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### THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

In its methods of management, the Winchester Diocesan Guild has always been one of the best organised ringing associations in the country, and the changes which were effected at the annual meeting, small as they really were in detail, will, we have no doubt, go a step further towards improving the position of the Guild and tightening the bonds which unite the towers in this big diocese, which covers not only the whole of Hampshire, but a considerable portion of the populous county of Surrey, as well as the Isle of Wight. In making the Bishop of Winchester president instead of patron, the prelate will be brought into a position of more active touch with not the least important of his diocesan organisations, and he has already in various ways shown himself interested in the Guild.

Next, the reorganisation of offices by elevating to the position of Vice-President; the Rev. C. E. Matthews, whose intense interest in and good work for the Guild, spread over a period of a quarter of a century, has done so much to promote the welfare of the organisation and maintain its unity, and electing as its Master, Mr. George Williams, who for some years has been general hon. sec. and who is one of the most accomplished members of the Exercise, will strengthen the Guild by maintaining the administrative powers of its executive, and extending the scope of its practical energies. In securing the Rev. Sir John Herschel as hon. secretary, the Guild has been fortunate in finding a member of the Church whose interest in the Guild has been shown in many ways and whose position will add to the dignity of the office which he has undertaken.

Had the Guild done nothing more than effect these changes in its organisation when it met for its annual meeting, it might well have been satisfied with the proceedings, but it crowned an excellent day's work by launching its war memorial scheme in a manner that was fully worthy of the Guild and of the cause. With the hearty sanction of the Dean and Chapter, two more bells are to be added to the present peal of ten at the Cathedral and a tablet recording the names of the fallen members is to be erected in the Mother Church. Towards the estimated cost of £300, the Guild has voted £100 out of its reserve funds, and so given an impetus to the scheme that should make for its early and complete success. The balance of £200 that remains to be raised is not an insignificant sum, but the spirit in which the scheme has been launched leaves little room for doubt that the members will consummate the task which is before them, and honour their comrades, who went out from the belfries of the diocese,

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in the cause of right and justice, to die upon the battlefields of the world, in a manner befitting an organisation of the importance of the Winchester Guild. The proposal in itself provides sufficient commendation, and the general appeal to ringers in the diocese and non-resident members has, we are sure, only to be made to be heartily and readily responded to.

### PEACE PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 9
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
*ARTHUR MASON ... .. 6	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal on 12 bells. The above was W. J. Nudds' 50th peal on 12 bells. Rung to celebrate the proclamation of Peace.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2	*GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 6
*ALBERT HILL ... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
GORDON CHECKETTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 8
*JOSEPH BRETTELL ... .. 4	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 9
*WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5	JOSEPH SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. PAGE.

\* First peal of Royal. Believed to be the first peal of Bob Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the signing of the Peace Treaty.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

THOMAS WESTCOTT, A.S.C. Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	6
WALTER H. MARSH ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT, R.E.	7
WARREN HORN BROOK, R.G.A. 3	ERNEST W. MARSH, R.G.A.	8
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... .. 4	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 9	
JOSEPH WOODLEY, R.N.R. 5	FRANCIS PERSE, DEVON...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

GEORGE MARRINER ... .. Treble	JOHN WHITE ... .. 6	
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 2	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7	
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3	STAFF-SGT. ALBERT HARMAN	8
WILLIAM E. OTWAY ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 9	
JOHN WYATT ... .. 5	WILLIAM LYNCH ... .. Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

Rung as a Thanksgiving peal for Peace, and was the 160th peal for both Messrs. Dean and Winch.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*J. WERTHINGTON ... .. Treble	F. RIGBY ... .. 5
*T. GROUNDS ... .. 2	†E. BIRCHALL ... .. 6
J. BOOTH ... .. 3	J. W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
A. SEDDON ... .. 4	*R. URMSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

The ringer of the 5th is from Chorley, the rest belong to the local band. The ringers of treble and tenor were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH ... .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 5
PERCY W. CAVE ... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

At the conclusion, the Vicar entered the tower and congratulated the band, particularly Mr. Harry Chapman on scoring his 400th peal, and promised that a suitable record of the peal would be placed in the church.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*P.C. FREDK. RIDGWELL ... Treble	WALTER BURST ... .. 5
JAMES FLUETY ... .. 2	HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 6
*JOHN TURNER ... .. 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7
*ROBERT FLUETY ... .. 4	†WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. P.C. F. Ridgwell was re-elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

The peal was in progress while Peace was actually being signed.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHANNATHAN WHEWELL ... Treble	JAMES SHAW ... .. 5
*MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 6
*MISS ELLEN SHAW ... .. 3	†JAMES TOMLINSON ... .. 7
†JACK BARNES ... .. 4	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.  
Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung in celebration of the signing of the Peace Treaty, and to welcome home from the Colours W. Riley, a former ringer, after 4 years and 2 months' service. Probably these are the first two Lancashire ladies to ring a peal of Major.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb. in F.

