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AN INTERESTING CELEBRATION.

The centenary dinner in London on Saturday was an interesting event, for many reasons, chief of which was, of course, the fact that it *was* a centenary celebration. Few of our ringing associations have yet reached their jubilee, and, of the older societies, those who have joined the centenarian ranks are extremely limited in numbers. Chief among them are the College Youths, the Royal Cumberlands and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, while among the minor organisations are St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, the Saffron Walden Society, and the Painswick Youths. The London County Association thus enters quite a small circle, and it reaches a new dignity upon which the Exercise at large will congratulate it.

As was natural in the circumstances, Saturday's proceedings provided a good deal of speechmaking, but the speeches were interesting because they were for the most part historical review or personal reminiscences, and therefore worth listening to. Speakers who have to rely upon generalities are not always welcome, but there is nothing so entertaining to a ringer as to listen to the tales of other days from those who have been in actual contact with past masters of the art, or to have passed on to him some bits of ringing history which have come down like a tradition and which help to make that 'atmosphere' in the Exercise which is so characteristic of it and yet so difficult to define.

A noteworthy incident was the presentation of a new badge of office for the Master. Modern ringing organisations do not indulge in this kind of regalia, but it is a part of the tradition of the old Societies that their Master should be the wearer of an emblem of authority. The first badge of St. James's Society, which many ringers still remember, was one of the few pieces of evidence of the date of the formation of the Society and on account of its historical associations it was regrettable that it should be lost. It has been replaced, however, by a badge of very handsome design and workmanship, thanks to the generosity of Mr. E. A. Young, and while some may lightly treat the sentiment that prompts the wearing of regalia, most people will agree that it adds dignity to the office of the wearer.

There were two points made in the speeches which are worthy of special attention. One is the emphasis laid by the Master upon the condition of many of the bells and belfries in the Metropolis—a matter upon which we made comment about three months ago. The other, the scheme which Mr. F. E. Dawe proposes to lay before the Church authorities of Bow, for the conversion of that famous belfry into something more commensurate with the dignity of the Church and the position it occupies in connection

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with ringing. While the complaint of the Master was in general terms and the remedy of Mr. Dawe relates to a specific case, there is a theme in common between them, and if the present state of affairs can only be faced with tact and energy, we are convinced that something might in the end be done. But it must be by united action. Jealousies and suspicion between the societies concerned would be fatal to any project, which, unless frank and whole-hearted co-operation is possible, would be doomed to a premature death.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNERY 1	Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN THOMAS 2		CHARLES S. BURDEN 8
ERNEST G. FENN 3		REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 9
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 4		HENRY G. MILES 10
WILLIAM HIBBERT 5		RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11
EDWIN F. PIKE 6		ALFRED B. PECK 12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. B. PECK.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.)

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS 1	Treble	* JOHN G. JEFFRIES 6
EDGAR GUISE 2		JAMES R. JONES 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 3		GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
* STANLEY BADMAN 4		JOSEPH GOULD 9
* MISS ANNIE BROWN 5		URIAH BRAVEN 10

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The ringers belong respectively to St. Stephen's, St. James', St. Thomas', St. Nicholas', S. Philip's, Mangotsfield, St. Andrew, Bristol, E., Henbury, and St. Luke's.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES 1	Treble	GILBERT PEARCE 6
EDGAR GUISE 2		WILLIAM C. HUNTER 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3		ALFRED PEARCE 8
RICHARD CLARK 4		JAMES R. JONES 9
GEORGE TREW 5		URIAH BRAVEN 10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

A birthday compliment to Miss Peggy Guise, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

2 On Monday, February 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

8 AM

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

BROOKS' VARIATION.

WILFRED GRUNDY 1	Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
FREDERICK GRUNDY 2		THOMAS HOWARD 6
JAMES BOLTON 3		JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
DANIEL HOWARD 4		ARTHUR BURTON 8

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Grundy and Mr. F. Potter, of Walkden.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.

* JACK GWILYM Treble	GEORGE COOKE 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	FRANK BOUCHER 6
† HAROLD CASELL 3	STANLEY VOZEY 7
ALBAN E. SLATTER 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples inside. Treble, 3rd and 7th are local men, for whom this peal was arranged.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

A complimentary peal for Sir William Carter (nine times Mayor of Windsor), a Bucks man, who was married at Beaconsfield, February 16th, 1872. Sir William and Lady Carter are honorary members of the branch. First peal of Major on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN HOYLE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	EDWARD HULL 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
ARTHUR DEAN 4	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

Rung as a jubilee peal for E. Hull, he having rung his first peal on February 10th, 1874, at Leatherhead.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
MISS GLADYS DODDS 2	ERNEST STONE 6
* WALTER MARTIN 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	FRANK BRASSINGTON Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
JAMES FLEURY 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells; also by G. Wiffen. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. R. Barclay, late Vicar, who was inducted to the living of Hatfield Peverel during the time the peal was rung. It was also a birthday compliment to A. Saunders.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL C. KAZER Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 5
WALTER AYRE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
HAROLD G. CASHMERE 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	* WILLIAM HODGETTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HODGETTS.

* First peal in the method, and first peal in any method as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
* THOMAS R. BUTLER 3	† LEWIS J. EVANS 7
JOHN W. DAVIES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells, and made a life ringing member.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. C. W. Bird hails from Kettering.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

* ALFRED G. CRANE Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRED 5
† ERNEST H. TUBB 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
ROBERT ROFFEY 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
† SYD CHILD 4	§ NORMAN A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by the late A. T. KING. Conducted by N. A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells, and first attempt. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. § First peal of Bob Major as conductor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Eldred, of Barnet.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

* MISS GLADYS BROAD Treble	† REGINALD G. WILLIAMS 5
* MISS ALICE STOKES 2	JAMES NISBET 6
ERNEST GOLDSTONE 3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM 7
* MISS DOROTHY WILLETT 4	ALBERT E. COLBOURN Tenor

Conducted by MISS ALICE STOKES.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Mabel C. N. Jukes and Mr. C. O. Grieves at the above-named church, both bride and bridegroom being members of the Portishead band. * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-A-Beckett,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
*FREDERICK J. BURNETT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
WILLIAM TATE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*LEONARD DRAKE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	WILLIAM E. ASH 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

* First peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD E. LAST ... Treble	GEORGE MALYAN 5
RICHARD JENNER 2	HERBERT MARRELL 6
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	WILLIAM LATTER 7
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Latter. * 50th peal.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
GORDON CAUDWELL 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
LEONARD TUFFREY 3	JACK JUDGE 7
WILLIAM STONE 4	ALBERT E. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by JACK JUDGE.

