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Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

### THE ASSOCIATIONS' PART.

In this column last week we emphasised the supreme importance of the Central Council coming into closer touch with the Exercise if it is to establish itself in a position of greater usefulness to ringers as a whole. That there has been a good deal lacking in this respect in the past is, we believe, very generally admitted. It is quite true that the Council can claim to be composed of the representatives of some 40 county, diocesan and other ringing organisations, but this does not necessarily mean that the ringers who constitute these various associations are linked up in any practical sense with the Council, nor does it imply that even the official portions of all these societies are seriously concerned with what the Council does.

As we have already pointed out, the fault by no means rests entirely on the Council. Much of it is due to the supineness of the large majority of ringers. It is comparatively seldom that one hears of a discussion taking place at a branch or district meeting of matters of general importance to an association. Such debates are left for annual general meetings, whereas preliminary discussion at the smaller meetings would often lead to a wider expression of opinion, and sometimes a more accurate gauge of the desires of the members. In the absence of discussions concerning the welfare of the associations themselves, it is not surprising that subjects of interest to the Exercise at large which could fittingly be sent on to the Central Council for consideration are seldom, if ever, forthcoming.

This is one of the points upon which we have often dwelt in the past. The associations which maintain the Council should be prepared to supply it with material for debate, and if only three or four subjects in a year could be placed on the agenda from the various societies—this surely is not much to ask from the two score organisations which are affiliated—there would be no lack of matter for the Council to discuss at its annual gatherings. On the other hand, there would still be much left to the initiative of the Council itself. It has unquestionably, as a body, neglected its opportunities in the past, for we are told that most of the motions on the agenda have been inspired from one source. The Council should make it their business to consider how best to bring the associations into fuller realisation of their opportunities and maintain an interest in the Council's doings. It ought not to be difficult to find some practical scheme which would bring the Council and the associations into closer co-operation, and the associations themselves might lead the way by discussing the subject and making recommendations to the Council before the next meeting. Suggestions would, we are sure, be welcomed by the Council, and would in themselves be the first step towards that co-operation to which we have referred. The Council is anxious to serve the Exercise, now is the opportunity for the Exercise to say how it can best be served.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1918, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

BENJAMIN THORP ... .. Treble	HERBERT HAIGH... .. 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 2	FRANCIS BARKER... .. 6
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH... .. 7
WILLIAM JOYCE ... .. 4	GEORGE A. C. NETTLETON Tenor

\* Composed by WILLIAM SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by THOMAS B. KENDALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. F. E. Sykes, of Marsden, the mother of Mr. Joe E. Sykes.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1918, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH... .. 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. 6
WALTER H. PERRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 7
JOHN BLAKE ... .. 4	LOUIS FRENCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the 53rd birthday of His Majesty the King.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1918, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs.

GEORGE R. SIMMONDS... .. Treble	WILLIAM W. FOX ... .. 5
CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. MARTIN... .. 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	HERBERT G. GOODWIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Lance-Corporal M. R. Warnett, of the Royal West Kent Regiment, and a member of this tower, who fell in action in France on May 16th, 1918.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 8, 1918, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	FRED GRUNDY ... .. 5
ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. 6
GEORGE ASTBURY ... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
JOHN POTTER ... .. 4	WILLIAM JONES... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RIDYARD.

\* First peal as conductor. † First peal with Bob bell.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late J. H. Ridyard, who was a member of this company for 40 years, and who died on June 2nd; he was interred at this church on June 6th.

The ringers of 1 and 2 hail from Miles Platting, 3 from Stockport, 4 from Walkden, 7 from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest are of the local company.

EDGBASTON.—At the Old Church recently for Divine service, 720 Double Oxford Minor: J. Johnson 1, A. Chambers 2, W. Bryant 3, G. Pigott 4, J. Eaton 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Webb 1, W. Bryant 2, T. Elcox 3, J. Eaton 4, G. Pigott 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Easter Day, after morning service, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes, composed by A. Pitman), in 88 mins.: S. Coley 1, J. B. Collett 2, J. Porter 3, A. E. Norman 4, W. F. Webb 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, J. George 7, T. Pearce 8.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Day, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: S. Coley 1, J. George (composer) 2, J. Porter 3, J. B. Collett 4, A. E. Norman 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, June 7, 1918, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL... ..1-2 | HERBERT LANGDON ... ..5-6  
 CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... ..3-4 | ALFRED B. PECK ... ..7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREN.