LESLIE ALLISON ... .. Treble	ARTHUR CHURCH ... .. 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. 2	HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 6
PERCY TIMSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH ROOTE ... .. 7
WILLIAM ALLEN ... .. 4	SIDNEY LEITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28th, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently, and contains the possible 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN NEAL ... .. Treble	JAMES OSBORN ... .. 4
JOHN W. LAKE ... .. 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
ALBERT E. LARKINSON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band. Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace. "Go" was called at 3.38 p.m. and "that is all" 6.36 p.m.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BEVAN ... .. Treble	EDWARD SUMMERS ... .. 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 5
JOHN CLARK ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

COALEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

42 SIX-SCORES. Tenor 14 cwt.

OLIVER HIGGINS ... .. Treble	ALBERT H. CARTER ... .. 4
PERCY C. BROWN ... .. 2	JAMES L. SMITH ... .. 5
CHARLES OLPIN ... .. 3	ETHELBERT HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. CARTER.

First peal by any member of the Band. First peal on the bells. Rung as a Victory peal.

HALSE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

*WILLIAM CREWS ... .. Treble	JOHN WYATT ... .. 4
GILBERT JONES ... .. 2	ALBERT TOUT ... .. 5
WILLIAM CLAPP ... .. 3	WILLIAM SEALEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

\* First attempt. The ringers of 1st and 3rd are local men, 2nd from Chipstable, 4th from Fitzhead, 5th from Milverton, 6th from Bishop's Lydeard.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty.



MALDON.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In the following methods: 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ... .. Treble	GEORGE WM. MANSFIELD ... 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
ALFRED J. PRAKE ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... .. 5
EDWIN YATES ... .. 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

HANDBELL PEAL.  
SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1919, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES BRAGG ... .. 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 5-6
HARRY BRAGG ... .. 3-4	HUBERT SHEPHERD ... .. 7-8

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Rung to commemorate the Signing of Peace.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GEORGE OAKES ... .. Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 5
MISS W. M. HAGUE ... .. 2	ALFRED T. BAKER ... .. 6
COLIN RYDER ... .. 3	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR HAGUE ... .. 4	WM. WARBURTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

SWINDON, WILTS.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(SWINDON PARISH CHURCH GUILD.)

On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

HERBERT W. BISHOP ... .. Treble	THOMAS RICKETTS ... .. 5
ALFRED LAWRENCE ... .. 2	THOMAS ROBINSON ... .. 6
ROBERT W. HYSER ... .. 3	SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 7
ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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### THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The following letter from Canon Papillon was read:—

The Literature Committee has, I understand, no report to lay before the Council. It has done nothing and is, I fear, as much open to the charge of 'idly-dahying from year to year' as any of our committees. For this inaction I accept my share of responsibility, only remarking that, so far as my memory serves, there has been no summons to a meeting of the committee, nor has any one of us been responsible as chairman or convener for calling it together. If the Council decides to reappoint the committee I should like to suggest:—

(1) That its 'reference' be widened, with a corresponding change of title, e.g., 'Literature and Press Committee,' 'Literature and Propaganda (or Publicity) Committee.'

(2) That one of its members be named as Chairman or Convener, responsible for summoning the Committee, for arranging its agenda and for drawing up an annual report to the Council.

(3) That general instructions be given to the Committee to make all possible use of the 'Press' (in the widest sense of that term) for spreading knowledge or correcting misapprehension about ringing matters. In this connection the Council might well authorise a subscription on its behalf to one of the Press cutting agencies, so that attention may be called to any published statement which seems to need correction, contradiction or confirmation.

In conclusion, I must ask to be relieved of my seat on the committee on the ground of advanced age. It has been a pleasure to use my pen, so far as opportunity has offered, for the cause that we all have at heart, but the time comes when no more work can be done.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said he was unwilling to take any share of the blame attached to the committee. Since his appointment he had not heard a single word from any members of the committee.

The President said the difficulty seemed to have arisen because the Council left each committee to appoint its own chairman, and there was no one responsible for convening the committee for the purpose. He thought in future, in appointing committees, the Council should ask one member of each committee to convene the committee for the first time, and then the committee as its first business should elect its own chairman.

The Rev. H. Law James: 'There is one difficulty about that, and that is that the committees never do meet. The work is done through the post, and if a chairman is elected the election would have to be done through the post.'

Mr. A. T. King said the Peals Analysis Committee never had met. They had done their work, he thought, fairly well, but they certainly did appoint a chairman, and they considered it the chairman's duty to inform the other members of the committee what was wanted, and who had to supply it, and ultimately somebody wrote the report. When he was a member of the former committee on 'Rules for an Association,' the late secretary was chairman, and he circulated the papers upon which the members made their own observations. The papers then went back to the Chairman, who compiled the report. By that means, at least, harmony reigned supreme, and it worked very well. With regard to the Literature Committee, he knew that a great deal of work had been done, and it was valuable and it ought to be got at some way or another, but how to get it, well—ask him another.

### STILL WAITING FOR MR. DANIELL.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, it was agreed that Canon Papillon's letter be accepted in place of the report of the committee.

