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NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S REVIVAL.

The Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association, to give it its new title, is to be congratulated upon the successful start of its reorganised career. The annual meeting at Norwich, the first since 1914, was something more than a revival of pre-war activities, for there were decisions to be made which would have a vital effect upon the future of the Association. Chief among these was the important question of whether or not Norfolk and Suffolk towers should remain united in one organisation, in view of the severance of the Diocese. Ever since the Association was formed in 1887 the allegiance of the towers in the Suffolk Archdeaconry has been of the most valued kind, and few, we think, will question the statement that the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, has played a leading role in building up the prestige of the Association.

The desire on the part of Suffolk members to remain affiliated can, therefore, well be understood. Indeed, there seems to have been hardly any expressed desire for a separate Association for Suffolk, and, as we have already pointed out, the action of the Ely Diocesan Association in incorporating 'St. Edmundsbury' in their title and retaining the towers of the Sudbury Archdeaconry, put a considerable obstacle in the way of those who desired to see an organisation carved out of two existing societies to cover the new Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The decision to retain the territorial area of the Association will be welcomed by the members, and the new title, we think, has been very happily chosen. Equally happy is the choice of the Association in its new President. The post, from which Mr. J. Sancroft Holmes retired, became vacant at the moment when a new Dean of Norwich was appointed; and in selecting the late Rector of Birmingham for the office, the Association have secured a man not merely sympathetic with the cause of ringing, but one who for years has put himself in close touch with the belfry, knowing a good deal of ringers' difficulties and of their aspirations. The Norwich Association are indeed fortunate in being able to have at their head such a ringers' cleric as Dean Willink.

There is one other point that may be briefly touched upon here—and that is the decision of the meeting in regard to the powers of the Central Council. The Association was not prepared to give the Council, as at present constituted, powers of enforcing its decisions, but it did not adopt a purely negative policy, and the Rev. H. Drake, who is a member of the Council, put forward a series of resolutions which are to be considered at another meeting. If all Associations would consider the question of the future of the Council with a similar desire to find a way of

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increasing its utility and extending its purpose, there would be great hopes of putting the Council on a basis which would make it more acceptable to the Exercise as a whole. We have always urged that it is the business of Associations to make the Council useful, and we are glad to think that the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association have approached the question in this spirit.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19⅝ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM KENT	...*Treble*	ALBERT COPPOCK...	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	2	EDWARD J. BOOT...	7
JAMES E. GROVES	3	STANLEY BRAGG	8
GEORGE WALKER...	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
FREDERICK S. PRICE	5	JOHN BRAGG...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Geoffrey Martineau on attaining the dignity of grandfather.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*MISS W. M. HAGUE...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOLLIS	6
JOHN HOLMAN	2	FRANK JACOBS	7
ARTHUR HAGUE...	3	JOHN FLINT	8
SAM THOMAS	4	WALTER ALLWOOD	9
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	5	WILLIAM BENNETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HALL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM GRIMES	5
LESLIE WIGHTMAN	2	ERNEST E. GRIMES	6
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ...	3	WILLIAM C. RAMSEY	7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	4	EDWARD JENKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. J. CRICKMER.

Rung with bells half-muffled for the late Wm. Motts. The composition was taken from Snowdon's Treble Bob, page 27.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM LYDDIARD ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. JAMES	5
GEORGE DURLING	2	FREDERICK H. HERBERT ...	6
HARRY DURLING...	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
PERCY E. SPICE	4	HENRY J. TINNAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Herbert, both members of the Association.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
(ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, October 9, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FREDERICK S. SANDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. MEERS	5
JONATHAN PRESTON	2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	7
GEORGE F. GARRISON	4	JOHN E. PYWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Bicknell, ringer and towerkeeper of the above church, who was interred on the same day; also to the memory of Driver William Bicknell, brother of the deceased, who died of wounds in France, October 7, 1917.

* Elected a member previous to starting and his first peal.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2030 2

*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM IRIN	5
JOHN WITHERS	2	OLIVER G. NORMAN	6
SAMUEL GROVES	3	*ALBERT E. NORMAN	7
MORRIS J. MORRIS	4	GEORGE PIGOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal of Double Norwich

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HERBERT HOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. MORTON	5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY	2	ERNEST B. CROWDER	6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	7
EDWARD J. ILOT[illegible]	4	FREDERICK C[illegible]AM, JUN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES M. NICKERSON	*Treble*	†LEONARD J. WYMAN	5
*ARTHUR B. BELLAMY	2	DANIEL REDHEAD	6
*CYRIL WILSON	3	LESLIE GROOM	7
WILLIAM J. GILBERT	4	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal and first attempt on eight bells. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

