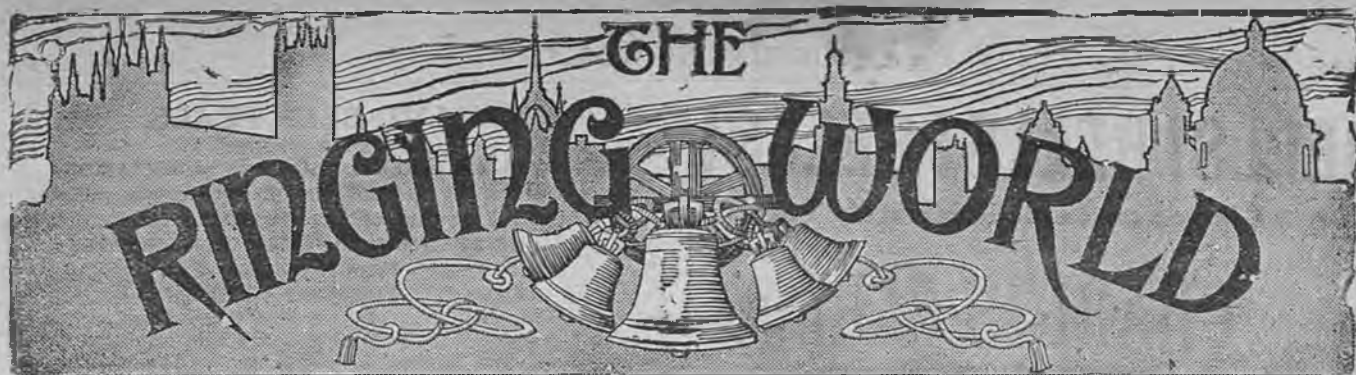




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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

As a 'social' event the Central Council Meeting at Salisbury surpassed any that had gone before it, and the Salisbury Guild, and particularly the Committee responsible for the arrangements, can look with satisfaction upon their efforts to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the members of the Ringers' Parliament, and the Council are greatly indebted to them. The programme, however, went further than merely catering for the pleasure of the visitors, and had the result of giving a new impetus, as it were, to the claim of ringers to be recognised as Church Workers. For the first time in the history of the Council, they were welcomed by the Bishop of the Diocese in which they were meeting, and it was clear from the Bishop's speech that he is under no doubt as to the position which ringers should occupy in the organisation of the Church. It is to the great advantage of church bell ringing that a dignitary such as the Bishop of Salisbury should publicly welcome a body like the Central Council, and this one feature of last week's meeting alone would make the Salisbury meeting a memorable one. The circumstances of the Council's meeting do not always render it possible to bring it into the same touch with the head of a diocese as on this occasion, but what was done at Salisbury is a precedent which we hope may be followed on many future occasions.

The business side of the Council's visit was interesting, without having any striking features. Sufficient material was found to provide a meeting of several hours' duration, and despite some waste of time and discursive discussion, there was 'something attempted, something done.' Most of the Committees were able to report progress in the various directions in which their work lay, but we must defer to later issues comments upon details. The notices of motion on the agenda were neither numerous nor, as it turned out, generally acceptable to the Council. Three resolutions were 'turned down' by one means or another, and only that relating to the truth of spliced-method peals on seven or more bells was carried. There has scarcely been a meeting of the Council at which there has been so little debate upon subjects which come under the heading of 'notices of motion.' Indeed, the Council seemed to consider them hardly worth discussion. It is a pity that more of the affiliated associations do not send up suitable subjects for discussion by the Council. There ought to be among the many organisations that exist, a sufficiency of ideas upon matters closely affecting the welfare of ringing and ringers, to provide the Council every year with a really serious agenda to debate. Until this is realised and acted upon, there will always be a weakness reacting upon the usefulness of the Council.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 9
*EDGAR GUISE ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 10
RICHARD CLARK ... 5	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 11
ALBERT STOWELL ... 6	JAMES R. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal of Cinques on the bells and by the Association, and rung under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Association at the request of the local band. * First peal on twelve bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DUREHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5,016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 7
GEORGE R. HOLMES ... 2	JOHN FOREMAN ... 8
JOSEPH ROWELL ... 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 9
WILLIAM STORY ... 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 10
RICHARD THOMPSON ... 5	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 11
JAMES E. GOFTON ... 6	ERNEST E. FERRY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

