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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL.

In addition to the matters specifically mentioned in the Central Council's agenda, there are one or two things which we hope will come before the meeting next Tuesday at Lincoln. One is the question of the official communication of the Council's resolutions to the affiliated bodies, when those resolutions are outside the purely private affairs of the central body. We have, on previous occasions, pointed out that although the Council may pass resolutions of importance to the Exercise, there is nothing in the rules or constitution which makes it necessary for the Council to inform the affiliated societies of any action taken. This is a weak link in the chain, and certainly detracts from the authority of the Council. It is true that in many cases representatives are called upon to report to their associations, but when an association happens—as does happen with some of them every year—not to have a representative present, there is no means of securing that a decision of the Council shall be transmitted to the affiliated body. Whether this defect in the machinery can be remedied without coming within the interpretation of an alteration of rules, of which one month's notice must be given, we do not know; but if it does, the recommendation of the Standing Committee, or an expression of opinion from the meeting, would overcome the difficulty for this year, and the matter could be more formally regulated by due notice next year. In any event, common sense dictates that the present rather absurd position should be altered.

Another matter which we hope will come up for decision is the question of the publication of the Plain Major methods. This work, which would be of great interest and use to the Exercise, has been delayed by the war and the subsequent high cost of printing; but if it is now found that the collection cannot be published as a whole, we commend to the Council our suggestion made long ago, that it might with advantage be published on the instalment plan, thus enabling the outlay on one section to be largely recovered before the next is embarked upon. At any rate, we hope something may be done, not only because it would be primarily in the interests of ringing, but also because it is a great pity that so much valuable work should be pigeon-holed and the labours of the Committee blanketed.

There is one other action which we should like to see taken by the Council. A great deal of trouble was taken to collect a list of all the ringers who fell in the war. That list, we presume, is now among the archives of the Council. We should like to see a resolution passed to have those names, with other particulars available, written on parchment, so that they may occupy an honoured place in the new library.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.	
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. Treble	OLIVER NORMAN 6
*ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
JAMES E. GROVES 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN 8
GEORGE HUGHES 4	ALBERT WALKER 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.

* First peal on 10 tower bells as conductor. † First peal on 10 bells.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	*EDWARD D. SMITH 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS 3	ALFRED PYE 8
†ARTHUR MASON 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
CECIL V. EBBERSON... .. 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by ARTHUR MASON.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal as conductor on 10 bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.	
ALFRED PARNELL Treble	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 6
FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
FREDERICK VILES 3	JOHN W. JONES 8
CHARLES GREEDY 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
HENRY WEST 5	LEWIS WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

Arranged specially and rung as a railwaymen's peal, all the ringers being employees of the Great Western Railway Co. It was also a birthday peal for a son of the ringer of the 3rd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
*ARTHUR H. MAYNARD Treble	†GEORGE EDWARDS 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	†HARRY HARRINGTON 6
HARRY GOODWIN 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
JAMES MAYNARD... .. 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. Peal 122 in C.C. Collection.

BURFORD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.	
GEORGE HOLIFIELD Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	*BERT BISHOP 6
RICHARD G. RICE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 7
JAMES BUTLER 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal, and belongs to local band. The ringer of the second, who hails from Cirencester, was elected a member of the Guild.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6162 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	*PERCY JERVIS ... 5
*GEORGE M. THORPE ... 2	†SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 6
*HARRY GREAVES ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. † First peal of Treble Bob.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CLER.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... 7
GEORGE BENNETT ... 4	GEORGE FARNISH ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by CLER.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

Arranged to oblige the conductor, who was home on week-end leave.

HARFENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

†BEN JARMAN ... Treble	HARRY WOOD ... 5
ALFRED KING ... 2	FREDERICK HUNT ... 6
*CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... 3	†HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 7
THOMAS KENDALL ... 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSROW. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method and first attempt.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 3rd.
 First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER
SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6
*JAMES ROSE ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	ALBERT A. FLEMING ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

OSWESTRY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED LEA, SEN. ... Treble	ALFRED LEA, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM JONES ... 2	THOMAS CATHRALL ... 6
*WILLIAM CATHRALL ... 3	HARRY MOORE ... 7
W. H. THOMAS ... 4	SAMUEL MEADOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MOORE.

* First peal. The above are Wrexham ringers with the exception of W. H. Thomas, of Bristol. The band desire to thank the Vicar and Mr. Whitfield for use of the bells, and Messrs. Evans and Kynaston for having everything in order.

ASHTED.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. A. CLARK ... Treble	HERBERT J. SEELT ... 5
JAMES RUMBLE ... 2	JAMES COOPER ... 6
WILLIAM H. CORRETT ... 3	CHARLES KIPPIN, JUN. ... 7
AMOS W. CLARK ... 4	*DANIEL COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CORRETT.

* First peal.

PORTSEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 5
PERCY W. CAVE ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 3	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 7
*WILLIAM TATE ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to J. D. Harris.

CHRISTLETON, GRESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY LEWIS ... Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES ... 5
EDWARD HARRISON ... 2	ARTHUR NEWELL ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 4	GEORGE R. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	HARRY PRICE ... 6
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	†GEORGE WAGHORN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Triples with an 'inside' bell. † First peal on eight bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 6
*HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE WILSON ... 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

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PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1922, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN J. TAYLOR... ..	Treble	*FRED BIRKS	5
JOHN PERRY	2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ...	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 3		HERBERT KNIGHT	7
*ALBERT HUNT	4	*EDMUND WESTWOOD... ..	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of Empire Day, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Perry (wife of the 2nd ringer) and Miss C. Knight (daughter of the conductor) on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM THORLEY	Treble	*JOHN E. CLARKE	5
JOHN SADDINGTON	2	*JOE CARTER	6
FRED WILFORD	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*SYD. COX	4	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by J. LESLIE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the treble and 2nd hail from Loughborough, 3rd from Northampton and the rest from South Wigston. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Pryce Taylor for the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality afterwards.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE	Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	5
CHARLES F. SAYER	2	GEORGE LEE	6
CLAYTON PARNELL	3	ROBERT J. GOATE	7
CHARLES RUSH	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER	Treble	SAMUEL GROVE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	ALFRED DAVIES	6
JOHN BASS	3	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ...	7
WILLIAM SHORT	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* This peal was specially arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell, who was on a visit to Bridgnorth.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON	Treble	JOHN PALFRAMAN	5
JOSEPH BROADLEY	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
FIRTH HOPWOOD	4	*GEORGE W. STEEL	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

First peal of Bob Major away from the treble.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON	Treble	ALFRED B. PECK	5
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	2	ALAN R. McDONALD	6
ALFRED WOODROW	3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW	4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	Treble	REUBEN SANDERS	5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	2	*WALTER SMITH	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	*HAROLD W. CLARKE	7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ...	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. PYE.

* First peal of London, also first on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT	Treble	CHARLES CUTTING	5
ROBERT HARDY	2	JAMES BOUGHTON	6
CHARLES BRICE	3	HERBERT PIERCY	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	ERNEST WHITING	Tenor

Composed by W. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. **Tenor 12½ cwt.**

*JOHN GARRETT	Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY	4
ALBERT J. LINCOLN	2	JOHN HALL	5
*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	3	HARRY HALL	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

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

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Single Court. **Tenor 16 cwt.**

WILLIAM TILLEY	Treble	JOSEPH LONDON	4
ARTHUR RIGGALL	2	WALTER A. DAY	5
HORACE M. DAY	3	*GEORGE H. WELLS	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 7 methods, and proposed a life member of the Guild.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 20, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. WILLIAMSON...Treble	LEE FEATHERBY 4
ALFRED BACON 2	FREDERICK ROSE 5
GRAHAM SPRATT 3	*WILLIAM J. ROSE Tenor

Conducted by F. ROSE.

