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RINGERS REMAIN UNDER INCUMBENTS

The National Assembly last week eliminated bell ringers from the terms of Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, and ringers will remain for the future, as they have done in the past, subject to the control of the incumbent. Both 'organist' and 'bell ringers' were omitted from Clause 6, which proposed to place their appointment and dismissal and the terms of the tenure of their office under the Parochial Councils, and the mover of the amendment in both cases was no less an authority than Lord Phillimore, who is recognised as one of the greatest of the Law Lords of this country. After the legal arguments which he put forward, the task of securing the deletion of the words was an easy one, and there was no need for Canon Baker to move the amendment of which he had given notice. Indeed, he merely contented himself with presenting the petition of the Central Council at the opening of the session, and speaking in the debate of the numerous representations he had received from ringing organisations all over the country. The ringers also found a champion in the Dean of Lincoln, who seconded Lord Phillimore's proposal, and had there been more time available, other speakers were ready to support the amendment of the clause. But there was no necessity and the omission of both ringers and organist from the section was carried by a large majority.

As has been pointed out, the danger in the clause was not the intention of the draughtsman, but the construction that might be put upon the words once they had been enacted, and it is most satisfactory to know that the Assembly have seen fit to exclude ringers from the operation of the clause. Lord Phillimore's argument was convincing. Whatever power of appointment or dismissal of organist or ringers was given to the Parochial Councils, the organ could not be played or the bells rung without the consent of the incumbent. That, in effect, was the legal view he put forward, and, after that, there was little to be said by anyone who sought to retain the powers.

To the Exercise, of course, the amendment which actually secured the elimination of ringers came from an unexpected source, but ringers will be no less grateful to Canon Baker for all the trouble he took in connection with the matter. It was through him that the Exercise received its first warning of the possible danger, and it was upon him that we should have depended had there been no action by such a welcome protagonist as Lord Phillimore. At our request Canon Baker has kindly written a short resume of the proceedings, and his report of what happened at the Assembly will be read with great interest. It is most

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gratifying to think that there is upon the National Assembly one who has so closely at heart the interests of the Exercise, and so long as he remains a member, ringers will be able to rest content that nothing affecting their sphere of church work will escape attention. At the same time, even though purely legal motives prompted Lord Phillimore's action, the Exercise will appreciate his services, while the Dean of Lincoln's championship of the voluntary ringers' cause will also give rise to a feeling of gratification.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	ARTHUR MASON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 10
HAROLD W. CLARK 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
JOHN ARMSTRONG 6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	*ERNEST BREIT 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	*ISAAC J. ATTWATER 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	GEORGE CARD 10
*ERNEST J. KING 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER 11
EDWARD WALLAGE 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	*WILLIAM BURGESS 8
ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
*JAMES ROSE 5	*FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. It was rung as a welcome home and also as a compliment to A. S. Boar, who has recently been successful in passing the qualifying examination for registration as a chemist and druggist of Great Britain.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS 6
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS 2	*ERNEST FLOWERS 7
JOHN W. WOOD 3	*JOHN CURRY 8
GEORGE LADD 4	*WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 9
ARTHUR FARR 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
JOHN HARRISON 2	DAN RENSHAW 6
*FRANK BERRY 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JAMES JACQUES 4	TOM WELLENS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to Mr. James Jacques, a respected member of the Middleton company, and a former secretary of the Association. * First peal of Grandsire. John Harrison is from Heywood.

IPSWICH SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK J. TILLET Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
*JAMES ROSE 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
†GEORGE BENNETT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Triples. † First attempt for peal of Stedman.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

†H. J. HAZELL Treble	*R. SHARPE 5
*MISS V. SHORTER 2	P. FORDHAM 6
F. POULSON 3	W. STANNARD 7
†E. G. HIBBINS 4	R. LATHEURY Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by R. LATHEURY.

First peal in the method on the bells. † First peal. * First peal of Major with bob bell. * First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	*JOHN OLDHAM 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	D. HAROLD ARGYLE 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled after the dedication, by Archdeacon Macnutt, of St. Martin's, Leicester, of the memorial erected in the churchyard to the memory of 43 men of the village who made the supreme sacrifice during the recent great war.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	ARTHUR MASON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and tenor.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

†GEORGE POUND Treble	THOMAS MANNERING
THOMAS E. SONE 2	CHARLES H. SONE
†LEONARD MANNERING 3	LEWIS HEAD
*AUGUSTINE V. GOOD 4	*CHARLES SMITH Tenor

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This peal was rung as a quarterly district peal and was the first peal of Triples on the bells.

