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Gentlemen.

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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. BECK,  
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

### MODERN WORK

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

After a lapse of three years the Central Council is to meet next Tuesday. The gathering will be held in London, for the Metropolis is the fixed venue of the first session of each new Council. It should be an interesting meeting, despite the fact that it is war-time; but to the older members it will probably also be a sad one, for many gaps have occurred since last the Council met. Gone are Sir Arthur Heywood, William Snowdon, Charles Henry Hattersley, Henry Dains, A. H. Cockey, and other prominent men, while many well-known faces will be missing through the stern calls of the hour. At such a time as the present it is scarcely to be expected also that even those who remain will be present in full force, and for this there are many reasons. But despite all the drawbacks, it is, we think most ringers will agree, well that the Council should meet this year.

The two items on the agenda which are likely most to interest the general body of the Exercise, concern the Council itself—one, the election of a new President, and the other, the question of the future of the Council. They have a considerable bearing one on the other. With a capable man as President—a man who is a practical ringer and one who is in real touch with ringers and with the feelings of the Exercise—the Council may do much for the future of ringing. A man with energy, initiative and modern views would be a force in the Council which could give it new life, whatever may be the opinion of the body when it comes to discuss the question of its own future. The articles which appeared in these columns some time since from the pen of Mr. J. A. Trollope have, no doubt, given the members food for thought, and at any rate may form the basis of argument. We believe there is a genuine desire by every member that the Council should be of practical use to the ringers of the kingdom, but no one is likely to say that the product of the last few years of the Council's existence has greatly advanced the cause of ringing. From the united wisdom of next Tuesday's gathering many useful suggestions for increasing the utility of the Council ought to be forthcoming.

Outside the other purely formal business, a resolution with regard to establishing a fund for assisting in the restoration of Belgian carillons is to be proposed, and will assuredly meet with a sympathetic reception, while another resolution, adjourned three years ago for lack of time, deals with the revival of the practice of raising and falling bells in peal. Several committees are down to report, but there has probably been little work done by either of them, in view of the greater preoccupations which the war has given everyone since last the Council met.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MRS. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble | MISS SARAH HOLT ... .. 5     |
| FRANK STONELY ... .. 2          | ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... .. 6     |
| EDWARD B. SHAW ... .. 3         | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7 |
| ROBERT WIMPENNY ... .. 4        | JOHN HARRISON ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

The above was rung on the anniversary of the Sunday Schools, also as a birthday peal to Miss S. Holt. First peal by Mrs. Wolstencroft and Miss S. Holt.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, May 11, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble | BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5    |
| ARTHUR BAKER ... .. 2         | SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6      |
| WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 3      | WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7    |
| SAMUEL PEARCE ... .. 4        | ALBERT E. LAW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. F. Marsden. Mr. Marsden is the headmaster of the Parish Church Schools and people's warden. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Miss Edith Gough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Gough.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1918, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALBERT E. NEWICK ... Treble | ISAAC EMERY ... .. 5           |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2   | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6      |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3   | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7     |
| FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4   | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS and

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN

First peal of Oxford by all the band, except ringers of second and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of T. Groombridge, junior.

WHITEFIELD, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 11, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STAND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 22 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Treble | WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 5 |
| JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 2    | SERG. J. L. WILLIAMS ... 6 |
| JOSEPH LOWE ... .. 3          | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7     |
| SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 4       | AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Greenhalgh and Trippier.

## VISIT TO MACHEN.

On Saturday last a visit was paid to Machen, Mon., by the ringers of St. Martin's, Caerphilly, and All Saints', Llanbradach. Some good ringing was done in Grandairs Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Minor by the 16 ringers present. This is the first time these bells have been rung for over twelve months.