First peal on the bells by Marshland band * First peal.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*BERTIE CORNELL Treble	WALTER HEAD 3
HARRY CORNELL 2	†BERNARD ROPER 4
JAMES MARTIN 3	 Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. † First peal on tower bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Head.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Woodbine,
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	GEORGE LEE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Naunton, also to celebrate the 55th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton's wedding day, these events occurring on the 14th and 16th respectively.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

THOMAS LAW Treble	BERTRAM MURBY 3
HARRY CLARKE 2	*HARRY ENGLAND 4
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	 Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROLLINGS.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob & Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLITT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

This was rung specially in honour of Ascension Day, and was the conductor's 100th peal.

MASONS IN THE BELFRY.

On the occasion of a Masonic service, held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Sunday afternoon, May 7th, nine courses of Stedman Triples were rung by Bro. G. A. Black (1), Bro. H. E. Parker 2,808 (2), Bro. T. Faulkner 2,808 (3), Bro. G. R. Fardon (conductor) 2,346 (4), Bro. T. Walker 2952 (5), Bro. W. H. Hollier 87 (6), Bro. A. A. Hughes 933 (7), Bro. T. Howells (8).

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD Treble	THOMAS JOLL 4
ARTHUR LURCOCK 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, May 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. A. ALPS, ST. DUNSTON'S CASTLE,
IDOL LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN CARTER 1—2	WILLIAM A. ALPS 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3—4	HERBERT LANGDON 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

Every treble lead was ticked off.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the Performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

This composition, a new one, is now tapped for the first time.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. HEAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of St. Simon's and Grandsire, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*JOHN J. MARTIN 1	*P. KING 3
V. CORNELL 2	L. POULSON 4
H. DAY 5	 6

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

Witness: WILLIAM FAYERS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Head.

POSTWICK, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT 15, NORFOLK COTTAGES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 1—2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5—6
ALBERT ROUGHT 3—4	MISS HILDA M. DURRANT ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 26, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT 82, STANLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

WALTER J. BOWDEN 1—2	JOHN THOMAS 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3—4	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7—8
WILBY J. HAZELL 9—10	 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A RING OF TWELVE FOR ASTON?

The spring meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston on Saturday week, and, as usual, when held at this old familiar tower, was well attended.

Aston! To Birmingham ringers—and especially to those who were young and are now of a certain age—the very name conjures up memories of doughty deeds of long ago; long peals (and short ones!) freak peals (as Stedman Major), and scores and scores of ordinary peals of all kinds, good, bad and indifferent, but mostly good, and mostly Stedman Caters.

Here it was that the Holt Society was formed in 1879, mainly owing to the efforts of Mr. Wm. Kent, and flourished exceedingly, to the no small concern of its ancient contemporary, the St. Martin's Guild. Here it was that the great Henry Johnson rang most of his peals, and here he now sleeps his last sleep, as also does Thomas Reynolds of blessed memory.

We have on previous occasions described the magnificent old Gothic church, and its stately Elizabethan neighbour Aston Hall, which was besieged by the Parliamentary forces in the days of Charles the First, and surrendered after a gallant defence.

Fortunately the old hall, and about 50 acres of the surrounding park, were acquired by the Corporation of Birmingham, and thus saved for all time from the depredations of the jerry builder who has already done untold damage to what, at one time, was claimed to be one of the prettiest villages in the country.

The following was written of Aston by the Rev. A. Cleveland Cox, of Baltimore, U.S.A. (afterwards Bishop of New York), who visited it in 1851 (An Easter Monday ramble took Mr. Cox and his friend to Aston):—'We came suddenly in sight of the old church, its beautiful spire and gables harmonising with the surrounding view, and telling a silent story of long past years. Beyond it, a majestic avenue of elms disclosed at its extremity a mansion of Elizabethan architecture and date, not the less revered from the fact that Charles the First slept in it just before Edgehill fight. The rooks were chattering in its venerable trees, which seemed to divide their predilections equally with the steeple. Had I challenged my friend to show me a genuine Roger-de-Coverley picture in real life, as the entertainment of my holiday, I must have admitted myself satisfied with the scene at Aston. Not only did the old hall, and the church, in all particulars, answer to such a demand; not only did a river run by the churchyard; not only were there fields beyond, with cattle grazing, corn sprouting, and hedges looking freshly green; but when I entered the churchyard gate, lo! a rustic party, in holiday trim, were hanging about the old porch, awaiting the reappearance of a bridal train, which had just gone in. It wanted but the old Knight himself and his friend the Spectator, to make the whole scene worthy of the seventeenth century.'

The scene thus depicted seems very far off when we think of this noisy, bustling corner of old Aston to-day, with its innumerable tram-cars, and the huge football crowds which fill it on so many Saturday afternoons (the ground of the famous Aston Villa Club is within a stone's-throw of the church). Yet it presented just such a picture as the writer describes within the memory of many living there to-day.

The bells are a peal of ten and somehow seem to have lost the charm they once possessed. Indeed two of them are cracked, and when this was pointed out to Mr. Phillips, one of the churchwardens, together with the fact that there was room for a really good peal of twelve, he became quite interested, and it is not altogether impossible that, in the not too distant future Aston may be the proud possessor of a ring of twelve. Funds are already being collected for repairing the tower and spire, and if the additional money can be raised for the bells, the job might be done at the same time. Who knows?

Through the generosity of the Vicar and wardens tea was provided in the Vicarage rooms, followed by the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A. An apology from Mr. Albert Walker having been read, and routine business disposed of, the Chairman proposed hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of his bells, and to the wardens, Messrs. Phillips and Poole, for so kindly entertaining them. Mr. Pritchett reminded them that last year they invited the Guild to make the visit an annual one, and they had taken them at their word. So long as they received such a cordial welcome they would continue to come unless they received an intimation to the contrary. He also wished to thank Mrs. Phillips and the other ladies for their kind attention at table.

Mr. Albert Parsons seconded. He added he had come early that afternoon for the express purpose of looking through the old church, and was delighted with the grand interior, particularly the chancel and the Erdington chapel, which were full of historical monuments of great beauty.—Needless to add, the resolution was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. J. Cole, M.A., in reply, alluding to Mr. Pritchett's remarks as to the beauties of Aston 100 years ago, said he did not wish it to be like that to-day. He thought it was

far more beautiful now than it could possibly have been then. The teeming people were more interesting to him, and he would rather have it as it is than the sleepy old village of 100 years ago.

The writer made a mental note that this was the first time he had ever heard anyone prefer present-day Aston to the Aston described above by the Rev. Cleveland Cox. Ugh!

Mr. Phillips said they were grateful for the vote of thanks, but it was they who were honoured by the presence of the Guild. He loved the music of the bells, but the secretary had just told him that it was not as good as it might be, and also that a full peal comprised twelve bells. He did not want Aston to be behind other churches in this respect, and he would see what could be done to get a full peal for their old tower (loud cheers).—Mr. Poole also suitably responded.