☞ Rung in honour of the Queen's Birthday. First peal of Maximus on the bells, and by all the band, except the ringers of the treble and ninth. Also the first of Little Bob Maximus ever rung.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 2	*GEORGE TOMSETT ... 7
EDWARD RADDON ... 3	WILLIAM W. THORNE ... 8
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... 9
CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 5	*GEORGE PETTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Thorne on his 60th anniversary. Mr. Parkes was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	JAMES BOUGHTON ... 6
BEN S. THOMPSON ... 2	*CHARLES CUTTING ... 7
FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 3	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
CHARLES BAKER ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 9
ALFRED SMITH ... 5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... Treble	†DANIEL COOPER ... 6
†REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 7
§ALFRED L. BROWN ... 3	WILLIAM ESSERY ... 8
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 4	AMOS W. CLARK ... 9
†MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... 5	JAMES E. COOPER ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Grandsire as conductor. * First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. § First peal on ten bells.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	CHARLES MILLWAY ... 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 3	WILLIAM HAIGH ... 8
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
*SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Milner, steeplekeeper of the above church.

GARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM RICHARDS ... Treble	ERNEST COOMBS ... 6
GEORGE LARGE ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 7
HARRY PAGE ... 3	WILLIAM HEATH ... 8
WILLIAM B. BISS ... 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to W. Richards and F. Chamberlain. H. Page hails from Penre, C. H. Perry from Bridgend, and E. Stitch from Aberavon.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church, Cobitt Town,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB ... Treble	*EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
WILLIAM PYE ... 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... 7
REUBEN SANDERS ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	WILLIAM BROWN ... 5
ALFRED SMITH ... 2	JAMES BODGHTON ... 6
CHARLES BAKER ... 3	CHARLES CUTTING ... 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID HODGKIN ... Treble	MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	HARRY BAKER ... 6
MISS ROSE THOMAS ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 7
*MISS ETHEL TOMLINSON ... 4	JOHN BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. This is the first occasion on which four resident lady ringers of Kent have figured together in a peal. Miss Orlebar belongs to Tunbridge Wells, Miss Thomas to Mersham, Miss Tomlinson to Speldhurst, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker to Frittenden, Mr. Billenness to Hawkhurst, Messrs. Hodgkin and Brown to Marden.

AUGHTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JAMES MARSH ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
†THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WILKINSON ... 6
GEORGE LUNT ... 3	JAMES MARTIN ... 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. † 50th peal.

CLIFTEATH-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S.

Tenor 15 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM HAIGH ... Treble	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
*CHARLES WATERMAN ... 4	CHARLES FILMER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman for 25 years. Rung after meeting short for Major, C. Filmer filling the vacancy. First peal on the bells since they were overhauled and rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

†ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5
†THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	†WILLIAM J. LEE ... 6
GEORGE A. CARD ... 3	HARRY MANCHE ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	*ARTHUR H. KEIGHLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WILFRED TAFFENDER, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Stedman Triples, also first attempt at conducting a peal.

BOLEHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
CYRIL PEASE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT W. WATTS ... Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 6
GEORGE JORDON... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4	WALTER T. AYRE... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal. This peal was arranged to oblige H. N. Pitstow and W. T. Ayre, from London.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
CHARLES MILLWAY 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5
*MAURICE SWINFELD... .. 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

The ringers of 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor belong to Gloucester, 6th and 7th to Derby, treble and 2nd are local men. Messrs. C. H. Austin, J. Gillett and E. E. Davis were elected members of the association previous to starting the peal. It was also rung on the occasion of Mrs. A. H. Ward's birthday. * First peal Double Norwich.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... Treble	HERBERT E. DAY... .. 5
†HERBERT ELSE 2	JOHN HARE 6
JOHN J. CAWDELL 3	GEORGE T. CROFT 7
ERNEST J. NEWELL 4	WILLIAM J. CROFT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. J. CROFT.

* First peal. The treble ringer is 15 years of age, and the band congratulated him for the way he rang his bell throughout the peal.

† First peal with an inside bell.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE... .. Treble	THOMAS UPSHALL 5
MRS. HAZELDEN 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 7
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was Mrs. Hazelden's first attempt for a peal in the method.

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HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE W. HARRIS ... Treble	EDGAR C. RUSSELL 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal on the bells since 1906.