First peal as conductor.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WALTER SMITH ... Treble	NATHAN PATMORE 5
BARNARD PATMORE 2	WILLIAM K. NORTH 6
SYDNEY CARTER 3	GEORGE H. CARTER 7
HENRY WALLACE 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by G. T. CROFT.

* First peal of Major, and first attempt. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Gt. Munden; 3rd and 7th from Little Munden; tenor from Hitchin; treble and 6th are local men.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	*JAMES BOUGHTON 6
WILLIAM ROSE 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
*ERNEST POPPY 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* Rang their first peal on February 24th, 1894.

MAIDENHEAD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ERNEST ELDRIDGE ... Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE 5
WILLIAM WALKER 2	WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 6
ALBERT WALKER 3	THOMAS GOODCHILD 7
*JAMES MARR 4	LEONARD W. COPESEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. GARRAWAY.

* First peal. Also a birthday compliment to J. Marr and J. Eldridge; and a wedding compliment to Miss R. Jones, daughter of Mr. Jones, one of the parish ringers. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. All the ringers belong to the local company.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Stranton,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5536 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK ROBSON ... Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT ... 6
*WALTER N. ASHBY 3	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON 7
HENRY TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (Peal No. 220).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the St. James' Society. Longest peal by the Association.

WITTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
*ARTHUR MOORE ... Treble	JOSEPH ASHMOLE 5
HUGH YARWOOD 2	*REV. W. R. INGHAM 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	*ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS WILKINSON ... 4	SAMUEL MOORE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

† First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples. * Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

CECIL DRAKE Treble	ALBERT PICKLES 5
THOMAS SENIOR 2	EDGAR WHITELEY 6
FRED HUTTON 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
JOE GREENWOOD 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by T. Lockwood.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

First peal in the method for the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES PARKER Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART NO. 1.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	JOHN CRAWFORD 6
ARTHUR DEAN 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
THOMAS A. SHRUBB 4	*ARTHUR WOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRISON SMITH Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	LUTHER HONESS 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	*JOHN PARRY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. Also first peal in the method on the bells since the re-hanging. The band desire to return hearty thanks to the Rev. K. Gausson and Mr. and Mrs. Honess for their kind hospitality.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

*SAM MOORE Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
†WILLIAM BENNETT 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
†RALPH HARRISS 3	FREDERICK ROLLS Tenor

Conducted by R. HARRISS.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells for 12 years. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving for Canada. Quarterly peal of the branch. The above are all Sunday Service ringers at Elmley Castle, except the ringer of the 4th.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

†FREDERICK PEARSON ... Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4
FREDK. W. BENNETT, SEN. 2	REGINALD WOODS ... 5
*STANLEY WOODS ... 3	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. BENNETT.

Rung as a compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd on her 60th birthday. † First attempt for a peal, and aged 14 years. * First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.
TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

*JACK ROBERTS Treble	JAMES W. HAYNES 3
J. WILFRED SHARP 2	†GEORGE HOWARD 4
†JOHN M. GRAY 3	 Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SHARP.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble belongs to Cold Higham; 2nd Towcester; 3rd Pattishall; 4th Litchborough; 5th Green's Norton. This peal was specially arranged for two of the Litchborough band, but owing to one not turning up J. Roberts stood in to oblige, and the remainder of the band wish to thank him and congratulate him on his first peal.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	GEORGE WAGHORN 5
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... 3	FRANK PATTENDEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble	*FREDERICK NAISH 4
JOHN BOWER 2	*WILLIAM HUTTON 5
*EDWARD V. NAISH 3	ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN.

* First peal of Minor by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED BLOGG Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
†FRED BLACKLIDGE 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of 5th and tenor. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector's daughter, Miss Irene Holden, and Mr. Donald Bate, of Moston, Manchester, who leave for India on February 28th.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz.: Eight six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob, and Twenty-Two of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD BRADFIELD... .. Treble | †ALEC MUNDY 3
*EDWARD PAIN 2 | †JOHN SEYMOUR 4

GERALD F. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by GERALD F. GRIFFIN.

* First peal. † First peal with inside bell. The ringers are regular service ringers, and all under 18 years of age.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Double Court.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*EDWARD A. SNEATH... .. Treble | JOSEPH LONDON 4
*REGINALD S. OLDHAM 2 | GEORGE H. WELLS 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3 | HORACE M. DAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. E. A. Sneath was proposed a life member, and R. S. Oldham, a performing member of the Southern Branch, before starting. Credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd, it being his first attempt for a peal.

HIGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... .. Treble | GEORGE MORRAD 4
HARRY ARGENT 2 | *LESLIE BECKETT 5
JOHN BURLS 3 | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on these bells. The band, who came from Milton-next-Gravesend, were kindly entertained to tea previous to the peal by Mrs. and the Rev. Matthew Merrikin, Vicar of Higham. Rung as a birthday compliment to Inspector G. Mitchell, of the Hove Borough Police, brother of the conductor, on the completion of his police service, and retiring on pension.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor, size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOT 1—2 | GEORGE W. STEERE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4 | JOHN FOSTER 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING. Witness: Mrs. A. H. PULLING.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the North Farm,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAS. E. GOFTON 1—2 | THOS. T. GOFTON 7—8
JOS. A. GOFTON 3—4 | RICHARD A. GOFTON 9—10
R. ALDER GOFTON 5—6 | GEO. R. HOLMES 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor, size 14 in D.

*JOHN FOSTER 1—2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3—4 | MRS. W. R. MELVILLE 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: Mrs. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire away from 7-8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. R. and Dorothy Ayres, of Peterborough.

HADLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At 12, HAYBRIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores in ten different callings as arranged in Snowdon's Book. Tenor, size 13 in E.

JOSEPH STANIER 1—2 | JAMES L. HAYWARD 3—4
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER 5—6

Conducted by W. A. FLETCHER.

Witness: WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal 'in hand' for Messrs. Stanier and Fletcher. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Hayward.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 24, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At 3, HOLLY TERRACE, STAPLEGROVE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*FREDERICK G. SPARKS 1—2 | *WILLIAM H. COLES... .. 3—4
PERCY H. SPARKS 5—6

Conducted by PERCY H. SPARKS.

Umpire: JAMES HUNT.

Witnesses: PERCY S. MERSON and S. GEORGE COLES.

First peal on handbells by all, and first attempt. First peal on handbells by a band residing in the diocese. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Burnell, Adoborough, West Monkton. * First peal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bletsoe on Saturday. The meeting had been arranged to be held at Milton Ernest, but owing to a sudden death near the church, it had to be cancelled. It was regretted that there was not sufficient time to notify all the members of this, but a fair number turned up from Bedford, Kempston, Biddenham, Clapham, Tempsford, Cople, Turvey and Dunstable. Miss E. Steele was voted to the chair at the business meeting, at which one new member was elected, and Bromham chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 22nd.

