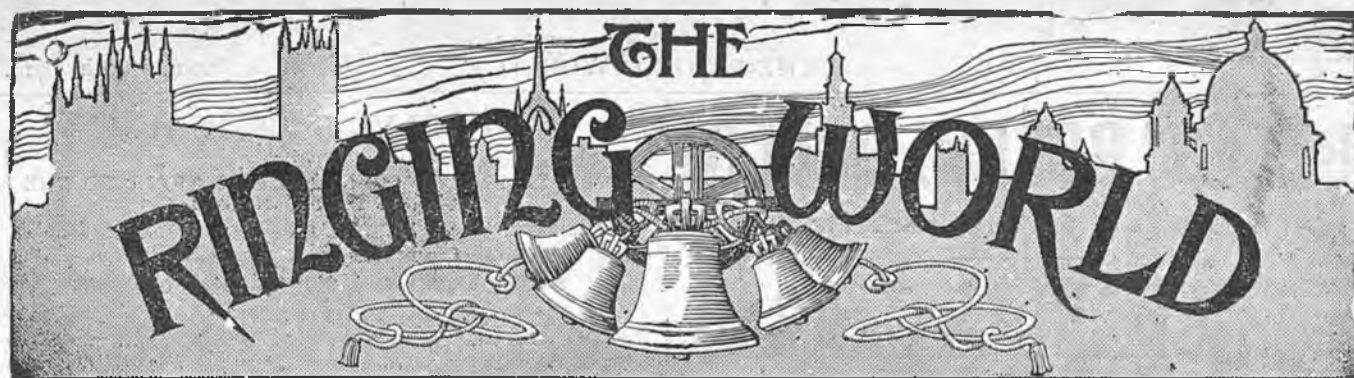




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THE PRACTICE OF HIGHER METHODS

In an address to members of the Oxford Guild at a meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) gave some very sound advice, which might be taken to heart by ringers outside as well as inside the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There is no one in the Exercise more respected than the Master of the Oxford Guild, and advice from him, matured by experience, carries weight through all sections of the ringing community. One point upon which the Rev. Cecil Jenkyn touched may well be emphasised, and that is the need for greater endeavour to achieve the ringing of the higher methods. It is not a new question; but it is just as necessary that it should be kept in the forefront of ringing policy now as it ever was.

The last three or four decades have seen an immense advance in the standard of the methods generally practised. Thirty years or so ago the ringers who aspired to Surprise ringing formed a very limited circle; to-day there are numerous bands throughout the country, and a Surprise peal is not looked upon as an extraordinary performance, unless the attendant circumstances are exceptional. Yet, when the growth of change ringing is considered, it is doubtful if the practice of the higher methods has grown as much as it ought to have done in comparison. Leaving out of the question change ringing in the more difficult methods on more than eight bells, which is restricted more particularly by the facilities which a man has for practising on the higher numbers, there ought to be no limitation to the aspirations which a change ringer should have to rise from one stage to another. Unfortunately too many are content to be satisfied with ringing the plain methods, or, at the outside, what are known as the four standard methods. But these are only the bottom rungs of the ladder, which should serve as steps on the way to higher achievements.

Encouragement will go a long way towards increasing the practice of the higher methods, and generally speaking the enthusiast in ringing will seek out his own opportunities for advancement. More, however, might be done by the ringing organisations. They send out instructors to teach the rudiments of change ringing; but why should not competent ringers be sent out to instruct bands in methods something higher than Grandsire or Plain Bob? A good many who have already attained to skill in ringing advanced methods may be inclined to say that those who want to learn should do as others before them have done—teach themselves. That, however, should not be the policy of the present day; and if at the moment no other course is open, more might be done on the lines of the Oxford Guild, who have arranged combined practices for Surprise methods.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	ARTHUR MASON 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*HAROLD W. CLARK 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4	REUBEN SANDERS 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERT CHALLEN Treble	GEORGE PIPER 6
JOHN FEIST 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 7
ARTHUR WHITE 3	ROBERT J. DAVE 8
HENRY STALHAN 4	CAPT. I. R. MACKMAN 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE T. MITCHESON ... Treble	JAMES HOPKINS 6
W. HENRY JONES 2	WILLIAM KENT 7
A. ALBERT JONES 3	JOHN CORRIGAN 8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 9
JOHN CARTER 5	†ERNEST PLUMMER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled for the late Canon Hodgson, Vicar of the above church, who met with a fatal bicycle accident while riding home a few nights before. * First peal of Caters. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.]