Later the tower was revisited, while a good touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, by P. O. Laffin 1—2, A. Norman 3—4, G. F. Swann 5—6, J. E. Groves 7—8, W. Kent 9—10, M. J. Morris 11—12.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boddmere, if the necessary permission be granted. A. P. S.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A HINT TO THE CLERGY.

A monthly meeting of this Association was held at Sandal Magna on Saturday, May 13th, and a large company gathered to ring on this renowned peal of six bells, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1812. Wakefield, Barnsley, Crofton, Wath, Wragby, Pontefract, Felkirk, Selby, Badsworth, Earlsheaton and Royston were represented.

A substantial tea was provided by the local company, and Mr. Wm. Reyner (President) occupied the chair at the meeting. Some interesting discussions took place, after which the President introduced the Vicar (the Rev. A. Audley Parry), and said how important it was for the work of the church, that both ringers and clergy should meet together as church workers, in common with all other bodies connected with the church. In times past the ringers, in many cases, were almost a nonentity, but he was pleased to say the clergy and church officials were now taking a more lively interest in their work, and he thought this was in a great measure due to the efforts of the various ringers' associations. He, in common with all true campanologists, regretted the fact that many good peals of bells hung silent in the steeple. This was a deplorable fact, and ought to be seriously considered by all associations. He thought, too, that the rural deans, in their usual visitations, should make inquiry into both bells and ringers, and where dissatisfaction or a dormant peal was found to exist, a report should be made to the proper authority. The fault did not always lay in the condition of the bells, but sometimes in some unpleasant controversy which existed between the ringers and the incumbent, or in some other causes which ought to be ascertained. He also suggested that all clergy who were intent on providing recreations and amusement for young men, should endeavour to introduce the art amongst them, as both the physical and mental exercises in campanology were equal to any, and far superior to some of the recreations of the present day. This effort would probably stimulate and interest some young men and eventually they would not only be included in the army of church workers, but perhaps become adepts in the art and science of change ringing.

The Vicar gave the company a hearty welcome to the parish, and hoped they would be delighted with their visit. They and all ringers were professors of a noble art, and one full of reminiscences from times immemorial. He thought that to Chiusa one would have to look for the real origin of bells, but their various forms and uses were so wrapt up in antiquity that it was almost impossible to trace their origin. To bells could be attributed the responsibility for the beautiful towers and steeples in connection with places of worship, both in this country and also on the Continent. If the history of bells could only be correctly written, they could give the whole history of Europe. Ringers loved their bells, and where they could call thousands to places of worship, the clergy could only reach the members from the pulpit. Ringers were true ministers of God, and reminded people of their bounden duty. The various peals gave both joy and pleasure to both ringers and listeners, and served a good and holy purpose. When a mournful peal was rung, or a passing bell was tolled, it reminded them all that they too must sooner or later pay the debt of nature and pass away to the great beyond.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for his interesting and inspiring address, and after a vote of thanks to him and the ladies who served the tea, a very interesting meeting terminated, and the bells kept going again until 9 p.m.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, on Saturday, June 10th.

HOUSLOW.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 30th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: F. Goddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, C. Tricker 3, J. Shave 4, T. Beadle 5, G. Spencer (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**LICHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

The Lichester Deanery Branch paid a visit to Yeovil for their meeting on May 15th, and there was a large attendance of ringers from the towers of Norton-sub-Hamdon, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Martock, Ilminster, Langport, Bridgwater, and Yeovil Parish Churches.

During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the very fine peal of ten bells in the Parish Church tower, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Taylor, of Ilminster.

The usual service was held in the Parish Church in the afternoon, and this was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock, the president of the Guild, and the singing was led by the organ, played by Mr. F. G. Risdon, organist and choirmaster.

The Rev. G. W. Saunders gave a most interesting address, in which he gave details of the story of Yeovil bells, the history of which goes back to 1432. Tea followed in St. John's Schools, at which the Rev. G. W. Saunders presided. Included in the company was the Vicar of Stoke-sub-Hamdon (the Rev. H. Jocelyn Davies), the churchwardens of Yeovil Parish Church (Messrs. W. E. Tucker and J. Goodchild), and the branch secretary (Mr. F. Farrant, Martock). An excellent tea was served by Mrs. J. Goodchild, Mrs. H. Y. Standring, Mrs. Cridge, and Mrs. Denslow.

The usual business meeting followed.—The President said that the decision of the Association to come to Yeovil had been justified by the excellent arrangements made for their reception, and he thanked the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea for them. He had had a note from the Vicar regretting that owing to a previous engagement he was unable to be present.—Several names were presented for membership and accepted, and it was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Huish Episcopi.

Much interest was taken in two rolls of parochial accounts of the time of Queen Elizabeth, shown by the churchwardens. The accounts contain many entries for the care and repair of the bells and one of them (1587) recorded the ringing of the bells when 'the Queen's Majesty (Elizabeth) began the twentieth yere of her moste happie veigne.' The original contract, signed in 1728 by Thomas Bilbie and the churchwardens for the re-casting of the tenor bell in that year was also closely examined.

During the evening the bells were kept going in various methods by the Yeovil ringers and their visitors.

GREAT BADDOW BELLS.**SUGGESTED RECASTING OF AN ESSEX RING.**

At the meeting of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association, at Great Baddow, on May 20th, a suggestion that the bells should be recast was put forward, and the Vicar expressed the hope that it might be taken in hand at an early date.

The meeting began with a service in the Parish Church, the Association special form being used. The Rev. C. Neill, M.A., Vicar, officiated. The address was given by the Rev. F. A. Rough-ton, M.A., Vicar of Galleywood. Tea and a meeting followed in the Parish Room. Mr. W. Lincoln, District Master presided, supported by the Vicar, Messrs. F. Howard and F. Smyth-Tyrrell (churchwardens), Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, Mr. P. Timson, district secretary, and thirty members from Rettendon, Broomfield, Sandon, Chelmsford, Maldon, Fryerning, Writtle, Braintree, and Great Baddow.

The Master thanked the Vicar for the excellent tea, and the Vicar of Galleywood for his helpful address. He also called attention to the unmusical tone of the bells, and expressed the hope that the Church authorities would consider the question of recasting the bells—a much-needed improvement. Great Baddow he said, was unique in that it possessed the most musical ring of bells for its weight in the diocese at the daughter church at Galleywood, and the peal at the Parish Church was the most unmusical.

The Vicar, replying, said he knew the bells needed re-casting and putting thoroughly in tune and he hoped the matter would be taken up by the parishioners at an early date, so that they might have a peal of bells worthy of their fine old parish church.

The Master said Great Baddow was a renowned ringing centre early in the nineteenth century. The peal of Bob Major 10,080 rung there on March 7th, 1818, still held the record as the longest length rung in that method in the county.

Ringings continued during the evening, Miss A. E. Waldoek, of Maldon, taking part in touches of Bob and Treble Bob Major, her first attempt on eight bells.

The next meeting was fixed for Fryerning in September.

Members of the North-Eastern Division had a very successful meeting at Great Tey on Saturday, May 27th, 35 members, representing 15 towers, being present. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, and other methods, were rung.

After tea, presided over by the Master Mr. W. J. Nevard, ten new members were elected, and after discussion, Goldhanger was the place in favour for the next meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Last Sunday was the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung at St. John's, Horsley Down, by the College Youths on May 28th, 1787. The tablet recording this historical performance adds this quaint comment, 'May this peal transmit their (the ringers') names to posterity with that of the ingenious Mr. W. Jones, on whose abilities his inimitable commentaries so happily concludes with "Here the Cynic and the Panegyrist stop" and join in eulogiums to such distinguished merits.'