EDMONTON,
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES	*Treble*	HARRY R. PASMORE	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	6
HERBERT LANGDON	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
*LOUIS ATTWATER	4	ALFRED B. PECK	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHLEIGH.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES' BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RICHARD KEEN	*Treble*	THOMAS BELL	5
FREDERICK WEBB	2	JOHN MONK	6
HERBERT HOLLIS	3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	7
WILLIAM JUDGE	4	GEORGE BROOKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

The above peal was rung in connection with the Branch Meeting held at Aynsham on the above date.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY C. ARTES	*Treble*	ALBERT ROUGHT	5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS, SEN.	2	GEORGE MAYERS	6
*ALFRED H. WATSON	3	WILLIAM G. MAYERS	7
CHARLES E. BORRETT	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Rev. G. N. Herbert for many years vicar of the above church, also to the late Mr. William Motts of Ipswich. * First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS	*Treble*	SAMUEL HOLT	5
*WILLIAM BERRY	2	*TOM OGDEN	6
JAMES JACQUES	3	DAN RENSHAW	7
JAMES ARROWSMITH	4	TOM WELLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method by a band composed of Middleton ringers. The band wish to offer their thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT RATCLIFFE	*Treble*	JAMES W. HAYNES	4
*THOMAS BUTLER	2	HAROLD FOLWELL	5
J. WILLIAM UNWIN	3	*FRED WESTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. UNWIN.

* First peal and first attempt. This peal was rung to celebrate Peace, also as a welcome home to ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th, who were recently demobilised. Messrs. Butler, Folwell and Weston were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb.

W. H. J. HOOTON	*Treble*	WALTER T. BLANLEY	4
JOE SADDINGTON	2	THOMAS GARLEY	5
ANDREW BLAXLEY	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.

MISS EMMA TONGE ...	...*Treble.*	*MISS MARY A. SHUKER ...	4
FRANK STONELEY	2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	5
JOSEPH HALL	3	*GEORGE H. SHUKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBIA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS SHAW	...*Treble*	J. DUNKLEY	3
GEORGE PARKER	2	W. ATTERBURY	4
HARRY CLARKE	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were made into a peal of 5 by the late Mr. Sears, of Collingtree Grange, who gave a new tenor. The Rector, the Rev. J. S. Frend, kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

HANDBELL PEAL

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in One Hour and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire.

CHARLES BRAGG	1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3—4
*JOHN MARTIN	5—6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. The above was rung while a peal of Stedman Caters was being rung on the Parish Church bells. This is the first time two peals have been rung in one day in Solihull.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3—4	CHARLES SAMPSON	7—8

Composed by HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: J. M. BAILEY.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	7—8

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE.
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: C. SAMPSON & A. F. BAILEY.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.—Recently, a meeting was arranged to welcome home several of the 'old boys' who have been on active service since 1914. After comparing notes and extending hearty congratulations, the bells—a musical peal of six—were set going to touches of Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by the following: W. Short 1, A. Feist 2, J. Burdfield 3, P. H. Doick 4, Sergt. W. Stanford 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

According to rule the last Saturday in September is set apart for the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association, and on that day a number of members turned out to get to Liverpool, but found that the trains had stopped running. Nothing daunted, however, they tried the trams, with the result that they reached their destination after seven hours' struggle, and landed home at various times the next day.

Archdeacon Howson left another meeting to take the service, and presided at the tea, to which 20 sat down. As the bulk of the members present were local, they thought it was not fair to go on with the business. The Archdeacon then again came to the rescue by inviting the party up to his parish on the occasion of the branch meeting, and of this it was decided to take advantage. The meeting was therefore, held at Woolton on Saturday last. The proceedings commenced with ringing on the grand peal of eight, and at 4 p.m. service was held, the Archdeacon acting as organist. The Rev. E. C. Collier, of Birkdale, was the preacher, and gave some useful and practical advice on the upkeep and conditions of bells and belfries. He mentioned a bell dated 1296, at Clatton, near Preston, as one of the oldest dated bells in the country, and also a bell in Northamptonshire with the inscription on it:—

'Hark! do you hear, our clappers want beer,'

as showing to what uses bells were put to in former times.

Following tea in the Institute, the business meeting was held, with Canon Elsee, the President of the Association, in the chair, supported by the Archdeacon and the Rev. E. C. Collier.

The Secretary presented the committee's report, which stated that there were 1,247 members, 1,040 of whom lived in the county. The number of peals rung was 66. The report also recorded that the six bells at Prestwich had been recast and rehung, and referred to the loss to the Association by the death of Mr. John Eachus, the tower-keeper of Manchester Cathedral, and for some years a vice-president.

There were three nominations for the office of vice-president. The members would have liked to have them all, but as there was no room for more than one, Mr. J. Martin, of Liverpool, was chosen. A suggestion was made that some alteration might be effected in the election of vice-president, whereby the branch, which was entertaining the Association for the annual meeting, should pick the vice-president for the following term of two years.

