristol), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. E. F. Pike (London), Mr. H. W. Wilde (Wrexham), Miss S. Pigott (Ladies' Guild), Mr. and Mrs. A. Trippier (Manchester), etc.

An excellent repast was served, at the conclusion of which the loyal toast was cordially honoured, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith announced that apologies for absence had been received from Alderman Pritchett (who was in bed with an attack of lumbago), Mr. A. E. Parsons, Master of the Worcestershire Association (who was prevented from attending by the death of his mother), Mr. J. Roskell, Mr. John Buffery (the oldest member of the Guild in point of membership), Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke (Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild), Mr. Arnold Butler, and Mr. Wm. Cheshire.

Sir Edward Malins proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' He remarked that the constitution of the Church had never for hundreds of years past come to such a crisis in its existence as it had done by the recent legislation affecting its functions and its powers. The Church of England Enabling Act, which had just been passed, altered the constitution, altered the character and altered the status of the Church's proceedings and those connected with it. Dr. Malins briefly traced the evolution of the Church's powers through the centuries, and said the new Enabling Act would enable the Church to enter upon a line of progress hitherto unknown to it, and unhampered by the contradictory conditions of the past.

### A NEW EXPERIENCE.

The Chairman, whose name was coupled with the toast, said how exceedingly pleased he was to be present that evening. It was one of the new experiences that had crowded on him during the last four months, and he had already seen enough to find that it was one of the most pleasant (applause). He had heard and seen them at their work, and he valued very highly the connection of St. Martin's Guild with their great church. He knew very well that he owed the Guild a great deal, and he hoped that some day Birmingham might come to believe that it owed them a great deal, too. When first it was mooted to him that he should come to Birmingham he did not want to do so, for he was very happy in his work in the little place which they in Birmingham did not think much of—London (laughter). It was a little difficult to face the uprooting at any time, and so he looked about for reasons why he should not go to Birmingham. Instead of this he got thrust upon him a very large number of reasons why he should. Gradually it seemed to him as if it were a call too serious to be refused, and he began to look round to see if there were any solid reasons why he should go, and, among the reasons why it was an opportunity that should be jumped at, it was urged both by the Bishop of the Diocese and by their late Rector, Canon Willink, that they had one of the most magnificent peals of bells in England, and the finest Guild of bell ringers anywhere (applause). That, of course, was irresistible, and was among other arguments that drew him to Birmingham. He was grateful for the arguments which had prevailed, for he had spent four exceedingly happy months with them and he was grateful for the fellowship which had helped to make those months happy. Having referred to the origin of the Ancient Guilds, the Chairman remarked that St. Martin's Guild was founded nearly 160 years ago, and had been going on ever since, as was shown by the records enshrined by their beautiful book which it was a treat to look at, and pursuing a course wholly beneficent and making for harmony among them all. In briefly surveying the history of the uses of bells, Canon Hodge said one thing had passed away which he faintly wished might remain with them. There was a blessed time when at eight o'clock every night the curfew bell used to sound when everybody had to put out his light and go to bed (laughter). What a blessed thing it would be if only they could have that custom back (laughter and applause) instead of scrambling through their work in order to get to bed before twelve o'clock! (hear,

hear, and laughter). The ringers could not bring back that time, but many kindly things they did do. They did not now refuse to allow bells to be rung by people who did not think exactly like themselves. It was not very long since no dissenting place of worship was allowed to have a bell at all. Many things of that kind were laid down by public opinion—not by any definite legislation. In these days they took a wider view, and when he had been into a belfry he had found a brotherhood there which was really felt by them all. He was glad to see how wide their relations were. There were men from a wide circle; there were men from villages which he knew, and others of which he had heard and hoped to know some day, and he found before him not only strength and intellect, but grace and beauty (applause). It was a very happy thing that they were able to gather together as they had done that evening, and he hoped St. Martin's Guild would continue to grow and flourish and ever make for the harmony, without which life would be a poor thing indeed (applause).

The following telegram was received from the late Rector, the present Dean of Norwich: 'I send you my heartiest greetings, and wish very much I could be with you. May your gathering be most successful.—Dean of Norwich.' The reading of the message was received with loud applause.

