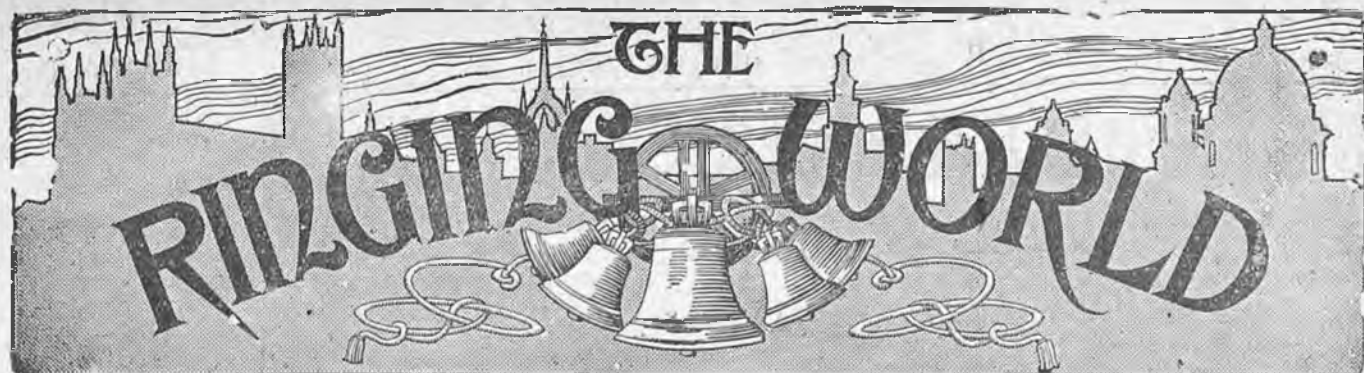




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NEW FIELDS.

The art of change-ringing never stands still, there are always new worlds to be conquered and new fields to be explored. When the investigation of six-bell methods had been completed, and there seemed nothing else to be achieved in Minor, enterprising ringers found interest and further variety in splicing methods together to obtain the extent. The exploration of eight-bell methods is not yet complete, but we are beginning to hear of a similar splicing of Major methods as an added spice to the charms of peal ringing. Last week was recorded a peal by the Cambridge University Guild in which Bob Major and Little Bob were combined, and, rung double handed, it was certainly no mean performance. This week is recorded a peal which, under the name of 'Worcester,' is a combination of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The author, to whose ingenuity the Exercise owes a great deal, puts forward the claim that by the adoption of the plan now published, a peal can, for the first time, be got without bob or single!

Put shortly, Worcester Treble Bob means that Kent Treble Bob is rung, but, when a bob is called, Oxford places are substituted for Kent places, and the contention is, we suppose, that, as both forms of place-making are plain-lead forms, no bobs are made throughout the peal. We can see a nice point here for discussion. According to the standard work on the subject, 'The Glossary,' a bob is a call made 'to cause certain bells (three, or other uneven number) to effect an alteration in their regular work'; and a 'plain lead' is 'a lead introduced without "a call."' Now we have this proposition: here is a method in which a call is made to effect an alteration in the regular work of the bells, but instead of it affecting an uneven number, it affects an even number, and in that respect it does not comply with the preconceived notions of a bob. On the other hand, the change of place-making is introduced by a 'call,' and, according to 'The Glossary,' that lead cannot therefore be termed a 'plain lead.' These seem briefly to be the points, and the claim of the author must be left to wiser heads than ours to settle.

But what we want to draw attention to is that the evolution of ringing is going on. In the practice of Major ringing, these two instances of the amalgamation of methods to obtain a peal may be only a small step, but it opens the way to greater possibilities, of which ringers will only be able to reap full advantage when they have in their possession the collection of eight-bell methods which the Central Council's committee have partly completed and partly in preparation. We may yet see the day when five thousands are made up of a variety of methods, when with every call the bells will switch on to a fresh method, and so add to the present intricacies some further allurements to those who practise the art.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

THOMAS RUSSAM	Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS	7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	*REV. R. F. WILKINSON	8
ALBERT E. NORMAN	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	JAMES E. GROVES	10
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	5	JOHN NEAL	11
FRANK W. PERRENS	6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP	Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.
Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells and in the method, and hails from Mansfield, Notts. Rung as a welcome to Dr. Willink, Dean of Norwich.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS).