The Rector was thanked for the use of the bells, and also the towerkeeper for having them ready.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 16th. Standard methods were practised before service and after the business meeting. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Summerfield, assisted by the Rev. H. F. Smith, who gave an interesting address on bells.

After service, the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton (Vicar) and the churchwardens entertained the members to tea, Mr. H. Edgeley presiding, supported by the Rev. H. F. Smith and Mr. T. Beadle (vice-president).

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary read the report of the year, which has been a successful one. Twelve meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 40, while 30 ringing and two honorary members were elected during the year, and there was a balance of 17s. 5d. to the good.

All officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

A vote was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, which was appreciated by all; to the Rev. W. J. Summerfield and the Rev. H. F. Smith, and the organist.

A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. T. Beadle, and to Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. J. Walsom (auditors), and all the retiring officers.

This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited, when the bells were soon pealing forth London Surprise, etc.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HEREFORD DISTRICT'S FINE PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Hereford district was held at Hereford on Saturday, February 9th. This meeting is becoming more popular year by year owing to the rapid strides that are now being made by the Guild. St. Nicholas' bells (6) and All Saints' (8) were available during the afternoon, and well-struck touches of Doubles and Minor were rung at St. Nicholas', and various Triples and Major methods at All Saints'. Service at All Saints' was attended by 72 ringers. The Guild form was used, and a short but inspiring address was given by the Rev. S. Easton, curate of All Saints'. Mr. S. T. Rackham (Gilwern) presided at the organ. Tea at the Spread Eagle Hotel resembled an annual meeting of the whole Guild, so many districts being represented. Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Rev. G. W. Turner (general secretary), the Rev. S. Easton, the Rev. A. Middleton, Allensmore, the Rev. J. Dent, Holm Lacy, the District Secretary and Ringing Master (Mr. G. Edwards), Mr. A. Gwynne (assistant secretary), Mr. Walter Taylor (District Ringing Master). Towers represented were Cathedral, All Saints', St. Nicholas', Holmer, Burghill, Lugwardine, Wallington, Sutton, Stoke Edith, Tarrington, Hampton Bishop, Fawnhope, Mordiford, Holm Lacy, Ross, Kingstone, Allensmore, Madley, Llanelly, Bedwelty, Kington, Staunton-on-Arrow, Clifford, Much Dewchurch, Bodenham, and other towers.

The district area is covered by a radius of seven miles from the city, and practically every tower is now in union.—The District Secretary, after reading the minutes of the previous meeting, produced the balance sheet for the year, which showed the balance in hand from 1922 as £3 6s. 10d. Total receipts for the year 1923 were £27 12s., including the subscriptions of 34 honorary members (an increase of four), and 182 ringing members (an increase of 54). The expenses were £10 16s. 9d. Half of total receipts went to general fund, leaving a balance in hand of £5 15s. 11d.

Mr. Buchanan moved that the balance sheet be accepted, and Mr. J. J. Jones seconded.

Mr. Buchanan complimented the district upon its extraordinary progress in every way, both financially, and the excellent progress by its members, remarking that a few years ago such a position in the Hereford Guild was undreamt of.

The Secretary reported that the progress of the Hereford district was most gratifying to him and all concerned. It proved the result of their loyalty and perseverance.

Apologies were read from various clergy, who were unable to be present, with expressions of good wishes for the meeting and the welfare of the Guild.

Mr. C. Edwards was again unanimously re-elected district secretary. He consented to act in that capacity for another year, but, as he explained, they were all aware that in addition to being their secretary for the district he had also to fill the office of Ringing Master for the whole of the Guild. This involved a great amount of his time, and in addition he found the burden greater every year. He began to feel that he should be compelled to go much steadier in the future unless the Guild would come to his help, as he felt he could not go on riding a push 'bike' between three and four thousand miles every year. He hoped the matter would have the consideration of the members. The Hereford district was well looked after, but the other districts required his help a great deal oftener than it was possible for him to reach them.

Mr. A. Gwynne was re-elected assistant secretary, and Mr. Walter Taylor, District Ringing Master. Their re-election, and the election of Mr. Taysome as Assistant Master, was carried with applause.—Four new honorary members and seven ringing members were elected.

The quarterly meetings of the district are to be: Eaton Bishop first Saturday in May; Much Dewchurch, August; Burghill, November; and annual meeting at Hereford, February; combined practices, first Saturday in March, Stoke Edith; April, Bodenham.

Mr. J. G. Buchanan proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Edwards for the great work he had done on behalf of the Guild. He could only say it was a wonderful work.—The Rev. G. W. Turner seconded, paying Mr. Edwards a great tribute for what he had done and was doing for the Guild. It was largely through his great influence that had brought the Guild into such a prominent position, and not only were his services sought after amongst ringers, but he was a great help to the clergy in getting their bells put in order, and giving them such valuable advice.

Mr. H. Taylor proposed, Mr. J. Hyett seconded, a resolution that the question of providing Mr. Edwards with a motor-bicycle, so as to save him as much as possible, should be brought forward at the next committee meeting of the Guild.—The Rev. G. W. Turner expressed his approval by saying he had had the same idea in his mind for some time, and would see that it was on the agenda.—The motion was carried with applause.

The company then dispersed, some to their homes, and the energetic to the Cathedral tower, where some good practice was put in at Stedman and Grand sire Caters.

JOHN TAYLOR & Co., LOUGHBOROUGH.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Followed by his father, a steeplejack, Thomas Kidney, aged 5, climbed 120ft. up the steeple of a Scarborough church. He then stood on an 18in. plank and watched his father at work.

We learn that the St. Martin's Guild has been fortunate enough to again secure the magnificent cedar-panelled Connaught Room of the Imperial Hotel for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held to-morrow.

We also understand that the St. Martin's Quartette will be present, and the programme will be up to the high standard for which this admirable function has become famous throughout the Exercise.

Pushing a cycle up the steep gradients of the Herefordshire roads at all hours of the night after a day's work is not conducive to old age. Therefore, members of the Diocesan Guild are thinking of buying a small motor-cycle for their Ringing Master's use.

Strange thing about the lost badge of the old St. James's Society! No one knows where it went to, but didn't Mr. E. A. Young (who has presented a very handsome new emblem) rather give the game away when he said that when he saw the badge he was so interested in it that he 'devoured' it? Perhaps it was indigestion that gave him the dream he related to the amusement of the company last Saturday.