## CORRECTION.

By an error it was stated last week that two tablets had been dedicated at All Saints' Church, Cardiff. The church was All Saints', Newport.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**

**MEETING AT FROME.**

The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Frome on Saturday week. The weather was all that could be desired, and consequently the attendance was very good.—The President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honeywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip) took the chair, and was supported by Presbendary Randolph, Vicar of St. John's, Frome, by whose kind permission the meeting took place at Frome. The usual quarterly business was first transacted, and then came the re-election of officers for the ensuing year.

The retiring president was again elected. Mr. Honeywill, who has filled this post for nearly twenty years, very graciously accepted office once again, his decision being received with acclamations of manifest pleasure and satisfaction by all the members.

Mr. I. B. Holmyard was re-elected honorary secretary.

A very pleasing feature of the gathering was the presence of some of the Trowbridge (Salisbury Guild) ringers, amongst whom was Mr. Sam Hector, so well known in the district both for his skill and keenness as a change ringer, and for his geniality and courtesy of manner, traits which render him deservedly popular amongst the ringers of his acquaintance. The Trowbridge friends were accorded a hearty welcome, and Mr. Hector suitably replied.

The members met for tea and business at the Union Jack Restaurant, where they were well catered for by Host G. Coleman (one of the Frome ringers) and his good wife.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Frome, to the Chairman, and to the Honorary Secretary, closed the business proceedings.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were much in evidence, the methods rung being Graudsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles, and Bob Minor. Some of the ringers went on to Buckland Dinham in the evening, the bells there being available through the kindness of the incumbent.

The towers represented at the meeting included Frome, Trowbridge, Leigh-on-Mendip, Douling, Shepton Mallet, Paulton, Timsbury, High Littleton, Radstock and Midsomer Norton.

**NEW DEANERY BRANCH AT PORTISHEAD.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Portishead on Saturday week, and was very well attended by members from Clapton, Clevedon, Long Ashton, Portishead, and Bristol. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and the bells were kept going to Graudsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major until 5.30 when the members adjourned to the Gate, High Street, for tea, 32 being present.

The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. Robert Corp (one of the churchwardens of the parish). Five new members, including one lady life member, were elected.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Yatton, and an intermediate meeting for practice at Wraxall.

Hearty votes of thanks, accorded to the Rector for use of the bells, to Mr. Gillingham for making arrangements, and to the Chairman for presiding, brought a very successful meeting to a close. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going until 9 o'clock.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Crayford, on Saturday, April 27th, but unfortunately was poorly attended, although glorious weather prevailed. The tower was open at 3 p.m., and touches were rung till 5.30 p.m., when the members present attended service, the Association Form being used, and a very nice address was given by the Rector (Canon Gustavus Jones), who had been away from home through ill-health, but had returned to welcome the members to Crayford.

The business meeting followed in St. Paulinus' Hall, the Rector presiding.

The District Secretary explained to the members why longer notice of the meeting had not been published. — Two new members were elected, and Eynsford was selected as the place of next meeting, on the third Saturday in July.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries read the report of the committee and annual meeting, which was adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.—A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and for presiding, and to the organist who accompanied the service. To this the Rector replied, saying it had given him very great pleasure to welcome the members.

**DEATH OF MR. W. L. CATCHPOLE.**

Our readers will much regret to learn that the death took place, on Saturday last, after only ten days' illness, of Mr. William L. Catchpole, a valued member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich and the Norwich Diocesan Association. He was a member of the Central Council for many years.

**YORK.**—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, at St. Mary Senior, Bishophill, 720 Bob Minor: Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor), 1, W. Thornton 2, A. Horner 3, P. Firth 4, A. C. Fearley 5, F. Rickitt 6.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