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Mins.,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOS. STEEL Treble	JOHN T. WATERS 5
WM. A. BRECKON 2	ALBERT V. COATES 6
ALFRED E. OXLEY 3	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 7
FRANK S. HODGSON 4	*FREDERICK TOWNSEND ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal. G. F. Alexander's 50th peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston in 1914, and first peal of Grandsire Triples in the tower.

BENHILTON, SURREY. — On November 30th, at All Saints', a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): Capt. Freeborn 1, C. Dean 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, R. Brough 4, A. Clark 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, R. Whittington 7, R. Lathbury 8.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
VICTOR KERRIDGE 2	JOHN HALL 6
WILLIAM FLORY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	*HAROLD MAYHEW Tenor

Composed by E. J. GALE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all except W. Flory and W. Ostler.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOT Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
FRED ABBOT 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
THOMAS LINGARD 3	JOHN POTTER 7
ALFRED POTTER 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Lingard and in commemoration of his 45 years' service as a ringer in the above tower.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDORF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of London by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung at the third attempt. It was also the conductor's hundredth peal on the bells.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 5
MISS H. BILL 2	JAMES RAMPLEY 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	ALFRED WATSON 7
ALBERT ROUGHT 4	FRANK H. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by F. H. DAVEY.

Arranged for F. H. DAVEY and was his first peal as conductor and first attempt.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SYDNEY J. PERRY Treble	A. J. PITMAN 5
RICHARD EVANS 2	D. R. JAMES 6
WALTER J. NORTON 3	W. J. SMITH 7
ERNEST J. STITCH 4	*FRED ATWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of those of this parish who have fallen in the war. The composition was a variation of that published in the 'Ringing World,' March 1st, 1918. * First peal and first attempt.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

A. ROUTLEY Treble	H. LAWRENCE 5
F. ILEY 2	W. MORGAN 6
*J. BAKER 3	A. EVANS 7
G. CHAMBERLAIN 4	*W. RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by F. ILEY.

* First peal of Triples as conductor and first attempt. * First peal.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	HENRY HODGETTS 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by the late E. PYE.

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal in the method on the bells since their restoration in 1913 by Messrs. Warner.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM R. PARKER Treble	*JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
*ALFRED J. MAWBY 2	FRED STANFORTH 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Bob Major. * First peal in the method.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	*GEORGE WHALLEY 6
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
*RICHARD D. LANGFORD 4	*WILLIAM CHADWICK Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as a conductor. First peal in the method on the bells rung as a peace peal for the village, also as a birthday compliment to J. H. Riding.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	PERCY PRICE 5
FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	*JAMES F. GEORGE 6
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
ALBERT COPPOCK 4	WILLIAM J. SEVIOUR Tenor

Composed by W. J. WASHBROOK (No. 2).

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Stedman inside. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Miss Harrison, who had been one of the Sunday-school teachers for a great number of years.

**MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*ANTHONY MERCER Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD 5
MISS EMMA TONGE 2	JOSEPH HALL 6
WILLIAM H. SHOKER 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	AMOS SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal for the treble ringer. Rung in connection with the welcome home of the demobilised soldiers of the parish, also for the coming of age of the eldest daughter of the ringer of the third.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGED;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HALL Treble	*THOMAS CHAPPELL 5
EDWARD GRIMES 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
LESLIE WIGHTMAN 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN, JUN. ... 4	WILLIAM C. REMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by Wm. C. REMSEY.