This was A. B. Peck's 200th peal.

CHESTERFIELD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Sunday, June 9, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT 42, FOLIAMBE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

GEORGE HOLLIS ... ..1-2 | WILLIAM J. THYNG ... ..5-6  
 3rd WTR. C. GLENN, R.N. ...3-4 | ALBERT H. WARD ... ..7-8  
 ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ..9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

**A FALSE RUMOUR.**

DESTRUCTION OF MANUSCRIPTS UNTRUE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has come to my ears, from a reliable source, that a rumour is being circulated among ringers in East Suffolk and Norfolk that the historical ringing books and manuscripts of the late Samuel Slater have been burnt. This I beg leave to say is entirely false. They are still intact just as he left them, and they are in my possession. I hope those who have been busy circulating these rumours will cease from doing so, as we have not burnt anything of any value, and do not intend to do so. It is our intention, when we feel disposed to part with them, to offer the Norfolk manuscripts to Norwich, and the Suffolk books and manuscripts to Ipswich, where I hope they will be kept so that they can be referred to at any time.

We (myself and mother), in whose possession the books and papers are, strongly repudiate the accusation made against us, and we hope that this letter will put an end to these false and unfounded rumours, and we hope that those who have been forward in publishing these false reports will acknowledge their faults like men. Thanking you for the space I have taken up in your valuable paper.—Yours truly,

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Hunt's Hill, Glensford, Suffolk.  
 June 8th, 1918.

**MISS PARKER'S 100 PEALS.**

Miss E. K. Parker is the first lady to reach the 'century' in peal ringing. This she accomplished the other day, and the following is the list of her performances:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
	Rung. Cond.	Rung. Cond.
Grandsire Triples	3 2	8 1
Stedman Triples	15 11	
Bob Major		4
Little Bob Major		1
Canterbury Pleasure Major		1
Kent Treble Bob Major		2
Duble Norwich Court Bob Major	3	
Superlative Surprise Major	17 11	
Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3 7	
London Surprise Major	16 10	
Bristol Surprise Major	2	
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	
Gloucester Surprise Major	1 1	
Cumberland Delight Major	1 1	
Grandsire Caters		4
Stedman Caters	1 1	1
Bob Royal		1
Kent Treble Bob Royal		1
Forward Royal	1	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Stedman Chiques	3 2	3
	74 48	26 1

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

SUCCESSFUL MONMOUTHSHIRE MEETING.

Favoured with beautiful summer weather, members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association wended their way to St. Mellons (Mon.), on Saturday week where a quarterly meeting was held. The attendance was good, and the first visitors to put in an appearance were some half-dozen members of the Llanelly tower, Breconshire, who had cycled about thirty miles to be present. These, too, raised the bells, with the assistance of one enthusiastic member from the remote tower of Llangynydd, Glamorganshire, where, by the way, the present Vicar of St. Mellons was formerly Vicar. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were immediately rung, and by this time quite a number of ringers began to arrive from Newport, Cardiff, Penarth, Llandaff, Llantrisant, Caerphilly, Llanbradach, etc. At 4.30 a move was made to the vicarage lawn, where an excellent tea was in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar's wife and a lady friend. There was an abundance of everything, notwithstanding the regulations of the Fogal Controller, which proves that where there is a will to do anything there is always a way.

At the conclusion of the tea, the business meeting was held, the Vicar (the Rev. Stephen Jackson) presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. W. Bolton) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones). At the outset, the Vicar read the report, which appeared in a previous week's issue of the 'Ringing World,' of the fatal accident to Mr. John Cox, of Bridgend, and, after a few fitting remarks, asked all present to stand in silence for a few moments, as a last tribute to one who in the past had done so much in the interests of change ringing.