Sunday was also the tenth anniversary of the Bristol Surprise record, 15,264, conducted by Mr. W. Pye at Hornchurch in 9 hrs. 40 mins.; and the anniversary of the first Surprise peal rung out of England, Superlative, at Bray, Ireland, in 1901, which the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had the privilege of conducting.

On the following day, the only peal yet rung on the sea was conducted by Mr. W. Short on s.s. Cambria, and the first Surprise peal in Wales, New Cambridge, was rung at Bangor by members of the same party.

The first peal of New Cumberland Surprise was rung at Burton on May 31st, 1886, and on June 1st, 1912, the 14,931 Stedman Caters on handbells was rung at Guildford.

On June 3rd, 1773, the first twelve-bell peal was rung in Birmingham—a peal of Grandsire Cinques. There have been a good many twelve bell peals rung in the famous Bull Ring since then and when the 150th anniversary falls next year, doubtless the first performance will be fittingly celebrated.

Next Sunday is an interesting anniversary for the bells of Bow, Cheapside, for exactly 160 years ago, viz., on June 4th, 1762, the new peal of ten bells by Lester and Pack, were rung for the first time.

Thirty years ago next Tuesday was rung the celebrated 16,698 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham, in 10 hours 32 mins., and on the 8th June, 1906, the 16,800 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Mottram in 9 hours 40 mins.

The death has occurred of Mr. W. J. Sedgeley, of King's Lynn who was for many years hon. secretary of the King's Lynn Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association. An 'in memoriam' touch of 1,680 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at St. Faith's Church, Gaywood.

The many friends of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, of Birmingham, will learn with regret that he has been in Queen's Hospital suffering from a very painful malady. He is now, happily, slowly mending, and has been able to leave the institution.

Mr. John Carter has left London for his summer sojourn in the Isle of Man.

Those who ring peals during Whitsuntide are requested to post off their reports at once so that they may reach us by Tuesday morning.

Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, have orders for the restoration of the peals of bells at Coombe-in-Teignhead, Landulph, Whitechurch, Ashburton and Slapton, near Kingsbridge (Devon), etc.

We are asked to state that the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Easter Monday was Carter's O Bob One-Part.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL HOW.

A VETERAN COLLEGE YOUTH.

The veteran member of the College Youths, Mr. Samuel How, passed away on May 24th, and was buried at Fulham Cemetery, Mortlake, on Saturday, May 27th. The funeral service was conducted by an assistant priest of All Saints' Church, where Mr. How had, for about 25 years, rung twice a day for Divine service.

Mr. How was born at King's Kerswell, Devon, on February 19th, 1832, and there it was he learned to ring the bells up in peal. He also used to ring at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, his uncles also being ringers. He remembered the College Youths visiting Exeter, at the invitation of Mr. Troyte, when the British Association met there in 1869. In those days very little change ringing was done in the Western county, and after hearing a faultless 504 Stedman Triples, rung at St. Sidwell's Church, probably the first scientific ringing the Devon men had heard, Mr. How's uncle critically remarked that they 'ought not to call themselves ringers any more.'

Mr. How had taken part in 65 peals, all rung on the tenor. His first being Grandsire Triples at St. Mary the Virgin's, Putney, and his last at All Saints', Isleworth, both called by Mr. C. F. Winney. The deceased, who was in his younger days a very strong man, had rung peals with many of the old school of College Youths. He worked very hard, and brought up a large family, and with his wife, lived to celebrate his golden wedding. He was a man always devoted to duty and was a delightful company.

Mr. George Roberts and Mr. Robert Burgess were present at the funeral, and Messrs. C. F. Winney, W. T. Cockerill, H. R. Pasmore and T. Taffender, junr., rang, over the open grave, three whole-pulls in rounds with a pause between, and afterwards a course of Stedman Triples.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

AGENDA, 1922.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
 2. Apologies for Absence.
 3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
 4. Election of Honorary Members.
 5. Presentation of new Members to the President.
 6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz.:—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 7. That it is desirable to establish in the area of each Ringing Association a Bell Restoration Fund, from which grants may be made for the restoration of any rings of bells within the area when local funds are insufficient to meet the cost.
 8. To call attention to a point in connection with Holt's peals of Grandsire Triples.
 9. That the Council draw up a card of instructions on the Care and Use of Bells suitable for hanging in a Tower.
 10. That every Tower should be officially affiliated to some one Society, and only one.
 11. That the Council consider the advisability and practicability of proving and recording all new compositions, before being rung or published.
 12. To move that a Committee be appointed in connection with the new exhibit upon Campanology, at the Science Museum, South Kensington.
 13. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
 14. Other business, if any.
- 155, Rushey Green. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.
Catford, London, S.E.6. Hon. Secretary.

REPORT OF TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

During the year 1921-22 the members of your committee have been consulted individually with regard to schemes of rehanging, etc., and advice has been given in some half-dozen cases.

At the end of 1921 your committee got into touch with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and the members have attended four conferences with that society. As a result a statement has been drawn up setting out the points upon which your committee and the society are agreed in connection with the hanging of bells in old church towers. It is proposed that this document, after final revision, shall be printed and circulated to the ecclesiastical authorities concerned, including the Diocesan Advisory Committees, which have been recently set up. The society suggest that the expense of printing and circulation should be shared by the two parties to the conferences, and your committee ask for authority to contribute a sum not exceeding five pounds towards this cost.

For the purpose of these conferences your committee co-opted the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and they request the Council to confirm this co-option to the committee.

17th May, 1922.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I understand from Mr. F. W. Stokes of Blankney, Lincoln, that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild have kindly arranged to invite the representatives to tea, after the meeting on Whit Tuesday. This will probably be given at the White Hart Hotel, which, I understand, is near the Cathedral, and which I propose making my headquarters over the week-end, for the benefit of those who wish to get into touch with me or each other.

In regard to local arrangements, I am informed that the two Lincoln members of the Guild, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. C. W. P. Olifton, have kindly volunteered to deal with any applications for towers for ringing. The former's address is No. 61, Carline Road, Lincoln.

Mr. J. W. Seamer, of 9, St. Augustine's Avenue, Grimsby, is in touch with the Reception Committee. He states that ringing could be arranged for Whit Monday at both the eight-bell towers at Grimsby, and possibly at Louth, where there is a heavy ring of eight.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Sir,—The bells of St. Peter-at-Arches (8) in this city (near the Stonebow) will be available for the convenience of members of the Central Council on Whit Monday, from 8.30 to 9 p.m. and on the Tuesday from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and from 8.20 p.m. to 9 p.m., the interval being necessary because of a service.

Our ringing times on Sunday are from 10.30 to 11 in the morning, and from 5.45 to 6.30 in the evening. The methods rung are Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, and, if we have sufficient visitors, Treble Bob and Double Norwich.—Yours, etc.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL.

FORTHCOMING ATTEMPT ON THE TREBLE BOB RECORD.

On Whit Saturday, June 10th, 1922, eight members of the Lancashire Association will start for Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's 18,240 of Kent Treble Bob Major at the Parish Church, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, starting at 8 a.m.

NEW BELLS AT BROUGHTON.

STAFFS PEAL OPENED.