PICKERING, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*MISS A. L. HENDERSON ... Treble	MISS IRENE HORNER 5
†GEORGE FINCH 2	THOMAS W. ROBBINS 6
*MISS PHYLLIS GIBSON ... 3	JOHN R. BARTON 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	*EDWARD J. SUNLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th are the first Pickering ringers to ring a peal. Ringers of 2nd, 6th and 8th are from Helmsley, 7th from Scarborough and 4th from Edmonton.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM PRIOR Treble	THOMAS J. WAITS 5
GEORGE JORDAN 2	ALFRED E. PITSTOW 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 4	*JOHN PRIOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 50th birthday of Thomas Jordan. The ringer of the treble hails from Bishop's Stortford, 4, 6 and 7 from Saffron Walden, the rest being local men.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*WILFRED RAYNER Treble	THOMAS JOLL 5
FRED RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	CHARLES E. NORRIS 7
FRANK BELSEY 4	SGT. GEORGE GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(ELLOB DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

The records of any peals rung during the year 1920 which have not yet been published should be sent in at once in order that they may appear in time for inclusion in the Central Council's Analysis.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. BOWER... .. Treble	C. HAYDN THORPE 5
TOM O'HARA 2	GEORGE LEWIS 6
JOHN THORPE 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
*WILLIAM CROWN 4	ROBERT HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM BANKS Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5
*MICHAEL LAMBERT 2	HARRY SEAL 6
JAMES MAYNARD 3	PERCY DENTON 7
*ARTHUR READER 4	*CHARLES BAKER... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. James Maynard belongs to the local band, the rest of the band hail from Penshurst.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, Jan. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Oxford Singles, Canterbury Pleasure,
Plain Bob, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire, with 10 different
callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WALTER F. SERMONS ... Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 3
HARRY HOWARD... .. 2	ROBERT HOWARD... .. 4
†ALBERT HOWARD Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal. † First in 4 methods.

TUNSTALL.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury
Pleasure, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 4
SERGT. G. GILBERT, R.E.... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
EDWARD H. SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW'S, NORFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(MARSHLANDS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ARTHUR ODLING Treble	*JOHN CLAYTON 4
†LEE FEATHERBY... .. 2	*GEORGE W. NEWTON 5
†TONY PRICE... .. 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, ROCK FERRY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one
of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JANUS R. GRIFFIN Treble	THOS. GILMOUR 4
*WALTER BATTLE 2	TOM RODGERS 5
*JOHN COOKE 3	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Minor with an inside bell. First peal on the bells.
The band wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing
the use of the bells.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM J. BRINKLEY ... Treble	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
ALFRED J. H. PEAKE 3	FRED CHALK... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

THE ENLARGED 'RINGING WORLD.'

The first issue of 'The Ringing World' enlarged to 16
pages at the increased price of 3d. will be made NEXT
FRIDAY, February 18th.

As we announced last week, our intention is, in the first
place, to bring the publication of the peal reports up-to-date.
As soon as that has been done we intend to introduce as a
regular feature a Sunday Service Ringers' page and a
series of articles for young ringers, while articles of special
interest will also appear from time to time.

May we ask all our friends to assist us by continuing
their efforts to extend the circulation of the paper, as it is
only by this means that we shall be able to maintain the
size of the paper?

Next Friday 'The Ringing World' will be 3d. and will
contain 16 pages.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*FREDERICK ADAMS Treble	FRANK W. CROFT 4
FREDERICK C. WEBB... .. 2	*RALPH E. CROFT 5
ALFRED W. LINDSAY 3	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

* First peal.

WORMLESDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each
of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*CLAUDE HEATHER Treble	*GEORGE CHANDLER 4
*CHARLES SLYFIELD 2	SAMUEL PETTER... .. 5
*MISS KATHLEEN AVENELL 3	HENRY A. BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by S. PETTER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a
local band

HANDBELL PEALS.**CAMBRIDGE.**

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESEAN ASSOCIATION—
On Monday, Jan. 10, 1921, in Two Hours and Twelve and a Half Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

†JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... 1—2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 3—4 | †CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7—8
Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
† First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, Jan. 13, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... 1—2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3—4 | WILLIAM KENT ... 9—10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5—6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 11—12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
Referee: ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

First peal on the bells, which are a fine peal of twelve presented to
the Guild by Mr. A. A. Hughes of Whitechapel Foundry.