The representative to the Central Council (Mr. J. W. Jones) read his report of the meeting, and on the proposition of Mr. Bolton seconded by Mr. Dawe, was thanked for it. The letter was also read that had been sent out by the Central Council to the Bishops on the ringing of the bells.—The Chairman made some comments on this, and said if all the clergy of the country felt as he did, ringers need have no fear that there would be any curtailment of ringing.

The election of new members included the whole of the ringers at Bonvilstone and Bedwas, this bringing in two more towers to be affiliated to the Association.

The place for the next Monmouthshire meeting was discussed, Trevethin and Matherne being proposed, and on going to the vote, Matherne was carried by a large majority.

In replying to a vote of thanks, the Chairman mentioned that he hoped, when the war was over, the bells would be increased by two to complete the octave. Connected with the parish is also the Church of Llanderne, which contains a ring of five bells now in a state not fit to be rung. These, too, with the restoration of the church, when the war is over, are to have attention.

The Vicar of St. Mellons has a splendid record in the Llandaff Diocese for restoration work, which now includes two rings of bells and several churches. St. Mellons bells have been restored during his incumbency.

The bells were kept going until late in the evening, and a party was also formed to go to Marshfield to ring on the eight there. The meeting was most successful.

Mention must be made of Bedwas, where a new young band was formed, anxious to learn change ringing. Mr. Cook, of Caerphilly, has promised to give all the assistance he can.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On a glorious first of June day, a quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Martley. Though this place is situated several miles from a railway station, a good number of members attended. Alas! through the claims of war, the younger men were missing, but the old members were to be seen trundling bicycles toward, Martley, being in some cases the only remaining representative of their tower. The Rector of Martley had not only invited the ringers, but started the proceedings by raising the treble in peal, and taking part in the ringing afterwards. At service later on, the Rector preached from the 87th Psalm. Tea followed, served on the Rectory lawn, and was much appreciated.

At the business meeting a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Mr. B. S. Hill, of St. John's, Worcester, whose face was sadly missed. The writer never remembers him being absent from a quarterly meeting.

One new member was elected, and a quarterly peal is to be attempted at Martley, Mr. R. G. Knowles to be conductor.—The next meeting was fixed for St. Helen's, Worcester, in the autumn.—The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, organist and choir.

Before dispersing, a stroll had to be taken round the Rector's garden, which looked very flourishing, and though the Rector has well kept lawns, he may be seen at times in his shirt sleeves, working a piece of land, with the aid of his cob and implements, thus helping to provide food for the country.

Ringing was kept up till members had to make for their several homes, after a very pleasant and successful meeting.

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## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

### PRESENTATION AT NORTH WINGFIELD.

The meeting of the Sheffield and District and Old East Derbyshire Society on Saturday week was somewhat reminiscent of what we were accustomed to have in pre-war days. A glorious day, with the country looking its very best, was, perhaps, in some measure responsible for such a good attendance, some 60 ringers being present from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Bottisford, Beighton, Chesterfield, Eckington, Long Eaton, Mansfield Woodhouse, Handsworth, New Mills, Norton, North Wingfield, Sheffield Cathedral, and Staveley. The bells, which are a peal of eight of various dates, with a 16 cwt. tenor, were raised shortly after three o'clock, and kept in almost continuous use until 4.30, when, through the kindness of Canon C. J. Boden, the Rector, the whole company assembled on the rectory lawn beneath the—to many—familiar weeping ash tree, where a short business meeting was held, the usual routine being quickly disposed of, including the election of four new members.

Afterwards, the representative on the committee of the unattached members (the Rev. A. T. Beeston), in moving a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and grounds, sprang a little surprise on him in the way of asking his acceptance of a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, as a slight token from the members of the society of their gratitude for his many acts of kindness to them extending over a great number of years.—Mr. Beeston, in a happy little speech, spoke of the many occasions they had been entertained in those grounds to tea, and the freedom they had enjoyed in being allowed to indulge in games and roun at will about the garden, not forgetting the permission, always freely granted, to use the bells for peals or to practise any method desired. He reminded the Canon that by so doing he had helped in no small degree in furthering the advancement of the art of change ringing. A further surprise (that of Canon Boden had been preceded by the ringing of Superlative and London), and perhaps the happiest of all, was when Mrs. Boden was asked by Mr. Beeston to accept a copy of the Church Services, and wishing Canon and Mrs. Boden both a happy future in their new sphere of activity at Nuttall, Nottingham.

