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CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

In a letter in another column a correspondent asks the pertinent question why the Central Council do not advertise their publications in a ringing paper. How, he inquires, are the younger hands to know of them if they are not advertised, and where is an advertisement likely to procure a better sale for them than in a ringing paper? For the information of our correspondent and others similarly placed, we may say that the Central Council, in their wisdom, have declined to advertise their publications in "The Ringing World." It is a matter upon which we have said very little in the past, because there are those who would be certain to say that any comment we made would be from purely personal motives, but now that the question is directly raised—even at the risk of this view being taken—we think the full facts might well be placed before the Exercise.

The actual details will be found under our correspondent's letter, and it is not necessary to reproduce them here. The reason why we have refrained from publishing them before is that, whatever may have been our feelings towards our former rival in the newspaper world, we would say nothing which might be construed as savouring of spite. But now that that paper is *non est*, we feel at liberty to say what really happened. As to whether "The Ringing World" was treated quite fairly in the matter by the Council we leave others to judge. We have always been ready and anxious to publish, for the benefit of the Exercise, the proceedings of the Council and the reports of the Committees. But for the action which "The Ringing World" has taken in providing its own report of the Council's meetings, the Council, presumably, would have gone on paying the sum of two guineas annually, as they had done for years, in order to secure a report of their discussions for publication in "The Bell News," but that amount was saved to the Council on their three last meetings because they were satisfied to depend upon the enterprise of "The Ringing World." Yet it has been most significant that the Council officially have never given "The Ringing World" any reciprocal support.

As we pointed out, when we commented last year on the publication of the official minutes, the Council, when asked by us to advertise their meetings, as all the Associations do, decided to summon their members by circular; and when invited to advertise their publications in a paper that has not only given them every support, but actually saved them money, decided to issue slips. We do not complain, we only state the facts, but it has always seemed to us that the Council's policy has been a short-sighted one in this matter.

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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

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We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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The Council set great store upon the value of their publications, yet did any member of the Council ever know of a book that gained a popular sale without efficient advertising? Advertised effectively, the Council would sell more of their publications in a month than they now do in a year. They are contemplating the printing of two new books—had it not been for the war they might have been out by this time—but what would be the use of spending a lot of money for this purpose unless they take adequate steps to make known what they have for sale? Perhaps some of the business men on the Council will wake up when next there is a meeting.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29, 1916, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

JESSE GILLET	Treble	CHARLES DYSON	6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	THOMAS NEWMAN	7
FRANCIS S. WILSON	3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	8
JOHN AUSTIN... ..	4	GEORGE CONDICK	9
THOMAS BALDWIN	5	JOHN W. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The composition has the 6th 24 courses behind the 9th in the tittums, 8 courses behind 7th in the inverted tittums, and 24 courses behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, and was composed in 1874.

The band tender their very best thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells, and for his generous hospitality after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.			
CHARLES W. COOPER... ..	Treble	WILLIAM SHORT	5
RALPH MOORS	2	CHARLES E. PERKINS	6
JOSEPH SMITH	3	GEORGE POPNELL	7
JOHN BASS	4	ALFRED W. DODD	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the officers and men fallen in the war, including several from this parish.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 29th, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY	Treble	WALTER PERKINS	4
HARRY MEADOWS... ..	2	ANDERSTON Y. TYLER	5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT	3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY	Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of those who have lost their lives in the war. Quickest peal on the bells.

TENTERDEN.—On June 13th, at St. Mildred's Church at a memorial service for the late Lord Kitchener, two 168's of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a ringers' tribute, those taking part being: A. Johnson, G. Johnson, L. Honess, R. Edwards, G. Neve, A. Allen, J. Manktelow, W. Savage, H. Baker and C. Tribe.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

CHARLES POULSON 1—2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4—5
PTE. LAURENCE POULSON 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to oblige L. Poulson, of the 2/6 Suffolk Cyclist Regt.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 24, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

CHARLES POULSON 1	*GEORGE DEACON 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2—3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5—6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 25, 1916, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT 41, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1—2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS... 4—5
*WHITTINGHAM W. J. ROPER 3	CHARLES POULSON... .. 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT RUMNEY.