### HENRY JOHNSON.

The toast of the evening, 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' was submitted by Mr. W. H. Godden, one of the few surviving friends of the old Birmingham worthy. That was, he said, the 32nd anniversary dinner of that kind, and it was almost impossible to tell them anything that they had not already heard about the late Henry Johnson but there was one thing that struck him in connection with the various speeches he had heard, and that was that too little had been made of his social character. Now, Henry Johnson, although such a very scientific man in change ringing, was also a very sociable man, and those who knew him were always glad to be in his company, to hear his remarks, and listen to the many tales he had to tell, for he was a big reader. He was a man of sympathy and kindness, and that was one thing that made Mr. Johnson so dear to them all in his lifetime. He was a great example to them all. He would like to protest against anyone, as they had sometimes heard, putting atrocious grammar into his mouth (hear, hear). He was a man well versed in the three R's, and it would have been almost impossible for him to have used the bad grammar he had heard recounted of him (hear, hear).

The toast was honoured in silence.

Mr. J. Kendal, in the absence of Alderman Pritchett, proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' He said the Rector had told them he had had experience of the ringers for four months. He (the speaker) had the pleasure of hearing the bells rung before the Rector was born. He could remember the bells of St. Martin's more than 60 years ago, and it was always a great pleasure to listen to them. There was one thing in which, he thought their parish church ringers were scarcely up to date. There were lady ringers connected with St. Martin's Guild, but unfortunately there were no ladies connected with the parish church. He hoped they would take that as a hint and bring the company up to date. The bells of the parish church of Birmingham had been ringing regularly for 165 years on Tuesday evenings almost without a break. Unfortunately they had a break recently when the Rector inadvertently arranged a service in the church on one Tuesday evening, and consequently the bells could not be rung. He believed the ringers now had an assurance that the Rector would be careful in future and make his appointments so that that they would not clash with the weekly practice (laughter and applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, whose name was coupled with the toast, said if he had been able to do anything that met with their approval it had been not through his humble efforts, but because of the loyal co-operation of every single member of the Guild. They had had no setbacks, and it helped one immensely in organising anything of that kind when they had, as he had, not only the loyal co-operation of the ringers, but also, in a great measure, the loyalty of the choir-men (applause). Mr. Smith added that not only were the choir-men giving them their services without fee, but they had refused an engagement for which they would have got a good fee, simply to come there and do their little bit (applause).

### 'KINDRED SOCIETIES.'

Mr. Smith afterwards proposed 'Kindred Societies.' They had, he said, quite a number of representatives present from other ringing societies all over the country. First and foremost, there was Mr. C. H. Horton, Master of the Ancient Society of the College Youths, one of the premier ringing societies of the country with a great reputation, in the main for 12-bell ringing. Of course, with practice, they could ring Major like some Birmingham ringers (laughter), but their great forte was twelve-bell ringing. With Mr. Horton was an old friend they were always pleased to see, dear old 'Teddy' Horrex (applause). Mr. Horrex was the father of the College Youths, and it took more to be the father than the Master (laughter and applause).

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He would like publicly to congratulate Mr. Horrex upon ringing the treble in a peal of Treble Bob-Maximus at Cornhill Church recently on his 82nd birthday. He had no doubt it was a magnificently struck peal. He (the speaker) had rung with these men. It had been his privilege to meet them fairly frequently in the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral, and it was a pleasure to see and hear Mr. Horrex ring the treble there—and it was no 'kid's' job. The way he rang and struck his bell was simply marvellous, and there were many men half his age who could not do it, and would never be able to do it. Young ringers looking forward to their career should go next morning to St. Martin's to see Mr. Horrex ring and take notice (applause). Among others who were with them that night were Mr. Harry Chapman of Manchester, and a number of other ringers representing the Lancashire Association. There was also Mr. John Austin, a former Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, of Bristol. Mrs. Wilkins had the evening before rung a peal of Stedman at St. John's Church—no kid's job, either (applause). Others present were Mr. Wilde, of Wrexham, representing the Chester Guild, and seven or eight members of that Guild from Crowe; Mr. Herbert Knight, hon. secretary of the Staffordshire Association; Mr. Harry Mason, of the Dudley Guild; Mr. Wm. Willson and friends from Leicester, representing the Midland Counties Association; Mr. Walton, of Irthlingborough; and many members of the Ladies' Guild. They had with them representatives of three of the largest bell foundries in this country, one representing the largest in the world, Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough; Mr. Albert Hughes, representing the oldest bell foundry in the world, and Mr. Dean, secretary of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's. If it was possible for one of them to go back to the foundry with an order for a heavy peal of twelve for Birmingham Cathedral everyone in that room would be very pleased (applause). He did not say it was possible for the order to be written out that night, and there might be some doubt as to its being done on the morrow. It might never be done at all, but they did not accept 'never.' They were glad to have with them such a distinguished gentleman as Sir Edward Malins, who was churchwarden of the Cathedral—in fact, he was St. Philip's (laughter)—and he suggested that the bell foundry get help of Sir Edward Malins and talk to him seriously about the deficiencies of the bells (laughter and applause).