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

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
GEORGE W. HARRIS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT ARCHES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC VICKERS ... Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
GEORGE FLITHAM 2	GEORGE CHESTER 6
*H. LESLIE PASK... .. 3	*HAROLD MARCON 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

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

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	*FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 5
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER... .. 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	*WILLIAM WAIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRNJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	BERT HORTON 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM BAYLISS 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	JOHN T. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the recovery of the Rev. Edgar Burford, Vicar (formerly of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, and St. John's Church, Princes End, Tipton), from a long and serious illness and to whom the band, with their wives and children, are greatly indebted for his kind hospitality previous to starting for the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
*ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of London Surprise and first attempt.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT HORTON Treble	EDGAR MARLOW 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	JOHN T. DAVIS 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	WILLIAM BAYLISS Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells, also the first peal on the bells for 15 years. E. Marlow's 50th peal for the Society.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS PHYLLIS HARE Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
*JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	DET.-SEGT. H. G. JENNEY 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of London.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	WILLIAM BROWN 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
FREDERICK ROOPE 4	FREDERICK FINCH Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	HENRY HUTTON 5
ERNEST WEATHERBY 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
†GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	†ARTHUR CATTELL 7
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the light eight in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Surprise on the bells. * First of Cambridge. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First Surprise peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble	ERNEST A. PITSTOW 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 6
GEORGE JORDON 3	THOMAS JORDON 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung in honour of Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the third. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First Surprise peal in the county. The conductor's 100th peal. Rung after meeting short for London.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NODDS Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

*L. HIGGS Treble	*W. A. WESTON 4
*J. STANWAY 2	H. WHITEHORST 5
*W. BOWERING 3	J. COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the 1st of York and Lady E. Bowes-Lyon.

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PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*GEORGE R. WILKINSON ... Treble	CHARLES E. PETTIT ... 4
DENNIS J. WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5
WALTER TANSER ... 3	EDWIN A. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal. The ringer of treble was made a member of the M.C.A. previous to starting the peal. The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hall for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 1440 Plain Bob, 1440 Oxford Treble Bob, 2160 Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4
*ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 2	*PETER CROOK ... 5
GEORGE POWNALL ... 3	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells, which were installed in 1786 and rehung in 1922. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Greenhalgh, of Pendleton, and to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Richard Newton (U.S.A.).

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James the Great,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JAMES GEORGE ... Treble	LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... 3
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 4
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor	

Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the bands, and it is believed to be the first peal on the bells, which are by C. and G. Mears and dated 1854. The band takes this opportunity of putting on record their thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. S. P. Riley, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT RELFE ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4
JAMES WAGHORN ... 2	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 5
FRANK PATTENDEN ... 3	GEORGE WAGHORN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Whit Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Comprising each of Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

D. VINCENT ... Treble	J. SMY ... 4
W. SMITH ... 2	A. E. SMITH ... 5
A. A. LING ... 3	A. LING, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

Rung to oblige the treble ringer, who hails from Tunbridge Wells.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENNIKER ... Treble	CHARLES TUMBER ... 4
SIDNEY HOPPER ... 2	C. FRED GOOD ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PYE.

The conductor and C. Tumber hail from Teynham, S. Hopper from Ashford, the others being local men. A. V. Good was elected a member before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At No. 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK PILGRIM ... 1-2	ROY PILGRIM ... 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Performed on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: FREDERICK WAITLING.

First peal in the method to be tapped on handbells in history.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Institution,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER LAGO ... 1-2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 5-6
THOMAS E. ABBOTT ... 3-4	BERT RIXON ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER LAGO.

Umpire: ALFRED S. BAYLEY. Witness: GEORGE CLEOBURY.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A beautiful day and the glorious scenery of the Meon Valley brought many ringers to the meeting held at West Meon on Saturday last. The bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening, and members attended from Aldershot, Alton, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), North Stoneham, Southampton, Swanmore, Upham, Wickham and Winchester, and also Mr. E. P. Duffield.

The tea and meeting were held at the Red Lion Hotel, the latter presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams). One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop's Waltham, in August. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, after which the ringers visited the tower until 8.30 p.m. Although the attendance was not very large, the twenty ringers who were present made good use of the bells in all standard methods, and also Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

At the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday, Mr. O. H. Howard was elected Master for the fourteenth successive time. Mr. F. J. Pittsow was re-elected hon. secretary.

The membership of the association is 989, a decrease of 32 on the year, but there is a record number of 99 towers in union with the association. Financially there was a net gain on the year of £4 10s. 3d., and the number of peals rung was 48. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE.**

The annual general meeting was held at Cullompton on Whit Monday. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, at which there was an attendance of over 150. All told, there were present at the dinner and meeting no less than 186 members and visitors—almost a record for the Guild, 22 bands in union being represented, besides ringers from Croydon, Herisham, Taunton and Bridgwater.