Favoured with beautiful summer weather there was a capital attendance at the quarterly meeting held at Rumney on Saturday last. The bells were available for ringing from three o'clock, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity, touches in the standard methods being rung. Tea was partaken of at the local hostelry, at the kind invitation of the Vicar of the parish, who was awaiting the members.

At the conclusion of the tea the business meeting took place, the Vicar presiding. His opening remarks were a hearty welcome to the Association to Rumney. He dwelt at some length on the history of his bells and upon the ringers' duties, and mentioned how indebted he was to the Association for coming to the assistance of his own ringers, after having had the bells restored and augmented, by teaching them change ringing. Members of the Association, he said, would always be made welcome at Rumney, and he appealed to those who could, now that his band was depleted and young ones were being taught, to give a hand at any time they might be passing.

Correspondence was then read in reference to the treasurer, and also a letter from one of the hon. secs. (the Rev. Connop L. Price), who is now a senior chaplain to the garrison at the Curragh, Ireland.

It was decided to leave the selection of place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting until the annual meeting.—The next Glamorganshire quarterly meeting will be held at Pentre in September.

New members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality. The tower was then again visited, and several touches rung. Afterwards a social evening was spent with the local ringers, who did all they could for the enjoyment of the visitors. The meeting was a most pleasant and successful one.

THE CHELTENHAM PEAL BOARD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to correct the report I sent to you last week with reference to the unveiling of the peal board of the Grandsire Cinques rung at Cheltenham. This is the only peal recorded on the board. Your correspondent, "Bob Major," seems to be under the impression that the long peal of Grandsire Caters is published on this board, but it is not so. There are two peal boards hung in the tower, one recording the long peal of Stedman Caters rung in 1888, and the other recording the long peal of Grandsire Caters rung in 1889. The report I sent to you was taken from the local paper. I wish to apologise to you, as it was entirely my mistake if any wrong impression was created.—Yours truly,

Cheltenham,

H. HALFORD.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Wellingboro' District was held at Doddington on Saturday week, and was attended by ringers and friends from Irthlingboro' Wellingboro', Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Earls Barton, Wilby, Easton Mauditt, Northampton, Isham, Sharnbrook, and the local tower. The bells, a ring of five, were available during the afternoon and evening, and utilised in the methods of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles. It has been suggested that an extra bell shall be added which will make a splendid peal of six.

An excellent tea was provided on the lawn by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Smith), and was much enjoyed by all, about 33 sitting down. Tea was followed by the usual business meeting.—Owing to the Vicar being away from home the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford) presided. Amongst those present were: Mrs. B. Smith, Mr. Sharpe (churchwarden) and Mr. and Mrs. W. Willson, of Isham.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Easton Mauditt in September. — The Rev. B. Smith (Vicar) and Mr. Sharpe (churchwarden) were elected honorary members, and five ringing members were elected from Doddington, and one from Wilby. Mr. G. N. Cochlin, of Halesowen, was elected an out-county ringing member.

This being the annual meeting of the district, Mr. G. Basford, of Finedon, was elected on the Central Committee in the place of Mr. A. Smeathers. All the other officers were re-elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to him and Mrs. Smith for providing tea, and to the churchwarden.—Mrs. Smith suitably replied, and hoped the ringers would soon come again.

The handbells were then brought into use, when Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters were tapped off in fine style. This proved to be one of the best meetings in the Wellingboro' District.

BOSTON'S TRIBUTE TO KITCHENER.

The sympathy which a large section of the American public feel with Great Britain and her Allies in the present struggle has been demonstrated in a remarkable manner in Boston, Massachusetts, where at St. Paul's Cathedral an enormous concourse assembled on July 9th on the occasion of a Kitchener Memorial Service. In connection with this service the Boston Guild met at the Advent Church and rang a half-muffled 720 of Bob Minor: A. Matthews 1, J. F. Laker 2, J. Goodhead 3, E. E. Randall 4, W. Bashford (conductor) 5, R. Newton tenor. This was the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor by J. Goodhead and A. Matthews.

On the preceding Tuesday (July 4th), the Guild rang at the Perkin's Institute, Watertown, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: A. Matthews 1, J. F. Laker 2, J. Goodhead 3, E. E. Randall 4, W. Bashford 5, R. Newton (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 of Kent by the ringer of the treble, and the first as conductor, in the method, by R. Newton.

LADY RINGER MARRIED.

