# BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## *The London County Association.*

THE above Association will hold a meeting for united practice and instruction at the Church of St. Luke, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, February 27th. Ringing from 5 till 9 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome. T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

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THE annual meeting of the L.C.A. was held on January 23rd, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. The tower was open from 4 to 6 p.m., when touches in various methods were rung. The special service was held at six o'clock and was well attended, considering what a foggy, disagreeable night it was in London. Owing to the way in which men make their engagements in advance, it will probably be well to give a more extended notice in regard to future meetings; but, taking all things into consideration, the service, for a first attempt of its kind at St. Clement's, was a distinct success, and it is a great pleasure to say that this was the view of the Rector of St. Clement's, the Rev. J. J. H. Septimus Pennington, M.A., who has kindly consented to be the Honorary Chaplain of the Association, and of whose ready sympathy and cordial help no words can express too high an appreciation. With him we must also thank the Rev. W. Earle, B.D., his assistant curate, and Mr. Marchment, the organist, and the members of the choir, who gave ungrudging and sympathetic assistance.

The order of service was the special form adopted by the Association, with the approval of the hon. chaplain, as lessons Ecclus. xliv. to verse 15, and Romans xii. and the Te Deum. The Rev. J. J. H. Septimus Pennington addressed the congregation, impressing upon them that everything that stood the test of continuous progress and development must be of a kind to receive the blessing of God, or else it could not continue. He felt sure that change-ringing had the approval of the Almighty. He spoke of his warm sympathy with ringing, dating from the time of his boyhood, and congratulated the Association on having decided on a special order of worship on the outset of their work.

The hon. chaplain's words were listened to with the greatest attention and respect.

The members then went to the Parish House, Clare Market, for the business meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed as correct, the election took place of Miss Amy Jacob as an hon. member, and Mr. C. Carew Cox as a ringing member. It was proposed and carried than the peals rung up to date should be entered in the grand peal-book. The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers and committee for the ensuing year, and it was proposed and passed that Mr. Arthur Jacob be the Master, Mr. Challis F. Winney Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender Hon Secretary, Mr. Thomas Langdon (P.) Senior Steward, Mr. Frank Smith Junior Steward, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. Mark Woodcock Trustees, and the following gentlemen form the Committee: Mr. J. Pryer, of Chelsea; Mr. C. Carew Cox, of Hammersmith: Mr. Richard Bevan, of the North; Mr. Wallage, of Whitechapel; Mr. A. B. Peck, of Bow; Mr. H. Stubbs, of Stoke Newington; Mr. F. G. Perrin, of Newington: and Mr. T. Langdon, of Walworth.

The Secretary reported that during the past year an extraordinary amount of business had been disposed of. They had reconstituted the Association for the purpose of teaching young and local ringers, and they had held a grand concert, which had been an immense success. Excellent united practices had been regularly held on alternate Mondays at St. Clement Danes, though he should like to see more present to ring on the first Sunday in the month for morning service. Bands had been arranged for Sunday service ringing at different churches, including St. Michael's, Cornhill (where STEDMAN CINQUES was rung), St. James', Bermondsey (where STEDMAN CATERS and TREBLE TEN had been rung), St. Magnus', London Bridge, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and several others. Ten peals had been rung, being three of STEDMAN CATERS, five of STEDMAN TRIPLES, one peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, and one peal of DOUBLE NORWICH. Forty-six ringers took part in these peals—some had rung their first peal—and they were called by seven different conductors. They had elected forty-three new members, which was a record. The balance-sheet could not be finished in time for the meeting, but it showed a balance in hand of £9 2s. 3d., which was the largest sum ever held by the Association, so that they had had a year of complete success—one that they could congratulate themselves on.