* First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	ALFRED D. MILLS 5
FRANCIS T. HOAD 2	JOHN RICE 6
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. 3	ROBERT BRETT 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES JILLINGS Treble	†EDWARD NUNN 5
*GEORGE M. GREENACRE ... 2	EDWARD CHATTEN 6
JOHN SPENCER 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. Claude Hope Sutton, M.A.) to welcome in the New Year. C.C. collection Section 2, No. 115. * First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 3	ROBERT W. COOKE 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	CHARLES SMITH Tenor

Conducted by Wm. E. BASON.

The peal was rung as a welcome home to the Fakenham members of H.M. Forces. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 6th. Mr. Smith hails from Holbrook, Suffolk, and was spending his annual holiday at Ryburgh, near Fakenham.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 6, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JOSEPH J. PARKER'S No. 9.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

ALBERT E. BAKER Treble	ALFRED BAIGENT 5
GEORGE PAYNE 2	WILLIAM J. ALLISS 6
*CHARLES A. BARNES 3	CHARLES TYLER 7
LAZARUS PAYNE 4	WILLIAM MARKWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

**ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, January 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
EDWARD OLDFIELD 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Trippier, second son of the tenor ringer, on reaching his 21st anniversary, he having recently been demobilised from the forces. This peal has all the sixes and sevens at backstroke.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JELLY Treble	*GEOFFREY ASHMAN 4
*WALTER FARTHING 2	†WILLIAM J. ROSSITER ... 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	*CHARLES EARL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung as a welcome home to the soldiers and sailors of the village. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Honnywill), who is President of the Branch, entertained the company to tea, for which they tender their hearty thanks. All are local men except the conductor.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, T.B., Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	R. CHARLES ALLEN 4
W. ARCHIBALD NORMAN ... 2	ALBERT J. BARCOCK 5
GILBERT F. BELL 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

H. W. Gayton belongs to the local band and the remainder to Sharnbrook.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. PADGHAM, ex-A.P.C. ... Treble	G. FULLER, ex-R.F.A. ... 4
A. RELFE, ex-Leinsters ... 2	F. J. LAMBERT, ex-Buffs ... 5
H. J. HAMMOND, ex-R.N. ... 3	H. PRICE, ex-A.P.C. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled after the dedication of the memorial cross erected in memory of the thirty-four men of this parish who have fallen in the war. After the peal the whole pull and stand was rung thirty-four times.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob,
St. Clement's, Oxford, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob.

FRED WILKIN Treble	SIDNEY HALE 4
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	ARTHUR WASH 5
HORACE COOPER 3	OLIVE BROYD Tenor

Conducted by OLIVE BROYD.

* First peal of minor. Rung as a birthday peal for Horace Cooper.
This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, January 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

In the Cathedral Belfry.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 size in F.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 5-6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SALOP. — On December 10th, 720 Plain Bob Doubles, in 31 mins.: A. White 1, W. Lycett 2, W. Clay 3, A. Shotton 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, S. France (first 720) 6. The ringers of the four back bells are discharged soldiers, who have seen active service.

LONDON. — On December 21st, at St. John-the-Divine, Vassal Road, Brixton, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1230 changes): G. Wild 1, E. J. King 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, T. H. Taffender 4, R. Brough 5, R. N. Runham 6, A. Barker 7, H. Belcher 8.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Taunton on Saturday week. The bells at St. Mary's Church were open for ringing in the afternoon, and by kind invitation of the president (Preb. Corfield) tea was partaken of at the Waterloo Restaurant, after which the business meeting was held, Preb. Corfield presiding.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £2 8s., and was adopted. A short report on the year's working was read by the secretary, which showed that three meetings had been held, and had been well attended. Thirteen peals had been rung by members of the branch. Thirty-three members had served during the year, and of these five had given up their lives—W. Fudge and S. Phillips, of St. Mary's, Taunton, were killed in France; F. Norman, of Milverton, died in Salonika; H. Webber, Bishop's Hull; and W. Weaver, Trull, died in India. The sympathy of the members went forth to their relatives, and to all who had now returned a hearty welcome was extended, with grateful thanks for their services.