The wedding took place recently of Mr. A. E. Lock, of Sutton Courtney, Berks, where he was the respected leader of the local ringing company, and Miss Kate Hollifield, daughter of Mr. H. Hollifield, of Abingdon, and a member of the Ladies' Guild. Both the bride and bridegroom are well known in Oxford Guild circles, and good wishes go out to them upon their marriage.

In the evening, after the ceremony, a few of their ringing friends met them at Sutton Courtney Church, and a well-struck 360 of Bob Minor was rung by T. Hanks (Sutton) 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, H. Hollifield 3, H. R. Cooper (Milton) 4, A. E. Lock 5, J. W. Wilkins (High Wycombe), conductor, 6. Also two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 1, T. Groves (Milton) 2, H. Hollifield 3, H. R. Cooper 4, A. E. Lock 5, T. Hanks 6.

The bridegroom has since entered the Royal Flying Corps.

TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I thank Mr. Cave, Mr. Reeves and Mr. Thomas for their corrections. As regards the tenor at St. Mary, Redcliffe, I must have taken the weight of the old tenor before recasting. By-the-by, this at one time used to be quoted at 52 cwt., but was afterwards found not to exceed 48 cwt. My information with regard to Sheffield was derived from Mr. J. Eyre Poppleton's account of the bells of West Riding. Evidently he transposed the present third and fourth inscriptions, and misread the date on third (1808 instead of 1809). My information about West Bromwich was taken from Mr. Lynam's "Church Bells of Staffordshire," published in 1889. He gives the diameter of the tenor as 44 inches, which would make the bell about 15 cwt. This is certainly a mistake, and I find the weight given in Mear's list as 23 cwt., which no doubt is right.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

RINGER INJURED.

Sergt. Thomas Gee, A.S.C., a ringer at Handsworth Parish Church, is now in hospital at Exeter, having been injured in France. On his arrival in England an operation was found necessary, and for a time his condition was serious. His progress now, however, is satisfactory. Sergt. Gee is a son-in-law of Mr. T. Verry, the tower keeper at Handsworth.

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PUBLICATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In your issue of June 23rd, the Rev. H. Law James, in his letter re "The Council's Real Work," refers to a list of publications by the Central Council and advises ringers to buy them. I have been a reader of "The Ringing World" for some time, but I do not remember having seen these works advertised. Older ringers might be acquainted with these publications, but how are the younger hands to know of them if they are not advertised, and where is an advertisement likely to procure a better sale than in a ringing paper. I should be pleased to buy some of these works, but have no idea where to send for them.—Yours truly,
A. T.

[Some long time ago application was made to the Council by "The Ringing World" for an advertisement of their publications, and on the instructions of the Standing Committee we were offered an advertisement on the same terms as the now defunct "Bell News," viz., 10s. for a year, the advertisement to be inserted once a month. This offer was declined, the price being absurdly out of proportion to the value of an advertisement in a paper reaching as many ringers as "The Ringing World" does. We, however, submitted the price at which we should be prepared to accept an advertisement, and the matter was discussed by the Council at their meeting in London last year. The respective charges by the two papers were mentioned, and, by a majority, the Council decided to continue to advertise in "Bell News," but not to advertise in "The Ringing World," and, instead, to issue slips, giving details of the publications. This course was decided upon, on the strength of the prices quoted, without apparently any consideration of the relative worth of the two papers as advertising media. It was not until a decision had been come to that the Council heard the truth of the matter. After the vote had been taken, the President explained why the proprietor of "Bell News" was satisfied with the small amount which was paid to him. The previous owner had been advanced a sum of money by the President, who in return stipulated that in future all matter relating to the business of the Central Council should be inserted free of charge. That arrangement continued until the paper changed hands, and the annual charge of 10s. for the advertisement was arrived at with the new proprietor as a sort of compromise.

Further reference to this matter will be found in our leading article.—Ed. 'R.W.']

PATRIOTISM AND PROFIT. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM POST OFFICE "DOES NOT ASSIST THE COUNTRY."