A new peal of eight bells has been installed at Broughton, Staffs, and has been dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield. By the munificence of Mr. John Hall, the old six has been recast and two larger bells added, making a magnificent octave, with a tenor of 15½ cwt. in F. The bells are hung in a new H frame on steel girders, and swing on ball bearings. The roof of the tower has been raised so that the bells can be heard to the best advantage. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who are to be congratulated upon the splendid execution of the task entrusted to them.

On each of the six smaller bells is inscribed: 'Pietatis ergo sr b Broughton Barti, 1720—Recast, 1922,' and on the seventh '1922,' while the tenor bell bears the following record: 'The six smallest bells recast and two larger bells added by John Hall 1922.'

The dedication ceremony was attended by a large number of people from the parish and surrounding district, and in addition to the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rev. W. S. Robinson (Vicar of the parish) and the Rev. J. Richards (Rector of Ashley) were present.

The dedication touch consisted of 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. W. Weatherby, of Market Drayton, the ringers being R. T. Holding 1, J. H. Riding 2, H. Holding 3, R. Langford 4, V. R. Rodenhurst 5, W. Saunders 6, W. Weatherby 7, J. L. Hayward 8. Touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major followed, Mr. R. T. Holding conducting the second touch of Bob Major, and the following ringers taking part: A. Hickman 1, J. H. Riding 2, H. Holding 3, R. Langford 4, V. R. Rodenhurst 5, W. Saunders 6, W. Weatherby 7, R. T. Holding 8. Additional touches of Grandsire and Stedman were also rung, the following ringers taking part, in addition to those named, Messrs. P. Taylor and J. Oldham (Loughborough), T. Tudor and A. Lawton.

The general opinion of the ringers who attended the dedication was one of unstinted praise of the fine tone of the bells and of the excellent finish of the workmanship.

On Saturday, May 13th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Pyc has evidently made statements which he cannot substantiate. In a previous letter he claimed to have called peals of Bristol with the 6th 12 courses at home. This week he reduces it to one peal, six leads short of the extent.

I am pleased to see Mr. Pyc recognises the strength of the Whitley Bay band, with whom I rang my peals of Bristol. It might interest him to know that this band from treble to tenor say that the back work of Bristol is monotonous.

As regards the musical qualities of Erin, Forward, etc., Erin is more musical than Stedman; Forward is more musical than Treble Bob. Dublin Complex is akin to Bristol for music, but is spoiled by its lengthening lead. Superlative is best left alone, both double and single. It says little for Mr. Pyc's opinion of a musical method, after praising it in the way he did in a previous letter. Duffield was composed to eliminate the bad patches in Superlative, but, as these methods (owing to their short courses) contain more calls, they do not appeal to the conductor who likes to score a peal at every attempt.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. BARBER.

LONGEST LENGTH OF LONDON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The honour of producing the longest length of London belongs, in my humble opinion, to the Rev. H. L. James. That the peal is obtained on the same plan as Mr. Lindoff's is undeniable. It is an honour to be able to claim the longest length in any method, and many will regret that Mr. Lindoff having got so near did not persevere and get that 'little more' that Mr. James has.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. CAVE.

DEATH FROM EFFECTS OF WOUNDS.

The death has occurred at Upper Walmer, of Mr. J. Trinder, for many years a member of the Kent Association. The deceased, who was 45 years of age, served in the war, and it is to the effects of the wounds he received in 1917 that he has now succumbed.

Mr. Trinder had rung seven peals, one of Bob Major, one of Stedman Triples, and five on six bells.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27th, the Northern District held a meeting at Barley, which is situated in the north-eastern corner of the county. The tower, which is of Saxon architecture, contains a nice ring of six bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Day and Son, of Erc, Suffolk. In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. Fossett conducted a short service, and gave a suitable address.

Tea was provided in a very quaint old fifteenth century hall opposite the church.

Unfortunately this meeting clashed with a meeting held at the same time at Bennington, but ringers from Barkway, Fulbourne, Hitchin and Royston were present, and spent quite an enjoyable afternoon.

A resolution was confirmed, on the proposition of Mr. R. King, seconded by Mr. E. Howard, that the June meeting be held at Knebworth as formerly.

Thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Fossett for conducting the service, to Miss Wilkinson (the Rector's daughter) for presiding at the organ, to the ladies who did such excellent catering for tea, and to Mr. Mansfield for making the necessary arrangements.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The May meeting was held on Saturday at the old-world village of Bennington, which in its spring beauty was looking at its best, and all who attended were well repaid for the labour which the journey involved. Members and friends assembled from places far apart, and one lady ringer had cycled the distance from Trumpington, a suburb of Cambridge. The towers represented were Barkway, Baldock, Hitchin, Ware, Hertford, Gravelly, Luton, Great and Little Munden, besides the members of the Bennington band, including the two veterans Messrs. J. Kitchener and S. Page.

Tea was provided by the generosity of the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills), who had specially wished to do exactly as his father, the late Canon Mills, had done to welcome the association to Bennington for so many years, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for so doing.

The business meeting followed tea, Mr. J. Kitchener presiding, after which an adjournment was made to the famous tower, and Messrs. Kitchener and Page took a rope in a touch of Superlative Surprise, which gave them much pleasure, and brought back memories of the days 50 years ago, when Superlative Cambridge and London were the usual thing for morning and evening service, and when very few village bands could ring these methods.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Apsley on Saturday, May 20th, when members attended from Hemel Hempstead, Tring, Laverstock Green, Berkhamstead, and one local tower. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who, before giving the address, extended a very warm welcome to the association.

Tea, which was partaken of in the Church Room, was kindly provided by the Apsley ringers.

At the business meeting, at which Mr. H. Cutler presided, ten new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Cutler, W. Breed, R. Cutler, C. Henley, D. Birchmore, W. Humphrey and K. Runkham, of Apsley; and E. G. Benson, J. Blunt, and P. B. Curl, of Berkhamstead. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address, and to the organist and to the Apsley men for their kindness in providing the tea, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and the bells were lowered in peal at 8.30.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH BRANCH.**

A district meeting was held at March, on Saturday, May 20th, when ringers were present from Cambridge, Newmarket, Terrington, Shouldham, Chatteris, Somersham, and the local band. Touches were brought round in various methods during the day, and some double-handed handbell ringing was much appreciated. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. S. Walker), who gave a hearty welcome to members. The Association form of service was used, and Mr. G. T. Bailey, the organist, was at the organ.

Afterwards a capital tea was provided in the Church Room by the Rector, Mrs. and Miss Walker were also present.

A business meeting followed, at which the Rector was elected an honorary member, and three ringing members were enrolled. Wisbech was chosen for the next meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and all helpers, on the motion of Mr. R. Lathbury, seconded by Miss B. Shorter, for lending the bells, taking the service, and providing the tea; also to the Rev. R. Ridge, Rector of Doddington for granting the use of his bells.

The tower was then again visited, and further ringing was indulged in. Some of the members went to the old village of Doddington, where touches were brought round on the fine-toned bells much to the interest of the local band, who met the party. Thanks are due to them for having everything ready.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**NUMERICAL ADVANCE, BUT MEAGRE PERFORMANCES.**

The 35th annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday, May 20th, and was attended by upwards of 60 members and visitors from kindred associations. The three towers in the old borough, viz., East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall, were at the disposal of ringers from 2 to 9 p.m., and were made good use of. The following towers were represented: Anston, Barlborough, Blyth, Harthill, Norton Cuckney, Laneham, Sutton-on-Trent, Ordsall, East and West Retford, Tuxford, Warsop and Worksop, while members from kindred associations were present from Wortley, Chesterfield, Staveley Town, Treeton, Doncaster and Tickhill.