Canon Elsee said Canon Papillon's letter contained suggestions of great value. He thought the committee should be a living committee, and suggested they might strengthen it by the addition of one or two members to it. He thought they ought to adopt the idea of having press cuttings, and so keeping in touch with what was being said in the Press about bells and ringing, and how public opinion was being formed in different places. He proposed that the Council should subscribe to a Press Cutting Agency.

Mr. G. P. Burton, in seconding, spoke of the wrong impressions which were often created by erroneous reports in the Press, and remarked that if it were known that there was an authoritative source from which information could be obtained, the daily papers would be only too glad to avail themselves of it.

The question was raised as to obtaining from Mr. R. A. Daniell the material which he has been compiling, and as to whether it was his private property or the property of the Council.

The President said he did not think they could compel Mr. Daniell to produce it. A report had not been presented, and he thought he could say the material did not belong to the Council.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that the president should approach Mr. Daniell and ask for it.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews: May I make it stronger and suggest that from the whole Central Council we have a proposal asking him to hand over the records which he has to the President.

The Rev. H. Law James: If the President will undertake it in his nice quiet way, I think he will get it for us. If he cannot do it I am perfectly sure no one else can.

This suggestion was agreed to. It was also resolved that the title of the Committee be in future 'The Literature and Press Committee,' and that the Council subscribe to a Newspaper Cutting Agency.

Canon Elsee proposed the addition to the committee of the hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), but Mr. Jenkyn asked to be allowed to withdraw, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews was added to the committee, and asked to act as convener. The Council also decided to adopt Canon Papillon's suggestion to make the widest use of the Press.

#### THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

Mr. A. T. King moved the adoption of the Report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which has already been published. He said the committee would like to know whether the Council would like to revert to the former practice and settle the order of the Associations in the table according to the number of points, or whether they should continue to publish them in alphabetical order. He was afraid if they started a discussion on points they would not finish before it was time to go home, but the committee would like to know the feeling of the Council. While very few peals were rung last year up to that day the peals reported in the 'Ringing World' as having been rung in the first five months of this year were 275. Of those, 24 were on handbells, and 251 on tower bells. The ladies, as they always did, were coming to the fore. Miss Parker had already rung three peals, Miss Olive Lunley three peals, Miss Ellen Johnson, Miss Hague and Miss Steele two peals each, and there were 17 other ladies who had each taken part in one peal. He thought, therefore, it was going to be what they might call a ladies' year. He thought the peals rung this year would make it worth while, if the Council saw fit to direct it, to apply the points which they took so much trouble to settle in 1913.

Mr. G. Williams seconded the report, which was adopted. The President said they not only accepted the report, but he was expressing the views of the Council when he said they were deeply indebted to the committee, as to the other committees, for the great amount of trouble and valuable time they had given in the work.

On the motion of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, it was resolved to continue to publish the analysis of peals in the alphabetical order of the associations.

#### TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said, on behalf of the Towers and Belfries Committee, he had practically nothing to report. In only one case was he asked personally for advice. He suggested, however, that if members of the Council came across any case where a bigoted architect was interfering with the proper method of hanging bells, he should write to the committee giving the fullest possible particulars in order to allow them to investigate the matter with a view, if possible, to removing any false impression the architect might have.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said with regard to new towers there was one point he had noticed in which architects failed more than in any other, and that was they seldom made proper provision for the ringers to stand at a reasonable level below the bells. In many cases they were on the ground floor with a tremendous length of rope to handle, and in other towers they stood just below the bells, with the sallies sometimes running round the wheels. That was a matter in which the committee might do very good work for ringers by trying, in the case of new towers, to secure that proper provision should be made to place the ringing floor at a suitable level below the bells.

#### BELLS OF BELGIUM.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said he had to report almost a blank, so far as the committee on the Bells of Belgium was concerned. It was left to him largely to act as convener of the committee, but he had been so occupied by important business, and then he was unfortunately ill, that he simply had not had one moment, except coming down in the train from Scotland on the previous day, to apply himself to ringing matters. He did not want to let this matter drop, however. He quite agreed that the claims of the homeland should come first, and that any claim for a local war memorial should have precedence. At the same time he did hope it would ultimately be found possible that the ringers of England should put some bell or bells into Belgium, and he hoped it would take the form of a memorial to the ringers who were killed in that country. He suggested they should let the committee carry on with its original instructions, and consult the associations. He hoped in a very short time to be able to get reliable information of the amount of thefts and destruction of bells in Belgium. When he got that, he would, he hoped, get the committee to send a circular to the secretaries of Associations, and take such action as they thought fit, if the Council approved of that course.

Canon Elsee said they were really waiting for the accurate information as to the state of the bells of Belgium before they could act. He understood from Mr. Lewis that that information would now very soon be forthcoming.

Mr. J. A. Trollops said from what he personally knew of the losses of bells, and that was mostly in France, although he supposed it would be the same in the war area in Belgium, where the old line ran churches had simply ceased to exist. When they got beyond Cambrai and into the area of the more open warfare, artillery had to select a prominent object for their ranging, and a church spire was one of the best marks they could have. The result was that towers were down or spires were hit. Further on he had heard bells in the churches, so it was not right that the Bosches stripped everyone of the churches. He went up one belfry tower. There were pits for two bells. The big one was there, but the smaller was gone. It seemed to be usual in France to have two bells, so that probably one had been taken. In Valenciennes Cathedral he heard but one bell and a thing that may have had some bearing on what had happened there was that there were two organs, one at the east end and one at the west, and in both cases the metal pipes from the front of the organ had been taken.