On Thursday, June 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*THOMAS ELLIS	Treble	CHARLES DYSON	6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN	2	ALFRED G. HANNIS	7
JOHN AUSTIN	3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	8
JESSE GILLET	4	ERNEST E. DAVIS	9
CAPT. A. A. BENNETT, C.A. 5		THOMAS WHITING	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. The above peal was rung, with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the unveiling of a Tablet in the Church to the memory of those who had laid down their lives in the Great War.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*ALBERT C. V. GASSON	Treble	† WILLIAM H. PICKETT	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERNEST A. REEVE	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ISAAC ATTWATER	8
† ERNEST J. KING	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
HORATIO J. GUMMER	5	*ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal. † First peal on 10 bells. First peal of Stedman Caters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes, 8
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

MISS HILDA F. WILLSON	Treble	T. HENRY HARDY	6
JOHN H. GRUNDY	2	H. EDWARD NORMAN	7
WILLIAM SMITH	3	JAMES HARRIS	8
HORACE STUBBS	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	9
ERNEST LESLIE	5	WILLIAM THORLEY	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

The ringers of treble, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th belong to St. John the Divine, Leicester, and desire to thank the Rector for the use of the bells; no opportunity for a ten-bell peal being obtainable by them in their own town.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.—For morning service, on June 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): *J. Potter 1, F. E. Gregory 2, D. T. Matkin 3, †P. Lane 4, W. R. Nash (conductor) 5, *E. Goddard 6. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal of Doubles. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Canon Chesshire.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

On Saturday, June 26, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	GEORGE A. CARD ... 6
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 2	FRANK BALL ... 7
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	*WILLIAM ESSARY ... 8
ISAAC ATTWATER ... 4	HARRY MANCE ... 9
*LIONEL H. PAGE ... 5	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(WESTERN BRANCH AND THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF WORCESTER TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 7
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal of Worcester Treble Bob ever rung.

PRESHINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY HALL ... Treble	ROBERT RAYNOR ... 5
ROBERT RICHES ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
ERNEST LINCOLN ... 3	WALTER RICHES ... 7
JOHN ETHERIDGE ... 4	ALBERT RICHES ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

MINEREADE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*HENRY LOUIS ARSCOTT ... Treble	†FREDERICK DATE ... 5
*FRANCIS GEORGE ARSCOTT ... 2	WILLIAM HOYLE ... 6
GEORGE STACEY ... 3	GEORGE ATKINS ... 7
JOSEPH PARKER ... 4	WILLIAM THORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringers of the treble and 2nd were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

†WILFRED H. BOXTON ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
*WILLIAM POYSER ... 2	JOHN W. GLEW ... 6
†JOHN HAYNES ... 3	†ARTHUR B. STONE ... 7
*HARRY THORPE ... 4	*JOSEPH LORD ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by JOHN W. GLEW.

† First peal of Major. * First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled on the anniversary of the death of Trooper W. J. Davis.

RUSPIER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 13, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN RICE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
WILLIAM HEWETT ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
HENRY STALHAM ... 3	ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE ... 7
ISAAC EMERY ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LEIGH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 14, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. BANK'S NO. 1.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM HAYES ... 5
WILLIAM SMITH ... 2	HENRY SMITH ... 6
HENRY HAYES ... 3	SAMUEL ARROWSMITH ... 7
SAMUEL HAYES, SEN. ... 4	SAMUEL HAYES, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY SMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hayes, who has attained the age of 63 years. * First peal. First peal as conductor. The composer and the ringers are all Leigh men.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 14, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... Treble	*PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 5
*MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6
*MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 3	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	*WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Bob Major. Thanks are due to Messrs. Knight and Burford for filling vacancies at very short notice.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... Treble	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE ... Treble	EDGAR VALLANCE ... 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 2	FRED COTTON ... 6
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE ... 3	GEO. P. GARNER ... 7
CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... 4	FRED H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, May 11th, at All Saints' Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1920 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins.: H. J. Langston (longest length) 1, F. Claydon 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, P. J. Langston 4, J. C. Newman 5, C. J. Rogers 6, R. Fisher (longest length) 7, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 8. This date touch in 17 courses was rung on the 17th anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise Major, in which the conductor rung the 6th.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.	
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	*FREDERICK T. COOKE ... 5
PHYLLIS HARE ... 2	*HUGH BEECHY ... 6
*THOMAS VAGHAN ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... 7
†GEORGE BARKER ... 4	†TOM HOWLING ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method. † rooth peal. † First peal. This is the first peal in the method on the bells and also for the Association. It was arranged for the coming of age birthday of Miss Phyllis Hare, the ringer of the 2nd.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