A short service was held at East Retford Church, at which the Rev. C. Bailey gave an excellent address, in which he dwelt upon the sacredness and importance of the ringer's office.

An excellent tea was provided at Cooke's Cafe, in Carolgate, the gathering being presided over by the Rev. C. Bailey. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was supported by the Rev. J. S. Mumford (of Norton Cuckney, late of East Retford), the hon. secretaries, Messrs. H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, and also by the hon. secretary of the Doncaster District Association (Mr. Harold Walker) and Miss K. Jackson, of the Parish Church, Doncaster, and Miss A. Taylor, of Worksop Priory.

A vote of sympathy was passed, the members rising in silence for a few moments with Mr. T. R. Flint, an energetic member of the committee, who has recently lost his wife, and the secretary was authorised to write him a letter of condolence.

The following new members were elected: 5 from Worksop, 7 from Edwinstowe, 6 from Harworth, 3 from Warsop, 4 from Tickhill, 2 from Doncaster, 3 from West Retford, a total of 30, and a new record for the association. This list included the Misses A. Taylor, E. Winrow, E. Weaver, of Worksop Priory; Miss K. Jackson, of Doncaster; also six non-resident life members and three vice-presidents among them the Rector, churchwarden, organist and sidesmen from one church, all proposed by Mr. H. Haigh, and seconded by Mr. G. Hardwick.

The officers were re-elected, viz., President, the Lord Bishop of Southwell; patrons, His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, His Grace the Duke of Portland; the vice-presidents, secretaries, and working committee.

The annual report was read and adopted. Whilst congratulating the members upon another year of advancement, numerically and financially, the Hon. Secretary reported that from a ringing standpoint the performances of the society were very meagre indeed, not a single peal of 5,000 changes having been rung by any company, and the only 720's in new methods were rung by Anston, Barlborough, Ordsall and Worksop. The report went on to review the work of the year, and bore testimony to the support accorded by the vice-presidents. The membership roll at the end of the year was 16 vice-presidents, 161 performing, non-resident and probationary members.

The balance sheet, audited by Messrs. A. Johnson and W. H. Johnson, V.C., showed a credit balance of £25 16s. 7d., a gain on the year's working of £2 15s.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. C. Bailey for presiding, for his excellent address, and for the use of bells; also to the Rectors of West Retford and Ordsall for the use of their bells. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the clergy and all vice-presidents for their patronage and financial support during the past year.

Some good ringing was done on the bells at all three churches. On six bells, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Pleasure and Plain methods were rung, while at the Parish Church the touches included Grandsire Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Major, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, a Worksop lady, Miss Taylor, ringing her first touch on ten bells, in which Miss Jackson, of Doncaster, also took part.

Harworth and Edwinstowe having now become affiliated, the association hopes to hold meetings in July and August at these two places.

An alteration of rule has now increased the meetings of the association from four to six each year.

SOUTH DURHAM TOWERS.

A combined practice was held on Saturday, May 27th, at Bolton-on-Swale (6), when ringers were present from Heighington, Hurworth, Shildon, Holy Trinity and St. John's, Darlington. Touches amounting to 2,592 changes were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor, a well-struck 720 of Kent, the first for 12 years on these bells, completing a very enjoyable afternoon. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Staindrop on June 10th. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies and the Vicar for so kindly providing tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—For evensong, on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Farrance 1, J. Smith 2, S. Rofe (longest length) 3, T. Pope 4, H. Head 5, J. Head 6, T. E. Sone (composer and conductor) 7, C. Pope 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 28th, for morning service, at St. Martin's Church, five courses of Stedman Cinques: T. Russam 1, A. Norman 2, J. E. Groves (conductor) 3, J. Neal 4, A. P. Smith 5, M. Morris 6, W. Kent 7, F. Wilford (Northampton) 8, E. Mansell 9, A. Walker 10, J. Wells 11, G. Yendell 12.

BANBURY.—On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 360 Grandsire Doubles, 6, 7, 8 covering: W. Tandy 1, Maurice Smith 2, F. Selwyn 3, J. W. Fairbrother 4, F. Wilford (Northampton), conductor, 5, F. Lewis 6, J. Simonds 7, F. Impey 8. This is a new band of ringers, and it was their first attempt at change ringing for Sunday Service.

HORLEY, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, for morning service, on May 28th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: A. Soughurst 1, S. Kenward 2, A. J. Bull 3, E. Warner (first 720 of Minor) 4, P. Etheridge 5, G. Ilman (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Soughurst 1, A. J. Bull 2, F. Sadler 3, S. Kenward (conductor) 4, G. Hollingsbee 5, E. Warner 6, P. Etheridge 7, G. Ilman 8.

OLAPHAM PARK.—At St. Stephen's, for evensong, on May 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Chapman 1, Miss Hardcastle 2, Miss Phillips 3, E. M. Atkins 4, *F. Lock 5, T. Langdon (conductor) 6, J. E. Higgins 7, Rev. G. H. Ensor 8. *First quarter-peal.

HOUNSLOW.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday evening, May 28th, for service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Chave 1, J. Milner 2, F. Goddard 3, H. Payne 4, — Price 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Diserens 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, May 28th, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples: W. H. Stevens 1, H. Dyas 2, A. Cutmor 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, O. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. W. Baker 8.

UOKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Dendy 1, F. Tester 2, W. Burrell 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, P. Marchant 5, A. Causley 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, W. T. Hussey 8. First quarter by the treble and tenor men.

DONCASTER.—At St. George's Church, on Easter Day, 1,008 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins., for morning service: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clarke 4, C. Scott 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker 7, H. Baldwin 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, for evening service: G. Halksworth 1, Miss K. Jackson 2, C. Scott 3, C. Clarke 4, J. Newsome 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with the 6th and 8th covering: G. Wilburn 1, H. Crowe 2, E. Purdy 3, H. Marshall 4, R. Thompson 5, R. Rodwell 6, D. England (conductor) 7, B. England 8.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Rodwell 1, H. Crowe 2, E. Purdy 3, H. Marshall 4, R. Thompson 5, H. Howarth 6, D. England (conductor) 7, R. Rodwell 8.

LINCOLN.—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Botolph's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): J. Waterson 1, G. Crompton 2, F. Walker (longest length) 3, H. Lowman 4, W. Bettles 5, W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Easter Day, for evensong, in 46 mins., 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Judge 1, J. Judge 2, F. Webb 3, Walter Judge 4, W. Stone 5, J. Franklin 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, J. Bowerman 8.

WHITCHURCH, near CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, for evening service, on Easter Day: H. Bailey 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, J. Bailey 3, F. Bailey 4, T. Middleton 5, F. Wright 6. First quarter for the ringers of treble and tenor.

BILLESDON, LEICESTER.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for 7 a.m. service 380 Grandsire Doubles: J. Norton 1, J. Sharp 2, J. R. Corner 3, F. Payne 4, A. E. Kitchen (conductor) 5. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles for morning service, at 11 a.m., by the same band.

LONG STANTON.—On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 41 mins.: W. Hawke 1, C. W. Woolley 2, F. J. Cook 3, C. W. Cook 4, Rev. H. B. Woolley 5, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 6, G. Crisp 7, J. B. Woolley 8.