CAMBRIDGE.**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | †M. C. G. HOOTON (Queen's) 7—8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
† First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Sixteen and a Half Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1—2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3—4 | †W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 7—8
Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: M. C. G. HOOTON.

† First peal in the method in hand.

CAMBRIDGE.**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

On Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF PLAIN AND MEDIUM BOB ROYAL, 5152 CHANGES;

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1—2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3—4 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7—8
B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 9—10

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: M. C. G. HOOTON.

First peal of Royal ever rung on this plan. In Medium Bob the
treble makes sixth's place and returns to the lead. By employing
this in the above peal whenever the treble followed the seventh up,
the four tenors were never parted.

CAMBRIDGE.**THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

On Monday, Jan. 17, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

GONVILLE VARIATION.

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1—2 | E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3—4 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7—8
Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpires: H. G. BENSON and M. C. G. HOOTON.

First peal ever rung on this plan.

"GREAT PAUL."

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Peal of 18,027 Stedman
Caters at Loughborough.
The longest peal
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CANON BAKER'S RESUME OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

At the session of the National Assembly last week, 'bell ringers' was deleted from Clause 6 of the Parochial Church Councils' (Powers) Measure. Canon Baker supplies us with the following account of the proceedings:—

The Exercise can congratulate itself that the difficulties foreseen if Clause 6 of the Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure should be passed in its original form have been entirely removed. By a large majority it was resolved on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, to omit both 'organist' and 'bell ringers' from the sub-section.

In each case the omission was proposed by Lord Phillimore, and the question was really settled when he showed, with a wealth of legal knowledge, that whether or not the Council appointed an 'organist', he could not play the organ without the consent of the incumbent. The same argument held good, he said, for the bells, and it was soon clear that the most ardent supporters of the powers of Parochial Councils had no desire for the empty privilege of appointing and paying organists and ringers, if they could neither play the organ nor ring the bells.

In the case of 'bell ringers,' Lord Phillimore's motion was seconded by the Dean of Lincoln, speaking as the President of his Association. He laid stress on the voluntary character of the services of most ringers, and pleaded for their exemption from the clause. Though he did make some of us smile by talking of 'triple bobs,' we owe him a debt of gratitude for his strong championship of our cause.

The Assembly was impatient to get on to other business, so I contented myself with speaking of the numerous representations I had received from all parts of the country, and the division took place with the result that I have stated.

It was noteworthy that other speakers in the same sense were crowded out, and that no one spoke in favour of retaining the word in the clause.

So all's well that ends well.

I should add that, in accordance with the rules of the Assembly, I presented the petition of the Standing Committee of the Central Council at the opening of the session, but could not read it, or make a speech on it at that time.

W. W. C. BAKER.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In fine weather, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, January 31st, at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, some 250 ringers taking advantage of the invitation of the local company to visit Earlsheaton. Divine service was held in St. Peter's Church, the preacher being the Rev. Frank Wolde, M.A., Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Dewsbury. A most interesting sermon was preached from the Book of Wisdom viii. 1, 'Wisdom reacheth from one end to another mightily, and sweetly doth she order all things.' The preacher stated that the ringers' function was not merely calling to prayer. The law and order that had to be observed in the art of change ringing was a great lesson to the lawlessness of the modern world. What is not law and order is not the will of God, and ringers were on a level with the great musicians of the church, in proclaiming the call of the Master, that the message of the church was to bring method and order into all things.

A bountiful tea was provided in the neighbouring schoolroom, this being followed by the business meeting, the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Earlsheaton (the Rev. R. S. Davies, M.A.) and the principal officers of the association.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. F. Palframan, and seconded by Mr. F. Cryer, to hold a meeting of the association at Scarborough on Easter Monday next.—The balance sheet, which showed a deficit of some £46, owing to heavy cost of printing the annual report, was passed on the motion of the auditors, Messrs. J. W. Dews and W. Idle.

A vote of thanks to the Vicars and local authorities for the use of the fine peals of eight at Earlsheaton and Dewsbury and six at Thornhill, was responded to by the venerable Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Davies), who once more added to the great debt of kindness which ringers owe to the local clergy, by offering a hearty welcome to the association, and regretting that advancing years would in all probability prevent him from welcoming the association to Earlsheaton.