THOMAS BOOKER ... Treble	ALBERT BATES ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	EDMUND G. BATES ... 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 3	GEORGE DURLING ... 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4	JOHN WHEADON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, Mr. T. Booker obliging. It was G. Durling's rooth peal, and was rung in honour of the anniversary of J. A. Bate's wedding.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WATSON ... Treble	JOHN SANDERSON ... 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	EDWIN OGDEN ... 6
THOMAS WILSON ... 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	JAMES H. BANKS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal in the method by ringers of the 2nd and 5th. It was also the conductor's 50th peal.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM ... Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
*COOK WELLS ... 2	WILLIAM CLARKE ... 6
*JOHN T. WELLS ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
GEORGE CHESTER ... 4	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal upon the bells.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... Treble	ROBERT ALLRED, SEN. ... 5
HARRY ALLRED ... 2	*THOMAS ALLRED ... 6
HERBERT ALLRED ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
HENRY SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Allred. The ringer of the treble is 16 years of age. R. Allred, sen., has now rung a peal on every bell in this tower.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	ALFRED CRIPP ... 5
ROBERT J. DAWE ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
JESSE POPPLETT ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
GEORGE PIPER ... 4	RICHARD HIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9 cwt. approx.

ROBERT A. FOSDIKE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 5
JOHN CROWDER ... 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 6
THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
EDWIN J. FANNETT ... 4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the annual outing of the St. John's Society, Deptford, and was the conductor's 200th peal.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Treble	GEORGE ELLIS ... 5
HENRY F. EWINS ... 2	AMOS W. CLARK ... 6
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 3	GEORGE ILLMAN ... 7
ALBERT HARMAN ... 4	ALBERT ELLIS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM WOOD ... Treble	THOMAS JOLL ... 4
WILLIAM NYE ... 2	WILLIAM WALKER ... 5
EDWARD H. SPICE ... 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

First peal on these bells since the beginning of the War, and rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss G. S. Doubleday and Mr. E. Boulding.

BILLINGBORO', LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cuncastre, Wells, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley, London and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

*H. WAND ... Treble	JAMES OSBORN ... 4
JOHN W. LAKE ... 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN ... 5
†THOMAS L. EAINBRIDGE ... 3	†ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal. † First Surprise peal in seven methods. First Surprise peal on the bells.

FORTISHEAD, SOMERSET. — At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 6th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss Dorothy Willett 1, Miss Alice Stokes 2, Miss Adelaide Stokes 3, Miss N. Gillingham (conductor) 4, E. J. Goldstone 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. L. Gale 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and 2nd, whose ages are 13 and 14 years respectively.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the North and East district was held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on June 19th. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and continued until 5.30, when a short service was held, at which the members of the Association were welcomed by the Rev. Denton Jones, who also gave a very interesting address on the subject of bells and their uses.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, and an excellent meal was enjoyed. Before the business meeting was held a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, brought by Mr. J. Rayner, by Messrs. A. Mason, C. T. Coles, W. Pye, C. Charge, and G. Fletcher. At the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. W. Orusha, who was supported by Mr. A. Richards, both being churchwardens. The former gave the society a hearty welcome to Tottenham, and said how glad they were to hear the bells again after their long silence through the war, and during the period prior to their being rehung. He hoped the society would prosper, and continue its good work.

Before the meeting closed, the Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Denton Jones for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service; and thanks were also given to the churchwardens, and to Mrs. Orusha and friends for their helping to make the meeting a success by preparing such an excellent tea for the ringers.

The bells were afterwards made much use of, the methods rung including Bristol, London, and Superlative Surprise, besides Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich. In spite of the short notice given, brought about by a mishap to the advertisement sent to 'The Ringing World,' there was a good attendance, and including reinforcements after tea, about 40 members were present during the afternoon and evening.

ACCIDENT TO MR. J. W. SEAMER.

The ringing friends of Mr. J. W. Seamer, of Grimsby, will be sorry to hear that he has met with a rather serious accident. While at his work he got his right hand drawn into a circular saw, with the result that he has lost three finger-ends, and had the other finger and thumb badly lacerated.