Preb. Corfield was heartily thanked for his many kindnesses during the past year, and was unanimously re-elected president.—Mr. Marson, who for the past few years has been serving in India, was re-elected secretary, and Mr. J. Maddock elected to serve on the general committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Crowcombe, soon after Easter.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding concluded the business, and a short service was next held in St. Mary's Church, at which Preb. Corfield gave a very earnest address. During the evening the tower was again visited, and touches in various methods rung.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday week. Various touches were rung, including Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, etc.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Thomas', Helmshore, the date to be arranged later.—Thanks to the Vicar and warden for use of bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness, were accorded, and brought the meeting to a close.

REDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Friday, January 16th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): R. Brough 1-2, A. J. Perkins 3-4, R. Lathbury (conductor) 5-6, A. Clark 7-8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

What wonderful things some of our young men can do! Here is an example: Leave Birmingham on Wednesday night, ring the 11th in a peal at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Thursday, return on Thursday night, reach Birmingham on Friday, stand in an attempt for a peal at Bow, Cheapside, on Saturday, and once again in Birmingham the same night! This was the New Year record of that increasingly youthful ringer—Mr. James George, at the age of 68.

Loughborough has decided by a plebiscite upon the erection, as an eloquent memorial to her fallen fighting men, of a tower to contain a carillon of 45 bells, the largest weighing 3 tons. It will be the finest carillon in the British Isles, and will be provided by the famous Loughborough foundry.

Mr. Harry Mason, the Master of the Dudley and District Guild, has left Stourvich, Old Hill, Staffs, and removed to 15, Tregenvor Road, Falmouth, where he has gone to reside for the benefit of his wife's health.

By an error the peal rung at Beoston, on December 27th, was credited to the Middlesex Association. It should have been the Midland Counties.

This year is the 350th of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry—the oldest business in London, and probably in England.

Since the Armistice this ancient foundry has been employed upon a good deal of London work, in addition to contracts in the provinces.

The augmentation of Westminster Abbey bells and the restoration of St. Clement Danes, are two important undertakings which have been completed; All Hallows, Tottenham; St. Mary's, Bow, E., and St. Thomas', Brentwood, are now in hand, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, will shortly be commenced.

WATFORD'S NEW BELLS.

THE REOPENING.

Some 80 to 100 ringers from all parts of Hertfordshire and the Metropolis attended the reopening of St. Mary's bells Watford, on Saturday, 17th January, as already briefly announced in these columns.

The proceedings commenced with service in the church at three o'clock, by which time there was a full attendance. The service took the form of shortened evensong, with special dedicatory prayers by the Very Rev. the Archdeacon of St. Albans, who also preached from the text, 'Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel.' The preacher dwelt on the unusual inscription which was on the old treble bell, and which had been reproduced on the new bell and suggested that the use of the word 'subscribers' was due to the irreligious condition of the country which obtained about the middle of the 17th century, and urged his listeners to be enthusiastic in their religion.

A few rounds were rung immediately the dedication was complete, and subsequently the bells were rung to various methods—from Grandfire Triples to London Surprise. The clergy and ringers were entertained to tea in St. Mary's Church House, the visitors being cordially welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. Cecil F. Ayerst), who is president of the Hertford County Association, and is also a ringer. He took part in several touches during the evening. The general opinion expressed by all the ringers present and others was that the foundry (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) had succeeded in casting a beautiful peal, which, heard from a distance, added still more to their charm. The ringers desire to express their appreciation of the Vicar's generous invitation, and the lavish hospitality meted to them. The occasion was a very happy reunion, carrying many of those present back in thought to days long ago when they were flushed with the enthusiasm of youth. The following is taken from the tablet which is exhibited in the ringing room:—

The eight bells in this tower were recast, tuned on the five-harmonic principle, and rehung in a new steel and iron frame, and supplied with new ringing fittings throughout, January, 1920.