The members then adjourned to their Association meeting-room, at the 'Cheshire Cheese,' Milford Lane, Strand, where a social evening was spent. Mr. H. Dean presided at the piano; Mr. Pryer sang some excellent songs in his usual manner, Mr. Tom Walker manipulated the gramaphone, Mr. W. Truss sang Tom Tolliday's 12,000. which was at that time (1873) the longest length rung on ten bells, and was performed by members of this Society. The hour of midnight drawing near, members began to depart, which brought to a close one of the most successful annual meetings that have taken place under this Association.

## *The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.*

ANOTHER enjoyable and successful Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, the 6th instant, at Wath and West Tanfield, when the attendance amounted to twenty-five ringers from East Witton, Middleham, Thirsk, Sharrow, Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Wath, which was the headquarters for the Meeting. Several 720's were brought home at Wath, and one at West Tanfield by the East Witton Ringers, on their way home.

These Parishes are on the outskirts of Wensleydale, and their churches are of the very interesting character usually found in that beautiful district, West Tanfield Church being the mausoleum of the redoubtable Marmions, whose tombs of several generations extend the full length of the North Aisle, and by one of whom the Church was built in 1343, whilst Wath Church, which is still older, is associated with the Grahams of Norton Conyers, who proved themselves so staunchly loyal to the unfortunate Charles I. Each tower contains a sweet ring of six bells, that at West Tanfield having been presented by the late Rector and his brother, whilst the five bells at Wath were increased to six by the addition of a treble, which constitutes the parochial memorial of the late Queen, the formal opening of which was duly reported in 'Church Bells' at the time.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom at Wath, and presided over by the Rector, the Rev. H. R. Hunter, supported by Mr. Clarkson, the President of the Association, Vice-President Wrightson of Thirsk being also present. After the toast of the King had been duly honoured, the President proposed the 'Bishops and Clergy,' including with it a vote of thanks to the Rector of Wath and the Vicar of West Tanfield, for the use of the bells of their respective churches, and taking the opportunity of reading a letter from the Archbishop of York expressing appreciation of the work of the Association. He also referred to the progress now being made at Wath in the way of establishing a Company of Change-ringers, the members of which had recently accomplished 720 BOB MINOR. In reply, the Rev. Chairman gave a hearty welcome to his visitors, and held out the prospect of another meeting at Wath at a future date, at which their entertainment would be free. Several new members were elected, including most of the Wath band.

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EAST WITTON.—AT midnight, December 31st, 1903, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. R. Peacock, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; J. Croft, 3; J. Jaques, 4; W. Peacock, 5: C. Bucktin (conductor), 6.

WATH.—On February 6th, 1904, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. T. Metcalfe (conductor), 1; J. Wrightson, 2, J. H. Burton, 3: J. Metcalfe, 4; J. Neasham, 5; J. W. Neasham, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. G. Langshaw, 1; F. Greenwood, 2; H Taylor, 3: E. Burnett (conductor), 4; J. W. Neasham, 5; W. Pick, 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. Pick, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; J. H. Burton, 5: J. W. Neasham, 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. W. Pick, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. Langshaw, 3; E. Burnett, 4: T. Metcalfe, 5: J. W. Neasham (conductor), 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. R. Peacock, 1; J. Shields, 2; J. Croft, 3: J. Jaques, 4: W. Peacock, 5; C. Bucktin (conductor), 6.

ON Sunday, February 7th, for evening service at Wath, by the Wath Company, 720 BOB MINOR. F. Jaques, 1; J. H. Taylor, 2 E. J. Hammond, 3; H. Metcalfe, 4; J. W. Taylor, 5; J. Metcalfe (conductor), 6.

WEST TANFIELD.—On February 6th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB by the same band standing in same order: also 360 PLAIN BOB with Dr. Pauli, 3rd.

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EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL.—In memory of the late Mr. G. Godfrey Cunninghame a half-muffled peal was rung on the Cathedral bells on Wednesday evening, 10th inst., as a tribute of appreciation of the work he accomplished in connection with the formation of the Cathedral Society of Change-ringers, twenty-five years ago, and of his continued services from year to year ever since.

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