A resolution was on the paper that the annual meeting should be altered to an earlier date, but after discussion it was decided to postpone the motion till next year, with the hope that it would be discussed in the branches, and brought up at the next annual meeting in a definite form.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Eccles.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to Archdeacon Howson for placing the church and bells at the disposal of the members, for entertaining them to tea; also for acting as organist, it being the first time an Archdeacon had filled that office for the Association. He also thanked the Rev. E. C. Collier for his address.—A vote of thanks was also given to Canon Elsee for presiding.

The meeting concluded, as it started, with ringing in various methods on the bells until train and 'bus-time broke up a happy party.

ROCHDALE BRANCH PARTY.

In connection with the Rochdale Branch, the annual party was held on Saturday week at Whitworth Church School. The proceedings commenced with a splendid tea, to which about 120 members and friends did thorough justice. After tea, and prior to the evening's entertainment, the ringers adjourned to the tower and rang touches in different methods; this also was greatly enjoyed, as the bells are justly famed throughout the district. The only discordant note was that a band of ringers from another outside district had come to practice on the bells, and not only did they rather monopolise them, to the disadvantage of the Rochdale Branch, but on being invited to partake of tea, they further hurt the feelings and added to the disappointment of the local friends, by refusing on the plea that they had brought their own refreshments.

The usual monthly business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, and this was presided over by Mr. Isaac Schofield (of Gledwick). It was decided that the next monthly meeting should take place at Hamer, on Saturday, November 8th. A good attendance is earnestly desired at this meeting in order to encourage the local band of learners, all of whom give promise of becoming enthusiastic members of the Association.

It was further resolved that the next annual party be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church.

Mr. Harrison moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar of Whitworth for the use of the tower and bells; also to the local ringers and the ladies who had so excellently undertaken the catering arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Berry, and unanimously carried.

Nine local ringers were made members of the Lancashire Association, and the Vicar, who came in at this point and took the chair

extended a very hearty welcome to the visiting ringers. He remarked that they were a progressive set of men, as they had already asked him to become an hon. member of the Association; and this he proudly accepted.

A very enjoyable social followed the meeting, dancing being indulged in, and at intervals several songs were delightfully rendered by a number of friends. Mr. Mitton also gave his usual display of handbell ringing in a most finished and effective style.

The party broke up about 10 o'clock, everyone voting this year's party had exceeded all anticipations.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER BRANCH FORMED.

The scheme for establishing Branch Associations in connection with the Guild of Devonshire Ringers has been advanced a stage by the formation of an association for the Exeter district with Mr. E. Shepherd as chairman, Mr. F. J. Davey as hon. secretary, and Mr. W. J. Southwood as hon. treasurer. At a meeting at St. Sidwell's Institute where the decision was made, there was a good attendance representing nine bands, and considerable interest was evinced in the proceedings.

The Alphington branch of ringers was admitted as an associate band and the Rev. B. C. Bennett (Rector) was elected an honorary member.

Tea was supplied by Mr. W. T. Hunt; assistance at the tables being rendered by Mrs. E. Shepherd.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Change ringing is certainly backward in Devon, and much spade work is needed. But as you are doubtless aware the position is not quite so bad as Mr. Bennett has been led to suppose. Moreover, owing to the reconstitution of bands, due to the war, new possibilities of the introduction of change ringing have been opened up. The chief obstacle to progress consists in the inaccessibility of towers and difficulty of getting instructors where they are needed.

Offers such as that of Mr. Bennett are most welcome, and I should be grateful if any other change ringers who may have settled in the county would communicate with me. One such, Mr. Withers (formerly of Southampton), is hard at work instructing a band at Dartmouth, and others will, I hope, soon be similarly employed.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL,
Hon. Secretary, Guild of Devonshire Ringers.
Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual district meeting of the North Eastern Division was held at Great Tey on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Braintree, Bocking, Stisted, Greenstead Green, Earl's Colne, Rayne, Feering, Kelvedon, Maldon, Coggeshall, and the local company. The Rev. Grace conducted a short service, and welcomed the ringers.

Tea was served at the Chequers' Inn, followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. H. F. Cooper (District Master) presided. The district officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Grace for his excellent address; also to the choir and organist for their services.—Mr. C. H. Howard, in supporting, said he felt sure all were pleased to pay a visit to Great Tey, as it was no doubt one of the oldest churches in the division.—The Vicar (Rev. Grace), in replying, said he felt as if an earthquake had happened in Great Tey that day, as he felt sure that bell ringing broke the monotony of country life.

Ringing during the afternoon included touches of Cambridge, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent.