Mr. and Mrs. Seamer wish to thank all friends for their kind letters of inquiry and sympathy. It has been quite impossible, under the circumstances, to answer each letter individually, and they trust this will be accepted as an acknowledgment of their kind expressions of sympathy.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT RETFORD.**

One of the best annual meetings of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday week. Ringers were present from Anston, Barlboro', Harthill, Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, Rotherham, Workson, Tuxford, Lancham, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Misson, Ordsall, and East and West Retford; also Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, of Huddersfield. Some good ringing took place at all three churches in the old borough; at East Retford, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, conducted by C. Ryder, A. Hague and H. Haigh; at Ordsall and West Retford, a variety of six-bell methods, conducted by F. Hargreaves, C. F. Fowler and J. S. Betts.

Upwards of 50 ringers sat down to a good meat tea at Howard's Restaurant, presided over by the Vicar of East Retford (the Rev. C. Bailey). Afterwards twelve new members were elected from Barlborough, Tuxford, Lancham, East and West Retford and Workson.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Blyth, in July. The re-election of all officers, with Mr. Joseph Hall, of Workson, as assistant secretary, took place, after which came a hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of the three churches for placing the bells at the disposal of ringers during the day.

The Rev. C. Bailey replied, and welcomed the ringers to East Retford. They had got practically a new band at his tower, and he rejoiced to know that they were keenly interested and making good progress as probationers.

Further ringing took place, and brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £11 4s., and expenditure to £11 17s., with a balance in hand, or invested, of £22 3s. 10d.

The report recorded two peals rung during the year, and a roll of 13 honorary, 127 performing and 21 probationary members.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 6th, on the occasion of the dedication of the Memorial Altar and Reredos in the Parish Church by the Bishop of Birmingham a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. Leeson 1, C. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd (composer) 3, G. A. Martineau 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, S. Bragg 7, R. Bragg (conductor) 8, 1. Bragg 9, W. H. Smith 10.



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A call at 3.
— 64128375
61482735
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etc.

LEAD ENDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reference to the leading article in your last issue, may I say that I hope later on to send to your columns a short and concise statement of what, in my opinion should be the principles and rules to which 'regular' methods should conform? Hitherto my task has been the unwelcome one of pulling down, i.e., of showing the fallacies and worthlessness of the Committee's Report on Legitimate Methods, and it is only fair that having, as I contend, demolished it, I should erect something to take its place. What we all want is not mere negative criticism, but positive work—work which I can assure you that at least I myself shall find far more agreeable.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

WEIGHTS OF TENORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In looking through reports of peals rung, I have been struck with the great uncertainty which appears to exist as to the weight of tenor. In the last three or four issues of the 'Ringing World,' I find about a dozen tenors which appear to have lost weight, the loss varying from $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. to actually 8 cwt.—since the year 1919; while in one or two cases the tenors have put on weight—one of them no less than 2 cwt.—within the last few months. In none of these instances has there been any recasting noted, which might account for it. May I appeal that greater care be exercised by those who furnish reports of peals?—Yours faithfully,

St. Philip's Vicarage, Bristol.

MICHAEL E. THOROLD.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RETIREMENT OF CANTERBURY DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Chatham on Saturday, June 26th, when 35 members from various towers attended. The usual procedure was followed—ringing, service, tea, business, ringing.

The Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, district secretary for the last four years wrote to say he must decline the honour of re-election, as owing to his distance from a station, and living on the edge of such a large district, he found he was unable to carry out the duties of the office satisfactorily.

Mr. E. G. Buesden (Canterbury) was elected as successor to Mr Cobbe.

Messrs. C. R. Millway (Dover) and F. G. Brett (Canterbury) were chosen as representatives on the Central Committee. Sixteen new members were elected, and it was arranged to hold meetings at Birchington and Quex Park in the autumn, at Teynham in the spring, and at Dover in the summer.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AWAKENING ENTHUSIASM IN THE NORTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association took place at Scarborough. Upwards of thirty ringers were present from Pickering, Helmsley, Malton, Thornaby, Fylingdales, Tanfield and Scarborough. During the afternoon and evening St. Mary's beautiful peal of eight bells was at the disposal of the visitors. A short service was held, at which the Rev. MacLaren gave a helpful address. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, after which the business meeting was held, the Rev. E. Drage (vice-president) presiding.—A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Rev. C. C. Cooper, Vicar of Scarborough, for his kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and to the Rev. MacLaren for his efforts towards making the day a success.—The Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the association, wrote expressing his regret at not being able to be present, and conveying his good wishes for the success of the meeting. After much discussion, it was decided that an effort be made to amalgamate the Cleveland Association with the Yorkshire Association. It was the general opinion of those present that if such a union could be brought about much good would result from it.