**WELCOMED AT CHESTERFIELD BY NEW VICAR.**

Although not on a par with pre-war meetings at Chesterfield, the annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society, held on Saturday week, was very successful, and fairly well attended, some 30 ringers being present, and seven towers represented, viz., Bolsover, Chesterfield, North Wingfield, Norton, Sheffield Cathedral, Staveley, and Worksop. The bells were raised shortly after three o'clock, and ringing was practised in various methods until five o'clock, when the visitors made the acquaintance of Canon F. L. Shaw, the new Vicar of Chesterfield, in a very pleasant manner. He came up into the ringing room to unveil a new tablet which records a peal of Bob Royal rung in honour of his induction, Canon Shaw himself being responsible for the erection of the tablet. This little office being completed, the majority of the ringers adjourned to the Vestry, where the business meeting was held, Canon Shaw being in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary's report showed the number of towers affiliated to the society to be twenty, and the number of members to remain about the same as last year, three deaths having been balanced by new members. With one exception, the meetings held during the past year had been very successful, with an average attendance of 25. So successful, in fact, had the gatherings proved that it has been decided to continue to hold the meetings during the lighter months, but not to hold them during the winter, when, owing to 'early closing' time, coupled with the lighting restrictions, little ringing is obtainable and travelling not only uncertain, but very uncomfortable. The relations between the clergy and the society continued to grow more friendly, the frequent meetings having given the various incumbents opportunities of meeting the ringers as fellow workers in the church, opportunities which are being utilised in a greater degree by the clergy year by year. The balance sheet disclosed a sound financial position, with total funds amounting to £18 8s. 10d., a net gain on the year's working of 15s. 9d. For the first time in the history of the society no peals were rung during the year.

There being no new nominations, the whole of the officers were re-elected, Mr. John Holman being elected a trustee in the place of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and the hon. secretary pro tem. (Mr. Sam Thomas) as Hon. Secretary.

Nine new members were elected, including a promising young lady in Miss E. Wornham, a Chesterfield recruit.

The Hon. Secretary, in moving a vote of thanks to Canon Shaw, gave him a warm welcome in the name of the members. They had, he said, lost a firm friend in Archdeacon Crosse, but that day's proceedings served to show that a worthy successor had taken up the work, and Chesterfield ringers and congregation were to be congratulated.

Canon Shaw, in reply, hoped to be of some use to the society, and welcomed the members. He said how pleased he was with Chesterfield's peal of ten after enduring the four bells at Eyam. The Vicar then closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards the bells came into use again, ringing being carried on until 7.30 p.m.

**THREE PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.**

By C. CHARGE, LONDON.

| 5000  |   |   |   | 5040  |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|
|       | M | W | H |       | M | W | H |
| 23456 |   |   |   | 23456 |   |   |   |
| 42356 |   |   | 1 | 35426 | 2 | 2 |   |
| 26354 | 1 |   | 2 | 23564 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 42563 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 32465 | 2 |   | 2 |
| 23564 | 1 |   | 2 | 64235 |   | 2 | 2 |
| 32465 | 2 |   | 2 | 45236 | 1 |   | 2 |
| 64235 |   | 2 | 2 | 32546 |   | 2 | 2 |
| 62345 |   | 1 | 2 | 23645 | 2 |   | 2 |
| 25346 | 1 |   | 2 | 63425 |   | 2 | 1 |
| 43526 |   | 2 | 2 | 54326 | 1 |   | 1 |
| 45236 |   | 1 | 2 | 23456 |   | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 |   | 1 | 1 |       |   |   |   |

This peal contains all the combination of 4, 5, 6, and was first rung at All Saints', Fulham February 12th, 1911, conducted by the composer.

| 5000  |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|
|       | M | W | H |
| 23456 |   |   |   |
| 23564 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 23645 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 26435 |   | 1 | 2 |
| 24365 |   | 1 | 2 |
| 34625 |   | 2 | 1 |
| 43526 | 2 |   | 2 |
| 25346 |   | 2 | 2 |
| 34256 |   | 1 | 1 |
| 52436 |   | 2 | 2 |
| 23456 |   | 2 |   |

**'DANIEL PRENTICE' FUND.**

The following further subscriptions towards the 'Daniel Prentice' fund are acknowledged: Mr. Arthur Symonds (Lavenham), 2s.; Mr. J. S. Symonds, 1s. 6d.; Mr. S. H. Symonds, 1s. 6d. Contributions should be sent to Mr. William Motts, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.