Mr. Lewis' suggestion was adopted by the Council.

(To be continued.)

#### WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAY OUTING.

One of the most successful outings of the Priory Church bell ringers, Worksop, took place on Whit-Monday. At 9 a.m., the party of 20 ringers, wives and friends, set out upon the drive, while some of the members took the journey by bicycle. The country scenery in June's leafy garb was simply delightful; the beautiful drive through Gateford, Woodseals, Gildingwells, Letwell, Firbeck and Stone, will live in memory for years to come. Arriving at Stone, the entrance to Sandback Park or Roche Abbey, the party alighted to give the horses a rest and to walk through the forest and view the historical Abbey, the footway through the first bringing them into Malby Churchyard, where they took the opportunity of looking through the village and extremely interesting church. The journey was then resumed for Whiston, a further distance of seven miles, a break, however, being made in the journey at a nice sequestered spot for refreshments. On arrival at Whiston at 1.30, the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton) was the first to greet the party. He intimated that there was a wedding at 2.0 and a funeral at 3.0, but after that they could ring to their hearts' content. He also invited them into the Rectory grounds for a game of bowls.

The tower of Whiston contains a lovely peal of eight bells, one of Taylor's latest, with a tenor of a little more than 14 cwt., and tuned on the Simpson principle. The two trebles are new, also 6, 7 and 8, whilst 3, 4 and 5 are bells cast in the 16th century. The splendid go of them and their purity and sweetness in tone leave nothing to be desired.

At 3 p.m., the party were joined by Miss W. Hague, Mr. Sid Briggs and Mr. Colin Ryder, of Rotherham, and also eight others from Norton Woodseals, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were got through, conducted respectively by H. Haigh and W. Biggin. The Rector very hospitably lent the Church Institute for tea, and presided at a splendid repast, at which the visitors were joined by Mr. W. Warburton, the genial tower keeper.

Everyone admired the beautiful building, which is practically a new addition to the village and is fitted up with all kinds of games, and a peal of handbells for ringers to practise on. During the tea interval Bandsman Geo. H. Haigh, of the 23rd Reserve Canadians, gave a selection of music, the latest of American Marches, and other selections. He is on draft leave prior to sailing for Canada, and was formerly one of the Priory ringers.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and institute, and to Mr. Warburton for making arrangements, and also to the ladies who had helped so ably with the tea. The Rector, in reply, said how much he welcomed the visitors, and should be pleased to have them again on some future occasion; in fact, when bricks became cheaper and labour more plentiful under the new housing scheme, he would like to build them some houses and keep them at Whiston. — A little more ringing and beautiful drive home ended a most enjoyable day.

#### THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Sir.—In your leading article in yesterday's issue there is one clause on which I should like to comment. I cannot concur in your statement that the arguments on which 'Lead Ends' is founded were in any way 'refuted' by anything advanced by Mr. James. I could easily have replied to each and all of his contentions, but for various reasons refrained from doing so at the time. All will come in due course.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

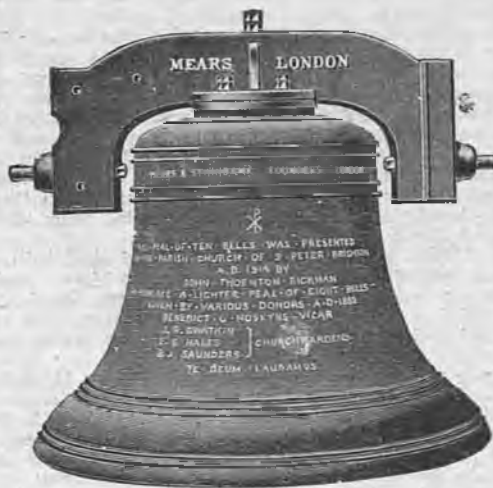
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. Sir John Herschel, Rector of West Claydon, Surrey, has accepted the office of hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The bells of Royston, Herts, Parish Church are to be augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Portishead is postponed to July 26th on account of the peace celebrations on the 19th. The meeting of the Essex Association is postponed until further notice for a similar reason.

The bells of St. Clement Dunes, Strand, which were blessed at a special service held on Thursday last week, will be dedicated next Thursday at 4 o'clock, and it is hoped that Queen Alexandra may be present. Tea will be provided after the service at the Church House to all ringers who send their names to Mr. T. Walker, 50, Cannon St., E.C. There will be ringing subsequently until about 8.30 p.m.

Westminster Abbey bells were rung for Divine service for the first time, on Sunday, July 6th, at 9.45, when four courses of Stedman Triples, were well struck by W. D. Smith 1, E. F. Pike 2, E. Fenn 3, R. Fenn 4, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 5, A. A. Hughes 6, R. Saunders 7, S. Andrews 8.