The restoration of the peal of ten at Leatherhead, Surrey, is well in hand. The frame is already in, and the bells will be ready in about a month.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement for Peal Tablets on page 143 of this issue.

On Monday, February 25th, 1889, 35 years ago, was rung the longest peal in the method 10,272 Grandsire Major, at Rowley Regis, Staffs., in 6 hours 5 mins., conducted by John Carter.

Painswick Youths, who are among the 'centenarians'—in fact, they are travelling rapidly towards their third hundredth—put up two good performances on March 1st in the long ago. In 1734 they rang 8,064 Grandsire Caters, and exactly a year later brought off a 10,080 in the same method.

Thirty-five years ago to-morrow the Warnham (Sussex) band rang 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major. They were not satisfied with this, and not long after had a 'cut' at 20,160, but unfortunately this did not materialise, otherwise the Major record would not stand where it does to-day.

Ted Horrex, 86 yesterday, rang in a peal of 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, on March 3rd, 1866—fifty-eight years ago!

On March 5th, 1743, 6,720 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 4 hours 21 minutes at Harrietsham, Kent.

March 6th is the anniversary of a peal of 7,392 Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung in Oldham in 1832.

Our paragraph last week referring to a double-handed peal of Bob Royal at Abingdon in 1777, prompts a correspondent to raise the question whether this can be authentic, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield in 1811, having been claimed as the first handbell peal on record.

We should be glad to have any particulars of the Abingdon peal, if they are in existence. All the information we have is an extract from a journal of March 1st, 1777, which runs as follows:—

'Perhaps there never was three such capital performances in ye art of ringing ever before rung on ye same day as was rung on Feb. 26th, 1777, for besides the 10,080 Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and 10,080 Major at Shrewsbury, there was rung at Abingdon, in Berkshire, a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal on ten handbells by five persons, it being the first peal on handbells in ye kingdom, and is thought to exceed a course of Treble Bob Twelve in rung by ye College Youths in London.'

In the first place it would be interesting to know what enterprising journal collected this information and published it within three days of the happenings in places so far apart as Leicester, Shrewsbury and Appleton. There were no railways or telegraphs, aeroplanes or wireless in those days!

Members of the Ladies' Guild attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at Old Windsor on Saturday week. After ringing about three-quarters of hour and getting out, they adjourned for tea, and then made another start, when they rang about an hour and a quarter. We wish them better luck next time.

Mr. James E. Groves has just completed the restoration of the bells at Preston-on-Stour, Gloucestershire, where a new iron frame has been installed and the bells hung in new fittings, including ball bearings.

The ring of ten at Lichfield Cathedral is also being overhauled by Mr. Groves.

The long and enthusiastic service of Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, as hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, was recognised on Saturday week, when presentations were made to him at the annual branch meeting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUGGESTED SPLITTING UP OF DIVISIONS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Hailsham on Saturday, February 16th. Altogether 16 towers were represented, viz.: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (All Saints' and St. Saviour's), Pevensey, Westham, Mayfield, Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Battle, Lewes, Hellingy, Chiddingly, Christ Church, Blacklands, Bexhill, Heathfield, together with the members of Hailsham band. Methods were practised from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the usual service, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Case), who is a ringer himself, gave an eloquent address. Tea was provided at the Crown Hotel, to which 45 members sat down. The business meeting was presided over by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman).

The following new ringing members were elected: Messrs. J. Bennett, R. Balcomb, F. Bryant, E. Curd, G. Farr, A. Frampton, G. Hodson, S. Irving, T. Lay, K. Pattenden, C. Price, W. Skinner, all of St. Mary's, Rye; and Mr. J. B. Pellow, unattached member, Eastbourne. The election of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, as non-resident life members, was also confirmed.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected as hon. secretary, and in thanking the company for his re-election, stated that the division had made very fair progress, and that the financial position had improved, the balance on the year's working being £17 8s. 9d. He had hoped to report better progress with regard to affiliated towers. At present only 18 out of 36 towers in the division were connected with the association. He considered that the division was too large to be properly worked, and suggested as a remedy that other branches should be created.

The retiring members of the committee, Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. Franks and A. R. Miles, were unanimously re-elected.—Mr. Howse, in reply, said he had noted the remarks of the hon. secretary with reference to opening up of fresh branches, and suggested 'that the matter be placed before the general committee at their next meeting.'—This was put to the meeting, and carried.

The place for the next meeting was then discussed.—Heathfield was proposed by Mr. Miles; Waldron by Mr. Hobden; and Salehurst by Mr. Kennett.—On being put to the vote, Heathfield was decided upon.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his excellent address at the service. He also thanked the organist for his services, and the local ringers for their welcome.

Mr. Blackman, the secretary of the local ringers, responded, and stated how pleased they had been to welcome the association that day.

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

EPSOM RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred Edward Bassett, who passed away on Sunday, February 17th, after a long illness, at the age of 70 years. Deceased had been a member of the Epsom Parish Church company for nearly 40 years, was a member of the Surrey Association and the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and had rung about 60 peals. His last peal was at Christ Church, Epsom, on January 8th, 1916 (muffled for soldiers fallen in the war). A muffled peal which is recorded elsewhere was rung on the Parish Church bells, Epsom, on the occasion of the funeral.

5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By A. C. WRIGHT.

23456 M B W H

45236	1	—	2	1
26354	2	—	2	2
35264	1	—	2	1
24653	2	—	2	2
26543	1	—	2	2
54263	1	—	2	1
43265	2	—	1	2
56234	2	—	2	1
64235	2	—	1	2
53246	2	—	2	1
36245	2	—	1	2
35642	—	—	1	1
54326	—	—	—	—
23456	1	—	2	2

Contains 2nd 4,287 changes continuously in 1—2—3—4, and 4,656 changes in that position.

Rung at Loughborough on February 9th, 1924, conducted by H. J. Poole.

CENTENARY OF LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. INTERESTING SPEECHES AND A PRESENTATION.

The one hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the St. James's Society, now the London County Association, was celebrated in London on Saturday by a dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. The gathering numbered about 90, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, representatives of the two other old London Societies, the College Youths and Royal Cumberlands, together with members of many provincial societies being present to support the members of the association. In the afternoon there was ringing at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, and when the company gathered round the festive board, they were presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), and joined by the Rector of Bow (the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby), who supported the chairman, and the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes, and chaplain of the society), who occupied the vice-chair, and who was accompanied by Mrs. Pennington Bickford. Among those at the head of the table were Mrs. Taffender, Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. C. F. Winney, Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. Carter, Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), and Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol). The vice-chairman was supported by Mr. E. A. Young (one of the trustees of the society, and hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Young, Mr. J. George (trustee), Mr. J. Bullock (hon. secretary), etc. There were numerous ladies in the company.