So ended a most pleasant day to the visitors, who carried away memories of a splendid meeting, a kindly welcome, and leaving them with a hearty desire to come to such pleasant quarters again.

P. J. J.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, January 29th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, under the chairmanship of the President, Mr. S. Booth. During the afternoon some very good touches were rung, including Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major.—At the business meeting a resolution was passed that the secretary send a letter to the Rev. Canon Baker, supporting his proposition to exclude ringers from the Parochial Council's Bill.—A vote of thanks to the church officials for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION WAR MEMORIAL.**DEDICATION AT CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.**

To the memory of the members of the Essex Association of Change Ringers who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918.

C. Buggs, G. F. Brace, J. A. Blake, A. Bullock, G. Barnard, A. Cottee, F. Camp, H. J. Cooper, E. C. Cook, E. H. Emery, A. Eves, R. C. Finch, G. Francis, A. Fiddes, A. Gyppe, A. Gozzetti, A. Harrod, W. E. Jay, T. E. D. Loosemore, F. Letch, R. Law, W. Nice, T. Matthews, E. Newman, F. A. Ottley, W. Ottley, J. Poole, G. J. Playle, T. Pettit, E. Ridgwell, H. Rogers, H. J. Sudell, S. Souther, A. Smith, A. P. Saffell, S. C. Searle, J. Smith, A. J. Sivell, H. Saunders, P. Taylor, J. Tippius, W. Truss, H. Wright, G. B. Ward. Their brother ringers dedicate this record.

A.D. 1920.

Bearing the above inscription, a tablet of Portland stone in the Cathedral Church at Chelmsford stands for all time as a record of those members of the Essex Association who laid down their lives in the war. One more name has yet to be added, W. Wallace, of Waltham, but the tablet has been dedicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford at an impressive service, which was attended by a large congregation, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, relatives of the deceased, and ringers of the county. The service was fully choral, and comprised the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' and the opening sentences of the Order for the Burial of the Dead, beautifully rendered by the choir, with Mr. F. R. Fyfe, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., at the organ. There followed the Psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd,' and then the lesson, Wisdom.iii. 1-9, read by Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, the Master of the Association.

At the close of the lesson there was a procession to the west end for the purpose of dedicating the memorial, including the Bishop and clergy, the relatives of the fallen and the officers of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), pulled the cord of a Union Jack covering the tablet, and as the flag fell the Bishop recited:

'To the Honour and Glory of Almighty God and in grateful remembrance of our comrades who fell in the war, we unveil this tablet. May God accept this gift at our hands. May He grant that those who look at it may lift their eyes from the shadows of this world to the unseen and eternal glories of the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

The procession then returned while the hymn, 'God of the living,' was sung.

The Bishop of Chelmsford preached from Zechariah xiv. 20. 'In that day shall be upon the bells, Holiness unto the Lord.'

After the address the congregation stood while the Bishop commended to the mercy of God the souls of the departed; and read each name. Then prayers for comfort were recited, and the Lord's Prayer, followed by the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' the concluding prayer being for those who rang the bells of God's House of Prayer. The Bishop pronounced the Blessing, the Last Post was sounded on the bugles, and the National Anthem concluded the service. As the congregation left the Cathedral the 'whole pull and stand' was rung forty-four times, representing the number of the fallen members.

Subsequently the gathering took tea with the Bishop and clergy in the Corn Exchange, the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford (Ald. and Mrs. J. O. Thompson) being also present.

Mr. Howard, who presided, thanked Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Straight and their helpers for kindly providing the tea, and then tendered his thanks to the choir and organist for the beautiful service, and to the Bishop for his address. His Lordship had referred to prayers in the belfry, and he was glad to say that in their book of rules they had a little office by Canon Papillon which was much used.

The Bishop replied, and the Master then referred to the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress, and spoke of the growth of the association. He said its numbers were as high as ever, and interest in it was never greater.—The Mayor offered his congratulations, and the Master further expressed the association's indebtedness to the Rector of Chelmsford, the Rev. Canon Lake, for all that he did for them on that and every occasion (hear, hear). He hoped the proposal that the Parochial Church Council should have the power of appointing and dismissing bell ringers would not be carried, for they would rather be under the incumbent (hear, hear). They were very well satisfied with their position with the clergy. They would rather work under Canon Lake in Chelmsford than anywhere else (hear, hear).