The death took place, on Friday, June 27th, of Mr. John Eachus a former vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and for 48 years a member of the Manchester Cathedral band.

In the list of attendances at the Central Council meeting, the name of Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Kent Association) was given in error. It should have been Mr. T. Groombridge.

## PEACE BELLS.

The bells throughout the country played an important part in celebrating the signing of the Treaty of Peace. In addition to the many peals that were rung, numerous long touches were accomplished, and we give below a few of them.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—A quarter-peal of Treble Bob (720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford and 240 Kent), in 43 mins.: W. B. Manning 1, W. L. Darlow 2, A. Gilbert 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

**STAVELEY.**—On June 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons 2, Wm. Daffin 3, F. E. Parsons 4, J. B. Brooks 5, Wm. Palmer (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Bob Major, in which A. Markwell and S. Smedley, junr., took part.

**SELBY.**—On June 28th, the bells of the Abbey were rung to touches of Stedman and Grandsire, and 'firing' also took place.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples; J. W. Hall 1, G. A. Morley 2, H. S. Morley 3, W. A. Hall 4, F. Cryer 5, W. Hinton 6, H. Fairlam (conductor) 7, G. Rippon 8.

**FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**—A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), at St. Michael's Church, on June 28th: William Ostler 1, Walter Miller 2, William Flory 3, Charles E. Fisher 4, John C. Self 5, Willoughby E. Maulden 6, George E. Symonds (conductor) 7, William A. Ward 8.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL.**—At St. Tydfil's Church, touches were rung by: G. Hide 1, ... England 2, H. Davies 3, A. Goddard 4, A. Allthorpe 5, T. Tindall 6, A. Slatter (conductor) 7, J. Coles 8.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—At St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 minutes: P. Jones 1, W. Dare 2, W. Pike 3, A. Addicott 4, H. Broughton 5, G. Cook (conductor) 6, F. Boucher 7.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On June 28th, at All Saints' Church, 1,60 Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. R. Parker 3, W. J. Allen 4, J. C. Dean 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, W. G. Farey 8.—On St. Peter's Day, June 28th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, W. Auslin 2, A. P. Hensman 3, J. T. Hensman 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Atterbury 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, W. Sturges 8.

**PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.**—At St. Peter's Church, on St. Peter's Day, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. J. Goldstone 1, Miss N. Gillingham 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss V. Crocker 4, Pte. A. L. Gale, R.A.M.C., 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, Miss H. Orchard 8. This was the first quarter-peal on an inside bell by Miss Violet Crocker and Pte. A. L. Gale.

**MERTHAM, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, on June 28th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: H. Morley 1, Miss Orlebar 2, E. Atkins (conductor) 3, C. Killick 4, A. Wood 5, E. Chisley 6. The bells were also fired.

**WEST BROMWICH.**—At Christ Church, West Bromwich, on June 29th, before evening service (on the occasion of the Sunday School Festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. The band was as follows: Rev. C. H. Barker 1, Herbt. Howe 2, Edwd. Reeves 3, Thomas Horton 4, Joseph Wolker 5, Jesse Screen 6, Thomas H. Reeves 7, Fred Troth 8. Conducted by Jesse Screen. Tenor 23 cwt. Time, 46 mins.



**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE MEMORIAL BELLS FOR THE CATHEDRAL.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers was held at Winchester on Saturday. Following a meeting of the Central Committee in the morning, a general meeting took place at the Guildhall in the afternoon. The Master, the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Bitchfield), was in the chair, and there were with him on the platform the treasurer (the Rev. W. E. Colchester), and the general secretary (Mr. George Williams). There was a numerous attendance of members.

The 39th annual report and accounts referred with regret to the death of Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke (Hon. Guild Auditor for many years), one of the oldest and most enthusiastic members; also the Rev. F. G. Hume, of Church Oakley, hon. district secretary for Basingstoke. Another loss deplored was that of Sergt. C. H. Russell, 4th Hants Regt.; he was a most promising and enthusiastic member of the Cathedral band. The return of the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) from his second term of service in France as Chaplain to the Forces was welcomed. Bell restorations and augmentations were already in progress in the Diocese, and the hope was expressed that the Mother Church of the Diocese would not be lacking in taking this opportunity of adding two trebles to its five ring of ten at the Cathedral, to make a complete ring of twelve for the Diocese.

The treasurer's balance sheet showed that the credit balance amounted to £131 17s. 8d., an increase on the year of £10 5s. 5d. Of the balance, £102 12s. 7d. was invested in War Loan; £27 2s. 8d. was at the bank, and £2 2s. 5d. in the hands of the general secretary.

**A NEW RINGING MASTER.**

The Vice-President said a further recommendation by the Central Committee was that Mr. George Williams, of West End, should be appointed Master, or 'Ringing Master,' as the meeting pleased. For the years he (the Rev. Matthews) had been Master, he felt the title was a misnomer, because he was not an actual ringer, much interested as he always had been. That would not apply to Mr. Williams, and he hoped they would consent unanimously to his election. Mr. Geo. Williams had been with them for many years, he had worked loyally and indefatigably for the business of the Guild (applause), he was a well-known change ringer throughout the South of England—probably all over England—and they could not have a better man to represent them as Ringing Master. He was very pleased to put from the chair that the recommendation be assented to (applause).