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## RAISING HEAVY BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir.—If you will allow me to return to the matter of raising heavy bells, I should like to say a little of what our young generation are doing. My eldest son, Herbert George (age 14), raised Great Missenden tenor (25½ cwt.) single-handed at the first attempt. These bells were rehung about twelve years ago by Mears and Stainbank, in an oak frame, and are rung from the ground floor; this, I think, speaks well for all concerned.—Yours faithfully,  
J. H. BARNES.

## ARCHITECTS AND BELL TOWERS.

In the report for the official year 1917-18 of the Council of the Royal Institute of British Architects just published, the following item appears in the proceedings of the Science Standing Committee:—

'The committee's inquiries and visits with respect to the vibration of bellfries have been suspended for the time being, though there is sufficient data in hand for a short paper on the subject.'

It will be remembered that this question was brought under the notice of the R.I.B.A. by the Central Council, who also have a committee dealing with the subject, concerning which the late Sir Arthur Heywood wrote and published an important volume.

## DIED FROM WOUNDS.

AIR-MECHANIC W. E. BAILEY, OF DAVENTRY.

The funeral of Air-Mechanic W. E. Bailey, Royal Flying Corps, aged 19 years, one of the band of ringers at the Parish Church, Daventry, who died in Lincoln Hospital, from wounds received in the German offensive, took place on Saturday, May 4th, with military honours, the service being choral. In addition to being a ringer, deceased was a chorister at the Parish Church—a brilliant musician, he had acted as organist at St. James' Church until joining the army. A fine young fellow who led a noble life, he was very popular in the town, which was shown by the attendance of so large a number in the church and at the graveside.

After the funeral the bells were rung, half-muffled, as a token of respect by his brother ringers: 600 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 5, 8 covering: Messrs. Andrews, Robinson, Moore (conductor), Clarke, Horn, Chappell, Towers, Abel.

## BELGIUM'S LOST BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir.—I fully agree with your article and suggestion that we should try and assist later on in replacing some of the lost bells in Belgium. I have waited for abler pens than mine to endorse the letter of Mr. Lewis and your article. It has been my privilege to visit most of the Cathedral Cities, and the remarks made are quite correct, viz., that the carillon playing on the bells of Belgium is as much a national feature as the ringing of our bells in England. On one occasion I visited the tower at Bruges, and found chalked on the bells the names of two of our Kentish towns, showing that other ringers had also visited there. I believe the places were Dover and Maidstone. It has been proved that money can be raised through your columns, if all contribute their mite. In Belgium peals of eight, or ten are small in number; I think Bruges and Malines would muster some 90 bells. At the latter place, I found with interest that two were made to swing, and there were two men in the tower in charge of the bell-repairing boots.—Yours faithfully,  
Edenbridge, Kent.

J. W. STEDDY.

## BRISTOL RINGERS' SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, celebrated their silver wedding on May 8th, falling on the same date as the King's Accession. They were able to indulge in some ringing, starting at the Mayor's Chapel, where several six-scores of Grandsire were rung, St. Mary Redcliffe was visited at 1 and 6 p.m., and several courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. Then a visit was paid to Clifton Parish Church, where a touch of Stedman Triples was brought round by Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, A. E. Wilkins 3, R. Clark (conductor) 4, H. M. Day 5, A. E. Reeves 6, S. Condieck 7, and D. M. Gillard 8. Also a course of Cambridge Major and a touch of Stedman Triples, in which Miss Hale, of Portishead, took part. An adjournment followed to Woodland Road, where a little light refreshment was partaken of, and a few tunes were rung, and a course of Grandsire Caters, by: A. E. Wilkins 1—2, A. E. Reeves 3—4, S. Condieck 5—6, R. J. Wilkins 7—8, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 9—10; and a touch of Stedman Triples, by: A. E. Reeves 1—2, S. Condieck 3—4, R. J. Wilkins (conductor) 5—6, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 7—8.