No.	Note.	Inscriptions.	Weight,		
			owt.	gr.	lb.
1	E flat	'At proper Times My Voice I'll Raise and Sound to My Subscribers Praise.' Lester Fecit 1750.	5	3	20
2	D	1750 T. Lester of London Fecit	6	0	1
3	C	Thomas Lester Fecit, 1750	6	3	10
4	B flat	Thomas Lester of London made me 1750	7	3	10
5	A flat	Thomas Lester Fecit 1750	10	0	14
6	G	Thomas Lester of London Fecit 1750	14	0	25
7	F	John Shackell and John Dummer O.W. John Briant Hartford Fecit 1786	16	3	7
8	E flat	I to the Church the living call and to the grave I summons all	24	1	6
Thomas Lester of London made us all 1750.					
Total			92	0	9

The bells have been fitted with a device to prevent the clapper from remaining on the bell after being struck, a patent for which has been applied for by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

COURT OF APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The proposal to establish a Ringers' Court of Appeal to review the work of our technical experts is faced by a practical difficulty which appears to be insuperable. The members of the legal Court of Appeal are normally chosen from the most learned of judges of the King's Bench. When the Central Council appointed its Legitimate Methods Committee it naturally selected those who were regarded as having the greatest expert knowledge in the Exercise. If the Central Council made a wise selection then, the Court of Appeal to be appointed now would but consist of the old committee under another name. On the other hand, if the Legitimate Methods Committee no longer possesses the confidence of the Exercise, the remedy is sufficiently obvious.

I do not think that even Mr. Trollope goes quite far enough. The real Court of Appeal does not consist of the members of the Exercise at any particular time, as the verdict of history can alone decide where the truth lies. When the present definitions were drawn up, Woodbine and Violet were very popular methods; now they are dying, if not dead. The reason is not that the members of the Exercise are obedient children doing what they are told by the Legitimate Methods Committee; something better has been found to replace these methods. If ringers generally would regard the published decisions of committees of the Central Council not as arbitrary enactments, but as an intelligent anticipation of the probable trend of events, a good deal of opposition to these decisions might be avoided, and much disappointment might be saved many bands who spend time practising methods which they eventually abandon as unsatisfactory.

Taking as an example your reference to the lead ends controversy, it appears evident that unless the history of the future is to negative that of the past methods with 'illegitimate' lead ends, have no prospect of permanent survival. The reason, of course, is not that they are banned by the Central Council, but simply that ringers find them unsatisfactory in practice.—Yours, etc.,

Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

E. S. POWELL.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.
MEMBERS' PRESENTATION TO CLERICAL SECRETARY.

A quarterly meeting was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday week. It was originally arranged to take place at Wood Green, but (through the indisposition of the Vicar other arrangements had to be made. Various methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major; also some rounds on the twelve in which Miss Reeves (the local 'sexton') took part. The Rev. W. Solly, Vicar of St. Philip's, West Bromwich, delivered a helpful address, and also informed his hearers that he remembered a few faces before him who were present at the same church when he was privileged to address a similar assembly some 28 years earlier. He missed one notable figure, he said, who was at the earlier meeting, and that was the late Mr. Samuel Reeves, who had acted as hon. lay secretary for a considerable number of years. He exhorted the young members to follow in their footsteps, and to try and carry on steadfastly in their duty as Churchmen.

Tea was provided in the Parish Room, and after the company were seated at the tables, Mr. Wm. Rock Small, the senior member, was asked to make a presentation to the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer), on the occasion of his recent marriage. This he did in a humorous style, accompanied with a little fatherly advice, wishing the newly-married couple long life and much happiness, with the hope that they would live to celebrate their golden wedding—as he and his partner did a few years ago.

The present consisted of a packet of Treasury notes, subscribed by members throughout the Archdeaconry.

In responding, the Rev. C. H. Barker, on behalf of himself and his wife, most heartily thanked the members for the gift and announced that when they went to their new home they would be best able to choose how to spend the money they had received.