Mrs. Boden briefly thanked the ringers, and the Canon, in reply, apologised for not being able to provide a cup of tea owing to the circumstances, and times. He valued the present, and valued more the spirit which prompted it. He did not know anything about Surprise methods, as practised in the belfry, but they had taken him by surprise. He was very sorry to leave North Wingfield and its associations. Nuttall Church only possessed five bells, and if they cared to go over at any time they would be made as welcome as he and Mrs. Boden had tried to make them at Wingfield.

After the meeting the bells were again put in motion while others indulged in games or strolled around the grounds. The ringing included Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

The silver inkstand was supplied by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking, and was much admired.

## DEATH OF JAMES HENRY RIDYARD.

### ONE OF THE 'FIRST HUNDRED'

In the quiet churchyard at Worsley, on June 6th, were laid to rest the remains of James Henry Ridyard. The last sad office was read by the Rev. C. B. Hulton, Vicar, and the Rev. H. J. Elson (Bolton), President of the Association. Ringers to the number of about 20, representing eleven towers in the Manchester and Bolton branches, were present, eight of them acting as bearers. A course of Grand sire Triples was rung over the grave by: J. Eachus, J. W. Washbrook, S. Wood and H. Chapman. By special request of the family the tower bells were silent until they had returned to the house. Afterwards, as there was no time for a peal, touches were rung of Grand sire, Stedman and Treble Bob (all service time).

Born in 1857, the late Mr. Ridyard commenced ringing when the bells at Worsley were made into eight. Joining the society in 1878, he was amongst the spade workers, with his brothers Dick and Joe, and the Derbyshire family, all of whom are gone before him. His peal record was 94 in the standard methods, and Double Norwich and Erin, many of which he conducted. Most of his peals were rung locally, Worsley being the home of Double Norwich in the district, he rung in a number of peals in that method. His first peal was rung on January 16th, 1882. There are only two remaining of that band now. His last was on May 15th, 1915, on the occasion of the birth of Lord Brackley, son and heir to the Earl of Ellesmere, for whom he worked all his life.

Deceased was taken ill in September, 1916, and has not been to work since, having suffered a great deal during the latter months. He was number 100 on the first list of the Lancashire Association, a number which has dwindled down to 13 survivors. Now we leave him, laid among his brother ringers, within the sound of the bell, of his Parish Church, of St. Mark, which he loved so well.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 182.)

### CO-OPERATION OF CLERGY WANTED.

In the discussion which ensued, Mr. A. T. King thought the hon. secretary had shown them one way in which matters might be improved, viz., by reading a paper. He thought it would help the Council very much if these papers were always forthcoming from capable persons who would have time to prepare them in order that they might be circulated beforehand among the members of the Council to enable them to make up their minds on any particular question. They had suffered very much in the past from the absence of some such method as this, for sometimes people brought forward something very scientific, and somebody else, equally scientific, ventured to contradict what had been said, and without the details before them they were unable to fully appreciate the arguments. But they were not mostly fools, and if they were not all practical ringers, they were men in the street able to compare one thing with another, and form a very good impression of what was right and what was wrong. It would shorten their debates if the papers were printed and distributed, and where there were now only a few ready to reply they would find almost everybody able to say something because they would have had time to think over the subject. The paper which had been read was a very admirable one, but there was one thing left out. Whatever they did as a Council they could put very little of it into operation, except with the co-operation of the clergy. As long as the clergyman was a ringer he knew the needs of ringers better than anybody else, and was able to sympathise with them. But there were many persons who were very "hot stuff," and if they were talked to about what they should have in their belfry they very soon let people know that they would have no interference whatever. Among men of this type there was too much neglect of the ringers, and he had had the greatest difficulty in many places in getting the parson to arrange for someone to attend in the belfry, when the ringers assembled, to open the proceedings with a simple prayer. They would not do it simply because it was suggested to them, and out of the number of little belfry offices which he had printed and distributed throughout the towers of Middlesex, he doubted if they would find half a dozen in their place in the belfry. He thought there was something about this that needed thinking over. They could not do or say anything as a Council that would come into conflict, so to speak, with the clergy, but if they were to be made better men as well as better ringers, they must try to enlist from the clergy more of the guiding hand.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall suggested that one improvement in the Council's methods which might be introduced was to fix a time-table for their business.

### DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE BELFRY.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said one of the most entirely useful ways in which the Council could employ itself was precisely that illustrated by the letter written to the Bishops last year. It appeared to him that the very first object of the Council should have been the defence of the rights of the belfry. They lived in times when legislative interference had reached a pitch unknown in this country for a century. Owing to the action taken by the Standing Committee last year, they escaped a threatening position by which their rights might have been arbitrarily curtailed, because it was often easy for a small but noisy section of the community to get their views considered, and there was no knowing at what moment there might not be a further outbreak of hostility to the activities of ringers and for practical expression to that hostility to be shown by forcibly restricting the activities of ringers by legislation. The ground on which the rights of the belfry might be upheld and such encroachment most vehemently resisted was that ringing was an essential part of the rights of the Catholic Church and that no secular authority whatever had any right, without incurring the charge of sacrilege, to attempt to curtail the proper use, under the directions of the Bishops and clergy, of the church bells. Provided that the Council, together with the authorities of the church—who, he trusted, would be more and more drawn into harmony with the Council in this connection—took their stand strongly and immovably upon this ground, he thought they would have little to fear from any attempts at interference from Parliamentary or local authorities. But if once they allowed themselves to take their stand on any lower ground than that they would have lost their first line of defence. To his mind, the Council could do the greatest good, not only in the interests of the ringing section of the community, but thereby of the church at large, the Established Church of England which is the ringing church of the world, by being always on the alert to use whatever powers it could to uphold the principle of the uses of the bells on the solemn feasts of the church, and in giving voice to the joy and thanksgiving of the nation on proper occasions as one of the immemorial rights of the church itself, which was in itself a religious observance, and, as such, any secular attempt to interfere with it was simply to incur a charge of religious persecution and sacrilege. Some steps should be taken to put the Council and the Standing Committee in a stronger position to deal with this matter, and to be ready at any moment with the utmost facility of communi-

cation and action to take up the cause of the belfries against any attempt that might be made on the part of secular authority to encroach on the rights of the Church to the use of her own bells.

Mr. J. W. Taylor said he did not think they could come to any sort of decision that day; it was too big a matter to vote on at once, and he would like to see the subject adjourned until the next meeting.

Canon Baker supported this suggestion so that the members might have further opportunity of considering the hon. secretary's paper. He hoped it would be printed and circulated and then brought up again next year.

### GETTING AT THE CLERGY.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall said the one thing they wanted to be able to do was to get at the clergy who at present did not take an interest in ringing. He suggested the Council might issue to the clergy, who had bells under their control, a statement of the objects of the Council, so that they might know where to apply for advice, and what kind of advice could be given them. By that means the influence of the Council might spread further than it did.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards suggested that whatever was issued should be communicated also to the heads of theological colleges so that it might reach the clergy before they were ordained.

The Hon. Secretary said the Rev. C. C. Marshall's suggestion was much to the point, but it would involve a large expense, first in regard to printing and then for postage, and then there would also be the question where were they to get the list of clergy? He thought the only way for this to be done was through the secretaries of affiliated associations, who should undertake to distribute as many copies as they had towers in their districts.

Mr. King asked whether it would not save trouble and expense if those who were responsible for association reports were asked to print it in the reports, and make a present of a copy to the clergy wherever there were bells.

Canon Baker said he once sent a valuable print issued by the Council to every incumbent in his Archdeaconry who had bells under his control, but it had no effect.