This was unanimously approved, and Mr. George Williams thanked the members, and expressed his appreciation.

The Vice-President added that, as it was known Mr. Williams was willing to do a great deal to help young bands in different parts of the Diocese, the committee recommended that his reasonable travelling expenses be defrayed (hear, hear).—This recommendation was also at once approved of.

On the motion of Mr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. George (Eastleigh), the Rev. W. E. Colchester was unanimously re-elected treasurer.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester, returning thanks, remarked that he had held the purse strings rather closely. When he took over the treasurer'ship the balance was on the wrong side, but they now had the very creditable balance of £130 to the good (applause).

On the election of an auditor, the Vice-President made allusion to the death during the past year of the former auditor, Mr. H. White (of Basingstoke), who had always been interested in the Guild, besides being a delightful character and charming personality.

On the motion of Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Winchester), seconded by Mr. Tucker (Eastleigh), it was resolved to ask Mr. George Smith (Twyford), who had acted as auditor pro tem., if he would continue the work.

Mr. T. W. Fairay (Camberley) was re-appointed recorder of peals.

The Vice-President said that Mr. Williams felt that after seven years' service and having been elected Master, someone else should take over the post of general secretary. The Central Committee recommended that the Rev. Sir John C. Herschel, Bart., Rector of West Clandon, be invited to become general secretary.

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford), seconded by Mr. R. Whittington, this was unanimously approved.

Mr. A. M. Kennett (Camberley) was re-appointed hon. solicitor, and Mr. W. Shepherd (Hersham) was elected a representative on the Central Council.

The next annual meeting of the Guild was fixed for the third Saturday in June, 1920.

**'PROMOTION.'**

The Rev. W. E. Colchester mentioned that amongst the matters considered at the Central Committee meeting was that of the presidency. Mr. J. P. Stilwell desired a year or two ago to retire from the presidency, but consented to hold office till the termination of the war. The committee now recommended that for the future the Bishop of the Diocese should be ex-officio President of the Guild; that there should be a Vice-President elected annually (a new officer), who would be practically the executive head of the Guild; that the patrons should be those who appeared in the present list as vice-patrons—such as the Dean, the Archdeacons, and Canon Braithwaite and Canon

Madge—that a Ringing Master should be elected, and other officers as before.

In answer to a question, it was stated that the Bishop had not been asked, but he had shown so much interest in the Guild that it was confidently expected he would be quite willing to accept the position (the Bishop has hitherto been patron of the Guild).

The committee's recommendation was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester said the Central Committee unanimously recommended that the Rev. C. E. Matthews be the first Vice-President, and, therefore, executive leader of the Guild (applause). It was unnecessary he should go into details of what Mr. Matthews had done for the Guild. Mr. Matthews had been working 25 years for them, and he was recognised as an authority on all matters connected with the Guild (applause). He moved the confirmation of the recommendation.

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) seconded the proposition. Two years ago, when Mr. Stilwell wished to retire from the presidency he (Mr. Whittington) had the honour of proposing Mr. Matthews as successor, and but for the fact of the Bishop of Winchester having been proposed he should now have opposed tooth and nail the election of anyone but Mr. Matthews (hear, hear).

The recommendation was unanimously adopted, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews resumed the chair, which he had temporarily vacated.

The Vice-President returned sincere thanks for the honour done him, and said he was very grateful for the kind expressions of feeling towards him. A quarter of a century was a very long time to have been connected with the Diocesan Guild, but all through that time the Guild had progressed very wonderfully, and he believed it was no exaggeration to say, as regarded the Church work of the Diocese all members of the Guild had contributed a very large share towards their duty as Church workers, which had always been the ideal before them (applause).

**£100 VOTED FOR WAR MEMORIAL.**

The Vice-President said the Central Committee discussed the question of a memorial to the ringers who had fallen in the war from this Diocese (the names of 42 were printed in the report). It was a recommendation from the Committee that two treble bells should be placed in the Cathedral, making it a ring of 12 instead of 10 as at present. They had approached the Dean and Chapter, who had expressed their full approval of the scheme. The idea was that these bells should be provided by the Guild by subscriptions and out of the Guild funds, and should be a gift to the Cathedral from the Diocese in memory of ringers who had given all for King and country. The proposal seemed to recommend itself to the committee generally. They had obtained estimates from three leading firms, but before going into details the committee desired to submit their scheme to the members. What they proposed was that the Guild should start a fund for providing the bells and fittings, and paying the whole cost with the sum of £100, and, having done that, the Central Committee should draw up some kind of recommendation asking for subscriptions from the various towers throughout the Diocese, and no doubt in that way they should be able to collect a considerable sum. In addition to the bells, it was suggested there should be an oak panel bearing the names of all the fallen men, their rank, and regiment; this would be erected according to the wishes of the Dean and Chapter, in the Cathedral probably or in the belfry. The whole cost would come to something like £300. It was also recommended that the Central Committee should act for the whole Guild with regard to the details and going into any points raised, but not to give any definite order to either of the firms until they were financially equipped with the proper funds. The committee desired to bring the scheme before the annual meeting, and invited discussion, and he hoped they would unanimously adopt it as the most suitable scheme they could think of to perpetuate the memory of their dear brothers who had given their all for us and their country (applause).