LONDON'S DORMANT BELLS.

After an excellent dinner, the Master first submitted the loyal toast, and then proposed 'The Church.' In doing so he referred to the condition of many of the London towers. There were a large number of peals of bells, he said, lying dormant, not merely in the city, but also in South London. Some had not been rung for many years. When they approached the authorities, asking them to put the bells and bellfries in order, they were usually met with the reply there were no funds to do it with. Suggestions had been made for the co-operation of the London ringing societies, but he did not know if anything could be done. Church authorities looked after the fabric, and they attended to the organ, but they forgot the bells. Moreover, they seldom saw much of the clergy in the west end of the church. The same applied very largely to the wardens. One warden he spoke to told him he knew nothing about the tower, and had never been in it. That was one of the places where the bells were out of order. Perhaps if they could keep 'digging' at the authorities they might get something done, and perhaps the associations might approach people who had money to do something to help in the matter (applause).

The toast, having been cordially honoured, was responded to by the Rector of Bow, who remarked that the first connection between those who ministered in holy things and bells went back to the days when the priests in the temple had a string of bells around their garments. He was very glad he had not to carry the twelve bells of Bow around the bottom of his cassock (laughter). Having traced the early history of bells, he referred to the occasions when they were associated with our private and public life. Bells, he said, were heralds of peace, and he hoped the bells might bring peace to the distracted Continent to-day. He was sure the ringers were doing their best in their own way, by the harmony created in their own towers and the good fellowship which existed between themselves, to bring peace, for peace in the world must depend upon peace between individuals, and upon the friendly relationship that existed among them all (applause).

A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. D. Matthews, C. F. Winney, E. J. King, J. R. Gammon, T. W. Taffender and W. A. Cave.

THE FIRST RINGERS' GUILD.

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford submitted the toast of 'The London County Association.' They had to go back a long way in history, he said, to find the first ringing Guild. He believed it was in the time of Edward the Confessor. There was a ringing guild in existence then, and he should not be surprised if the ringers at that time were not laymen at all, but the clergy. There was an order in the church that the ringing should be done by the priests, and that they alone were to ring for the services. Thus they found that in the early days the clergy had a lot to do with ringing. He was very pleased to hear what the Master had said about the desirability of seeing the clergy more often in the west end of the church. If the clergy knew more about ringing and the ringers more about the clergy there would be a better relationship in the towers (hear, hear). If the clergy were seen more often in the west end of the church, the ringers would be found more often in the east end (hear, hear). Proceeding, the speaker said that about the year 1603 they heard of ringers being called by a different name. They were called Scholars, and various societies sprang up with the name of Scholars. There were the Scholars of Cheapside, a ringing Guild founded in the year

1603. Following that there were other scholars at Gloucester, Cambridge, Warwick, and other places. Coming down to 1715 they had the Union of Scholars, which existed for about 50 years. Then they had the London Scholars, and out of that one of the great London Societies was evolved. Before that, however, their oldest London ringing society, the Ancient Society of College Youths, was founded, in the year 1637, and took its name from the fact that their headquarters were at St. Martin's in the City, on College Hill. He believed the London Scholars were founded about 1702, and out of that grew the Royal Cumberland Youths. The London Scholars were ringing at Shoreditch when the Duke of Cumberland returned from a campaign. He heard the bells ringing, and he so appreciated them that he permitted the society to take the title of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and he presented them with a beautiful chain of office and medallion, which the society had to this day, and which the Master ought to



THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S NEW BADGE.

On the back of the badge is the following inscription: 'The centre star is a close reproduction of the original badge of the St. James's Society, which was unfortunately lost about 1898. It is incorporated in this new Master's badge, designed and presented to the London County Association of Change Ringers by Mr. E. Alexr. Young, on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration, February, 1924.'

It was made by Messrs. Chapple and Mantell, of New Bond St. W.

have been wearing that night (laughter and applause). Coming next to 1824, they reached the beginning of the St. James's Society. No one seemed to know much about its origin except that they had a record that it was formed in 1824 at St. James's, Clerkenwell. But there seemed to have been some trouble at St. James's; whether it was the fault of the ringers, or the fault of the rector, or the fault of the bells, he could not say, but there was not much ringing after 1824, until they came to 1827. The St. James's Society was then re-established, and the society rang some peals at different places, but not at St. James's, Clerkenwell. The first record he had of St. James's, Clerkenwell, was in 1831, but on looking at one of the tablets in his own tower that morning, he found they rang a peal there in 1829. About that year the society moved to Christ Church, Blackfriars, where they rang for some years. They removed their headquarters to St. Clement Danes in 1841, and had remained there ever since (hear, hear). They formed themselves into a territorial society, and called it the London County Association in 1903, and in 1911 they took another step and formed themselves into districts. In 1913, Mr. Taffender was elected Master of the Association, and in that same year, he (the speaker) found himself compelled to stop the ringing of

St. Clement Danes bells, because the frame was unsafe. Then the war broke out, and it was not until the year 1918 that he was able to undertake the restoration of the bells. With the help of a lot of friends in the neighbourhood he got the necessary funds together in about three months. The bells were put into a new frame, and on Peace Day, the bells were set going by Queen Alexandra, and their Master was one of those who took part on that historic occasion. In closing, the Vice-Chairman referred to the peal rung in 1843 at St. Clements in memory of Tolladay, who was buried at St. Clements; also to the fact that the peal was made into ten in 1844, and that on Easter Monday, 1845, the St. James's Society rang the first peal on the ten bells. He hoped the bells would be rung by the society for many years to come (applause), and especially when their old friend, Mr. Winney, brought his bride to St. Clement Danes (loud laughter). He was sure there would be great competition to get into the band on that historic occasion (laughter and applause).

A NEW BADGE.

An interesting presentation was made to the society at this stage. Mr. E. A. Young had designed and had had made a handsome silver badge of office, to be worn by the Master. Mr. Young said he first went to St. Clement Danes in the '80's, and he never thought then that he would ever become a ringer. But on one of his visits he was asked to become a member of that society, and to this day he was glad that he joined. It was not long before they elected him secretary. In those days the Master wore a fine badge, which was dated 1824. Being an architect and fond of archaeology, he devoured that badge. That badge was one of the first things which the Society possessed, and so was the hammer which the chairman was using that night. Bob Haworth, who was a staunch supporter of the society, had told him that the hammer was in use when he joined, and when he was rapped down as duly elected it was by that hammer in the year 1839 or 1840. In the course of time they had the misfortune to lose the badge. They often wondered where it had gone, and if anyone had it in his pocket now they would be glad to know where it was (laughter). It was his great pleasure to hand to the Master another badge to take the place of the one that was lost (applause). He had designed it himself, and as far as he could remember the central star was of the same size and treated in the same way as in the original. He thought it was appropriate that they should have a bell in the design, and as they had been connected with St. Clement's for nearly the whole century, he thought they should also have an anchor. In panels were the initials of the two old London Societies, and there were also the dates 1824-1924, and the fine rolling title of the 'London County Association of Change Ringers' in big letters. The old ribbon was a red one, but he thought they would forgive him for not putting red alone on the new badge. The College Youths' ribbon was blue and the Cumberlands' red. He had united the colours, and provided a ribbon of blue and red, blue for the College Youths, and red for the Cumberlands; might they ever unite in supporting the London County Association, and might the members of the London County Association ever support the older societies, because he felt that in them all they had the three premier London Societies (applause).