Twenty-one new members were elected from the various towers in the district, a fact which indicates the growing enthusiasm of the ringers, and speaks well for the future prosperity of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 315.)

CITY'S THREATENED CHURCHES.

Canon Elsee moved a resolution: 'That an appeal be sent by this Council to the Bishop of London's Committee, urging the desirability of preserving all towers in the City of London in which there are notable rings of bells.' He said everyone knew that in the recent report of the Bishop of London's Committee it was recommended that 19 London Churches should be removed. In the case of some of them they proposed to retain the towers, but he thought the Central Council would be fully justified as a body representing the bell ringers of the country in urging that all the towers should be retained.

The Hon. Secretary said Major Hesse had raised the same question in a letter which he had written to him.

Canon Elsee said he thought if the Council went outside what was in that resolution they would be venturing on rather difficult and certainly debatable ground. Although their sympathies might be very strongly on one side or the other, without full information they would, he thought be ill advised to express any opinion on the question whether City churches in certain cases should be removed. With all sympathy for preserving ancient buildings and churches, in the present state of the needs of the Church as a living body, he thought they would not be justified in criticising what a responsible committee had advised. Their ground was different, however, when they spoke about the towers in which there were notable rings of bells, and for that reason he proposed the resolution. He imagined that all the towers contained bells, but in some cases there would be only a very few bells of no particular interest or value, but there were some of the churches suggested for demolition that contained very notable rings of bells. It was proposed to retain certain of the towers, but he thought it would strengthen the hands of those who desired to retain them if they passed that resolution.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded, and said he would like to see the resolution extended to the churches themselves.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved that they should add to the resolution words which would include the churches as well as the towers. He wanted to strengthen the resolution, for it would appear that this procedure would not merely apply to London. There were signs that the same harmful movement was going on in his own city of Norwich. The city was full of churches, and Bristol might also share the same fate. As Churchmen and bell ringers they should protest against the action Bishops were taking over this matter. He hoped, therefore, they would adopt a stronger resolution than had been proposed by including the churches.

Mr. T. Faulkner, as a London ringer and the representative of a society (the College Youths) that rang at most of the City churches, said he felt it was an act of gross vandalism to destroy those churches. After all, the churches had been consecrated and dedicated to the glory of God and they had no right to desecrate them for the sake of pounds, shillings and pence. There was no resolution that could be too strong to condemn the proposed action (applause). There were signs of this thing happening in other towns and they should protest against the desecration of God's House (hear, hear).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: Liverpool is already suffering.

Canon Baker said the amendment touched upon ground on which they were not, as a Council, entitled to express an opinion any more than they were upon any other burning question of the day. To do so would be opening the door to the introduction of a wide number of subjects which had nothing to do with them, from Free Trade to Pussyfoot organisation (laughter). They had to do with bells and bell ringing, and, therefore Canon Elsee's proposition was in order, and was one which they could well support. If they went beyond that they would be going beyond their legitimate purview, however much they might feel on the subject individually.

Canon Coleridge said he could not vote either way on this matter. It was quite true the daily press had had great headlines, 'Destruction and Demolition of City Churches,' but that was a small part of the whole thing. He was not going to be led away by scare headlines in the daily press. There was a great deal of substance in the report that deserved the consideration of all Churchmen before they proceeded to vote upon it.

Mr. Burton's amendment, on being put, was declared defeated by 18 votes to 14.

Another amendment was moved by the Rev. H. Drake to add the words 'at least' before the word towers, but this was also lost, and the resolution as moved by Canon Elsee was then put and carried.

COLLECTION OF RECORDS.

The Council then came to the consideration of the first resolution on the agenda paper, Mr. E. H. Lewis having given notice to move the following: 'That the Council compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal and longest peal rung in each method and on each number of bells.'—The Hon. Secretary, in the absence of Mr. Lewis, moved the resolution, and quoted from a letter from Mr. Lewis in which the latter said that his idea was exactly what was detailed in that week's 'Ringing World' editorial. He thought a record should be kept of the first peal and each subsequent longer length in each method on each number of bells. The original compilation would take a good deal of work, but a great deal might be done by corres-

pondents in different parts of the country. The standard methods had been well done in Snowden's series. Once the back numbers were hunted out it would not be difficult to keep up to date, if the Peals Analysis Committee could undertake to pass on to the committee, which would probably have to be appointed to keep the record, a list of the claims to first peals which they came across in making up the analysis. If the committee were to publish their work in sections, asking for corrections and additions a fairly accurate historical record could be made before it was too late.

