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CLOCKS.**

### BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

Periodically there breaks out in the columns of the Press protests against Church bell ringing, generally from people who feel they have a grievance on account of the noise of the bells. The latest of these attacks to be brought to our notice has developed at Portsmouth, where a correspondent in a local paper writes that the bells of St. Thomas' Church 'as rung recently are an abominable nuisance to me.' This writer endeavours to show that Church bell ringing is of pagan origin, and as such should be vetoed by the Christian Church. He also becomes facetious at the expense of 'Messrs. Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.' The bells are finding a champion in Mr. Aitken, who will doubtless give a satisfactory answer to the complaints and the suggestions of 'Imperfect Peace.'

It is well that those who quarrel with the ringing of church bells at reasonable and appropriate times should have their public grumbles publicly replied to, but it is, as a rule, a mistake to treat these people, and especially those who write anonymously, too seriously. Not in every case, of course, but very frequently, they are people whose opposition to bells is only one way of expressing their general opposition to the Church. They do not love the Church, therefore they do not love the bells which belong to the Church—and that is the root of all the feeling which they bring into their letters to the newspapers. We do not know anything about the local circumstances in St. Thomas' parish, Portsmouth, except that the bells are a very fine peal of eight; but we venture to suggest that, if there is anything whatever in the complaint which is anonymously made in the Press, the writer might find quicker redress by going personally and in a reasonable spirit to the proper quarter to make his representations.

Whenever a person complains under the cloak of a newspaper nom-de-plume, the ringers should invite him (or her) to come out into the open. Then, if he has the courage of his convictions, or rather, perhaps, what he considers his infirmities, it would be possible to judge the bona fides of the complaint. Generally speaking there is very little backing in these objections to bells which crop up from time to time, but as a little spark may be fanned into a big flame, so these outbursts of an annoyed minority should be closely watched, and when shown to be genuinely based, met in a reasonable spirit. That is what, we believe, incumbents and ringers generally try to do, and in these days of a 'touchy' public it is wise to act thus. But the bells have their stated and proper occasions, and from their rightful use on these occasions those in authority should not recede one jot.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY AND  
NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

J. MOTTS ... .. Treble	J. ROSE ... .. 7
A. S. BOAR ... .. 2	C. A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 8
E. EVANS ... .. 3	C. J. SEDGLEY ... .. 9
E. PEMBERTON ... .. 4	W. BURGESS ... .. 10
R. H. BRUNDLE ... .. 5	W. GARRETT ... .. 11
G. E. SYMONDS ... .. 6	F. J. TILLET ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

This is the first peal of Oxford Maximus by all except the ringers of the treble, 4th, 5th and tenor, and the first in the method on the bells for 35 years.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)  
On Wednesday, December 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Mins.,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

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

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... .. Treble	GEORGE CONDLICK, JUN. ... 6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 2	HENRY PRING ... .. 7
EDWIN J. RIELER ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDLICK, SEN. ... 8
ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 1
	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MERRILL CLARK ... .. Treble	JOHN T. HOLMES ... .. 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	THOMAS T. HUMBERSTONE ... 6
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 3	WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WARD ... .. 4	JOHN W. WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.  
\* First peal.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF COLLEGE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
HORACE BELCHER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Major. The above method appeared in the 'Bell News' about five years ago in one of Mr. J. A. Trollope's articles, 'What is a Legitimate Method,' and is now rung for the first time.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL ... .. Treble	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETS ... .. 6
ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 3	CAPT. J. R. MACKMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of SS. PETER and MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WELHAM ... .. Treble	FREDERICK ALLARD ... .. 5
*WALTER R. SPARROW ... .. 2	JOHN G. WADE ... .. 6
EDWARD E. DIAPER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4	WILLIAM SOUTER... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by WILLIAM SOUTER.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. 2	CHARLES S. BURDEN... .. 6
FRANK BALL ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 7
HORACE ADAMS ... .. 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

GEORGE COOK ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	CHARLES E. READ ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 7
ALFRED L. BROWN ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

## UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY CHANCE... .. Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 5
†WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 6
†ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. 3	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4	†CHARLES CANN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CHARLES CANN.