Congratulations and good wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, and the hope was expressed (if the war is over by then) that all would meet again at the golden wedding.

Mrs. Wilkins did not start ringing with the bells open until the end of January, 1918, and, with a little attention, can manage Stedman and Grandsire Triples. She is very enthusiastic, and her services are very useful at the churches where there is a difficulty in making up bands.

**DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL GREENWOOD.**

A FOUNDER OF THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

In 'The Ringing World' of June 5th, 1914, a portrait appeared of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenwood, of Streatham, together with a record of the celebration of their diamond wedding, and many of the incidents of a long and honourable career. After nearly 64 years of wedded life, Mrs. Greenwood passed away on March 15th last, and now we have with sincere regret to announce the death of her husband, who passed away on April 30th, in the 89th year of his age.

The funeral service at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, on Saturday week, was preceded by muffled ringing on the tower bells by the St. Leonard's band and other ringers from the district. Many were the old friends and residents assembled to pay their last respects to an esteemed and respected member of the church. Among the ringers present were Messrs. H. Pates, L. Attwater, H. Rumble, W. Shepherd, H. Smith, G. Barrington, E. Horrex, W. Joiner, W. S. Smith, A. J. Perkins, R. Grimwood, C. Bance, C. Gordon, J. D. Dresdell, and others. The interment took place at Streatham Cemetery, and touches of Grandsire were rung on handbells at the graveside by: W. Smith 1-2, L. Attwater 3-4, A. J. Perkins 5-6, R. Grimwood 7-8.

The late Mr. Greenwood has certainly created a record in Surrey by his long and valued ringing career. Born in 1830 near Cheltenham, he had already become an accomplished ringer, when, at 19 years of age, he first settled at Streatham, and very soon was in constant touch with the ringing towers of the surrounding neighbourhood. The writer well remembers the leading part he took in educating young ringers, and generally by example and perseverance, helping much to advance in every way the true principles of change ringing. His leadership was recognised, and much encouragement given to the art on all important local occasions. When ringing took place, Mr. Greenwood was a leading factor, and many have been the tributes to his ability and resource, for he was the recipient of several testimonials and expressions of appreciation from Streatham and Gloucestershire.

He was a member of College Youths and other ringing societies. He was one of the founders of the Surrey Association in 1880, and remained a valued member until his death. His peals numbered about 50, 26 being for the Surrey Association, eleven of which he conducted.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

AN APPEAL TO ROCHDALE BRANCH MEMBERS.

The usual monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday week at Shore Parish Church, but only four towers were represented by a small gathering, viz., Middleton, Todmorden Parish and Unitarian, and Newhey. There was no ringing in the afternoon.

At six o'clock, the business meeting took place, under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Smith, of Newhey, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Todmorden Parish Church, on Saturday, June 1st.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

The members of the Rochdale Branch are asked to bear in mind that such places as Shore, and a few others which are well known, are places where a good attendance of ringers is needed at meetings of the Association, as they are weak spots, and also that those ringers from the district who are in the army look forward to the monthly report (through the 'Ringing World') of the meetings.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Broxbourne on Saturday last, and those who attended quite enjoyed the time spent. The country around, in all its fresh greenness, and a sunny afternoon, added to the pleasure of the day. Some good ringing was enjoyed, Siedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major being the methods. Members were present from London, Hoddesdon, Cheshunt, Edmonton, Brannington, Chadwell Heath, Walthamstow, Peterborough, and Little Munden. Tea was served at 'The Welcome' and was followed by the business meeting.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting the use of the bells during the afternoon. The next meeting will be held at Bennington on June 1st.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields will be open for ringing after the meeting of the Central Council on Whit-Tuesday. The time will probably be 6.30, but this is not yet definite.

The bells of All Saints', Edmonton, will also be open to visitors. St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, will also be open from 6-8 p.m.