WOOLWICH.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Horsley 1, F. Grove (conductor) 2, A. Conolly 3, W. Watchorn 4, H. Beckford 5, A. Horsley 6, W. Aldridge 7, A. N. Bangav 8. This was rung as a welcome to Mr. Bangav, whose home is at Welling, Ontario, Canada, and is at present staying in the old country for a short period. This was the first time Mr. Bangav had had a pull for 10 years, and great credit is due to him for the excellent way in which he handled his bell after so long a time. The above company hope to have the pleasure of ringing with him again before he returns to his home beyond the sea.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

The May monthly meeting of the Guild, held at Monk's Kirby, on the 20th ult., may be classed as one of the most successful in the history of the Guild. This magnificent peal loses none of its fascination, and upwards of 60 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, from Allesley, Coventry, Desborough, Ex-hall, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Rugby, Stoke, Polesworth, Green-on, Stoney Stanton, Nuneaton, Wolvey, and the local band, who are making excellent progress under the tuition of the Rugby members.

Just as the company were about to sit down to tea, provided at the Denbigh Arms, they were pleasantly surprised by the appearance of the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association, who is a native of Warwickshire, and received his first instruction in the art on the old five bells at St. Andrew's, Rugby.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) extended a hearty welcome to the Canon, and his remarks were endorsed by Mr. A. Wilkerson, hon. secretary of the Guild.—Canon Elsee, replying, said how pleased he was to be amongst his Warwickshire friends once again, and especially to be able to hear such a noble peal at Monk's Kirby. He remarked later, in the tower, that he never thought it would be his great pleasure to ring Superlative there.

Twelve new members were elected, including several of the local band. The Guild heartily thank the Vicar for his kind permission to use the bells, also to the local band for having them in readiness. Tune ringing and Stedman Caters on the handbells were indulged in after tea.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening in the tower included London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Double Norwich and Bob Major. Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The lowering of the bells in peal about 8.30 p.m. brought a happy and successful meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. CECIL CHAPMAN.

A PROMISING YOUNG KETTERING RINGER.

The Kettering Parish Church ringers have lost, by the death of Mr. Cecil Chapman, at the early age of 20 years, one of the most promising young ringers in the county. The deceased, who was the youngest son of Mr. James E. Chapman, was taken ill on Saturday, April 29th, and on the Monday was removed to the Kettering General Hospital, but despite the skilful attention of five doctors, he passed away on Saturday, May 6th.

Cecil Chapman was one of those who commenced ringing at a very early age, and under the influence of his father, and the writer, made rapid progress in handbell ringing, showing every prospect of becoming an accomplished ringer and conductor on both tower and handbells. He rang 7—8 in a peal of Bob Major when only 12 years old, it being the 100th peal rung by his father for the Association. On June 6th, 1915, he was umpire, and ticked off every lead end of Holt's original rung on handbells, conducted by W. Perkins. His first tower bell peal was one of Minor in seven methods rung after the war. Altogether he had rung 21 peals in the following methods: On tower bells: Doubles 6 (conducted 4), Minor (1 method) 1 (conducted 1), Minor (7 methods) 1, Minor (8 methods) 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 1, Double Norwich 1, Superlative 1, Cambridge 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 4, Double Norwich 1.

Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, always punctual and regular in attendance to ring for services, a keen and accurate striker, he made many friends, and his presence in the belfry will be sorely missed by all who came in contact with him.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, May 10th, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Lucas). As the funeral cortege proceeded to the cemetery the bells of the Parish Church were chimed by Mr. W. T. Wilson, of Isham (treasurer of the Association), Miss C. Hepburn and Miss Lewis of Isham (who represented the Ladies' Guild), Mr. C. Moor, R. Black, R. W. Lawrence, and A. Warren, of Weekley, assisted by Mr. C. W. Bird and A. V. Inns, of the Kettering band.

Four of the deceased's fellow ringers acted as bearers viz. Messrs. Nichols, Payne, Sawfoot and Turner. After the committal service at the graveside, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. Inns 1—2, F. Sawfoot 3—4, D. Nichols 5—8, R. Black 7—8.

Among the many handsome floral tokens was one from the Kettering ringers, and others from the Rector, and ringers of Weekley: Mr. W. T. Wilson and Miss Hepburn, Isham; Mr. A. N. Wood, of Bedford; Mr. J. Palmer, of Acton Hall Gardens, Cheshire.

In the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, but this was unfortunately lost owing to a shift course. The whole pull and stand was rung 20 times by the following: A. Inns 1, R. Lawrence (Weekley) 2, A. Henman 3, C. W. Bird 4, R. Turner 5, A. Payne 6, D. J. Nichols 7, F. Sawfoot 8.

At Weekley, where Mr. Chapman had been instructing the local band during the past year, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 24 mins., with the bells half-muffled, by the local ringers: C. Moore 1, Miss K. Moore 2, R. F. Lawrence 3, R. G. Black 4, A. Warren 5, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

D. J. N.

BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Association will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in St. Giles' Vestry. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at Cinema Cafe, Market Square, at 1.15 p.m. Bells available, St. Giles' (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8), All Saints' (8).—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whit Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting at 11 a.m. in Parker's Restaurant. Service in the Parish Church at 12 o'clock; all members and friends are invited to attend this service. Lunch will be provided at Parker's Restaurant at 1 o'clock, members 2/-, non-members 3/-.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Annual General meeting at Ilfracombe Whit Monday, June 5th. Service at Parish Church 12.15. Dinner (2/6) and meeting at 4.5, High Street, at 1 o'clock.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Sec., Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Darlington. Committee meeting at 12 noon in the 'Fleece' Hotel. Dinner at 1 o'clock; members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. General meeting afterwards. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Holy Trinity and St. John's will be available for ringing during the day.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 43rd Annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 5th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. C. Neill, vicar of Great Baddow. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Shire Hall. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, members 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day which can be reached by frequent bus service: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, June 5th. Members requiring hot or cold luncheon can be provided for at the Prince's Café, High Street (next to St. Mary-le-Port Church). Christ Church (10) bells are available from 10 till 11 a.m. 3 volumes of the peal book, about 800 peals, will be on view at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, all day. For full details see last week's 'Ringing World'.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 5th. Service in Cathedral at 12.15. Preacher, Rev. H. E. Wall. Dinner 2/6 at 1. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea 1/6 at 6.—Rev. G. W. Turner, Hon. Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Buckley on Whit Monday. Service at 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea after meeting. Bells available at any time during day before and after meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch will be held at King's Lynn on Whit Monday, June 5th. The bells of St. Margaret's (10), St. Nicholas' (8) and Gaywood (6) will be available. No special luncheon will be provided, but members can obtain luncheon, at a quite moderate price, at the 'Globe' Hotel, Market Square, at 1 o'clock. The General Business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock in the Vestry of St. Nicholas' Church.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A Cycling tour has been arranged for Whit Monday (if fine), when the following towers will be visited in the order named: Crondall, Bentley, Binsted (lunch), Blackmoor, and possibly Frensham. Start from Guildford Town Bridge at 9 a.m., and the Bush Hotel, Farnham, at 10.30. All cycling ringers are welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT BARNET AND HADLEY.**

A successful meeting of the N. and E. district of the Middlesex County Association and Loudon Diocesan Guild was held on May 20th, at Barnet and Hadley. Quite a large number of members took advantage of the very fine weather to take a country outing, and to enjoy some good ringing on the two peals of bells available. A short service was held in Barnet Parish Church at 6 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. W. Manning), after giving the Association a hearty welcome, paid a tribute to the late Mr. Arthur T. King, who, he said, was a man whose life all could take as an example. He mentioned that Mr. King was at one time a parishioner of Barnet, and during the short period, just after his own coming to Barnet, that they were associated, he had been able to note Mr. King's high character, and he summed up by saying that the deceased President was well worthy of being called 'A scholar, a gentleman, and a Christian.' He had now passed away, and had gone to receive the reward of his labours from the Master whom he had so faithfully served.