Several new members were elected. This was the first meeting of the Association at Great Tey, which contains, in its Norman church tower, one of the finest specimens in the county, an ancient peal of eight bells, some dating back 300 years. The Great Tey ringers were among the comparatively few bands in the eighteenth century who possessed any skill in the art of change ringing. In the ringing chamber of the Parish Church there are records of two peals having been rung in the 18th and early 19th century, when very few parishes in Essex possessed a band of change ringers. The names of those who took part show that the art was handed down from father to son. Mr. Walter Ladham, who is a ringer to-day, is a descendant of James Ladham who rang in 1828, and Benjamin Ladham, who took part in the peal by the Ancient Society of Gt. Tey Ringers in 1798. The notice boards in the belfry recording the past performances have verses added which seem to express the sentiments of those early ringers, and to convey their interpretation of the message of the bells. The following is a copy of one of them:—

Sweet village bells, your tones most truly show,
The mingled cup of human joy and woe;
Your jocund sounds attend us when we're wed,
And mournful knells bewail us when we're dead.
By you we hail our Sovereign's Natal Day.
But last and best you summon us to pray:
To hear and learn the way the Prophets trod,
Which leads to Heaven, to happiness, and God.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

London ringers will be glad to learn that the tenor bell (36 cwt.) of St. Giles', Cripplegate, is to be re-hung in a new iron headstock and bearings. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

There is special interest in the peal of Doubles rung at Miles Platting on October 11th, for the two 'first pealers' were the son and daughter of Mr. W. H. Shuker, one of the popular hon. secretaries of the Lancashire Association. The peal was a birthday compliment to the son, who was 19 three days before; Miss Shuker is 15, and their father had the pleasure of being in the peal with them.

The first peal to be rung under the new title of the Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association appears to be a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major 'in hand' at Leiston, two days after the new name was adopted.

We are asked to state that Mrs. Ridyard is very thankful to all friends and helpers for the sum of £40, which was handed over to her, after all expenses had been met, out of the fund recently raised by members of the Lancashire Association.

The first peal in Slough by an entirely local band has been rung to mark the 'cessation of Naval, Military and Industrial Strife.' The company had made several previous attempts for a peal, and when they at last gained success they were met by the Rector (Canon P. H. Eliot), who congratulated them upon their achievement.

GOOD AND BAD RINGING.

THE LENGTH OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been waiting for some time, thinking I should see in print the opinions of some of our ringers whose words carry weight, but perhaps those men think the matter beneath them. For my part, I say that 5,000 changes in any method, well struck, is not too long for ringers or listeners. If peals were fewer in number and the ringing nearer perfection, I don't think there would be much grumbling from the general public, but where it is not difficult to get a tower, and a band are determined to score a peal unless a rope breaks, or the tower falls down, it becomes a nuisance to everybody within hearing distance.

I can foresee, too, the ringing of touches and calling them peals would be a fine thing for those who want to ring 5,000 peals, but it may be that it may be carried to a ridiculous extent. For instance, a band used to ringing on a peal like High Wycombe, or St. Martin's, Birmingham, for Stedman Cinques, may go to Bow, Cheapside, and decide that one hour's ringing there is well worth calling a peal, or our band here at Caversham may some day go to Sherborne Abbey and find that 576 of London Surprise is a bigger job than 5152 at home. If men could ring Shoreditch bells for 12,000 a century ago, or Ashton-under-Lyne for 14,000 in our own time, surely we can still ring a good 5,000, or leave it alone. I wonder we do not get a protest spiritually from Annable, Johnson or J. M. Hayes.

As regards good ringing, I think, leaving out all technical points, that it is impossible to ring a good peal if you have only one poor striker in it. I know this may hurt the feelings of some, but still it is indisputable that, with eight, ten or twelve real ringers, you may have trips but still ring a very fine peal, but if you have one man who, although never making a mistake, never puts his bell in the right place, then I say ringing becomes a 'burden and a sorrow.'

I only wish there were more bob callers like the man who called a great many of our peals here a few years ago, who, on several occasion has cried 'Stand, we'll come up again next week', and see if we can't do better than this,' and this without a sign of a smash up or a 'shift course.' It is very nice to have a smart man as conductor when learning new methods, but would it not be better if there were less conducting when peals are attempted and rung.

Caversham. R. T. HIBBERT.

PRESENTATION AT ROTHERFIELD.

The marriage has taken place at St. Dony's Church, Rotherfield, Sussex, of Mr. Edwin Bishop, junr. (hon. secretary of the local Guild of Bellringers, and a sidesman of the church), and Miss Ethel Hudson, daughter of Mr. Charles Hudson, of Tophill Farm, Groombridge. After the ceremony the bells were rung in honour of the event, and Mr Bishop has been presented with a beautiful silver-plated biscuit barrel, suitably engraved, to mark the Guild's appreciation of his services as hon. secretary, and their good wishes on the occasion of his marriage.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—At the Parish Church, on August 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: Robt. Christian 1, G. W. Curtmel (St. Albans) 2, George Clayton 3, Albert Brought (Norwich) 4, Harry Wright 5, Denison Hayward (conductor) 6, William Rogers (Northampton) 7, *Robert Boulter 8. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp. * First quarter-peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW TITLE AND NEW PRESIDENT.

THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held in Norwich on Oct. 9th, and close upon a hundred members attended from the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. A special service was held at noon in St. Peter Mancroft Church, when the Dean gave the address. Luncheon took place at the Central Cafe, White Lion Street, and afterwards a short toast list was gone through, and the annual business of the association transacted. Canon Meyrick presided, and was supported by the Dean of Norwich, the Very Reverend J. W. Willink, D.D. (late Rector of Birmingham), the Rev. E. C. Hopper (Starston), Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), Rev. W. C. Pearson (Henley), Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. A. L. Coleman, Captain J. E. Burton, Mr. G. P. Burton and Mr. Cyril Johnston (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bellfounders, Croydon). Representatives were present from Ipswich, Beccles, Diss, Eye, Yarmouth, Pulham, etc.

The toast of 'The King' was proposed by the Rev. Canon Meyrick.

In responding to the toast of 'The Clergy,' proposed by Capt. J. E. Burton, the Dean said it was gratifying to know that the status of the ringers as Church workers had now come to be recognised throughout the length and breadth of the land. He was sure that gatherings like the present went a long way towards helping them to attain to that ideal which so many of them had set for themselves these many years past. It was a great joy to him that so early in his residence in Norwich he should be brought into welcome and hearty touch with that association, and he trusted that he might be regarded as a brother and real friend in every possible way. Anything he could do to further the interests of the association he would gladly do (applause).

Mr. C. E. Borrett proposed (with the members standing) a silent vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. William Motts, of Ipswich; and Canon Meyrick proposed a silent vote of sympathy with the relatives of all the members who have fallen in the Great War, 1914-18.

THE DEAN ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Coming to the business part of the proceedings, the Secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) read the annual report, in which it was stated that no fewer than 305 members of the association served with the forces during the war, of whom 44 made the supreme sacrifice. The total membership of the association at the present time was 1,069. They had a balance in hand of £45.—On the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. W. Ramsay, the report was adopted.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. Sancroft Holmes regretfully resigning the office of president on health grounds.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Sancroft Holmes for his past services was heartily adopted.

The Secretary announced that it was the unanimous wish of the committee that the Dean should be asked to succeed Mr. Sancroft Holmes as president. He moved accordingly.

Mr. Borrett, in seconding, said the Association was started in 1887 and had as its first President a Dean of Norwich, in the person of Dr. Goulbourn, who, to a very large extent, shaped the destiny of the Association in its earlier years. Dean Goulbourn was president as long as he remained in Norwich, and since then the Cathedral capitular body had not been represented on the Committee of Management of the Association. He hoped the Dean would consent to serve as president. He (Mr. Borrett) had the great pleasure of attending a gathering of ringers at Birmingham recently, and he found that the Birmingham ringers were almost overcome at the thought that the Rector of Birmingham was leaving them. He was sure they might search the whole diocese of Norwich and not get a man who would help them so much in their work as the Dean (applause).

The Chairman, in supporting the motion, said the Dean had so involved himself that he could not decline the Presidentship. He had promised them that he was prepared to do all he possibly could for them, and now they simply took him at his word (laughter).—The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Dean said he was profoundly surprised. The secret had been absolutely well kept. He had in a way committed himself by what he ventured to say earlier. He could only thank them most heartily. He felt intense gratification at the honour conferred upon him. It would be a happiness to him to do the very best he possibly could in the office to which they had elected him (applause).

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the name of Mr. Sancroft Holmes.

Mr. A. L. Coleman was again appointed secretary and treasurer, and the committee were re-elected.—Mr. G. P. Burton was re-elected hon. auditor.

NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. J. E. Burton, the following resolution was passed: 'That our Suffolk members having repeatedly expressed their disapproval of any suggested severance from the Norwich Diocesan Association, on account of the division of the diocese, that there be one association as hitherto for the Norfolk and Suffolk members, and the association be re-organised on the lines as set forth in the "recommendation" of June 11th, 1914.'

It was further agreed, on the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Borrett, that the title of the association in future be 'The Norwich Diocesan and Ipswich Association of Ringers.'

Mr. G. P. Burton moved, Mr. H. J. Day (Eye) seconded, and it was agreed that the illuminated peal books be deposited in safe custody in St. Peter Mancroft belfry, Norwich, so as to be accessible for inspection by members of the association.