The Rev. W. Solly made a few kind remarks, and expressed his good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Barker.

Mr. J. Bradney moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. B. Nicholas) for the use of the church and bells, to the Rev. W. Solly for his kindly address, and to the ladies who had catered for the tea. —This was carried with acclamation.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on April 17th.

DEATH OF LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.

On December 31st there passed away at his home at Barkston, after a short illness, one of the oldest members of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Mr. Thomas Watson, who had been a member of the St. Nicholas' Society for over 30 years, and was always a regular attendant at service ringing.

In memory of their departed brother ringer, the St. Nicholas' band rang a half-muffled 720 of Single Court Minor on January 14th: J. Searson 1, J. Athenson 2, A. Drury 3, J. Miller 4, W. Woods 5, A. Palmer (conductor) 6.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel on January 20th, when the chair was taken by the presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to them for past services.

The Secretary having reported that a room had been secured at the Imperial Hotel for Saturday, March 27th, it was agreed to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on that date, and an announcement to that effect will appear in due course.

Several new members were elected, among them, on the chairman's proposition, being Mr. Jack Withers, junr., of Northfield, of whom the chairman remarked he was the most promising boy he had seen for years, and although he had only recently commenced to learn he could already ring an inside bell to several methods. He (Mr. Pritchett) thought he would in all probability turn out another Barber. This is not to be construed as a prophecy that he would develop into an 'Artist in Hair,' but is a reference to a gentleman well known in the Birmingham district, but whose present address is 'somewhere in the North of England.' Durham and Newcastle papers please copy.

The balance sheet showed a matter of £5 odd to the good on the year's working, which is to be regarded as satisfactory in these times.

Ringing was indulged in on the tower bells prior to the meeting, among those present being the Rev. — Wilkinson, of Mansfield, Notts, a frequent and welcome visitor to the tower of St. Martin's, who also attended the business meeting later. The only unfortunate thing in connection with this gentleman, said the chairman, was the fact that he was 'Mr. Wilkinson, of Mansfield,' instead of 'Mr. Wilkinson, of Birmingham,' with which remark the reverend gentleman was understood to agree. Mansfield papers please don't copy.

The Master of the Worcester Association, Mr. Albert Parsons, was also of the company, and pleaded eloquently for subscriptions towards the cost of erecting the memorial window in the cloisters of Worcester Cathedral, and his appeal did not entirely fall on stony ground or among thorns.

The Tipton veteran, Mr. Wm. Rock Small, helped the matter forward in his usual breezy manner, and the Chairman heartily commended it to the consideration of all present. Letters will find Mr. Parsons, if addressed to Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

Routine business being disposed of, the Chairman said he thought it would be the wish of the members to place on record their appreciation of the efforts of Mr. George in connection with the testimonial to the Editor of the 'Ringing World,' and he therefore proposed 'that the members of the Guild heartily congratulate Mr. Jas. George upon the great success of his indefatigable exertions in connection with the Goldsmith Testimonial.'—This was seconded by Mr. Godden, and, needless to say, carried nem. con.

The honour was duly acknowledged by the gentleman hereinbefore mentioned, and it is beyond all argument that it would be a weary wicked world if absolutely every

—flower were born to blush unseen,

And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

A. P. S.

DEATH OF DARLEY DALE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas White, a member of the band at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire. Mr. White rang his 51st peal at Darley Dale as recently as New Year's Eve, and was at his work as usual on the 14th instant. He was taken ill about midnight, was sent to Derby Infirmary on Thursday evening, the 15th, but died a short time after his arrival there. His death is a terrible shock to all who knew him. He was well known in ringing circles throughout the county, both as a splendid ringer and for his pleasant personality. It was largely owing to his keen interest that the first peal of Double Norwich by the local band was rung at Darley Dale on New Year's Eve.

After the funeral, on January 20th, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by J. L. Wright, A. C. Wright, W. Taylor and J. Siddall, junr., and this was followed by a peal on the tower bells. A card on one of the many wreaths expressed the appreciation of all who knew Tommy that 'he was a man.'