Mr. Young then fastened the badge round the neck of the Master, amid loud applause. He remarked that he knew Mr. Taffender would wear it with dignity, because his heart was in the society. The badge would carry him back to the men who had gone before, and be an incentive to carry on the traditions of those old days (applause).

The Master, in responding to the toast, and thanking Mr. Young for his handsome gift to the society, said his only regret was that Mr. R. A. Daniel was unable to be present that evening. Some of the older members would remember how Mr. Daniel worked to get their society into a better organised condition, and to establish them as a territorial body. A good deal of jealousy had existed with regard to them, and while they remained as a link between the two old societies, they were doing the work of an association in London. In such circumstances they felt they could not exist under the name of the St. James's Society, which was connected with a church where there was very little ringing done, and where the bells were out of order. So they renamed themselves, and where, 25 years ago, they used to have little meetings of eight or nine members, they now met in dozens. He hoped that gathering, large as it was, would be the smallest of its kind. He hoped it would increase and bring together many more London and provincial ringers in the heart of the Empire. Mr. Young's offer of a badge came as a great surprise to them at their annual meeting. Some twenty years ago Mr. Daniel was keen on getting a new badge, but the matter did not mature. This gift was one of the finest things that had ever been done for the association; it certainly placed them on a higher pedestal, and he thanked Mr. Young very heartily for it (applause).

The Vice-Chairman said it would be an appropriate act on their part to remember those ringers who fell in the war, and to whom they erected a monument in the tower of St. Clement Danes a fortnight ago. Seventeen of their members fell in the war, and he asked those present to stand and drink a silent toast to the memory of these men.

The company rose and drank the toast in silence.

A BIG SCHEME.

Mr. F. E. Dawe submitted 'The Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths and Kindred Societies.' He referred to some of the wonderful old men of the past, notably Johnson, Hailey and Cox. He went on to say that the College Youths, in their existence of nearly 300 years had achieved some marvellous peals, and they continued to do so, for last Whitsun Monday they rang that marvellous long peal of Stedman Cinques, a peal which would never have been dreamed of forty years ago. With regard to the betterment of belfries, they had largely to thank the kindly influence of some of their clergy. Some of their best ringers were clergymen, but they also had clergymen whose ringing was very much like their writing—almost unintelligible (laughter). They also had another class of clergyman, who did not know much about ringing, or even about bells. He once met a clergyman who did not know how many bells were in his tower, although he knew there were several (laughter). About twenty years ago, he (the speaker) became acquainted with the then Rector of Bow, and he brought forward a pet project of his. He had a scheme, which he knew could be carried out, to raise £3,000 to bring about a drastic change at Bow, Chapside, to make it the finest belfry in the world. He put his scheme in a letter, which was written with a great deal of trouble, and contained a lot of particulars. It was brought before the then Vestry and considered, but he never had such a dose of 'cold water' in his life (laughter). They would have nothing to do with the scheme. A short time ago he met the present Rector, who was interested in their branch of church work, and wanted to hear as much as he could about ringers and about bells. He was delighted he (the Rev. S. G. Ponsonby) was with them that night, because he (the speaker) was going to take the opportunity of re-writing that letter (applause). He knew that in Mr. Gordon Ponsonby they had a good friend at court (applause). In conclusion, Mr. Dawe paid high compliment to Mr. Challis Winney, to the Master of the Cumberland Youths, and to Mr. Fussell, whose names he coupled with the toast.

(To be continued.)

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.
FAMOUS NORWICH PEAL TO BE REHUNG.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, are to be rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A sitting of the Norwich Consistory Court was held last week, when Mr. Chancellor North had before him the application for the granting of the necessary faculty.

The Vicar and the churchwardens propose to rehang the bells and to repair or replace, as may be necessary, the framework. The cost will be defrayed by Mrs. Clark, in memory of her father, Mr. A. R. Chamberlin, who was for many years a churchwarden of the parish, and who did repairs to the bells some forty years ago.

Mr. J. A. Beattie, one of the churchwardens, said the work would be done by a large and experienced firm, Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough.

The Chancellor: As you know, the rehousing of bells is a thing which has to be carefully watched because of the tower?

Mr. Beattie: There is a special committee on which an architect, Mr. John Burton, is serving. There are thirteen bells. The frame is of timber, and it is proposed that the bells should be removed and the frame examined carefully by an outside expert. If in good, sound condition the frame will be retained; if not, the question will be considered of replacing it with an iron frame.

The Chancellor: You have to be careful to see that the frame is not attached to the walls of the tower.

Mr. Beattie: That has been considered.

The Chancellor: The matter will come up again at the next Court in about a month's time. If there is no effective opposition a faculty will be granted.

Mr. Beattie: In order to meet the wishes of the donor we should like the work to be completed before St. Peter's Day, June 29th.

The Chancellor: Surely there is plenty of time.

Mr. Beattie: But the bells have to be taken to Loughborough, and there is a great deal of work to be done. They are heavy bells. We have taken the opinion of the firm on the subject, and they say they ought to begin at once.

The Chancellor: You say you have a committee on which Mr. John Burton sits?

Mr. Beattie: Yes, and we have had a full Church Council, who are alive to the great necessity of seeing that there is nothing done that can injure the tower. We are proud of our tower and bells.

The Chancellor: Everyone in Norwich is. I grant special leave for the work to begin, subject to the understanding that if effective opposition is made at the next Court you will place things in statu.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, January 19th, a 'spiced' 720, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston: J. Fernley, senr. (conductor) 1, A. Marshall 2, W. Fernley 3, *A. Frost 4, W. Wilde 5, W. Wolstencroft 6. * First extent in the methods.

RINGER'S JUBILEE PEAL.

LEATHERHEAD VETERAN'S CELEBRATION.