Mr. Jones moved, and Mr. Whittington seconded, a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Central Committee—that the permanent memorial should consist of the two new bells for the Cathedral and a tablet with the names of the fallen, and that the fund be started with £100 from the Guild.

The Hon. Treasurer remarked that the Guild needed a working balance, and that would be provided by the £30 remaining after the £100 was applied in the manner suggested. But towers must not expect the Guild would be able to help them in any individual war memorial.

An amendment that the whole of the £300 should be raised by an appeal to the belfries and through the belfries to the parishioners of the various parishes, having been withdrawn, the motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Vice-President expressed his satisfaction at their not being divided. It was a matter of Diocesan importance, and for the honour and glory of the Guild, and a unique occasion which could never come again in their lifetime.

In answer to the Rev. E. H. Duke, the Vice-President said the position of the memorial tablet must be left to the Dean and Chapter. Personally, he felt the tablet should be in the Cathedral, and not in the belfry; it would be seen by many in the Cathedral, but only by the ringers if in the belfry (hear, hear).

# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919,

## CROYDON, SURREY.



A resolution was then unanimously passed empowering the Central Committee to carry out the scheme in all its details. This concluded the business of the annual meeting.

The members attended evensong at the Cathedral, which was made special for the occasion. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of Deane, and district secretary for Basingstoke, was the preacher.

Tea was afterwards served at the Guildhall, 110 being present. The Cathedral bells were at the disposal of the members, and most of the Standard methods were practised during the day.

### A DAY'S RINGING TOUR.

BY MOTOR THROUGH KENT.

Kent has many times been termed the 'Garden of England,' and that was the opinion formed by the party of ringers of North Kent, who journeyed forth into their 'home' county for a ringing tour on Whit-Monday. Starting from Huggins' College, Northfleet, at 7.15 a.m. by motor charabanc, various members were picked up until a 'full house' was called at Chatham. The main road down to Canterbury was chosen, and on the way great interest was taken in the sight—not seen during the last four years, that of part of England's mighty fleet that had kept the seas during the war, lying idly, yet majestically, at anchor in the quiet waters of the Medway. The first stop was at Ospringe, Faversham, with its 'watery' approach to the church. It is certainly a quaint sight to see the high footpath on either side of the road and the running water in the roadway—truly one of nature's freaks, and certainly a fine opportunity for the junior member of the party to bring his camera into requisition. The fine old peal of eight were soon going, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were much enjoyed. After a look round, sandwiches and 'shrimps' were served—by the way, North Kent is noted for its shrimps, but in this particular case they were of a liquid variety, and anyone who has tasted them knows how they can be enjoyed after a sharp country run and some ringing.

Soon after, the party were all aboard and off again to the beautiful City of Canterbury, where they were favoured with permission to ring on the fine old peal of ten at the Cathedral, and soon their lovely tones—of the bells I mean—were heard echoing down the old-fashioned streets. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Royal were the order until 'stand' was called for dinner. After the inner-man had been satisfied, and a tour of the Cathedral made the journey was continued, and then the beauty of Kent was seen in a lovely country run. Charing was the next stop, and the old-fashioned church, with its peal of six visited, and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were tapped off. After a short stay, the trip was continued through the 'up and downs' to Leeds with its fine peal of ten. Leeds churchyard is certainly of interest to bell ringers, inasmuch as there lies the body of James Barham, who died at the age of 97, and whose tombstone, erected by the Kent County Association some years ago, records the information that in addition to his numerous peals, he did, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, at Leeds Church, assist to ring a peal of 40,320 changes of Bob Major in 27 hours. Opinions were exchanged as to the correctness of the claim, and the one with the camera certainly showed fact, when he gathered the party round the shrine and finished the arguments. The tower was then visited, and could have accommodated four times the number. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung, until all had been catered for—except the member who enjoyed the organ far better—as he said. The next call was looked for Maidstone, where the Association of Kent held its annual meeting earlier in the day. As time was getting short, no bells could be heard, and tea was waiting, the journey was continued to West Malling, where all were quite ready for all the fine things prepared by 'Mine Host.' At the tea table the junior member, whether by accident or design, got between two 'old hands,' and so attentive were they to his wants that his father can testify that he had his fill—as he wanted nothing all next day.

A ring at the church, where the 'best eight' rang a fine touch of Stedman—ask the conductor—and all had a pull, and then on again to the last port of call. The promoters were not far wrong when they said 'the best' to finish up with. Wrotham was the choice, and this fine peal of eight lying down in one of the prettiest parts of Kent, are certainly a beautiful peal. After an hour of ringing in methods to suit all present, the bells were 'rung down' on a fine day's tour of ringing, and an hour was left to look round and fraternise. A speedy run from this part to the starting-point was enlivened by more sandwiches and 'shrimps.'—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had contributed to such an excellent day's outing, and the party would like, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the responsible parties for the use of the bells at all the places named, also to all who had the bells in readiness. May this be the first of many such tours is the wish of all, and more especially of  
F. M.