In view of the discussion which has arisen under the above heading, concerning the re-investment of Association Funds, which had previously been in the Post Office Savings Bank, and which have been transferred to War Loan securities, we have taken the opportunity of securing for the benefit of our readers an official view of the question as to whether it is in the national interests that funds should be so transferred. The following is the reply which we received from the Controller of the Post Office Savings Bank:—

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., in which you ask whether the Government desires that money should be withdrawn from the Post Office Savings Bank for investment in War Loan, or "whether, indeed, it is patriotic to do so," I beg to explain that money left in the Post Office Savings Bank and money invested in War Loan, Exchange Bonds, War Savings certificates, or other Government Securities, is in each case lent to the State, and that the mere transfer from one security to the other does not assist the country as no fresh funds are thereby provided for the war.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) H. DAVIES, Controller.

Post Office Savings Bank, West Kensington, London W.
27th July, 1916.

SAFFRON WALDEN RINGERS ASSIST AT WEDDING.

On Thursday week the marriage of Mr. F. S. H. Judd, J.P., to Lady Bailey (widow of the late Sir James Bailey), of Rickling House, was solemnised at the Parish Church, Rickling, Essex. Mr. Judd is a life member of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association, and took a great interest in the repairs of the bells and making the new belfry and staircase. Six members of the Saffron Walden Society therefore decided to go to Rickling and ring the bells in honour of the interesting event. Several six-scores in different methods were rung after the service was over, and some of the local ringers then joined in and assisted to ring Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

The homeward journey was then commenced. At the Cricketers (which stands on the Rickling Green, of cricket fame) liquid refreshment was much in request, as the sun was very hot and the belfry stuffy. The handbells were brought out, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The journey was then continued, a short stoppage was made at the celebrated Coach and Horses, Newport, and then home. This finished a very enjoyable afternoon's outing. The ringers from Saffron Walden were: F. Dench, A. James, J. F. Penning, A. E. Pitstow, L. Pitstow and F. Pitstow. The locals were represented by Mr. D. Jolley and four others.

RINGERS WHO HAVE FALLEN.

As we have already recorded, several ringers have fallen in the advance which the British have undertaken, and on this page we reproduce the photographs of two who have laid down their lives. Corpl. Harry Champion, of Doncaster, was serving with the Royal Field Artillery, and Pte. Frank Downing with the Royal Warwickshire Regt.



CORPL. HARRY CHAMPION, of Doncaster.



PTE. F. S. DOWNING, of Coalbrookdale.

GREENS NORTON RINGER KILLED.

Among the ringers who have fallen in the present British offensive on the Somme, is Lance-Corpl. J. B. Hornsby, of the Greens Norton band. He was a member of the Towcester and District Association, and enlisted at the outbreak of war in the City of London Regiment. Just prior to this he had rung his first peal, one of Doubles. He has a brother, also a ringer, serving with the colours. On Sunday evening the bells were rung muffled to his memory.

HEAD COVERING FOR LADIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the question of head gear for lady ringers, it is quite a mistake to imagine that there is any Scriptural authority for requiring women to have their heads covered in a sacred building. The Apostolic injunction applies simply and solely to women actually taking part in Divine Worship. It may, it is true, be argued, on the lines of your leading article, that ringing is so closely allied to Divine service as to form part of it: but except from that point of view, a woman is just as free as a man to appear in the belfry with head uncovered. See 1 Cor. xi., 5, 13. Yours obediently.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, St. James' Day, 1916.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Central Division of the Sussex Association held a quarterly meeting at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday week, and the gathering proved a success, progressively and numerically, over 30 being present. Ringing commenced at 2.30 and continued until 4.30, when the members attended a special service in church at 5 o'clock. All assembled at the Schoolroom for tea, which was admirably arranged for by the local band. This was followed by the usual business meeting, the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Piggott) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. C. Bond (Rector of Clayton and Keymer), and the local clergy.

Three new members were elected, viz.: The Rev. C. H. Piggott (hon. member), the Rev. M. H. Waller and A. E. Berry, Hurstpierpoint.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness in allowing the Association the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding, and to the Rector of Clayton and Keymer for his excellent address.—This concluded the business.

At the invitation of the Rector, the ringers paid a visit to the Rectory gardens, after which they again visited the tower, where the bells were soon going again in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise, until 8 p.m., thus, as is usual on these occasions, giving all an opportunity for a ring in whatever method they desired. The following towers were represented: St. Peter's, Brighton; Lindfield, Seaford, Burgess Hill, Shoreham, Balcombe, and the local band; also a few friends from London.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH MEETING.