The Canon replied that they had spent a very happy day, the result of which would be the promotion of their work for God.

Before the service, a touch of 701 Grandshire Caters was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by: A. Edwards, Boreham 1; S. Roper, Croxson, 2; H. Edwards, Boreham, 3; T. Lincoln, Writtle, 4; A. Head, Writtle, 5; H. Head, Writtle, 6; P. Timson, Chelmsford, 7; J. Wood, Chelmsford, 8; W. Lincoln, Writtle (conductor), 9; W. Pease, Chelmsford, 10. At the close of the service the same band rang the 'whole pull and stand.' After tea, with the bells open, Grandshire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung by various members of the association. The Mayor and Mayoress visited the belfry, and the Mayor expressed a wish to become an honorary member of the association.

VARIATIONS OF KENT TREBLE BOB.

By the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Who has not heard of the curate's egg? He was staying at the palace, and at breakfast-time the Bishop noticed that the egg was a little off colour. On being asked if that were not the case, the curate, not wishing to disparage his host's provender, stammered out, 'Parts of it are excellent, my Lord.'

Now, I have always held that sentiment with regard to Kent Treble Bob. Parts of it are excellent. But when the tenors get in the slow — * * * — !!

It was in the hope of removing that blot that Worcester Treble Bob was produced, and it effectually served its purpose: but it went too far. By the omission of all bobs, the method became monotonous.

On Monday, January 17th, I discovered a variation of Kent which effected the same object, without departing so far from the method. If you allow the treble to make second's place after dodging in 1-2 up, and let her continue by dodging in 1-2 down, the next lead end is brought up in eight changes.

The following two cuts in the plain course prevent the tenor and seventh from ever going on the slow:—

18674523	17856342
81675432	71853624
18764523	17586342
81765432	71583624
81674523	71856342
18675432	71853624
81764523	71586342
18765432	17583624
17856342	15738264

By introducing these cuts into Mr. Harrison's 6080, and shortening every course, we produced a peal of 5120, in which the tenor's never go in slow; and we rang the peal the same night. This variation we named 'The Gonville variation' of Kent Treble Bob. It does not depart on the whole from the spirit of the method, as the three-pull dodges are analogous to those which are made at a Bob.

But on the following morning (Tuesday) I discovered another variation, which we called the 'Granta variation,' which keeps much closer to the regular method. By the simple device of allowing the treble to go into the slow when the heavy bells offer themselves, the same effect is produced without disturbing the even flow of the treble bob work up behind, as follows:—

GRANTA VARIATION.

Major.

18674523
81765432
81674523
18765432
17856342
71583624
71856342
17583624
15738264

By this plan the course of Major is reduced to 168. Royal to 216 and Maximus to 264; and all the objectionable changes are cut out, while no work foreign to the spirit of the method is introduced.

[Note.—The ten and twelve bell figures will be published later.—Ed.]

PROPAGANDA WORK AT ST. ALBANS.

On Tuesday, January 25th, Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, gave a lantern lecture in the Christ Church Parish Hall, on 'Bells and Bell Ringing,' to a large and enthusiastic audience. The lecturer treated of the history of bells, old and present-day founders, bell casting, old ringing societies, and change ringing, the audience being somewhat amused and mystified with the various methods thrown upon the screen. Members of the Cathedral Society demonstrated on eight and ten handbells, which was greatly enjoyed. Grateful acknowledgment is extended to Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Gillett and Johnston for the gift and loan of various photographs with which to make the lantern slides.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A general meeting of the Exeter District of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers took place at Topsham. It was attended by representatives of Topsham, Clyst St. George, Sowton, Withycombe Raleigh, Littleham, Alington, Heavitree, St. David's and St. Sidwell's (Exeter). Ringing was done at Topsham, Clyst St. George, and Lympstone. Tea at Topsham was followed by a business meeting, when over 50 assembled. Those present included the Revs. Canon McLaren, G. Halliday, Weber, H. B. Clarke, and J. B. Ball. Withycombe was chosen for the next district meeting, and the date fixed April 9th. Christow became affiliated as a band.

An appeal was made for subscribers to 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the clergy for use of bells, and to the Rev. G. Halliday for arranging a room for the tea and meeting. The latter, in returning thanks, said ringers did a valuable amount of work in a quiet and unadvertised way.