The Rev. H. Law James seconded the motion, which was adopted without discussion, and the following members were appointed a committee to carry out the work and to be known as the 'Records Committee': The Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. H. Law James, and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

A SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT.

Mr. E. A. Young moved: 'That the Central Council take steps to approach the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Science and Art Museum with a view to the possibility of obtaining from them the allotment of a suitable space for the exhibition in London of bells, models, papers, drawings, etc., illustrative of campanology as a science and art.' Mr. Young said he had thought for some years past that, from a propaganda point of view, they might do more to educate the public, and a cheap way to do it, if they could only get the Government to fall into line, was to place in a museum an exhibit showing what they had done were doing, and were trying to do. It did not follow that they would get this space allotted to them, but he thought they should endeavour to do so. Knowing there was no exhibit of the kind in any of the museums he interviewed, Mr. Dickenson, an assistant director on the science side at Kensington, and he seemed a little astonished at the subject, but he kindly allowed him (Mr. Young) to explain it. He thought he converted him to the view that there was something in it. Mr. Dickenson inquired whether it was a science or an art, and he (the speaker) suggested that it was both, and that the exhibit might be erected on these lines, but when it was hinted to him that this would involve putting part of the exhibit in one museum and another part in some other part of London, he thought that would be very undesirable. He had the privilege when at Birmingham of seeing that wonderful machine of Mr. Carter's, and the thought passed through his mind, 'What was to become of it when he had passed away? It was a masterpiece, and its resting-place should be in some such place as these great galleries devoted to science which they had in London. London was the centre of the Empire, and there was no city or town which ringers as a whole visited so much as London. If they could persuade the Government to give them a space they might put there, among other things, some of the remarkable old peals boards which were now neglected in some of the towers or photographic copies of these, and the remarkable old documents which existed in the British Museum. These, with models and other items would go to make up an exhibit which would be national in character, and would show future generations that there was something more in ringing than most people appreciated.

The Hon. Secretary in seconding, said Mr. Carter's machine was a most wonderful thing, but the Council had no call on it whatever. He had, however, often been puzzled as to what was to become of it when Mr. Carter was dead and gone, but he would be rather sorry to see it placed in a museum, for this reason, it was a machine and if they once put it in a museum no one would ever know all the beauties and wonders of it, and no one would see the working of it. But as far as everything else that had been mentioned he would like to see them in a museum.

The President said he believed Mr. Carter had made his own arrangements as to the future of the machine.

Suggestions were made that the exhibit should be extended to originals and models of ancient and famous bells not necessarily connected with change ringing, and the methods of hanging from the most primitive type to the latest patterns.

The resolution on being put was carried.

NO CHANGE IN DATE OF MEETING.

The Rev. H. Drake moved: 'That arrangements be made for the Council to hold its annual meeting on the Tuesday after the first Sunday after Trinity' (i.e., a fortnight later than at present). He said he had really no wish to bring forward any ideas of his own, he simply desired that they might vote as to what was the wish of the Council and what was the most convenient day. He had tried three times to draw discussion on it in 'The Ringing World,' but each time he had drawn a blank. The present date, he thought was inconvenient to many of them because they had the annual meetings of their own associations on the previous day, and if they attended to the duties of their associations it was obvious that only those who lived in that part of England where the meeting was to be held could attend the Council meeting the next day. There was another reason which applied to some of them, they had other things to occupy them during the holiday. Those who were parsons and church workers had church work which occupied them, and there was a conflict in the claims upon them at this important season of the Church's year. It had been suggested that the Council should meet on the Tuesday after August Bank Holiday but there were objections to that as it would interfere with the holiday season. He thought, therefore, if they made it a fortnight later than at present it would be sufficient.

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Mr. E. A. Young formally seconded the motion.

Mr. Rock Small raised strong objection on the ground that the working men members would not be able to attend except at a time when there were general holidays.

The Hon. Secretary thought if they altered the day to the one now proposed they would halve the attendance, and Mr. George Bolland said Whitsuntide was the most convenient time. If they wanted to alter the date at all let them make it Whitsun Monday.