Mr. F. Wilford said he had written to 30 clergymen in his Association's district about a matter connected with ringing, and had only two replies.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee thought the suggestion to approach the clergy would be best carried out through the Associations, as, speaking for his diocese, he knew that more notice was taken of matters that came from the diocesan organisations than from a central body in London. He was not sure that it was the function of the Council. The Council was to be a connecting link between the different associations, and an official body for them all, but he did not think that it was intended that the Council should come into direct relations with all the parish clergy and all the towers. The associations connected with it were to be the intermediaries. Of course, the Council had done most valuable work, especially, perhaps, in its earlier days in printing and circulating information about bells and belfries. He had no doubt that the "Report on Bells and Belfries" had done not a little to improve their condition, but he thought the Council would be rather losing its true opportunity of service, if it tried to deal directly with all the parishes, and not through the associations who sent members to it.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall said he did not want to rule that method out of his suggestion. He did not mind, so long as the object was reached, how they got there. He quite agreed that the associations should be the means by which the work of the Council should be made known not only to ringers, but to the clergy, who at present did not take much interest in ringing.

### COUNCIL OUT OF TOUCH.

The Rev. F. J. Helmore said the secretaries of associations did get into touch with some of the clergy, and they found as a rule that they were favourably disposed towards them, but they all knew there were hundreds of subjects that came before the clergy, and unless they had a leaning towards ringing they could not take a practical interest in the art. He was perfectly ready to bring before them, through his association's report, some of the work of the Council, and he hoped the clergy would thereby be edified. He had always found, when the existence of the Council was mentioned to bishops or clergy, that they were intensely delighted to hear there was such a body. It was quite wrong to believe clergy were not favourably disposed towards ringers. From his experience he knew many bishops and clergy were well disposed towards them, although they did not take much practical interest in the art.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said when he was in the North, belonging to the Durham and Newcastle Association, they always used to have a report from their representatives on the Council, and he knew of some other associations who did the same, but he thought it would be a very useful thing if all associations looked for a report from their representatives and had it on the agenda at their annual meetings.

The Chairman said in the Oxford Guild he had done that for the last 25 years, and it was always received with great interest.

Mr. Hoppood: I'm afraid that's due to the way you put it (laughter).

Lieut. O. F. Johnston said it seemed to him that all the arguments tended to one thing, that the associations were not enough in touch

with the Central Council. Was there no way by which secretaries of County Associations and Diocesan Guilds could be in direct touch, say, once in three months, with the secretary of the Central Council? Until the Council kept in touch with the associations, learned their little troubles, compared notes, and gave their assistance, the Council would always have great difficulties.

Mr. F. Hopgood said there was one thing in the hon. secretary's paper with which he did not agree, and that was on the question whether they should be a legislative body or an advisory body. As an advisory body they were wasting their time. If they could make a thing compulsory they could make it a success, but when everyone was left to please himself, the result was failure.

The Hon. Secretary: How can you make it compulsory?

Mr. Hopgood: I don't quite know (laughter). But if we can't do that, my opinion is that we are absolutely useless.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable and successful meeting of the London County Association was held on Saturday last, at the Church of St. Mary, Mortlake. The delightful weather no doubt contributed to the good attendance of members, numbering nearly 40, from all parts of the Metropolis. Ringing was carried on from 5 to 8.30 p.m. without a break, every well-known method being practised.

A business meeting followed, which was held in the Vestry adjoining the church, and was also well attended, the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, presiding.

Sympathetic reference was made to the loss the Exercise had recently sustained by the death of two well-known London ringers, Messrs. J. Barry and C. Lee, the latter for many years a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company.

The hon. secretary was requested to write a letter of condolence in the name of the Association to their relatives.

A letter was read from Mrs. W. Truss acknowledging the letter sent by the hon. secretary on the receipt of the sad news of the death of her husband, Mr. W. Truss, recently killed in France.

News had been received that Spr. R. F. Deal, R.E., who had contracted trench fever whilst serving in France, was now in a military hospital at Lincoln.

A statement of the business conducted at the Central Council meeting, on Whit-Tuesday, was made by the Master for the information of members.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Mary's for permission to ring there, and for their kindness in placing the Vestry at the disposal of the ringers, also to Mr. T. Pullen (steepkeeper) for his pains in having everything in readiness.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday July 13th, notice of which will appear in the 'Ringing World.'