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday week, and was well attended, members being present from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Nuneaton, Northampton and Rugby. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and at the business meeting after tea, the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) presided. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Warwick, and also to hold monthly meetings in February and March.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the late Master for his services to the Guild, to which Mr. James George responded.—Mr. Roberts then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Rugby members for having everything in readiness.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round.

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NEW BELLS AT HITCHAM, BUCKS.

A MINIATURE PEAL.

An addition to the church bells of Bucks has recently been made at Hitcham, through the generosity of Col. L. H. Hanbury, C.M.G., of Hitcham Grange, and the parish church of St. Mary now possesses a really wonderful peal of six miniature bells, fitted with modern iron frame and fittings complete for proper ringing. The gift also includes a 7th bell which is used as a 'Sanctus,' and was pealed by Mrs. L. H. Hanbury in the course of the dedication services.

The small tower in which these bells hung was always considered too weak for a 'peal' of bells, but the 20th century art of the English bell founder and bell hanger has overcome all obstacles, and a musical and practical ring can here be heard without danger to the ancient fabric. The weights of the respective notes are as follows:—

	ewt.	gr.	lb.		ewt.	gr.	lb.
Treble	3	0	19 G		4	4	1 D
	2	3	2 10 F		5	5	0 5 C
	3	4	0 4 B flat	Tenor	6	0	11 B flat

Their casting and hanging is most creditable to the contractors, Messrs. Meara and Stainbank, of London, who went to much pains to ensure success, and designed a new set of cones and ropes specially for this peal, which are destined to become a standard mould for future similar orders.

The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Buckingham performed the dedication ceremony, assisted by the Rector (the Rev. Harold I. Wilson, M.A.), before a crowded congregation, numerous chairs having to be provided for extra seating accommodation. His Lordship climbed a difficult ladder to bless the bells, and after holy dedicatory prayers, handed them over to the care of the Rector and churchwardens by passing over the six ropes (duly tied together) just as they were received at the hands of the donor in the ringing room, which is on the ground floor, and open to the nave of the church.

A very pretty effect was produced by the rays of the setting sun shining through the west window, the six sallies of red, white and blue tufting hanging round the old stone font in the centre of the tower; the white-robed clergy; and the ringers stripped for their task standing by, with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of C.B.R.) and Col. Hanbury on either side of the stone archway.

Whilst the procession made its way back to the chancel a non-conducted six-score of Grandsire Doubles was performed by Messrs. Alder, Parker, Fussell, Martin, Henley and Welling, the same band in the same order also ringing a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at the conclusion of service. An appropriate homely address was given by the Bishop, who referred to bells and their use and value, and the symbol of Christianity they embody.

Mrs. and Miss Hanbury had thoughtfully provided tea for those ringers who had come a long journey, which was much appreciated on a stormy day.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles rung, in which Messrs. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Bell Foundry), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., and Mr. D. Smith took part, the first named representing the bell founders. An excellent 720 Oxford Bob Minor was rung for the evening service by Messrs. Macdonald, Parker, Welling, Martin, Fussell and Henley (conductor).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

POSITION OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday week, but was not so well supported as it should have been. The bells were kept going, however, giving the beginners a good drilling in Grandsire and Stedman.

At the business meeting held subsequently in the Church Vestry, two new members were elected, viz.: Mr. A. Howell, of Dalston, and Mr. B. G. Hibbs, of Hornsey.

All the outgoing officers were prevailed upon to carry on for two ensuing twelve months, it being the view of the members present that a fair chance had not been given them to organise the district, their term of office expiring so closely upon cessation of hostilities. The officers, on the other hand, strongly expressed their opinion that success could only be attained by support; and it is hoped that members will bear this in mind when future meetings occur.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Grantham on Saturday week, when 50 ringers were present. During the afternoon and evening, the touches attempted included Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Major and Royal, and Bob Royal.

At the business meeting, the Vicar of Grantham (Canon Hancock) occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston).