### NOTICES.

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GLoucester and BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tower Secretaries should advise me as early as possible how many of their members expect to attend.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, July 12th. The bells (10) will be open at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar. Service at 5; tea in the Parish Room, Lesbourne Road, at 5.45.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday July 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening, Service in the Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Five Bells Hotel at 4.45 p.m.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on July 12th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Glinton on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea will be provided in the Rectory garden; if wet, in Schoolroom.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ilkley, on Saturday, July 12th, for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a memorial brass to the late Mr. Wm. Snowdon. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Ilkley Church Institute at a charge of 1/3 per head.—Percy J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Aldington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Ashford, Kent.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30; tea and meeting to follow.—F. Stubbs, District Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Andover on Saturday, July 12th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. each for tea allowed to those informing me not later than 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The meeting arranged to take place at Chiddingly on July 12th, is postponed.—G. H. Howse, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 26th. Bells available from 2.30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those who require tea kindly notify me before the previous Thursday? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m. The Wickwar meeting will *not* be held tomorrow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly advise me not later than July 23rd?—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the White Swan Hotel.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival.—Owing to Peace celebrations being held on the date fixed for the festival, this will now be held on Saturday, July 26th, at Oxford. Service in Christ Church Cathedral at 11 a.m. Business meeting at Chapter House immediately after service. A repast will be served in Christ Church dining hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 2/6 each to non-members, 2/- each to members. The 2/- will be refunded to all members who have served in Navy or Army during the War. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Secretary as early as possible. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available all day; New College (10) and Merton College (8) from 3 to 4 o'clock. Several six-bell towers will be available, and will be announced at meeting.—Richard T. Hibbert, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Northwich on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. H. N. Nowell, M.A., Vicar of Northwich. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham on Saturday July 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). Tea and business meeting at the George Inn to follow. Will those who require tea (1s. 6d. per head) let me know by Tuesday, July 22nd, the latest? Half-fares up to 2s. allowed.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**CAMPSALL, near Doncaster.**—Owing to Peace celebrations on July 19th, this meeting is postponed until July 26th. Particulars next week.—W. Pearson, Pontefract.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—As the Peace celebrations coincide with the date fixed for the annual meeting, it has been decided to postpone the latter until Saturday, August 23rd, next.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

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

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meetings for practice are held at St. Mary's, Islington, every Friday evening, at 7.30 p.m. (excepting July 18th).—F. G. Symonds, Hon. Sec., 157, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—Owing to Peace celebrations being fixed for July 19th, the meeting arranged at Stebbing on that date will be postponed until further notice, by request of Local Company.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.**—It is proposed to place an oak peal board in the ringing room of St. George's Church, as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., an enthusiastic member of the Hereford Guild, and subscriptions towards the cost will be gratefully received by W. Mead, Hon. Sec., 1, Market Place, Clun.

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#### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

##### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

For the first time in history a ringing meeting was held at the ancient parish church at Northfield, Worcestershire, on June 21st. In glorious summer weather, over 50 members were present, including a fair number of lady ringers. Various methods were rung on the six bells in the afternoon, and the members attended service, at which, in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Charles Ridge Toft officiated, and in an address welcomed the members of the Association.

After the service, the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where the tea had been tastefully laid out, and was thoroughly enjoyed. At the meeting afterwards, the Rev. C. R. Toft presiding, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Harborne on September 27th, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Northfield. As only two peals had been rung there, it was hoped the attempt would be successful. Before the war broke out seven Surprise methods were rung, and it was no doubt owing to the events of the last four and a half years that appeal of Surprise Minor had not been accomplished. Unfortunately one of the most active members of the local band, the late Mr. Frank Withers, made the supreme sacrifice two years ago.

It was mentioned that there was some talk of increasing the peal from six to eight, and the meeting decided that if the scheme matured the Association would help to the full extent of its power to carry out the scheme.—The Chairman said he would convey to the Rector the views of the meeting.

The Master of the Association, Mr. A. E. Parsons referred to the appeal made for the memorial window and roll of honour to be placed in the Cathedral at Worcester in memory of those members who had made the supreme sacrifice, and to those members who had answered the call to uphold Right against Might. He mentioned that with donations received and promised about £50 had been secured to date.—Mr. Harry Mason, supporting the appeal, strongly urged every member to give as liberally as he could, saying that those who gave quickly gave twice.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

The evening meeting arranged at Galleywood was a great success, about 30 members attending from Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Writtle, and the local company. The ringing was much appreciated, as it is a great many years since these bells were rung. The Rev. J. Keen, Vicar of Galleywood, welcomed the members, stating that it was a pleasure to hear all the eight bells, and hoped it would not be long before the Association paid them another visit. Several of the Broomfield members rang their first touch on eight bells.

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