On Saturday, February 16th, five of the Leatherhead company, assisted by two friends from Ashted and one from Dorking, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Epsom. This was arranged for Mr. Edward Hull, Leatherhead's oldest ringer, to commemorate the jubilee of his first peal which was rung at Leatherhead on February 10th, 1874. The old gentleman rang with confidence throughout the peal, and was heartily congratulated at its conclusion.



MR. EDWARD HULL.

It would have been more satisfactory to have rung the peal at Leatherhead, but that, of course, was impossible, as the bells are at present in the hands of the bell hangers.

Mr. Hull is the only active ringer remaining of that peal band of 1874. In fact, there is only one other survivor, Mr. T. Graizer, who has been bedridden for several years.

Appended is an extract from 'Church Bells' of Feb. 21st, 1874:— 'Change ringing at Leatherhead, Surrey.—On Tuesday, Feb. 16th, seven members of the Leatherhead Society of Change Ringers, assisted by W. Sayer, of Ashted, rang at their Parish Church, Mr. J. Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. and 59 minutes. The ringers were stationed in the following order: E. Hull (his first peal) 1, H. T. Lipscombe (his first peal, 16 years of age) 2, T. Graizer 3, W. Marks 4, W. Sayer (his first peal) 5, T. Gadd 6, S. Brooker 7, W. Templeman (his first peal) 8. Conducted by S. Brooker.'

Mr. Hull was born in October, 1855, at Leatherhead, and has been connected with the Parish Church nearly all his life. As a boy he was a chorister, and he started ringing in 1872, ringing his first peal in 1874. Later in 1874 he went to Andover, and remained there till 1878, when he returned to Leatherhead, where he has resided ever since. There was no change ringing at Andover in those days, so he did no more peal ringing until he returned to Leatherhead.

He has kept no list of peals, but he has rung 36 for the Surrey Association, and probably as many more for the Winchester Guild, and other independent societies. He is now the 'father' of the ringers at Leatherhead, and in his time has done a good deal of spade-work in teaching youngsters to ring. Unfortunately, like many other older men, he has given a lot of time and trouble with very little result. He is a coachsmith by trade, and is still working. He is not to be considered an 'old' man, as he only lost his mother about a month ago.

WEDDING OF PORTISHEAD RINGERS.

The marriage took place at Portishead Parish Church, on Saturday last, of Miss Mabel C. N. Jukes, youngest daughter of the Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Jukes, of Portishead Rectory, to Mr. Charles O. Grieves, younger son of Dr. J. P. and the late Mrs. Grieves, of Portishead. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. S. Briggs (brother-in-law of the bride), assisted by the Rev. W. N. Kempe.

The wedding was of particular interest to the Portishead ringers, as the bride and bridegroom were members of the local company. Miss Jukes commenced ringing in 1914, and was a regular Sunday ringer until December, 1922. She has rung two peals of Grandsire Triples for the Ladies' Guild, both taking place in her own tower. She did valuable work during the war as a member of the V.A.D. at Portishead and Exeter Hospitals.

Mr. Grieves also served in the war, when he lost his left arm. He commenced ringing in 1921, and has been most regular in his attendances in the belfry, also acting as secretary to the band for the past two years.

Among the very numerous presents was a silver bell inkpot from the Portishead ringers, and a peal was rung by the local band to celebrate the event.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHISWICK.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. Brookland 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, J. W. Kelley 5, W. Lidbetter 6, A. Dean 7, W. Dalton 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 720 Norwich Surprise: Rev. F. R. Bonsey 1, G. Lee 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, E. Bailey, junr., 5, E. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, 360 and 240 Oxford Treble Bob.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss Hawsworth (first in the method) 1, W. Sparrow 2, S. D. Breeze 3, R. Holloway 4, H. Wincoate 5, E. W. Coulson 6, J. W. Fruin 7, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Sparrow 1, H. Wincoate 2, S. D. Breeze 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, Miss Hawsworth 6, E. W. Coulson 7, W. Atkinson 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evensong, at the Cathedral, 540 Grandsire Caters: E. Bishop 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, W. C. Lampard 3, R. Paine 4, J. W. Elkins 5, E. Cook 6, F. Cox 7, C. Russell 8, W. Andrews 9, G. Noyce 10.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—For service, on February 17th, 600 Bob Minor: H. Saunders 1, F. Warrington 2, E. Wakeling (longest length) 3, G. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins (conductor) 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins., for morning service: G. W. Stevens 1, H. A. Harding 2, J. E. Churchill 3, *A. J. Moore 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, A. M. Stacey 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major 'inside.' Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 44 mins.: *Miss G. Baker 1, H. A. Harding 2, H. J. Hunnisett 3, A. J. Moore 4, A. M. Stacey 5, A. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. * First quarter-peal of Major, and hails from Hillingdon, Middlesex.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. E. Garrard 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, H. Dras 3, G. W. Frayne 4, P. L. Miles 5, W. E. Judd 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. Gransbury 8, H. G. Miles 9, R. F. Deal (conductor) 10.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: *W. Fletcher 1, R. Turner 2, *F. Bolt 3, H. Wingrove 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. Batting 6, J. Blackmore 7, R. Buckland (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. First quarter-peal in the method since the war by the local band.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, for morning service, 864 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm (conductor) 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Feb. 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, F. Hodges 3, A. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 44 mins., by the local band at evening service: G. N. Cockin 1, Elijah White 2, E. Brettle 3, V. White 4, W. Coley 5, W. H. Webb 6, A. Hackett (conductor) 7, M. Hackett 8. This was rung as a compliment to Mr. Elijah White, who has been a ringer at Halesowen Parish Church for the past 49 years, and is now retiring at the age of 79 years.

HONINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, in 46 mins.: C. Matthews 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, W. Adams 3, S. Arthur 4, G. Hands 5, W. Keck 6. **SHR**