(To be continued.)

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27th, the annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Steyning. Mr. E. C. Merritt presided over the business proceedings, and Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected as divisional secretary, and Messrs. G. Norris, P. Doick and B. Challen were elected to serve on the committee. Messrs. J. Burdfield, W. Charman and T. Burtenshaw were appointed as committee of advice.

The following new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. T. Branch, G. Branch and A. Charman, of Warnham; Rev. A. De H. Robinson (Vicar), Mr. R. J. Markwick and Mr. T. A. Warren (churchwardens), F. Haylor, W. Martin, S. Haffenden, A. Baker, G. Greenyer and A. Pink, of Goring.

It is proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Warnham in June next.

The 28 members present were from Angmering, Goring, Heene, Shoreham, Aldrington, Brighton, Warnham, Billingshurst, Pulborough, Henfield, and several members of the local band. Some very good touches were brought home in the following methods:—Grand sire, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. Merritt for presiding.

The members were gratified to hear from Mr. J. Burdfield that the Billingshurst bells are shortly to be thoroughly overhauled.

### DEATH OF A CUMBERLAND YOUTH.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. William J. Miles, at the comparatively early age of 47 years. Having joined the army in 1917, he was soon serving in France, and there it was that, through exposure, he contracted the disease that has now ended fatally. Since being demobilised he has been a great sufferer, and passed peacefully away on March 12th.

Coming to London from Hertfordshire, Mr. Miles joined the Royal Cumberland Youths in 1896. His ringing, however, was chiefly confined to the churches in North London, and he was a member of two companies at St. Stephen, Hampstead; St. Anne's, Highgate; and St. Martin's, Gospel Oak. He had rung several peals in the two first-named churches, and his genial presence will be sorely missed by all his brother ringers.

At St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, the 'whole pull and stand,' and touches of Minor were rung with the bells muffled as a token of esteem and remembrance, by: R. Bevan, E. Bonfield, C. Pryor, E. Turle, E. Young, W. J. Norton, A. Harwin, H. Watson, and Miss Kitty Smith.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung at St. Anne's, Highgate.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A meeting will be held at Washfield (two miles from Tiverton) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea in Church Room 5.15, 9d. each. Calverleigh bells also available from 2 to 4 and 6.30 to 8.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock, 1/6 per head.—B. Ridgwell, District Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (12) available at 3. Short service at 5.15, with address by the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, M.A. (Rector).—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 10th, 1920. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: Alteration of date of the annual meetings.—J. Watson.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Melksham on April 10th, beginning at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Bells available all the evening.—Sydney G. Pepler, Hon. Sec., Hilperton, Trowbridge.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 3.45. Tea at 4.30, to be followed by business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davis, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Witney, on Saturday, April 10th, at 3.30 p.m., to unveil two peal tablets, one recording a peal of Grand sire Triples rung as a Peace Peal on August 9th, 1919; the other in memory of those who have fallen in the war, and also recording the names of those who have served from this tower. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master) and Mrs. Jenkyn have kindly promised to unveil the tablets. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) open from 2.30. Short service conducted by the Vicar at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec., 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meet.