\*First peal of Major. †First in the method away from treble. ‡First peal in the method. - This was the annual peal for the Association.

## NORTHWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT JAGGER ... .. Treble	JOHN PALFRAMAN ... .. 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD ... .. 2	JOHN JOYCE... .. 6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 3	†JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 7
*WILLIAM JOYCE ... .. 4	THOS. B. KENDALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First in the method as conductor.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. FLETCHER ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 6
GEORGE POVEY ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Anstead.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2	ALLEN P. BAILEY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## OXHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

†CECIL KAZER ... .. Treble	MAURICE HIBBERT ... .. 5
*HERBERT DIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
CHARLES LEMAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 7
WILLIAM HODGETTES... .. 4	*FRANK CHESTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

HAROLD HAMMOND ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 5
WILLIAM WATTS... .. 2	CHARLES BRASIER ... .. 6
ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
ARTHUR R. MILLS ... .. 4	EDWIN BISHOP, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## HULL.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN W. SEAMER ... .. Treble	THOMAS S. MORTON ... .. 5
HARRY RODMELL... .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 6
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 7
J. B. BUDD ... .. 4	WILLIAM AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. 2	WILLIAM H. DAYNES... .. 6
*WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7
JOHN WHEADON... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal in method away from the treble.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

MISS NORA SHORTER... .. Treble	EDWARD T. GROVE ... .. 5
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	CHARLES E. READ ... .. 6
R. LATHBURY ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... .. 4	W. SHORTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

## BEESTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... 2	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 6
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 7
*ALFRED B. MOSS ... 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage of Florence Mary (Daisy) Lowe, elder daughter of Arthur Lowe, one of the Beeston band, to Herbert Underwood.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*ALFRED G. GRANT ... Treble	CHARLES W. WHEELER ... 5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 2	†ALBERT BRAMALL ... 6
WILLIAM TAYLER ... 3	WALTER MALINS ... 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 4	*LESLIE BRAMALL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

THOMAS MANNERING... Treble	F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... 2	WILLIAM SPICE ... 6
*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
CHARLES WINNER ... 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MANNERING.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the anniversary of F/Sgt. F. A. Holden's 5th wedding day.

## MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	ERNEST GIBBS ... 6
ERNEST E. BARBER ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... 7
FREDERICK STANTON ... 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

This is the first peal in the method by all, also first peal in the method upon these bells.

## WALTHAMSTOW.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. Treble	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE ... 5
HENRY RUMENS ... 2	ROBERT J. MAYNARD, JUN. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	OLIVER L. TWIST ... 7
WALTER STEED ... 4	BARNARD PATMORE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Conductor's eldest daughter, which took place on Christmas Day. First peal in the method by ringers of the 4th and 7th.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## DOULTING, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY.)

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDIELM.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CYRIL S. WEBB ... Treble	ERNEST A. H. LANE ... 4
HERBERT E. WEBB ... 2	HERBERT WILCON ... 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	*ARTHUR GANE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the late Vicar of Doultling (the Rev. J. Derbyshire), who was interred the same day. The conductor hails from Erdington, Birmingham; the rest are local men.

## THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN ... Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY ... 4
WILLIAM ROSE ... 2	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... 5
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	LEONARD E. LAST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

## MONK'S ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Each 720 called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY WHYMARK ... Treble	FREDK. A. POULSON ... 4
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 2	LEONARD HEAD ... 5
ARTHUR KEEBLE ... 3	WILLIAM STIFF ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STIFF.

The 2nd and 4th ringers hail from Lavenham.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ROSS DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR WALTER POSTON... Treble	ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... 4
JOHN BEVAN... 2	JOHN CLARKE ... 5
JAMES BLAKE ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal by ringer of treble.

## ROLLESTONE-ON-DOVE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN HOGGH, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES SANDERS ... 4
JOHN H. SWINFELD... 2	FRANK SHEPHERD ... 5
*JOHN HOGGH, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal. The band wish to express their deep gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. D'Aeth, who kindly entertained them after the peal.

**GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

† ERNEST J. NEWELL ... .. Treble	* FRANK CROFT ... .. 4
† ERNEST W. DAY ... .. 2	† HERBERT E. DAY ... .. 5
* ALFRED LINDSAY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CROFT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. CROFT.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on six bells. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were elected members of the Association previous to commencing.

**BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES HEMMING ... .. Treble	JOHN WELLAND ... .. 4
WILLIAM NEED ... .. 2	* OLLIVER ATTWOOD ... .. 5
HUBERT SALISBURY ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Minor. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. F. C. Champion.

**STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
*On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***

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

Being 42 six scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM WILSON ... .. Treble	ALFRED MORETON ... .. 4
JOHN WARRILOW ... .. 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
HAROLD W. JONES ... .. 3	* EDWIN COLLIER ... .. Tenor

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, December 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 128, HERTFORD ROAD,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,**

GROVES' VAR. OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6
WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 3-4	* EDWARD H. KING ... .. 7-8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Witness: MRS. J. THOMAS.

\* First peal on handbells.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,*

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,  
IN THE MASTER'S PARLOUR AT THE ABBOT'S HOSPITAL,*

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5-6
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 3-4	MRS. CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: G. W. STEERE.

Witnesses: PHILLIP PALMER (Master of the above Hospital).

MISS PALMER, MRS. PULLING and ETHEL WOOD.

This peal was rung at the express wish of Mr. and Miss Palmer.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Through the generosity of Colonel L. H. Hanbury, of Hitcham Grange, the parish church of St. Mary, Hitcham, now possesses a peal of six miniature bells, as well as a seventh bell used as a 'Sanctus'. The small tower was formerly thought too weak for a peal, but difficulties have been overcome and the bells have been dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham.

Congratulations to the Leiston band, upon ringing their first peal of London Surprise. Even in these days, a 'first peal of London' by all the band is a rarity, and it is still a highly creditable performance. Leiston men, and particularly the brothers Bailey, are making things 'hum' in the Norwich Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, have just celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Herbert was one of the founders of the Bedfordshire Association, in 1882, and is still one of its vice-presidents. Flight-Serjt. Fred Holden, who has recently been stationed in the Billington District has been transferred to the R.A.F. Staff College, at Cranwell, Lincs.

The Oxford Guild was never in such a flourishing financial position as at present. It was stated at a meeting last Saturday that the balance on the year's working was £47 15s. 5d., and the total worth of the Guild £186 12s.

On the completion of a short touch for a peace celebration in a Shropshire Church recently, the foreman claimed fourpence from one of the company, home on short leave, who had forgotten to remove his spurs. The claim was made under the old rules of 1744, which are set out at length on a large stone in the tower, and say:—

Or if you ring in spur or halt,

Fore pence you must pay for that.

Mr. E. Maurice Atkins met with a cycle accident the other day, falling from his machine and dislocating his right shoulder. He is, happily, now making favourable progress.

It is interesting to record that after a lapse of thirty-five years another peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus has been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

During 1919 there were rung at St. Peter's Church, Curridge, Hants, thirty-three 504's of Grandsire Triples, two 1260's, 110 six-scores of Stedman Doubles, one 720 and one 360 of Bob Minor.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The third session of the tenth Council (28th meeting) will be held at Northampton on Whitsun Tuesday, 25th May, 1920. Notices of motion and any other matter for insertion in the list of agenda should reach me not later than Saturday, 24th April. Hon. secretaries of affiliated associations are requested to take notice that affiliation fees are now due and should be paid as soon as possible. I should feel obliged if they would also at the same time inform me of any change in the representatives of their association or of change of address of sitting members.

Members of Council are asked to bear in mind that as the Council has reverted to its original plan of publishing its notices, the clause in rule xii, laying down that it is not incumbent on the hon. secretary to send notices to individual members becomes again operative. Members will, therefore, not individually receive postal information as in the last few years, but full notices will be inserted in this paper according to the rules of the Council.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

Hon. Secretary.

8th January, 1920.

## NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

The peal at Erith in which four fathers and four sons was, after all, not the first of its kind. Mr. T. E. Slater, of Hunt's Hill, Glemsford, sends us the copy of two peal tablets which record peals rung by bands similarly composed. The first was a Colloge Youths peal at St. George's, Middlesex, on Mar. 11th, 1822, which was 'the first complete peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, on these bells was performed in 3 hrs. and 25 mins., by four fathers and four sons: Thomas Gross treble, George Gross 2nd, John Merrin 3rd, Benj. Merrin 4th, James Stickbury 5th, James Stickbury 6th, Thomas Michael 7th, Thomas Michael tenor. Conducted by George Gross.'

A table in the belfry at Epsom, Surrey, records, 'April 23rd 1866 was rung in this steeple a true six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, with 194 hobs and 46 singles, in 2 hrs. and 50 mins., the ringers being four fathers and their four eldest sons, stationed as follows: Thomas Miles, junr., treble, Thomas Miles, senr., 2nd, George Sayer, junr., 3rd, Thomas Gadd, junr., 4th, George Sayer, senr., 5th, Thomas Gadd, senr., 6th, John Davey, senr., 7th, John Davey, junr., tenor. Conducted by George Sayer, junr.'

## THE FIRST 1920 DATE TOUCH.

One of the first 1920 Date Touches, if not the very first, was rung on handbells at Long Stanton Vicarage on New Year's Day, being 480 of Little Bob Minor and two 720's of Bob Minor, in 39 mins., by W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 1-2, J. B. Woolley 3-4, C. W. Woolley 5-6. —On December 28th, the same trio rang 1440 of Minor made up of a spliced 720 of Double Bob and Plain Bob, and a 720 of Plain Bob.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY.

BY AN ENTIRE OUTSIDER.

So the College Youths have decided to exclude lady members; and that in a year when all sex disqualifications have been legally removed, and when one woman has taken her seat in Parliament and others on the Bench of Magistrates. What are we to think of it? Is it bravery or cowardice? Is it a case of the old lady trying to keep back the Atlantic with a broom; or of the Seven Thousand in Israel who refuse to bow the knee to Baal? You may be sure that the society will be hotly condemned in all quarters. And yet it seems there is another side to the matter.

Mr. John Hawthorne leaned back in his easy chair and smoked for a minute or two in silence. Then he continued, 'The partisans of lady ringers consist entirely of fond fathers, lovers, sentimentalists, and leaders of bands who are hard put to it to find enough men for Sunday ringing. Take them away and you will find the Exercise has no particular liking for lady ringers.'

'But surely,' I said, 'it is only a stupid and unreasonable prejudice that is dying out.'

'Prejudice, I grant you,' he answered, 'and unreasonable, and perhaps dying; but stupid—no. I should call it a rather subtle form of the struggle for existence. Your male ringer has a provision of the coming time when he will be squeezed out of the belfry altogether. Not that I, personally, object to lady ringers as ringers. But I do like good striking.'

'The inference being—' I began.

'You can draw your own inferences,' he interrupted, 'and then the responsibility will not be mine.'

'But surely,' I objected, 'some ladies can strike. What about Miss Palmer? She rings and strikes Surprise methods as well as you could expect of any man.'

'One swallow does not make a summer,' he replied, 'and of course there are exceptions. Do you expect us to be logical in our prejudices? All the same, I do not think the College Youths have handled the matter in the dearest manner. If I'd had the ordering of the matter I should have said nothing about sex. I should simply have made a rule that nobody could become a member of any society unless he or she could ring rounds properly.'

'That's very drastic,' I said.

'Very drastic and also very effective,' he replied. 'Not only would it get rid of the present trouble, but I calculate that it would reduce the Exercise to three-sixteenths of its present size. Of course, there would be a lot of anger and bad language among the rejected. They would probably go and ring peals of Stedman Triples and London Surprise Major to pretend they were really ringers. But it would be worth it. We that were left would get some decent ringing.'

'Should we be left?' I queried.

'He did not reply directly, but helped himself to some more beer. 'No. I am afraid the College Youths have not handled the matter in the best way. They mean well, but they will fail. The old women will no doubt keep the young women out for a time; but in the long run they'll find the young ones too strong for them. I don't expect to see a female Archbishop of Canterbury in my time, the obstacles are rather many. A she Prime Minister is more likely, and I shall be surprised if we shan't have, before long, a "mistress" presiding at the Coffee Pot, and calling Stedman Cinques from the eleventh at Saint Paul's.'