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 30th, in 24 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Livermore 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, G. Morrad 4, L. Beckett 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on Sunday, Dec. 30th, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, J. Wright 3, H. E. Little (longest length in the method) 4, W. G. Cross 5, F. Dainty 6, T. Vaughan 7, F. Cooke (conductor) 8.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, in 28 mins., 120 of each of the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise: W. Hayward 1, S. Wyatt, junr., 2, A. Wyatt 3, W. Coles 4, A. Hayward 5, G. Coles (conductor) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 1,260 Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: F. Hind 1, H. Smedley 2, F. Kaye 3, P. Woodward 4, L. Barlow 5, J. Hurst 6, G. Hurst 7, F. Brackenbury 8, H. Blagg 9, J. Segar (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Royal by all.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Winton on Saturday, March 1st. Committee meeting at 4, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Crown and Cannon Hotel. Tea 1s. 6d. per head.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available for ringing after 2.30. Tenor 15 cwt. Tea will be provided in the School at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late the St. James' Society.)—Meetings for March, 1924: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 2nd, 10 a.m.; Monday, 3rd, 17th and 31st, 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 10th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on March 4th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 6th and 20th; * St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 13th; and * St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th. All at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Mr. G. R. Kembell's, 15, Milton Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. A business meeting will follow immediately after tea in the same room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30, address by the Rector, Rev. C. Stonehouse. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Olde Beverlie. The bells of the Cathedral will be available during the evening from 7—8.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st. Evensong at All Saints' at 5 p.m. Tea, in the All Saints' Church House, at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting following.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Institute at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, 1st March.—Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Taylor's Restaurant, New Bond Street. Bells of St. Michael (8) available at 6.45 p.m.—E. E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoodleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea 1s., 5.15. By kind permission of Frank Shearman, Esq., ringers may go to and from the Church by way of the Court Drive.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed meeting at Huntingdon will be held on March 1st. Arrangements as before.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Holbeach on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. at The Chequers Hotel.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Alphington on Saturday, March 1st. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each, in the schoolroom. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: Alphington (8), St. Thomas (8), Ide (6), Kenn (6), Kenton (6).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above Branch will be held at Stony Stratford, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those that notify me. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Blechley.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—A General meeting of the Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday afternoon, March 8th. By kind permission of the Rector the bells will be available. Tea at the King's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock followed by the General Business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by March 5th. Meeting to follow. The ten bells at St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelips, R.D. A tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 4th of their intention of being present.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8th, at Wisbech. Bells ready from 2 o'clock. Arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at Runcorn, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Lancashire friends particularly invited.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Gladwick, Oldham, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ulverston, on March 8th, at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting is to be held at South Kirby on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those applying to Mr. A. R. Harrison, 4, East View, Mill Lane, South Kirby, Pontefract.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on March 8th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A Monthly meeting will be held at Ugglescote on Saturday, March 8th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Meeting 5 o'clock. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 15th. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Shall be glad to know at the earliest those requiring tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Lord Bishop of Coventry will (D.V.) dedicate the new bells at Bulkington on Saturday, March 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Members of the Guild are invited to be present. Further particulars later.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Beverley on Easter Monday, April 21st. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. Nominations for President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for ensuing year, and for four representatives on Central Council for next three years should reach me one month before the above date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The treasurer will be glad to receive from ringing and honorary members, for the year 1923—4, subscriptions now overdue, and, in some cases, those outstanding for previous years. He would respectfully remind local secretaries that subscriptions are usually payable at the annual meeting held in October, and should not be overlooked indefinitely.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday last a successful meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Adwick-le-Street. Between 20 and 30 ringers were present from Doncaster, Conisborough, Sprotborough, Tickhill, Sandell, Horbury, Thorne and Arksey. The bells of the Parish Church were rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening, the methods including Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The visitors sat down to tea in the Institute, the Rev. M. T. Saunderson presiding. At the business meeting, four new members were elected, including Mr. R. Thickett, President of the Barnsley and District Society.—Arksey was chosen as the next place of meeting.

DEATH OF A CHEDISTON RINGER.

The death took place on February 14th, at Chediston, of Mr. William Warren, after a long illness, patiently borne. Deceased was 47 years of age, and was a member of the Halesworth and Chediston Ringers' Society. The following half-muffled touches were rung on the church bells of the Halesworth District as a last token of respect: On Monday evening of last week, at Halesworth Church, 504 and 546 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Baker and L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, W. Kerrison 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.—On Tuesday evening, at Chediston Church, 720 and 216 Bob Minor, and 240 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nunn and S. Cady 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, E. Hall 3, L. Hammond 4, T. Crane 5, F. Peck 6. This was followed by the 'whole pull and stand.'

On Sunday afternoon, before Divine service, various touches were rung on the six bells at Wissett Church by the newly-formed local band.

Mr. Warren was laid to rest in Wissett Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon of last week, the funeral being attended by members of the Halesworth and Chediston and Wissett companies. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, he was much respected by all his comrades.

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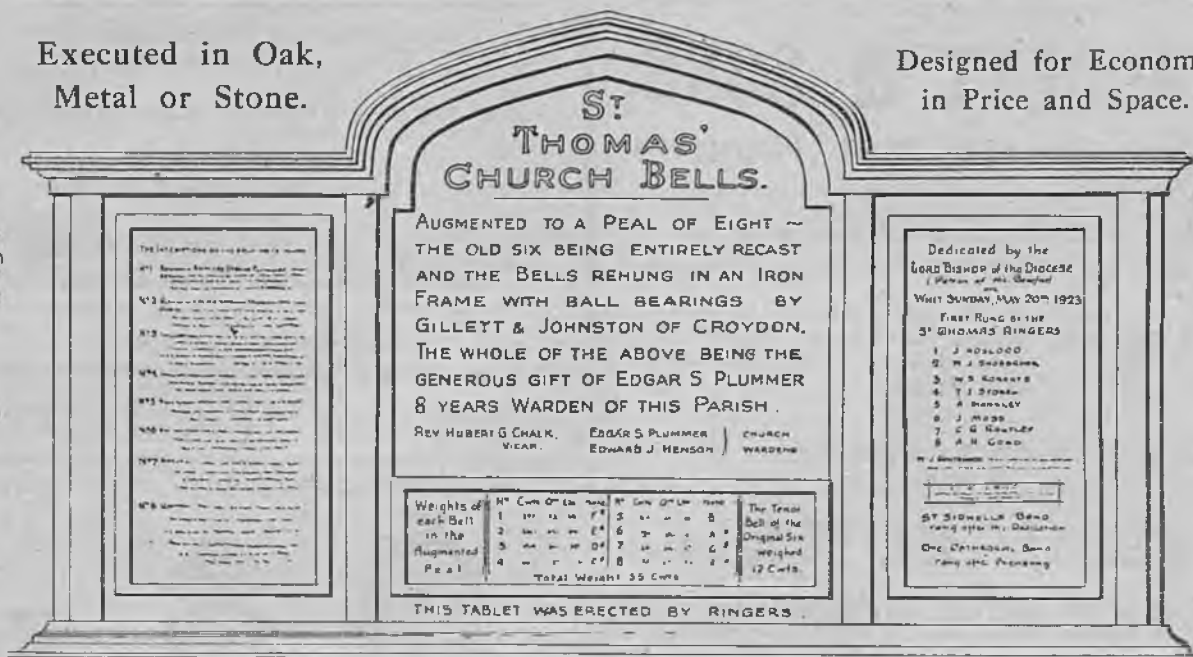
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