The annual report for 1922, which showed steady but real advance in the progress of change ringing, was brought forward by the general secretary (the Rev. D. S. Powell), and seconded by the general treasurer (Mr. T. G. Bartlett), who described how the accumulated funds were being expended in meeting the out-of-pocket expenses of instructors to bands of learners.

The membership of the Guild for 1922 consisted of 72 honorary, 123 life, 283 performing, and 115 associate members, together with four lady associates making a total of 597, representing a net increase of 84 in the course of the year. There were 42 affiliated bands, as against 36 in 1921.

The President (the Rev. M. Kelly) moved a resolution dealing with the coming jubilee of the Guild, which was founded on March 21st, 1874. He himself was elected a member on June 17th 1874, and in a moving speech he outlined the progress made during the intervening period both in the status of the ringer and the practice of change ringing, which was practically unknown in the South-West at the time of the foundation of the Guild. He made an urgent appeal for unity among ringers, the lack of which, where it exists, being in all respects disastrous. He pointed out that the Devon Guild was the earliest of all similar associations in the country, and that its jubilee would, therefore, occur before any other.—He moved the following resolution, which was adopted: 'That the general annual meeting on Whit Monday, 1924, take the form of a jubilee festival held in Exeter, and that the service be in the Cathedral, if the Dean be willing. That in order to celebrate the occasion further it is desirable that every band in union should endeavour to accomplish during the year ending March 21st, 1924, something which it has not previously done to further the advance of change ringing in the Diocese of Exeter. The members of each band will themselves decide the form of this undertaking. That the Guild organise a peal of Grandsire Cinques for the jubilee, if sanction can be obtained.'

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected.

HAMPSHIRE'S NEW EIGHT.**HURSLEY BELLS DEDICATED.**

On Saturday, May 19th, the augmented peal of eight bells at Hursley, Hants, was dedicated, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and Rural Dean of Lyndhurst. Mr. Matthews was formerly curate at Hursley, 1896-99, since which time he has been Vicar of Bursledon, and of Titchfield, and is now Vicar of Milford-on-Sea. In the course of the service and during the singing of the hymn, 'The church bells ringing from the height,' the clergy and choir proceeded to the western tower. Here the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Husband) asked the Rev. C. E. Matthews to dedicate the bells 'to the glory and praise of God.' Mr. Matthews and the Vicar ascended the tower to the belfry, where the dedicatory prayers were said; also the prayer appointed by the Guild, after which three bob leads of Grandsire Triples were rung, while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel, the service being resumed. The Rev. C. E. Matthews then gave an excellent address, basing his discourse on the words, 'There are so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification,' 1 Cor. xiv. 10. Following the address, a hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' composed by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, was sung, and the service closed with the Blessing. Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.

Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, ringers being present from Bishopstoke, Bindfield, North Stoneham, Romsey, Winchester, and the local band, and Mr. C. Dean from the Croydon Foundry.—Mr. W. T. Tucker apologised for the absence of Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, and Mr. W. Andrews thanked the Vicar for his hospitality. Further ringing took place in the evening, including two courses of Treble Bob.

The new treble has been given by Sir G. A. Cooper, Bart., of Hursley Park, and the 2nd by Mr. F. W. Talbot, of Pitt, Hursley. The 3rd and tenor have been recast, and the latter is now 14 cwt. in 8 sharp, being 2 cwt. heavier than the old bell. Of the rest, the 4th and 5th were cast in 1835 by W. and J. Taylor, of Oxford, and the 6th and 7th in 1616. These two bells bear the inscriptions, respectively, 'Prayse God, I.W.,' and 'Give thanks to God, I.W.' The previous tenor was cast in 1713. The back six are hung in the old frame, which has been strengthened, the new trebles being in an iron frame. The whole work reflects great credit upon Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have executed the contract, and Hursley possesses one of the finest peals of eight for their weight in Hampshire.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

His many friends in England, as well as in Ireland, will learn with deep regret that Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has lost his wife. Mrs. Lindoff was staying in England for her health, and only on Thursday Mr. Lindoff received a reassuring letter from her. On Friday she passed away suddenly. The deepest sympathy will go out to Mr. Lindoff in his bereavement.

A thanksgiving peal was rung at Alrewas, Staffs., on Tuesday week, for the recovery of the Vicar from serious illness. The bells at this church have recently been recast, and two trebles added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, upon whom the splendid work done reflects the greatest credit. The tone and 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired.