The following were elected members of the Association: Miss H. M. Durrant, Miss A. M. Durrant, Miss F. L. Bill, Miss H. W. Bill, Messrs C. F. Johnston (Croydon), H. Stalham (Shoreham), non-resident hon. members; the Rev. Anthony Geake and Mr. F. S. Wilson (hon. members), and Messrs. N. H. Barber and H. Todd (performing members).

The Secretary proposed that the notices of the quarterly meetings in 'The Ringing World' be deemed sufficient, and that printed notices be discontinued. In support of his resolution, he said that if the members did their duty and supported 'The Ringing World' there would be no need for such unnecessary expense. He regretted that this, the only ringers' paper, was not supported by the members as it should be, and he hoped that at least every company would in future have a weekly copy of 'The Ringing World.'—The Dean of Norwich seconded the resolution, in the interests of 'The Ringing World," and the motion was carried.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The powers of the Central Council were discussed, and the Secretary proposed, and Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, 'That this Association does not recommend that the Central Council should have power to enforce its decisions by the proposed method of a vote taken at the option of a general meeting, as it would be an unsatisfactory way of dealing with such an important matter.

'That in the opinion of this Association, for the Central Council to have full powers to enforce its decisions, it should be re-constituted, and become the governing body for National Association of Change Ringers for the United Kingdom, bringing into unity all its affiliated associations, and its decisions would then be deemed, ipso facto, the authority of all that pertains to the art of change ringing.'

The Rev. H. Drake handed in a set of resolutions dealing with details of the Central Council; it was moved that these resolutions be adjourned to the next quarterly meeting.

Quarterly meetings are to be as follows: Stowmarket, Easter Monday; Gt. Yarmouth, Whit-Monday; Aylsham, August Bank Holiday; the annual meeting, at Ipswich October, 1920.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Meyrick for presiding, and this terminated the business.

Ringing was enjoyed during the day at St. Peter Mancroft, and other towers.

DEATH OF MR. DAVID CRASHLEY.

PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING AT CHATTERIS.

The death of Mr. David Crashley, on Friday, Oct. 10th, at the age of 74 years, removes from Chatteris (Isle of Ely), one the oldest and most highly respected ringers in the district. Deceased commenced his ringing career when 18 years of age, and rang almost consistently on the Chatteris bells for just over 50 years. He was a ringing member of the Ely Diocesan Guild; also of the Peterborough and District Association, and few are the towers he has not visited in the county. It was not until about 1900 that he could induce the local band to take up change ringing, but thanks to his untiring energy they were able to ring their first 5040 of Minor on Boxing Day, 1910. Since then great strides have been made, the greatest opportunity of his life coming when the old church was restored. He it was who was largely repsonsible for moving the parishioners to have a new tenor put in, making a very musical peal of six. His peal book is one of the most interesting, the first entry being on 4th January, 1903, viz., the first 120 Plain Bob Doubles on handbells, and the last for June 8th, 1919; for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, his own record being six 5,040's and 232 720's.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, October 15th, the coffin being borne to the grave by four of his brother ringers. After the interment, a short touch on the handbells was rung over the grave, those present including Miss Violet Abrams, Messrs. F. Rowlinson, Peterborough; A. Abrams, P. Smith, A. Mattock, A. E. Edwin, A. Barker and J. Granger. In the evening the tower bells were half-muffled, and a beautifully struck 720 Bob Minor was brought home in 28 minutes as a last token of respect to one who will be sadly missed. His motto was: 'Be patient and do your best.'

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On August 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. B. Lucas 1, W. Mead 2, W. Pether 3, O. Twist 4, H. F. Morris 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, W. Sear 8. Arranged for G. B. Lucas and O. Twist, from Walthamstow, and was also rung in honour of the wedding of Gunner J. Marks, R.F.A., which took place at St. George, Battersea, London, on the same date; Gunner Marks being one of the Bletchley band.

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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.

STRIKING IN PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Every bullet has its billet,' runs an old saying, and it is most gratifying to observe that the 'seed sown' in your issue of 26th September, has taken root—even if 'among thorns!' At the same time it is regrettable that there exists in the Exercise to-day (and that it does exist is evidenced by the letter of your worthy correspondent, Mr. G. P. Burton)—a certain faction who are ready to excuse almost any fault in peal ringing, providing there is not just too much clashing of bells; who are prepared, indeed, to gloss over the fact that owing to inferior ringing of a 'true' composition, a 'false' performance is the result; and not only so, but to go further and openly proclaim that even if the actual performance is not true to the composition, yet because the bells are able to be kept going—(and without too much noise, perhaps!)—the whole effort is to be given a place among the permanent records of true peals! (i.e. peals as true in performance as the original composition appeared upon paper; and there is a very large number of such clean and true performances on record).