After tea, which was partaken of in the Church House, the usual business meeting was held, the new President of the Association the Rev. F. B. Bonsey, being in the chair. He was supported by the vice-president, Messrs. F. A. Milne and T. Beadle; also Mr. W. Pye (Master), Mr. G. B. Lucas (District Master), Mr. C. T. Cole (hon. secretary), and upwards of 30 members.

Mr. Milne introduced the President to the members, and Mr. Bonsey, who was given a hearty ovation, acknowledged the honour which had been conferred upon him, adding that he would do his utmost to further the interests of the Association.

Two new members were elected, and Willesden chosen as the place for the next meeting, on July 8th.

Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the Rectors of Barnet and Hadley for the use of their bells, and to the towerkeepers for having everything ready for the members. Both peals were subsequently made use of in a variety of methods, and during the afternoon and evening the following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise, several members ringing their first courses of the Surprise methods.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT AT EALING.

A meeting of the S. and W. District was held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 27th. Although the weather was warm, and the 'go' of the bells not 'great,' the gathering proved a success, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. A ringers' service, with a short address, was conducted by the Rev. F. J. L. Rees, and much appreciated. In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. Sharp) he gave the association a hearty welcome.

The company were entertained to tea by the Vicar and wardens, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for the use of the bells and their kind hospitality.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Easter Day, for 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. W. Billing 1, A. J. Ford 2, F. Barnes 3, D. F. Ward 4, G. W. Harris 5, W. H. Daynes 6, G. H. Daynes 7, J. Monzies 8.—For evening service, another quarter-peal in the same method: F. Barnes 2, D. F. Ward 3, G. W. Harris 4, A. J. Ford 5, W. H. Billing 8, the rest as before. Both quarter-peals were conducted by G. H. Daynes.

NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3; meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Annual meeting of above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. The bells of Loughton will be available during the afternoon.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 and business meeting to follow.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Saturday, June 3rd, at Ecclesfield; bells available 3-9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Stowmarket District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.—E. E. Diaper, Dis. Sec., 6, Bury Road, Stowmarket.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, June 3rd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by tea.—Charles Moul, Sec., 2, Tycoch Road, Sketty, Swansea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting, for ringing only, will be held at the Parish Church, Ulverston, on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available at 1.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) available any time after 2.30 p.m. Ringers are earnestly requested to turn up in large numbers and make the meeting a success.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting will be held at Watford to-morrow, June 3rd. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea at the St. Mary's Institute. All ringers welcome.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Watford District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—There will be a meeting for practice on ten and twelve bells on Whit-sun Friday, June 9th. Bells ready at 12 o'clock.—Samuel Booth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6 p.m.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

TRING, HERTS.—The bells of Tring Church will be rung on Whit Tuesday during the afternoon and evening, starting at 1.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Reeve.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 8th and 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwaads.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m.; service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Hall (1/3 per head), followed by the business meeting. Will those proposing to attend kindly let me know by June 7th? A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—Geo. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Long Ashton, near Bristol, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 4.30, followed by a short meeting. All members and friends are invited to Evensong at 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea let me know without fail by Tuesday, June 6th, as Long Ashton ringers have very kindly undertaken to arrange this?—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Collingtree, on Saturday, June 10th. Those requiring tea notify me not later than June 6th.—Sidney J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Monthly practice has been arranged to take place at Harpenden Tower on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre.

NORWICH & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A meeting will be held at Whenhaston on June 10th. Tea will be provided. Those who wish to be present please notify the Secretary, Mr. Walter Kerrison, of Wissett, or Mr. Geo. Easter, of Whenhaston. The bells will open at 2 o'clock. The bells of Bramfield Town will also be available.—W. Kerrison, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Henley District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Stretton on Saturday, June 10th, at 2 p.m. Bells at Holbrook also available.—Rev. Wm. C. Pearson, Dist. Sec., Henley Vicarage.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Spring meeting will be held at Margate on Saturday, June 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 5th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1/6 each) at 5.30 to those who notify Mr. W. H. Dale, Westgate, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by Wednesday, June 14th. The annual report will be on sale, and members are reminded that subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Hartlebury on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —By kind permission of the Dean, the Quarterly meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, June 17th. The bells of Sharon Church (a little more than a mile from Ripon Station), by permission of the Rev. R. C. Pownall, will also be available for ringing throughout the day. Further particulars will be announced in next week's 'Ringing World.' Ripon being an ideal place for a day's outing, the secretary extends a hearty invitation to all members of the association, as well as other ringing friends, to take part in the meeting on June 17th, and to assist in making the day a happy and successful event.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 17th, by permission of the Vicar. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea for all ringers and their friends if notified by June 12th, for 5.15, at a reasonable charge, and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Colne Parish Church on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A special invitation is given to all ringers to attend this meeting to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Colne Parish Church.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next Quarterly meeting will be at Melbourne on July 8th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

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PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Easter Day, for festal evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 1,344 Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris (conductor) 2, J. J. Symons 3, W. Tate 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, W. E. Snell (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8. Adapted by F. W. Rogers from 'Heywood's Variation.'

BLECHINGLEY.—At St. Mary's, on Easter Day a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Kirby 1, L. F. Goodwin 2, A. Wood 3, W. Mayne, junr., 4, T. J. Coppard 5, F. Belcombe (conductor) 6, W. J. Wilson 7, J. Belcombe 8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A district meeting was held at Cranleigh, on Saturday, May 27th, 37 ringers being present from Cranleigh, Crawley, Dorking, Dunsfold, Ewhurst, Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas), and Shere. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Cunningham), and tea was provided in the Church Hut, the chair being taken by Sir Gerald Chadwyck Healey, supported by the Rector, the chairman of the committee, and Ringing Master.

At the business meeting it was decided to hold the summer meeting at Ramore, on August Bank Holiday, subject to the consent of the authorities.

A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the Rector for conducting the service, and to the organist, was passed.

After the business, four members of the Cranleigh band gave some delightful selections of tunes on the handbells and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were also rung by some of the members present. Ringing on the tower bells was indulged in during the afternoon and evening.

A BRISTOL MEMORIAL.

On Sunday, April 9th, the 6th Batt. of the Gloucestershire Regiment marched to St. James' Church, Bristol, where their commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. F. W. Hek (commanding officer of the Battalion), unveiled the parish war memorial. The tablet, which is erected in the south porch of the church, is of handsome design, in bronze with a border of Devon marble, and contains the names of 109 men of St. James' and a suitable inscription. The service was most impressive, the Bishop performing the dedication. Prior to the service, St. James' Ringers Guild rang the bells half-muffled, but owing to the lack of time a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples had to be abandoned, and the bells brought round at 1.18.7 changes.

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