Glorious summer weather prevailed for the meeting of the West Dorset Branch, which was held at the historic Parish Church of SS. Wite, Candida and Holy Cross, Whitechurch-Canonicorum on Saturday last. The modern motor, the useful push bike (and the hills around take some pushing up), the more plebeian waggonette and even shank's pony were brought into requisition to bring representatives from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Lyme Regis and Swindon, to meet the few local members who have not yet had to be called upon in their country's service. The peal of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) were up, and very soon were sending forth their sounds over the hill-encircled Vale of Marshwood.

Ringling continued till 5 p.m., when a short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. H. Lee) gave a brief account of the church tower. He stated that the present 15th century tower was certainly the second if not the third tower that had stood on that site, and to prove that the tower had been well used by ringers he stated that this was the third set of stone stairs that the present tower had had, the records showing that two renewals had taken place since the building of the present structure.

Service over, all adjourned to the Vicarage orchard, where under the shade of the old apple trees a most welcome tea was partaken of.

Thirty sat down to the spread, amongst whom were the Revs. C. F. Langford and S. L. E. Sharp. The Rev. J. W. Coulter, who had been present at the ringing and service, had to leave before tea.

The business was quite formal. Stoke Abbott was chosen for the next meeting, on Saturday, 30th September.—The Vicar was thanked for his hospitality, and then all adjourned again to the church, some to ring, some to listen with intense interest to the Vicar's lucid description of the many points of interest both inside and outside the building and others to listen to an impromptu organ recital by one of the ringers. Thus in this peaceful place, where only the absence of so many of the able-bodied men makes one realise there is a world-wide war, was held a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch was held at Tortworth on Saturday week, ringers attending from Bristol, Newport (Mon.), Berkeley, Durslev, Stinchcombe, Thornbury, Tytherington and Wotton-under-Edge. The bells, a peal of six, were kept going afternoon and evening in various methods.

In the absence of the Rector of Tortworth, who was on holiday, the Rev. H. Massiah, in charge of the parish, came amongst the ringers and brightened the afternoon's proceedings. Thornbury was selected for the next place of meeting, on August 12th.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On June 13th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering, as a compliment to Mr. J. Blackbourne, of Sheffield, who was on a visit to Bottesford: T. Rawden 1, D. Gilden 2, W. Turner 3, M. Bend 4, R. Bend 5, H. Thorlby 6, S. Baker (conductor) 1, J. Jackson (first 720) 8.

DERBY.—Midland Counties Association.—On June 13th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: Geo. Cook 1, J. Pagett 2, A. Braines 3, C. Draper 4, E. H. Clarke 5, A. E. Thomson 6, Geo.-Freebrey (conductor) 7, A. Gamble 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener and others of H.M.S. Hampshire.

OXTON.—Chester Guild.—At St. Saviour's Church, on June 13th, 2520 Grandsire Triples, the first five parts of Holt's 10-part, in 1 hr. and 34 minutes: C. Owens 1, H. Brocklebank 2, H. Martin 3, R. Birchall 4, W. Hughes 5, H. J. Samuel 6, F. S. Barnes (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener and others of H.M.S. Hampshire.

NEWTON LONGVILLE.—At the Parish Church, 508 Grandsire Triples: W. Crane (Bangor) 1, H. Scar 2, J. Mead 3, W. Mead 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, H. Taylor 7, R. Nichols 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples, and a course of Bob Major.

KETERING.—On Tuesday, June 13th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Lord Kitchener, the "whole pull and stand" was rung, and also touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the following ringers taking part: C. Bird, A. Payne, F. Sawfoot, J. E. Chapman, M. Hobbs, R. F. Turner, D. J. Nicholls, G. Foster, and Pte H. Baldwin (of Bray, Berks), of the Army Remount, A.S.C.

NUNEATON.—On Tuesday, June 13th, at the Parish Church, a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and two courses of Double Norwich: H. Argyle, R. Pollard, W. Martin, T. W. Chapman, J. Clarke, senr., J. Clarke, junr., J. Ballard, W. Horton, J. Greasley. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled after the memorial service to Lord Kitchener, and those who lost their lives in the great naval battle, of whom several belonged to Nuneaton district.