Your correspondent maintains that there was nothing new in my letter. Precisely! We have no pretensions to originality in what was outlined. It was merely the consciousness of the fact that a certain section of the Exercise rests content to approve of these pernicious conditions, which has led us to re-echo what was voiced in high places in times gone by; but which had been allowed to lie in the dust of oblivion, until the letter from the hon. secretary to the Gloucester and Bristol Association once more brought the subject into the daylight.

If, as Mr. Burton says, we are not to take it literally that in ringing a peal 'no bell should be misplaced or out of course'; then, in the name of common sense, why strive continuously for upwards of three hours just to keep the bells going, regardless of trips? (but without too much noise, so that the more musical of the changes may be heard!)

To those of us who are the more closely associated with music (and to whom the musical aspect of ringing appeals more than any other) it is common knowledge that in orchestral symphony work (which is comparable with the ringing of peals in the realm of campanology) it is essential that the strictest time (the striking!) should be observed by each individual player; and one single 'occasional trip' has been sufficient reason for the exclusion of a member from the orchestra.

The production, therefore, of good music in change ringing depends equally upon accuracy in striking as upon guarding against trips; and thus preventing the bells from departing from their proper coursing order, even for half a lead: and so including every one of the more musical changes in the composition.

And this brings us to the last paragraph of your correspondent's letter, which calls for nothing less than a flat contradiction. He says: 'And here it should be noted that just what Mr. Bramble would hold permissible in peals bad striking (classified in the letter as 'a'),' etc. Now, to anyone who has taken the trouble to read the leading article in your issue of the 26th September, or my original letter, or that of Mr. Edgar Guise, it is patent that our remarks are directed entirely against the countenancing of inaccurate striking at any time—and particularly during the ringing of a peal. And again, he says that 'occasional trips would, in actual practice, hardly be noticed in comparison.' What conductor (or what capable ringer, pray) would not feel considerably aggrieved if, on the conclusion of a peal in which a certain ringer has been responsible for 'occasional trips,' that ringer turned round and coolly remarked that his careless trips had, in the words of your correspondent 'hardly been noticed in comparison.'

No, sir, the new spirit in the Exercise is one which aims at being able to record peals which are as clean and true in performance as they are in composition. Very little credit, if any, attaches to the false performance of a composition: for that sort of thing may be done any day, with almost any scratch band which can be got together. Our efforts should be directed rather against the element of inferiority and cheapness which is tending to creep into peal-ringing, and towards raising the standard; so that the performance is indeed worthy of permanent record. Continued practice for the acquisition of perfect striking is the first and most direct means of attaining this object.—Yours very truly,

YORK BRAMBLE.

BRAINTREE CHURCH'S 720 YEARS.

The 720th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish Church of Braintree fell on Sept. 29th, and in honour of the event 720 of Bob Major was rung on the bells at 6 a.m. Those who took part were: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, E. F. Slade 8.

On the previous day, for Matins, at the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard 1, W. T. Sadler 2, E. F. Slade 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. For evensong, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, E. F. Slade 8.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open 2.30, short service 4.30. Tea at Tower House 5 o'clock (by kind invitation).—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barthol mew's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Meeting in the Schoolroom after tea. A postcard to F. Emerson, 5, Lowton Street, Radcliffe, will much oblige.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—Orlingbury bells will be re-opened on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service at 2 p.m., tea at 4.30 in the schools.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tea 5 p.m.; business meeting and presentation to ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., immediately afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wootton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5; tea 5.30 at Swan Inn.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells (8) ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5.15; business meeting to follow.—Thomas H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector) at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow at 'The Rodney' (Y.M.C.A.) Hut.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Norton St. Phillip on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Divine Service (special form) at 3.30 p.m. tea and business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A special meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Oct. 25. Will all members of this District please attend? Business: Reconstruction of the Association generally. Bells (10) ready 2.30 p.m.—J. Lord, Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—Please note change of Branch Sec.—E. R. Martin, 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—An important business meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch to-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available at 2 p.m.; plain tea at Radford's, Bath Street, at 4.30 p.m.; meeting follows. All members are requested to attend.—Joseph Griffin, Local Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Tower open at 4 p.m.; Service in Church at 5; tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) after the service, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend are requested to notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 28th.—W. Luther, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A special meeting will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—A. Knights, 32. Higher Albert Street, Chesterfield.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The postponed quarterly meeting (owing to the railway strike) will be held at St. Athan (Gileston Station) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price and J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Luton. Bells available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Hon. Sec. Luton District.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.; meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824.)—Southern District.— A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 6 p.m., free to members notifying me not later than Oct. 28th. Arrangements will be made (if possible) for brake to leave Hereford at 3 p.m., if sufficient seats are booked by the 28th.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing after meeting at Heston. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hamer on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions for 1919-20 are now due.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY – The November meeting will be held in Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. The Cathedral bells will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m., and the bells of St. Marie's from 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wostenholm Hall at 6 p.m., at a charge of 1/- per head, for all those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Further particulars later.—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon; Charles H. Reading, Assist. Hon. Sec., Lower Green, Mitcham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Estab. 1637.—The 283rd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, on Nov. 22nd, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 7/6 each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, Garrard, Horrex, Horton, A. A. Hughes, L. A. Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, McDonald, Newton, Noakes, W. H. Pasmore, Prime, Sanders, Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. till 9.15 p.m. —F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

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.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

A SUSSEX CHURCH RESTORATION.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT FOR HEATHFIELD.