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DEATH OF TWO LIVERPOOL RINGERS.**FATAL ACCIDENT TO MR. GEORGE WOODHALL.**

By the death of Mr. John Turner and Mr. George Woodhall, the ringers of Liverpool and district have sustained a severe loss. Mr. Turner, who was unmarried, and aged 47, died from an internal complaint, and was buried at Garston Churchyard on January 15th, in the presence of a large gathering of his fellow-workmen, and ringers from various Liverpool churches.—The Vicar of Garston, the Rev. T. Parnell Rowe, gave a short and impressive address, in which he alluded to the high character and faithful service of the deceased, who had served faithfully and well for 30 years with the London and North Western Railway Company, and for a period of 20 years was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Grassendale.

The deceased was a good and safe ringer, and had taken part in about 40 peals in the Standard Methods and Double Norwich.

Mr. George Woodhall, who leaves a widow and several grown-up children, was aged 63, and met his end in a sad and tragic manner. While engaged at his work at Cobling Dock, he fell from a height of 50 feet, and fractured his skull, dying shortly afterwards.

He was buried at Anfield Cemetery on January 19th, prior to which a service was held at St. Dunstan's Church, at which the Rev. C. A. Clements, Vicar of Hale, and the Rev. Hunter Rodwell, Vicar of the parish, officiated. The Rev. C. A. Clements pronounced the committal sentences at the graveside, in the presence of a large and representative gathering of relatives and ringers of the district. The remains were borne to their last resting-place by four fellow ringers, Messrs. W. Hughes, E. Breese, E. Counce and A. Lintott, and afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by: W. Hughes, T. Hammond, A. Lintott and J. Martin.

George Woodhall was well-known and respected in many parts of the country, and, as far as the writer has been able to ascertain, rang about 50 peals in the Standard Methods.

Much sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their tragic loss.

The following ringing has been done with the bells half-muffled in memory of the two ringers, and as a last tribute of respect:—

On Saturday, January 15th, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was lost, after 2 hours and 35 minutes' ringing, at St. Michael's, Garston.

On Monday, January 17th, at St. Mary, Grassendale, a peal of Minor was lost in the fourth 7: through a rope breaking.

On Tuesday, January 18th, a quarter-peal (1359 changes) of Stedman Caters was rung on the front ten at St. Nicholas Church: W. Fisher 1, E. Counce 2, R. O. Street 3, W. Booth 4, W. T. Robson 5, T. Gilmour 6, J. Martin 7, A. Lintott 8, W. Davies (conductor) 9, C. Davies 10. Also 238 Grandsire Caters: E. Boulphrey 1, W. Fisher 2, A. Lintott 3, E. Counce 4, G. R. Newton 5, J. Donnelly 6, T. Hammond 7, C. Davies 8, J. Martin 9, W. Lindsay 10.

On January 18th, a peal of Minor at Walton-on-the-Hill was successful; as was also a peal at Garston on the 22nd.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Nether-ton on Saturday, January 22nd, when nearly every tower in the division was represented, about 50 members being present.

Service was held, and the Vicar (Canon S. J. Marriott) gave an impressive address. Tea was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Hartlebury was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting in June. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Nether-ton, with Mr. A. Davies conductor. Five new members were elected, and the sum of £1 3s. 6d. was collected for the memorial window, which will be unveiled and dedicated at Worcester Cathedral on Easter Monday.

A discussion on the proposed increased cost of 'The Ringing World' took place, and it was resolved 'That this meeting pledge itself to support "The Ringing World" at its increased cost.'

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and for presiding was carried unanimously. Ringing was indulged in both before and after service and meeting, the methods ranging from Grandsire to Surprise.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A united meetings for the Hunts and Isle of Ely districts was held at Ely on January 29th. A short service was held in St. Mary's Church, after which tea was provided at a restaurant close by, to which fourteen sat down, the towers represented being Ely, Cambridge, Fordham, Newmarket, Soham, Thetford, Long Stanton, March and Shouldham, with a welcome visitor from Essex, in the person of Mr. W. H. Elliott.