**ANOTHER 12-BELL CENTURY.**

By a peal rung last Friday week, Mr. Albi Walker, of Birmingham, has scored one hundred peals on 12 bells, and joins the little company who have achieved that distinction, and who can be numbered on the fingers of one hand. Mr. Walker's twelve-bell century comprises: 94 peals of Siedman Cinques (conducted 32), Treble Bob Maximus 3 (conducted 2), Forward Maximus 2, Bob Maximus 1.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

MORE ENTHUSIASM NEEDED.

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester District, fixed for Romsey on May 11th, resolved itself into a combined practice, owing to the small company who turned up on Saturday last. Unfortunately very little enthusiasm is shown in this district by a large number of the members who could very well spare three or four hours once in three months to help keep the flag flying whilst so many of our young ringers are away, especially considering these meetings are fixed officially by a majority at the annual district meetings each year. It is hoped the reason for so small an attendance last Saturday was in the fact that a hitch in making the arrangements prevented due notice being given in 'The Ringing World.'

On arriving at the Abbey the bellry was found locked up as if nothing was on. However, the Hon. General Secretary and the Rev. E. Banks James waited on the Vicar, when an entrance was soon obtained. Another delay then presented itself through the tenor rope being tied to the clapper for clocking, a thing it was hoped was of the past in the Diocese. However, keys were found for going aloft, and the rope removed, when Mr. Elecombe, the steepkeeper, arrived. The bells were soon raised, and well struck touches of Grandsire Triples brought round, in addition to a long touch of rounds for one of the young probationers. Then ringing was curtailed owing to illness near the Abbey, and the bells were lowered in peal (the effect of which is one of the beauties of this grand ring).

The majority of those present adjourned to the Abbey Hotel for tea, thanks to mine host in putting it on at such short notice, as 'no tea arranged' is the official order now for meetings, owing to the rationing Order.

As there was no business to transact and no official except the hon. general secretary present, a very sociable hour was enjoyed over the tea-table, when the cycling contingent left for their various destinations, Mr. James and his pupil having a distance of 23 miles to cover. The next meeting should take place at Twyford, near Winchester, on Saturday, August 31st next.

**WAR HONOUR FOR RINGER'S SON.**

His many friends in Lancashire will be pleased to learn that Mr. A. E. Wreaks' eldest son, Pte. A. E. Wreaks, of the East Lancs Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty on the field. Mr. Wreaks, who now resides at Paisley, was formerly secretary of the Lancashire Association. Describing his experiences in the recent German offensive Pte. Wreaks has written to his father that his section was in the front line, and that the shell fire was terrible and unbearable, but still his mind was bent on looking after the boys who were wounded and getting them to safety, amongst them being an officer who got hit during a bayonet attack. Rain fell heavily on some occasions, making the conditions much worse, and to walk or wade thigh deep in mud was an experience never to be forgotten. He was without a wash or shave for six days, but they were not down-hearted, because Fritz did not have all his own way. One night after getting one of the wounded through, one of their men shouted that there was a wounded German on the road, so Pte. Wreaks went out and brought him along. In the orders of April 12th the notice was published that Pte. Wreaks and another were recommended for the Military Medal, and later on the Colonel presented them with the ribbons, and congratulated them on their success. So far Pte. Wreaks has come through without a scratch. He enlisted at the beginning of December, 1914, but was not drafted to France till February, 1917.

Mr. Wreaks' other son joined the Scottish Horse in November, 1915, and was drafted to Salonica in September, 1916, and not long afterwards his unit was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.

**HOW GERMAN BELL FOUNDERS DO BUSINESS**

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

**MERSTHAM, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): H. Morley 1, Miss Orlebar 2, E. Atkins (conductor) 3, J. Morley 4, A. Wood 5, W. Francis 6.

**HESTON MIDDLESEX.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. A. Gladman 1, W. Emmett 2, H. C. Chandler 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. I. Edwards 5, E. R. Gladman 6, S. Carter (conductor) 7, W. J. Watson 8.