Cracks having developed in the tower of Heathfield Parish Church, Sussex, repairs are to be carried out at a cost of £118. Examination of the bells and frame has shown that while the latter is sound and in good condition the beams which supported it have decayed. There are six bells of which only one is true in tone. The other five need to be recast, and it was thought that the addition of two more bells in order to make a full peal of eight would be a great improvement. Mr. J. Groves, the new owner of Heathfield Park, has generously intimated his desire to bear the cost, estimated at £550, of providing new beams or girders, recasting the five bells, adding two more, and effecting sundry minor repairs and adjustments. Owing to this liberality there is a prospect of providing Heathfield Church with a peal of bells adequate to its fine position. Nor do the improvements end here, for Mr. A. C. Langdale, of Heathfield House, is erecting a clock in the church tower in memory of his son who was killed in action.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ISLEWORTH.—On Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Beckensale 1, H. Chandler 2, J. Beadle 3, J. W. Hunnisett 4, C. Bird 5, A. Harding 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

CARDIFF.—Llandaff Association.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 53 mins.: S. Williams 1, H. Day 2, E. Coles 3, C. Hobbs 4, Wm. Bolton 5, Wm. Coombs 6, F. Viles 7, Sid Dawe 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

MACCLESFIELD.—At St. Michael's Church on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, at the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 8-9 covering: W. Matthews 1, E. Atkin 2, G. Boltomley 3, J. Hankinson 4, A. Burgess 5, T. Mottershead 6, S. Cardell (conductor) 7, C. E. Galleymore 8, S. Dean 9.

BUSHEY.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for the harvest festival, at the Church of St. James', 504 Stedman Triples: R. Darlow 1, J. J. Allen 2, M. Hibbert 3, F. A. Smith 4, W. I. Oakley 5, W. G. Whitehead 6:, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Seeley 8. Also 2m Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. A. Smith.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for afternoon service harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Arrowsmith, senr., 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, W. Hardman 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Arrowsmith, junr., 5, J. Jacques 6, S. Holt 7, T. Wellens 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Peace day, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1919 changes), in 68 mins., by: F Stone 1, E. Stitch 2, W. Williams 3, W. Greenslade 4, W. Nurton 5, H. Perry 6, A. J. Pitman (composer and conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8. This is believed to be the first date touch of Grandsire Triples rung this year. The touch was composed for the occasion, and contains the 24 6-7's at back stroke; also several 4-6's and 7-4's at hand and back stroke. First part: First change made at back stroke 1325467. Bobs at 2, 1, 5, 4, produce 524367; then 2, S2, 4, 1 S2. 4. 1. 5. 4. Repeated 4 times, with single for Bobs at 3rd and 6th part ends.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins.: *W. Steed, G. B. Lucas, senr., *G. Cooper, *B. W. Pettitt, J. H. Wilkins, E. D. Lillywhite, *O. Twist, R. Maynard, junr. (conductor), H. T. Scarlett, R. Maynard, senr. Arranged for B. W. Pettitt, of Sible Hedingham, Essex; also rung as a birthday compliment to W. Steed. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

HIGHER SUTTON.—Chester Guild, Macclesfield Branch.—At St James' Church, on Sunday, August 10th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, as a welcome home to J. W. L. Slack, after three years' service with the R.A.S.C. in France: W. Wood 1, W. Matthews 2, T. Taylor (conductor) 3, J. M. Davenport 4, J. W. L. Slack 5, J. Manifold 6.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, at the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: E. Grimshaw 1, J. M. Davenport 2, T. Taylor (conductor) 3, W. Wood 4, J. W. L. Slack 5, J. Manifold 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss N. Shorter 1, P. Tyler 2, R. Sippetts 3, A. Mitchell 4, A. D. Mills 5, J. Rice (conductor) 6, O. Sippetts 7, A. Thornton 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble who hails from Oatlands Park, Surrey.

NEWPORT PAGNELL. — On July 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples:—Southwood 1, F. Tompkins (conductor) 2, W. Brown 3, E. Lathan 4, G. Boon 5, H. Warren 6, W. Smith 7, W. Ellis 8. Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Ward, whose gift of Tickford Abbey was dedicated to the P.S.A. Brotherhood on this day. The ringer of the treble hails from Exeter, and made the journey specially for the ceremony.

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