ANSTON, SHEFFIELD.—On June 13th, the day of the memorial service to Lord Kitchener, a muffled 720 Kitchener Surprise, in memory of the great soldier. This method was composed by C. Fowler, of six-bell fame, in 1900, and was rung for the first time by this company in the same year. The 720 was rung by: E. F. Stenton 1, W. Platts 2, Hy. Stenton (conductor) 3, R. Smith 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler 6.

LONDON.—Royal Cumberland Youths.—On June 18th, for evening service, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, A. W. Hardy 2, H. Burton 3, M. Woodcock 4, B. Foskett 5, F. Smith 6, W. H. Theobald 7, H. T. Scarlett 8, G. Card 9, W. Berry 10, H. Flanders 11, H. C. Stubbs 12.

DAVENTRY.—On Sunday afternoon, June 18th, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): *A. Towers 1, A. Andrews 2, A. J. Mawby (conductor) 3, W. R. Parker 4, F. Hopper 5, T. Law 6, W. J. Allen 7, *H. Abel 8. Rung for a memorial service for the officers and men of the King's Navy and Army, who have given their lives for their country, especially Lord Kitchener, and those who fell in the great naval battle of Jutland. Messrs. Towers, Abel, Andrews belong to the local band, and the others to Northampton. The first quarter-peal on the bells, which were hung in 1735. * First quarter-peal.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On Sunday evening, June 18th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: W. A. Alps 1, F. Andrews 2, F. A. Smith 3, T. H. Taffender 4, F. Davis 5, T. Walker 6, R. N. Runham (conductor) 7, J. Hunt 8. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Patron Saint. Corpl. R. N. Runham, R.F.C., was in London on week-end leave from Farnborough.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, June 18th, for a memorial service to Lord Kitchener, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled, and 6-7 dodging behind: F. A. Watkins 1, C. Minton (conductor) 2, G. Robinson 3, G. W. Roberts 4, W. Mead 5, Rd. Jones 6, G. W. Griffiths 7, I. Davies 8. Messrs. Minton and Robinson hail from Bishop's Castle, and kindly came over to assist the local band, who are short-handed.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, June 11th, as a birthday compliment to H. Argent, of the local band, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Hayes 1, Pte Varo (Suffolk Regiment) 2, G. Ambrose 3, G. Morrad 4, H. Holden 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

The £38 needed for the recasting of the tenor bell at King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, is still a long way off completion, and we hope that those bands who are in full enjoyment of their own ring of bells will all put their shoulders to the wheel and give the fund a push. Any contributions will be gratefully received by the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Orlebar), who acknowledges with thanks 10s. from the Erith ringers, 5s. from Mr. William Story, and 10s. from St. Peter's band, Bedford, bringing the total up to £9 9s. 6d.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on August 15th and 29th, and for handbell practice on the 10th and 24th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Vincent), at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, August 5th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, August 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Treeton, near Rotherham, on Saturday, August 5th, six bells, available from 3 to 8 p.m. Treeton Station. Midland Railway.—Sam Thomas, Secretary, 19, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Saturday, August 5th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The Branch Secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—IMPORTANT NOTICE.—In consequence of the postponement of the Bank Holiday the annual meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, August 5th, 1916. The bells of the following towers will be available all day, except during the time of service and meeting: Braintree (8), Bocking (8), Felsted (8), Stisted (6), Rayne (6), Black Notley (5). A short service in the parish church, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. France, M.A.), at 4.30 p.m. Tea to be followed by the annual meeting at the Mechanics' Institute at 5.30 p.m.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 7th. Service in Christ Church at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Paige Cox, M.A., Vicar of Hoyle. Particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 12th. Bells ready at 4. A good muster is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Wotton-under-Edge Branch).—A meeting at Thornbury, on August 12th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m.; service in Church, 4.30; tea at 5 by kind invitation of Vicar. Will those intending to be present please notify me by August 9th.—W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bolton Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available from 4 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEETING will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, August 12th. Bells available at 3; service at 4.30; tea (free) at the Rectory at 5; ringing again afterwards. Names for tea should be sent to me not later than the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Yorktown District).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; tea and meeting in the Working Men's Club at 5.30.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting to follow. It is requested that nominations for President, General Secretary and Treasurer be handed in at this meeting.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 102, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, August 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 6d. only to those members who advise me by the 16th of their intention to be present. Will members whose subscriptions are still outstanding please let me have same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 26th, 1916. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

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