**PENDEETON.**—Lancashire Association.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): P. Smith 1, J. Shaw 2, G. Turner 3, J. Winterbottom 4, J. Lowe 5, S. Greenhalgh 6, H. Chapman (conductor) 7, A. Trippier 8.

**HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On Easter Day for Divine service in the evening, 1260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 57 mins.: M. Clark 1, S. J. Riddle 2, J. T. Holmes 3, F. Ekins 4, J. H. Clark 5, P. A. Holden (conductor) 6, W. Dickinson 7, A. Dixon 8. Ringers of 2nd and 6th belong to Royal Air Force, and are stationed at Cranwell.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—On Easter Day, for Matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. E. Johnson 1, W. P. Deane 2, T. Bettison 3, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. F. Ryles 6. Also for evensong, 720 Killamarsh Surprise: J. F. Ryles 1, J. E. Wheelton 2, T. Bettison 3, W. C. Lawrence (conductor) 4, F. T. Dawson 5, W. P. Deane 6, T. Bettison hails from Mansfield Woodhouse Notts.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Easter Day, for Matins, 882 Grandsire Triples: W. Sadler 1, G. Lindridge 2, E. P. Slade 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Rudkin 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. For evensong, on Sunday, within the octave, 1024 Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. Sadler 2, F. Webb 3, G. Melbourne 4, E. P. Slade 5, W. H. Dyson 6, W. H. Hammond 7, G. Lindridge 8.

**HORBURY, YORKS.**—At SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, on Easter Day, for early celebration, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor: G. Hunt 1, G. F. Pickles 2, G. Barstow 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, J. Smith 5, R. Thickett 6. For Choral Eucharist, 720 Bob Major: J. Woffenden 1, E. Brooke 2, G. F. Pickles 3, G. Hunt 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1284 changes), standing as above.

**SELBY.**—On Easter Monday, at the Abbey Church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was unfortunately lost after ringing 1330 changes, in 57 mins., by: A. Hall 1, Sergt. E. Morris, A.S.C. (conductor) 2, E. Storr 3, E. Rickitt 4, F. Cryer 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam 7, T. W. Robbins 8.—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Hall 1, J. Jackson 2, E. Storr 3, A. Hall 4, F. Cryer 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, G. Rippon 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On April 2nd, at St. Edmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins.: V. York 1, B. O. Soden 2, S. Lawrence 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, T. Law 5, F. Hopper 6, W. Rogers 7, J. Mackay 8. Rung on the occasion of the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Tomes, J.P., the donor of the bells.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Martin's Church, on Easter Tuesday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1265 changes), in 50 mins.: Geo. Cleal 1, Sam Cotton 2, H. Webb (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, H. Needham 4, E. Hughes 5, L. Allen 6, H. Argyll 7, F. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10; and a course of Treble Ten: H. Webb (first attempt at Royal) 1, S. Cotton 2, G. Cleal 3, H. Jenney 4, E. Hughes 5, H. Needham 6, H. Argyll 7, L. Allen 8, A. Martin 9, F. Dexter 10.

**CAERPHILLY.**—On April 4th, at St. Martin's Church, for evening service, and also as a farewell touch to the ringer of the fourth, who was joining up on the following Monday, 336 Triples: J. Roberts 1, W. Pike 2, G. Cooke 3, A. Addicott 4, D. Stephens 5, F. Boucher 6, F. Evans 7, W. Williams 8.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—At the Church of St. Nicholas, Skirbeck on Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: T. Coleman 1, Harold Palmer 2, A. Swain 3, Gnr. W. Welling 4, Harry Palmer (conductor) 5, J. Kirk 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, the band as before, W. Welling conducting.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday evening, April 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. G. Bennington 1, F. W. Richardson 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, Pte. W. E. Maulden, A.S.C. (Framlingham, Suffolk) 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, Arch Bennington 8.—On April 14th, 1918, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: T. A. Easterbe 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, Pte. W. E. Maulden, A.S.C., 5, L. Fidler, R.A.F. (Hit chin) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, Arch Bennington 8.