The Hon. Secretary: I can see what you want to do, you want to get rid of the parsons (laughter).

Mr. Bolland: The parsons can come at any time, we can't; we have business to attend to (laughter).

Mr. W. E. White said the working men could not afford to have another holiday a fortnight after Whitsun.

Canon Coleridge referred to the remark made by Mr. Drake, that those who had association meetings on the previous day could not attend if they had to go to another part of England. They had there a splendid example to refute that. The Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Devon Guild, attended the meeting of the Guild in Exeter on the previous day, and was there in Northampton that morning, and he was only excelled in age by Mr. Rock Small himself (applause).

No one voted in favour of Mr. Drake's motion, which was, therefore, defeated.

The only other notice on the agenda had been given by Mr. John Carter 'to consider the question of the term "Surprise Method," and, if thought advisable, to move a resolution.' As Mr. Carter was not present, the Council decided to pass on to the next business.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Northampton for allowing them the use of the Council Chamber, and remarked that they were especially grateful to the Mayor for his kindness in welcoming them personally, and for his interesting speech (applause).—The motion was unanimously carried.

The Hon. Secretary said the arrangements for the meeting were supposed to fall upon the secretary, but when the meeting took place in the country he always found a good friend to do the work for him who knew the ropes better than he did, and on the present occasion no better or fuller arrangements could possibly have been made than had been made by their friend, Mr. Wilford (applause). Personally, he felt he owed him a deep debt of gratitude for all he had done for obtaining the use of that excellent and comfortable chamber, and for his arrangements for the ringing which had been made. He wished, therefore, to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wilford for what he had done.—This was at once carried by acclamation.

Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the President, and remarked, amid applause, that he was sure it would be the desire of the members that Mr. Boughey should continue to occupy the office.

The President, replying, said that anything that lay in his power he was only too happy to do. His services were at their disposal as long as he could give them, but it was most important that when the new Council assembled there should be a new president more active, more vigorous and more capable than their present president, though he could not exceed him in his desire to further the interests and welfare of the Council. In conclusion he thanked the secretary, the librarian and others who had done the work.

The meeting then terminated, and the members adjourned to St. Giles' Hall, where they were the guests at tea of the Central Northants Association, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to the association for their hospitality.

Later in the evening there was a social gathering at the Grand Hotel.

BELL BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We see by your report that Cullompton bells are hung on ball bearings, which, the writer states, is different from our design, which he says is that of rollers. First, please, let us contradict his statement. Our patent adjustable bearing contains no rollers or ball races, as these are useless in a bearing for the pendulum motion a bell has. The weight of a bell when rung thrusts itself threefold. The result is that the bottom balls or rollers take all the weight. After a time the case hardening wears off these rollers and balls, and the bell goes hard—proof may yet find this out.

The patent adjustable bearings we make, and which are in use throughout Devon and Cornwall on over 3,000 bells from 30 cwt. downwards, give the highest satisfaction. They consist of a solid gun metal round ball. This is fitted to a pedestal into which a stud is fitted to prevent the ball from turning round. The axle of the bell fits and swings in the middle of the ball, and is allowed to oscillate to any angle, where there is a sinkage in the frames or beams, or headstock. The ball gives to the swing of the bell and axle, thus providing an even bearing. There is a top cap fitted on this with a recess for oil; also a canopy to prevent dust and grit. It is self-lubricating. We hope shortly to send an illustration for publication in the 'Ringing World'. Much has been said by Guilds and ringers who are ignorant of what the bearing we use is like.—Yours faithfully,

Chagford, Devon.

WM. AGGETT AND SONS.

NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Finchingfield, July 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Address by A. W. Ruggles-Brise, Esq. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m., business meeting to follow.—B. Redgwell, Hon. District Sec., The Street, Rayne, Braintree.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Summer quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 3rd. Tea to those who notify me by June 30th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing at All Saints', Stanford, and the Bell Foundry. Committee meeting 4.30, tea 5, and general meeting after tea, in Fearon Hall, near All Saints' Church.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Secretary, Strathallan, Darley Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Newhey. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Whitchurch on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 followed by business meeting.—C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James's Society).—Estab. 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Summer Festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 3rd. The fine peal of eight bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15; tea 5 o'clock.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The July meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, the 3rd. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 3rd. Tea 5.30.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood St., Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Stoke-on-Trent, Hon. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Peterborough on Saturday, July 3rd. St. Mary's bells open afternoon and evening, and Woodston from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea at the Co-operative Society, Park Road, at 5 p.m., 2/4 each. All ringers are welcome.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Eight bells. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Perry Barr on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Guild's Service in Church at 4.15. Tea (followed by business meeting) will be kindly provided by the Vicar in the Church Room.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Northaw on Wednesday, July 7th. Bells available from 7 to 9.30. Nearest stations Cuffley and Potters Bar, G.N.Rly. Trains from Kings Cross 5.59, 6.19, 6.42 and 6.57, from Broad Street at 5.50, 6.3 and 6.27. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bere-Regis on Thursday, July 8th. Bells from 2 p.m. Guild service at 4.30, followed by tea (kindly provided by friends) and meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 10th. Meeting in the Parish Room at 2.45; tea at Stephens' Refreshment Room at 4 p.m.; Service in the Parish Church at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clare, Saturday, July 10th. Tea 1/6. Those who intend to be at the tea, please let me know by July 5th.—A. Symonds, Lavenham.

CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The annual district meeting and election of officers will be held at Lowick on Saturday, July 10th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston, Dist. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, or at latest by July 5th, in order that satisfactory arrangements for tea can be made?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, July 10th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells of the Priory Church (8) will be available all day; these bells are by Taylor, Loughborough (tenor 26½ cwt.). Service in Church at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. Canon Topham. Meat tea at 5, 2/6 per head. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Church Institute. All members requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Cowling, 62, St. John Street, Bridlington, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on July 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 9 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, Lancs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Barnsley (St. Mary's Tower), July 10th, at 4 p.m., to which all towers are requested to send representatives. Business: To settle the affairs or continue the Association as may be decided at the meeting.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Rd., Barnsley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The dedication of the two new bells at North Mymms will take place on Sunday, July 11th, at the morning Service by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. An opening meeting will be held on the following Saturday, July 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Any ringer coming by bus can get off at South Mymms and walk through the woods. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James's Society).—The quarterly general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes on Monday, July 12th. Tower open at 6.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8.30 p.m. sharp.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.1.

LINCOLNSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW, GRIMSBY, July 14th, 15th and 16th.—Ringers visiting the above Show who would care to have a ring on either of the above days, please write to J. W. Seamer, 9, St. Augustine Avenue, when the necessary arrangements will be made for them to do so.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 17th. The bells at St. Giles' will be available from 2 p.m.; St. Lawrence from 4.15 to 4.45. Service at St. Giles' at 5, followed by tea at 5.45. Business meeting afterwards. Will all who intend being present notify me by Wednesday, July 14th? All ringers invited.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th, at St. Margaret's Lee, S.E. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Kingswood Hall, followed by business meeting. Will members requiring tea kindly let me know not later than July 12th?—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Star Inn. Half railway fares (maximum 2/-). Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Monday, July 12th.—George W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, July 17th. All Saints' and Mary's towers open afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30 at Saltmarsh's Tea Rooms, followed by business meeting. Will all members intending to be present advise me at latest by July 14th?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at East Peckham on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage at 5.45, followed by business meeting. All members intending to attend must notify the District Sec. not later than Tuesday, July 13th.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and a six-bell contest will be held at Sandal on Saturday, July 17th. The draw will take place at 3 p.m. prompt. Tea (1/6 each) will be provided for those who notify me not later than Monday, July 12th.—Willie Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield

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.

DEATH OF A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

In bell ringing circles, both far and near, the news of the death, on Tuesday week, of Mr. John Millett, of Heywood, will be heard with feelings of profound regret. The deceased, who was 57 years of age, had been a ringer at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, for the long period of 41 years, and he was also one of the old handbell ringers in the town. The late Mr. Millett was a member of the College Youths, and the conductor at St. Luke's, and had rung 55 peals.

At the funeral, which took place on Saturday last, Heywood ringers acted as bearers, and the Lancashire Association was represented by members from Pendleton, Middleton, Moorside, Gladwick and Oldham. Owing to a prior engagement the president of the association (Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A.) was unable to be present. As Mr. Millett had also been a respected sidesman, the service was fully choral. Mr. Stanley Roberts presided at the organ, and the officiating clergyman both at the service and the graveside was the Rector (Rev. J. H. Clark, B.S.). At the conclusion of the last sad rites, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung most effectively over the grave by Messrs. H. Chapman, J. Schofield, S. Stott and E. B. Shaw.

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