## DEATH OF MR. H. H. BARNBY.

We regret to record the death of another young and promising ringer, in the person of Mr. Henry H. Barnby, who passed away on New Year's Eve, at the early age of 25. The deceased was a member of the College Youths and the London County Association, and a member of St. Leonard's, Streatham, band. He was well known in a large number of London belfries, and had rung in nearly 100 towers in all parts of England.

## A MIDNIGHT QUARTER.

At the Priory Church, Dunstable, Beds, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., the bells running into Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 minutes, the bells running into rounds on the stroke of midnight: F. Ramsey (1st quarter-peal) 1, Canon W. W. C. Baker 2, R. Harris 3, C. E. King 4, F. Baldock 5, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 6, G. Heley 7, C. T. King 8. It is also interesting to note that this was the first quarter-peal ever rung in Dunstable by an entirely local band.

## 'LONG TEN.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—The first lead of Plain Bob Doubles, given by Mr. W. J. Fuller in your issue of January 9th, is not the 'long ten' to which I referred. It is the first lead of Grandsire, as I said before: in which it so happens that after leading each bell follows each of the others in regular rotation all round. What Mr. Fuller gives does not fulfil this condition. The Grandsire 'long ten' is simply repeated for an unlimited number of times, and when the conductor considers that they have had enough of it, it is jumped into rounds, or an extra change inserted to bring the bells round.—Yours, J. R. JERRAM.

## SURPRISE METHODS.

THE CROSS SECTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am much interested in the question regarding Bristol Surprise raised by Mr. John Carter, and in your last leading article, but quite disagree with the statement that the passing of the treble from 7—8 up to 7—8 down is a cross section, 'no more and no less.' Certainly, and to my mind unfortunately, it is not required that the working bells should cross in plain course order at the half lead which permits an internal place at this point, but even when this occurs it is different to a cross section.

Let it be granted, however, that what applies to the crossing when the treble leads, also applies when the treble lies behind. Mr. Carter does not seem to differentiate, and the two positions are actually equal, except that plain course order at the latter point is not insisted on. Then these two positions are distinct from a cross section, because here the treble separates from the working bells, and hunts alone (leading or lying), while the working bells are also plain hunting as a separate entity.

This is clearly illustrated in plain Bob Major, which has a pure plain course with a fixed treble. In it there is nothing whatever but plain hunting, for when the treble leads (i.e., hunts separately), the working bells merely alter their plain hunting order by the front bell leading over the treble, instead of the other extreme lying behind.

They are again different to a cross section, for in every method, at these points, the work is fixed and unalterable, nothing being permitted but the plain hunting of the working bells, and the treble. As a matter of fact, they are the dominating features of every plain course, whether with a plain or dodging hunt. It is essential that the bells shall pass from one lead to the next in plain course order, and this cannot be so if an internal place is made. Experiment will prove that there can be nothing but leading or lying whole pulls if the coursing order is to be retained unaltered. Therefore, no internal place may be made when the treble is leading full. Although the second's place at the lead end crossing is between the treble and the remainder of the working bells, it is in theory the extreme working bell leading a whole pull, and may be exchanged for a whole pull behind by the other extreme bell without altering the coursing order.

It follows that the second's place and a whole pull behind are equal both being part of the plain hunting of the working bells, and the reverse of each other.

This plain hunting with the treble leading full, being a feature of every method, cannot affect the classification. Methods only differ by the places made within the lead, therefore these places only define the class to which a method belongs.

The Rev. E. Bankes James' system has removed the obstacles to exact classification, and now is the time to make the terms of the definitions quite clear to the general body of ringers.

In conclusion, it may be remarked that Mr. Carter's guide 'Superlative' has the bells crossing at the half lead in plain course order. Wherever this is so the method has four variations, produced by varying the plain hunting of the working bells when the treble is behind or in front. In the case of Superlative three of these variations are usable, viz., the double method with 7ths and 2nds, and the two single methods with a whole pull in front at the half lead and 2nds at the lead end, and vice versa. All of these, of course, have exactly the same changes in the plain course, undisturbed in full half leads, these half leads merely occurring in different order. The fourth variation, with a whole pull in front at the half lead, and a whole pull behind at the lead end, comes round at the first lead end.