A business meeting was held subsequently, at which the Rev. S. Addleshaw, Vicar of St. Mary's, took the chair, and was supported by the two district secretaries, Mr. R. Lathbury (Isle of Ely) and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Hunts).—It was decided to hold the next meeting for the Hunts district, subject to convenience, at Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey some time during May.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. S. Addleshaw for his kindness in having the ringers at Ely.—Six new members were elected, three from Great Staughton, two from March and one from Soham. During the afternoon and evening touches of Kent, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain, Bob were rung on St. Mary's bells.

NOTICES.

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

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Association service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., at the Parish House, Clare Market. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Eight bells, available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1s. 6d. to visitors. Special business: To elect a new secretary. — John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 12th. All ringers are cordially invited to be present. Tower open 4 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock, meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Todmorden Parish Church. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. — S. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells ready at 4. Members' intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Wheathampstead and Sandridge on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Meet at Wheathampstead 3 p.m., Sandridge 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, to-morrow, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Feb. 19th.—W. Pervin, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 17th, and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea can be provided for all those requiring same if they notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 15th. Members' subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: To discuss the advisability of reverting to pre-war annual report.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Kelvedon on Feb. 19th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service with address 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Infants' School Room. All intending to be present please notify Mr. Wm. Elliott, Brunswick House, Kelvedon, not later than Feb. 16th. Subscriptions to the amount of 1/6 per member are now due.—B. Redgewell, Dis. Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Feb. 19th. 10 Bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27 Eversfield Road, Reigate.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. The next meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Stockport, on Saturday, Feb. 19th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting of the newly-formed association will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 15th.—C. E. Hepburn, The Pines, Isham, nr. Kettering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A combined practice will be held at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells available from 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab 1755).—The 33rd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified

members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s. to meet the increased cost of the dinner, to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. It is necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 19th. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nominations for the election of the following must reach me not later than Feb. 28th, 1921:—President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and four Delegates to Central Council.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The Annual Dinner and Concert will be held at The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, Saturday, March 5th, at 6 o'clock. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, can be obtained from Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, S.W. 18; Mr. F. Smith, 48, Mansfield Road, N.W.; Mr. A. Hardy, 37, Hubert Grove, S.W. 9; Mr. B. Foskett, 1, Olive Road, N.W. 2; Mr. R. Warner, Spitalfields Bell Foundry, E. 1, and the Hon. Sec. The bells of St. Bride's will be available from 4 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N. 7.

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

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

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON, RESTORATION

of the very old ring of eight bells (tenor and 7th, 1663) to be rehung. Subscriptions and donations specially needed. £411 wanted, Parish very poor. Donations should be forwarded to

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23, Atherley Road, Southampton.

ADDRESS.—Mr. Arthur Mason's address will continue to be 99, Northcote Road, West Croydon, and not the new address given last week.

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The toast of 'The King' having been duly honoured, Mr. Temple Newell proposed 'The Reigate Bell Ringers.' He voiced the interest he took in the belfry, and expressed a wish that more interest would be shown in it by residents of the borough. He thought they should be thankful to Mr. Lorkin for the interest he took in campanology, and hoped that when the Church Council came on more interest would be taken, and a little money given towards the belfry fund (hear, hear).—Mr. Hoad responded in a happy speech, and said that since 1821 members of his family had been campanologists, and he hoped the tradition would be carried on.

In proposing the toast of 'The Hostesses,' Mr. Arthur Lorkin said it appeared that the good old custom of annually holding a bell ringers' supper died out some years ago in Reigate, and the ringers were apparently forgotten by most of the parishioners. Owing to so many ringers having laid down their lives in the great war bellfries were very hard hit, but he was glad to say a good many of the young men and ladies came to the rescue. In the last twelve months he had had the pleasure of ringing with several lady bell ringers in different churches within a radius of ten miles from there, and he trusted that the day was not far distant when some of the younger residents of the borough would take to the art. In thanking their hostesses for having so kindly entertained them that night, he was sure he was expressing the wishes of all present in hoping that that gathering might be the resurrection of an old custom, and that the grand evening which they had spent might not be forgotten (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.—Mrs. Smitheman-Lorkin said Mrs. Barnes and herself were happy when making others happy, therefore, the enjoyment of those present on that occasion was also theirs. She hoped that some other parishioners would step forward to encourage and acknowledge the work done in the belfry (hear, hear).

The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. H. Ewins (secretary of the Southern Branch of the Surrey Association), and appropriately responded to by Mr. Temple Newell.

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