**LEWISHAM, KENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 14th, 1918, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. Cole (A.S.C., Bath Somerset) 1, G. R. Simmonds 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. Walker 4, W. W. Fox 5, C. V. Ebberson, A.S.C. (Fakenham, Norfolk) 6, H. Wainett (senr.) (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

**MOUNT SORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, a 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 120's called differently, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of Lieut. William Ewart Martin Lewis (killed in action) son of the Rev. W. J. Lewis (Vicar of Mount Sorrel): W. Jones 1, T. Collins 2, W. Hyde Inglesant (conductor) 3, E. Perkins 4, A. Kirshin 5, A. Burrows 6.

## NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Whit-Monday, May 20th. Bells available all day. Meeting in Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. Members must cater for themselves.—C. E. Borrett, Sec., 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Raunds on Whit-Monday, May 20th, 1918. Tower open at 12-noon, earlier if sufficient members are there to ring. Committee meeting at 1.30. Service in Church at 2 o'clock, meeting to follow. Tea will be provided, but members must bring their own food and sugar.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.**—The annual district meeting will be held on the Monday in Whitsun week, May 20th, at Margate.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.**—A meeting will be held at Poolstock on Whit-Monday. Bells ready at 2; service at 5; meeting at 5.30. Members intending to be present should send word to Secs.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Saffron Walden on Whit-Monday. Service at 2 p.m., address by Rev. L. Hughes, Vicar; business meeting to follow. The ring of twelve at the Parish Church will be available for ringing all day.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Whit-Monday, May 20th, 1918. Short service at 4 o'clock, address by the Vicar of Brighton (Canon F. D. Pierce), Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. in Parish Room, adjoining Church. Half railway fares without limit. Towers open as follows: St. Nicholas, 10.30 a.m. to 12, 6.30 p.m. to 8; St. Peter, 2 p.m. to 4, 6.30 p.m. to 8.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., 2, Kent View, Crowborough, Sussex.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Whit-Monday. The following towers will be available for ringing, viz.: Headcorn from 8 till 10; Biddenden from 10 till 2; and Tenterden from 3 till 8. A train leaves Headcorn for Biddenden at 10.15, another leaves Biddenden for Tenterden at 2.15, and one leaves Tenterden for Headcorn at 5.30 and connects with trains for London or Dover. Owing to the Food Control difficulty members are advised to bring their own nosebags.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).**—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice, on May 30th, and for general business on the 21st, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockeril, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Forest Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Huntley on Whit-Monday. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. till dusk. Business meeting will be held. Tea will be provided if obtainable. Subscriptions now due.—Joseph Williams, Hon. Sec., Glen Holm, Newent.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting of the Midland District will be held at Solihull on Saturday, May 25th, when it is hoped all ladies in the district will make an effort to attend. Bells (10) available at 3.30; service at 5.30. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head to all who notify me by Tuesday, May 21st, which will be followed by business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Miss S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, May 25th. Bells will be available from 3.30 p.m.; service at 6 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me at the latest by Tuesday, May 21st; will those intending to be present kindly do this so that necessary arrangements can be made?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Bennington, as usual on June 1st, when the bells will be open, by the invitation of Canon Mills, during the afternoon and evening. Canon Mills will kindly provide tea as far as provisions are procurable, but no sugar. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The June meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday the 1st. Eight bells. Clay Cross Station, Midland Railway. A good attendance is particularly desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mellons (Mon.) on Saturday, June 1st, at 4.30. Bells (6) available. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at Todmorden Parish Church. Bells ready from 3 o'clock; business meeting at 6, when the Vicar (Rev. S. Aspin) will preside.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting of the above guild will be held at the Parish Church, Slough, on Saturday, June 1st. All members and friends cordially invited. Fuller particulars next week.—E. K. Barker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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