It will be interesting to learn how Mr. Carter proposes to classify the three usable variations.—Yours faithfully,

Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Sir,—As long as Mr. Carter is content with making assertions, unsupported by argument, I have no more to say. If he will kindly answer the two questions that I asked him in my last letter I may enter further into the matter.—Yours,

E. BANKES JAMES.

## INSTALLATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

The 28th anniversary of the installation of the bells of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ospringe, near Faversham, was marked on December 21st by the ringing of six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles for morning service by the local band and members of the Kent County Association: S. Croucher 1, J. Lane 2, C. Farnsworth 3, S. R. Garner 4, H. Baker (conductor) 5, W. Croucher 6, A. Neve 7, F. Leonard 8. In addition, another 120 in the same method was also rung.

## FRED DAVIS FUND.

In response to the appeal on behalf of the dependents of the late Frederick Davis, of Peckham and Kingston, the following additional subscriptions have been received: Amount already acknowledged, £10 19s. 6d.; Mrs. J. Bush, £1; Mr. C. Hobbome, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Groutage, 10s.; Mr. S. Groutage, 10s.; Mr. Shudwick, 5s.; Mr. Parker, 5s.; Uncle Davis, 5s.; total, £13 17s.

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**THE CROYDON  
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**UNBROKEN SERVICE.**

In connection with the paragraph last week recording the unbroken association of a band at Newchurch, Lancs. for 30 years, another long connection between ringers has come to light from Glemsford, Suffolk. At this church, the following rang regularly together from 1872 to 1908: Samuel Slater, Frederick Wells, Charles Honeywell, Zachariah Slater and Charles Adams. The last named was sexton for 47 years. Messrs. Wells and Honeywell also rang a peal of Kent Treble Don Major with three generations of Slaters, viz., John Slater, his son Samuel Slater, and, lastly, on July 7th, 1906, with his grandson Theodore E. Slater, who sends us this information.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The December meeting of the Western District was held at Hunslet, when about 30 members attended, representing twelve towers. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon and evening, several methods being rung. Mr. Bolland presided over the business meeting, supported by the Rev. C. Gallagher (Vicar of Hunslet). Miss Naylor, of Bury, was elected a member of the Association. It was decided to ask Birstall for permission to hold the annual meeting there in March.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in replying, said how much the clergy and wardens appreciated the work of the ringers, and how pleased he was that his bells were rung during the war. He also thanked the visitors (especially the Leeds Parish Church company) for assisting them during that critical period. He hoped it would not be long before they would have another meeting at Hunslet.

Mr. Johnson moved a vote of thanks to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, also to the ladies who assisted with the tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Barker, of Pontefract, and carried.—Mr. J. R. Kemp, of the local band, replied.—The tower was again visited; a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples terminated the meeting.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday last, and was well attended, a large gathering of ringers being present from Stow (including lady members), Corringham, Scotter, Bigby, Scunthorpe and Workop, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going to the standard methods. Tea was provided at 6, Spital Terrace, and followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow) presided.

The whole of the officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months, and the places selected for district meetings were as follows: Corringham, April 10th; Stow, May 8th; Briggs, June 5th; Messingham, July 10th; Kilton Lindsey, August 14th; Gainsborough (annual meeting), January 8th, 1921. It was decided to try and make Stow and Briggs combined meetings of the Lincoln and Grimsby districts respectively.

Votes of thanks to Canon Standen for the use of the bells, the Rev. J. Barber for presiding at the meeting, Mr. and Mrs. T. Whelpton for the excellent spread they had provided, and others who had helped to make the gathering a success, concluded the business, after which further ringing took place until the visitors' time of departure, and a very pleasant meeting brought to a close.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
SUCCESS OF FIVE-BELL TOWER MEETING.**

A district meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely branch was held at Fen Ditton, near Cambridge, on Saturday week. About 25 ringers were present from Saffron Walden, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Sawston, Stapleford, Fulbourn, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, and Fen Ditton. Ringing on the five church bells commenced between two and three o'clock, and continued at intervals until five o'clock, when the Association's form of service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. R. Christie, who also gave a very able and interesting address. At the conclusion of the service, the ringers proceeded to the Rectory, where a splendid tea was provided by the Rector. At the business meeting which followed, Swaffham Prior was selected as the place of the next meeting. Twelve new members were elected, including nine of the Fen Ditton ringers. The Rector also joined as an honorary member. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for granting the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his generosity in providing tea. Cigarettes and tobacco were handed round, and handbell ringing took place, courses of Grandsire Triples and Cutlers, and Bob Major being accomplished. Ringing on the tower bells was continued until about eight o'clock.