It was decided to hold a meeting at Peterborough on Saturday, July 3rd.—On the proposition of the Rev. H. Law James, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Grantham for the use of bells, the service, and for presiding at the meeting.

NOTICES.

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THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading will in future be at the rate of 3d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with a minimum charge of 1/6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at York on Jan. 31st. The bells at the Minster (12) and Clifton (6), also Bishophill (6) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Divine service in the Minster at 4 p.m.; at which the Rev. Canon C. C. Bell will preach.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports ready.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Important Notice.—A district meeting will be held at Colchester, on Jan. 31st. St. Peter's (8), All Saints' (5). Bells available from 2.30; Short service with address 4.30. Tea at a moderate charge will be served in St. Peter's Parish Room followed by business meeting. Members in this division are specially requested to attend as the district officers for the newly-formed division will be appointed. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due.—B. Redgwell, Rayne St., near Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. F. J. Tackley (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea 1/- per head at Burton's Restaurant, Nelson St. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Clifford, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service 5.30, tea 6 p.m.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Jan. 31st. Bells available from 2.30 till 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Vicarage at 5.—Ernest F. Creed, Castle Cary, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warkton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells open at 2.30; service at 4.30; tea at 5. Weekley (6 bells) will be open after 6.—R. F. Turner, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock at Barker's Cafe. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Thomas H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Jan. 31. Christ Church tower open from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., Blacklands at 6.30. Tea (kindly provided by the Christ Church Band) at 4.30, evensong 5.30. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due.—Geo. H. Howse, Sec., Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30; service 4.30; tea 5. Meeting to follow. — James Nickerson, Dis. Sec., Halford St., Thrapston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, 31st inst. Service in the Parish Church 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual branch meeting will take place at Swindon on Saturday, Jan. 31st. The Parish Church and St. Mark's bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea, 4.30, at King's Arms Hotel.—H. W. Bishop, Branch Sec., Church View, Wanboro, Swindon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 3rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4; service in church at 4.45; Tea 1/3 per head in the Parish Room at 5.30, but names must reach me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1920 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The first annual meeting of the above district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Nicholas (6) available 3.30 to 5.30. Cathedral (10) 7.30 to 9. Service in St. Nicholas Church 5.30, preacher the Bishop of Hereford. Tea in St. Nicholas Parish Room 6.15, free to members notifying me not later Feb. 3. Business meeting to follow. It is earnestly requested that all members will make an effort to be present at this meeting as there will be matters of great interest to discuss.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5. Meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3.15. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea in Church House are being made. Those wishing to attend please notify the Secretary as early as possible. All ringers are cordially invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 85, Glencoe Road, Bushey.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3. Divine service at 4.30, an address will be given by the Rev. Walter Frift. A meat tea will be provided free to all those who let me know by Feb. 4th.—W. Perkins, District Sec., 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 5 to 8 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The February meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday the 7th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/- per head to all those who notify Mr. T. Kitson, 39, High Street, Ecclesfield, not later than Tuesday the 3rd. I ask intending visitors to bear this in mind as it is very important that it should be done.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 in the Schoolroom.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. M. Relton), 6 p.m., at the London Apprentice, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. On account of the meeting there will be no practice at Heston on this date.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, Feb. 7th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Worksop on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Tea provided if 20 send in by Feb. 3rd.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Coffee House. Will all intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Wednesday the 11th?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. St. Clement Danes open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Clare Market, at 5.50. Business meeting 6.45. Tea, 6d. per head, to those informing me not later than Feb. 11th.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at

Hollingbourne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, business meeting after. —Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service at 3.30. Dinner will be provided in the Schoolroom (adjoining the Church) at 1 o'clock for all those intending to be present, tickets 2/6 each. Will those who require dinner please send their names to Mr. R. Richardson, 'Glyn Garth,' Surfleet, Spalding, not later than Feb. 9th? Stations: Surfleet, G.N., Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E. (2 miles).—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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