ing will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. K. B. Marshall). Tea at a reasonable cost in the Church House at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. A good attendance is requested, as important financial proposals will be made. Ringing arrangement as follows: Fulham, 2.30 to 5 p.m., and after the meeting; Putney, 3 to 4.45 p.m., and 8 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, E.17, and W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow, Hon. Secs.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Est. 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th and 29th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Leatherhead on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open 3 o'clock, ringing till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at the King's Head at 6.30. Members are urgently asked to communicate with me of their intention to attend the dinner on May Day.—H. J. Bradley, School House, Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual committee meeting will be held (p.v.) in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, April 17th, at 3.15 p.m. As important business is on the agenda, it is hoped that all committeemen will attend, if possible.—Richard T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—An important meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who wish for tea please communicate with Miss N. Williams, 5, Hillingdon Road, Uxbridge?—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Yalding on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting after. A motor bus will leave outside the S.E.R. station at 2.45 to take members there and bring them back. The secretary would be glad if all members intending being present would let him know not later than Tuesday, April 13th, and oblige.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on April 17th. Dedication of a peal board at 4 p.m. Service in church immediately after by Canon Elsee, M.A. Tea in schoolroom at 5.30, 1/3 each. Ringers and friends intending being present to tea please notify Mr. P. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, not later than Friday, April 16th.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Heptonstall on Saturday, April 17th; the draw to take place at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to all who notify me on or before April 12th. Any tower can become members of the Association within a radius of 20 miles of the Halifax Parish Church on application to the Secretary.—Willie B. Frith, 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at

Iron Acton. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify Branch Sec. not later than April 12th?—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 17th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom at 4 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 'Dunkery,' Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Swaffham Prior, Cambs, on Saturday, April 17th. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea. The bells (6) and those at Burwell (5) will be available all the afternoon and evening.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of All Saints', Emscote (8), will be available from 3 o'clock, and St. Mary's, Warwick (10), during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service 6.30. Those requiring tea please notify W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, April 17th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea provided for those only that let me know by April 14th. All ringers welcome.—A. Tomkins, District Sec., Red Hill, Bredenbury.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided free for those who advise the Secretary not later than the 20th inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, April 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., address by the Rev. J. T. Plowden-Wardlaw (Rector); tea and business meeting to follow in the Church House. Will those who require tea (1/- per head) please let me know definitely by Tuesday, April 20th?—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above District will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 1 p.m. Service in Church at 4. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Waldgrave Cottages, Market Weighton, not later than Thursday, April 22nd. Tea 1/6 per head.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

**SALOP GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Wem, Salop, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing; tea at Temperance Hall, near church; meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

# A BELLS REPAIR FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many people will sympathise with Mr. A. Lorkin in his zeal for bells and bellfries. They generally do get the last consideration. His suggestion to have a county fund would be a boon, but even if agreement could be obtained, there would be difficulties of representation and administration. A sinking fund at each church would be more simple. Whether the new Church Councils coming into existence next month, under the recent Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act will, in time, give attention to such matters, remains to be seen. But the statement of a distinguished churchman expresses the heart of the question—until the people as a whole contribute as generously to the needs of the church as their ancestors did, they must not look for the same results.—Yours truly

TEMPLE NEWELL.

# MORE MINOR METHODS NAMED.

Nos. 15 and 18 of Third's Place Delight Methods from the Central Council's 'Legitimate Method' have been rung at St. Anne's, Denton A 720 of No. 15 was rung on Tuesday, March 16th, and the ringers wish to call it 'Melandra Castle.' The ringers were: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, Rev. A. T. Beeston 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Heckingbottom 6. A 720 of No. 18 Third's Place Delight was rung on Tuesday, March 23rd, and it has been named 'Beeston Castle': C. Clayton 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, Rev. A. T. Beeston 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Heckingbottom 6. Both 720's were conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

# A FAMILY QUARTER-PEAL.

At Croft, Leicestershire on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles was rung on handbells in 35 mins. by: Edward G. Webb (age 11 years), 1—2; C. H. Webb, senr. (conductor), 3—4; H. Webb, junr. (age 14 years), 5—6. This was E. G. Webb's first quarter-peal and rung as a birthday compliment to his brother on his 14th birthday.

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