This is the first meeting that has been held at a five-bell tower for several years, and it was very encouraging to see such a good attendance. The bells are a minor five, and hopes are entertained that an additional bell may be provided in the near future.

**NOTICES.**

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—(Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 22nd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \* Business afterwards at Headquarters. Notice of motion re Rules 3 and 7 has been given for Jan. 27th. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockett (Hon. Sec.), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A practice for 'Surprise Methods' only will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Even-song, 6 p.m., after which ringing will be resumed. Tea at 5, at 1/- per head, to all those who notify Mr. F. Dentry, Church Street, Twyford.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at St. Giles', Camberwell. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service in the church, 5 p.m. Tea kindly given by the Vicar, Rev. H. Lindsay, in St. Giles' Hall, near the Green, at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., at 6.45. Tower open again after.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (-ix bell tower), on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1920. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. Subscriptions are now due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Heywood. St. Luke's bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6. Reports are now ready.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourbridge (St. Thomas) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service in the Church at 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for all members who let me know on or before Wednesday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All members are cordially invited.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday afternoon, 17th January. Ringing from 2 o'clock; committee meeting, 4 o'clock; tea, 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head. General meeting after tea. Notice of any proposed alteration to Rules should reach me before this meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 17th. St. Wulfrum's bells (10) available 1 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Cook's Temperance Hotel, Westgate.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**WATFORD PARISH CHURCH.**—The dedication by the Archdeacon of St. Albans of the Ring of Eight recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will take place on Saturday, 17th January. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Hall for clergy and ringers at 4 o'clock.

Will ringers who intend to be present kindly inform the Vicar at St. Mary's, Watford, to this effect? They are heartily welcome.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Hertford County Association, Duffield, St. Albans.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral (Manchester) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 4.30. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of branch representatives. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. — Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Chorley, on Jan. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, Jan. 17th (six bell tower). Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are due. Annual reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers, afterwards. A good attendance is requested. — F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 20th, 1920. Alderman J. S. Prichett, M.A., B.C.L., in the chair. Ringing at St. Martin's, 6.30. Business, 7.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 24th, 1920. Tower open 3 p.m. Service, 5.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Will members please notify me if they intend being present at the tea?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Broudesbury, N.W.6.

**WORCESTERHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Droitwich, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service at 4 o'clock prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Torquay (Upton Church), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Jan. 19th?—W. C. Wakley, Bella Vista, Teignmouth.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 o'clock. Tea, at the Cherry Tree, at 6 o'clock, fol-

lowed by the business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by the 20th inst.? Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 2.30. Divine service 4 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Those who require tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 20th.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Practices will be held at Whittlesford, 6 bells, on Saturday, Jan. 24th, and at Ickleton, 6 bells, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available afternoon and evening. A good attendance is desired.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Gt. Shelford, Cambs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells will be available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in School Room at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present at the tea kindly advise Mr. W. Hodges, 265, High Street, Sutton?—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**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. All applications for tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, must be sent to Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Jan. 27th. 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. Those who intend to be present please notify me not later than Jan. 27th first post. 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., but names must reach me not later than Tuesday, 27th. 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. Please advise me by 27th.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. 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. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, 27th.—Ernest F. Creed, Castle Cary, Hon. Sec.

**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. Further particulars next week.—H. W. Bishop, Branch Sec.

**ACTON, LONDON, W.**—The weekly ringing practice will be held in future on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9, at St. Mary's Parish Church.

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

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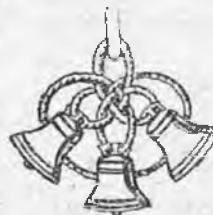
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