### LEWISHAM RINGER KILLED

News has been received by the parents of the death of Lieut.-Corpl. M. B. (Mickie) Warnett, of the Royal W. Kent Regt. (1/20th County of London). He joined up on August 15th, 1914; trained at Hatfield, and proceeded to France March 9th, 1915, his first day in the trenches being Good Friday. He had taken part in many engagements, and was at Loos, in September, 1915, where his regiment captured the two guns, which are now at Blackheath. He was the second son of Mr. Harry Warnett, the well-known and respected captain of the Lewisham tower.

On Sunday morning, May 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, by: H. Warnett, senr., 1. C. H. Walker 2. E. J. Pannett 3. G. R. Simmonds 4. H. Warnett, junr., 5. H. Walker 6. W. W. Fox (conductor) 7. H. G. Goodwin 8.

### OXFORD GUILD.

On Saturday last, at the summer meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, about 30 members spent a most enjoyable afternoon at Bucklebury. Some good practice was made on the handy peal of eight, and a very nice ten was provided on the Vicarage lawn by the kindness of the Rev. E. M. and Mrs. Thorp, and other friends. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were brought round, the longest being 504 Stedman Triples by: Canon Coleridge 1. W. Hibbert 2. C. W. Davis 3. Miss S. Davis 4. J. Hands 5. R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 6. H. Tucker 7. ex-Sergt.-Major Hibbert 8.

### WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, June 1st, the wedding of Miss Erica Bowen Cooke (third daughter of Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, C.B.E., Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild) and Capt. A. D. Robinson, A.S.C., M.T. (son of the Rev. E. Robinson, Rector of Glengary, Kingston), took place at St. Pancras Church, Euston. To celebrate the event, an attempt was made by the Crews ringers for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which came to an abrupt conclusion through the breaking of a rope. Time not permitting another attempt, after repairing the rope, short touches of Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung.

## NOTICES.

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at Wath on June 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock till 9. Business meeting to be held in the Institute. Subscriptions now due, and to be paid to Frank Willey, Vice-President and Sec. (*pro tem.*), 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and six bell contest will be held at Meltham, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 15th, 1918. Tenor 13½ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3.45 p.m.—F. Salmon, Sec., 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are holding a meeting for practice (by kind permission) at St. John's Parish Church, Windsor, on Saturday, June 15th, at 6.30 p.m.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., on June 18th for general business, and on the 27th for handbell practice, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual Guild festival will be held at Winchester on Saturday, June 22nd. The Cathedral bells will be available from 11 a.m.; annual meeting, 2.15 p.m., at St. Maurice's Hall; service at Cathedral 4 p.m.; tea 5 p.m. Half rail fares and half cost of tea allowed for those attending annual meeting. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by the 18th.—George Williams, Hon. General Sec., West End, near Southampton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Northwram on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. until 9; tea at 5.30 p.m., members to bring their own rations, cups of tea will be provided; business meeting immediately after. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the South-Eastern Division will be held at Boreham on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 6 o'clock till 9; business meeting during the evening.—F. W. Edwards, Writtle.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 4; service at 5.30; meeting at 6.—Rev. E. E. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston (Stourbridge) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.; service in the Church at 5; business meeting in the School after the service.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, June 22nd, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock till 9. Tea 1/- each, to all who let me know by June 19th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**LAVENHAM.**—The tower will open for ringing on Saturday, June 22nd, from 12.30 p.m. till sunset. Cycles can be left in the tower entrance, west end.—A. Symonds.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available at 3; service in church, with address by Rev. J. A. Burton, at 4.45; tea and general meeting at "Littleton Arms" Hotel at 5.30. Tickets for tea will be 1/- for fully-paid members who send names by Tuesday, 25th inst., to others 1/6.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Quorn on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 2 o'clock; committee meeting at 4.30; tea (1/- each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in the National Schools. It is important that those who intend being present for tea should notify Mr. A. Burrows, Cotesdale, Quorn, not later than the previous Thursday morning.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 6th. Particulars to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, July 6th, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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