A correspondent, writing with reference to the bells at St. John's, Horsleydown, where, as mentioned in this column, the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung, says that he surveyed this ring in March with the view to teaching a band, but found it impossible to ring the bells, the strap irons of several having snapped, and some having no ropes. The Vicar and churchwardens would like to have the bells rung, but the parish being a poor one, they cannot raise the necessary money for the restoration.

The Saffron Walden Society celebrates its tercentenary on June 27th. It has an unbroken history of 300 years, almost an unrivalled thing in ringing annals, and there ought to be a record gathering of ringers for this unique event. The Mayor and Corporation are taking a hand in the celebration, particulars of which are announced in an advertisement.

Wilfred Taffender, son of the Master of the London County Association, has achieved yet another distinction. Having rung 'inside' for a peal of London as his first peal, and achieved other performances of great merit, he has now rung his first peal as conductor, this being a peal of Stedman Triples (his first), which he called from a non-observation bell! And his age is 15 years!

Owing to a fete being held at Long Melford on June 23rd next, in aid of their bell restoration fund, the Lavenham annual gathering will be postponed. Notice of the event will appear in the 'Ringing World' in due time.

The peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Preston on May 15th, and reported in our issue of the 25th, was rung in 3 hrs. 16 mins. (not 2 hrs. 16 mins.).

The bell of Great Brampton House, Herefordshire, is rung six times daily by the Ringing Master of the Diocesan Guild, excepting when he is ringing a larger bell at one of the parish churches.

June 4th is the anniversary of the opening of two well-known peals of bells. In 1762 the new peal of 16n at Bow, Cheapside, were rung for the first time, and in 1814 the bells of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, were opened.

The long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (16,608) was rung in 10 hrs. 32 mins., at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, and on June 8th, 1906, the 16,800 in the Kent Variation was rung in 9 hrs. 40 mins., at Mottram, Cheshire.

The report of a peal rung at Burnham has been sent without the number of changes.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you, with your usual courtesy, please permit me to acknowledge the following further amounts received towards the above: Christ Church, Cabott Town, band, 5s.; Rev. F. L. Edwards, 2s.; Messrs. A. Barnes, 2s. 6d.; J. W. Parker, 2s. 6d.; R. Richardson, 5s.; previously acknowledged, £32 6s. 6d.; total, £33 3s. 6d.

Will you also let me ask members of the Middlesex County Association, and other friends, who have very kindly subscribed to this fund, to please note that the unveiling of the memorial tablet will (D.V.) take place at Barnet Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th, instead of on June 16th, as previously stated? It is hoped that the tablet recording the half-muffled peal rung at Upper Clapton will be unveiled on the following Thursday, July 19th. Full particulars of both ceremonies will be announced later.—Yours faithfully,

G. T. COLES,

Hon. Sec. to the Fund Committee.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, May 8th, 720 Bob Minor: *E. Minett 1, G. Camp 2, *W. Cranmer 3, W. White 4, G. Miles 5, G. Rogers (1st 720 as conductor) 6, First 720 on the bells. * First 720.

CARSHALTON.—On Saturday, May 19th, at All Saints' Church, for evensong (eve of the Feast of Pentecost), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: D. Cooper 1, Mrs. A. W. Clark 2, A. W. Clark 3, S. W. Holdaway (first quarter-peal) 4, F. B. Darby 5, J. E. Cooper 6, C. H. Kippin, junr. (composer and conductor) 7, C. Kippin, senr., 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. BISHOP OF SALISBURY'S WELCOME.

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Central Council was held in the Chapter House at Salisbury Cathedral on **Whin-Tuesday**.

A summary of the proceedings appeared in our last issue.

The attendance included the following: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild), president; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Oxford Diocesan Guild), hon. librarian; Mr. E. Alex. Young (London County Association), hon. secretary.

Hon. members: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. Armiger Trollope, J. George and J. W. Parker.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Bath and Wells Diocesan: Mr. A. E. Coles.

Bedfordshire: Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

Central Northants: Messrs. D. J. Nichols, F. Wilford, T. Law and E. M. Atkins.

Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. Norbury and W. Bibby.

Devon: Rev. Maitland Kelly and Rev. E. S. Powell.

Dudley and District: Mr. J. Hughes.

Ely Diocesan: Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Essex County: Messrs. G. R. Pye and W. J. Nevard.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: Messrs. W. A. Cave and E. Bishop.

Herts County: Rev. B. H. Tyerwhitt Drake.

Kent County: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. T. Groombridge and E. Barnett, *senr.*

Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.

Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsee and Mr. W. E. Wilson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.

Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.

Midland Counties: Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P., Messrs. W. Willson and Pryce Taylor.

Middlesex County and London Diocesan: Mr. C. T. Coles.

Norwich Diocesan: Messrs. A. L. Coleman and G. P. Burton.

Oxford Diocesan: Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and J. Evans.

Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.

Salisbury Diocesan: Major W. Hughes D'Aeth, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Beams and A. F. Martin Stewart.

Stafford Archdeaconry: Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.

Surrey: Mr. C. Dean.

Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.

Worcestershire: Mr. A. E. Parsons.

Yorkshire: Mr. J. Cotterell.

Apologies for absence were received from Rev. A. H. F. Boughev, Messrs. J. H. Cheesman, J. Carter E. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, Rev. W. T. Wright, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, C. H. Howard, W. Lawrence, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, W. Storey, H. W. Wilde, J. R. Sharman, J. D. Matthews, P. Johnson, G. Bolland, H. Haigh, J. Hunt and R. Narborough.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Dean and the Archdeacon of Sarum attended the meeting to welcome the Council.

The welcome extended to the Council by the Bishop of Salisbury was a very hearty one. He said they had done wisely in choosing that city as a place of meeting, for he felt sure they would admire it and fall in love with it, as everyone did who came there. He welcomed them as Bishop of that Diocese, because he wanted to do all he could to encourage the work they did. He had the greatest possible opinion of the whole work of bell ringing, and he claimed to know a little about it, because he had lived in a country for seventeen years where there were hardly any bells, and coming back to the sound of the bells made a real difference. There were two peals of bells in his diocese of Brisbane, and when he went there one peal was in abeyance. He remembered what a tremendous effort was made by a few old Englishmen to get the bells rehung. They struggled until they got them done, and they were now hung as the Cathedral bells of Brisbane. Continuing, the Bishop said from the point of view of history he felt the bells were a real and eloquent link with the past. Bells had been associated with the main episodes of the life of the nation, they expressed the people's joy and sorrow, they had expressed the people's warlike spirit. As a citizen he felt that bell ringing, especially in the country places, provided an agreeable and delightful occupation for their young men, and he wondered why young men had not taken it up more freely, because it combined so many things—skill, and interest and good exercise. As a clergyman, he felt the connection between the young men, who rang the bells, and the clergy of the parish churches generally ought to be a very real one (applause), and he was sure it could be made a very real one. It did not follow that the clergy need know how to ring, but it certainly was his desire that the clergy should take the greatest interest in the belfry (applause). When he had a church where there was a peal of bells, he was frequently up in the belfry, and those ringers

were most faithful not only in their ringing, but in their attendance at church (applause). As between the clergy and the bell ringers there was a real link, which should be kept up. In conclusion, the Bishop added that although they welcomed that Council to Salisbury, the most beautiful city in England, they also felt honoured by their coming there representing as they did such a wide interest (applause).

The President, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Bishop most warmly for his kindness in coming to their meeting, and for his inspiring and helpful address. It was a matter not only of interest, but of very great benefit to them, to know that the head of that diocese came to welcome them as loyal church workers in England (applause). Although the Council had met for 30 years, it was only within the last two years or so that they had been honoured by the presence of any cathedral dignitary to welcome them. They were welcomed at Gloucester by the Dean, and at Lincoln by the Dean, but that was the first time they had had a Bishop to address them (applause). They had also had the Dean with them, and the Archdeacon of Sarum. They were glad to be welcomed by those who held such high office in that diocese, and thanked them for their kindness (applause).

The Bishop briefly replied, and then left the meeting with the Dean and Archdeacon.

The audited accounts, a summary of which we gave last week, were passed, on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James seconded by Canon Elsee.

ADVERSE BALANCE ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian, in presenting his accounts, reported that contrary to custom he had to declare an adverse balance on the year's working, and had to ask the Council to refund to him the sum of £2 15s. Quite accurately, the balance on the year's working was only adverse to the amount of 15s. It would be remembered that at Lincoln it was voted that a sum of 5s. per volume should be allowed to him for binding copies of 'Bell News' for the library. He had had eight volumes bound, which thus accounted for the £2. There is now for the purpose of reference a complete historical record of ringing from 1871 to the present date. The thanks of the Exercise were due to those members who had contributed towards this. With regard to the 15s., he had realised by sales of publications an amount within 9s. of last year, but the contribution from the 'on sale or return' source was short of last year to the amount of over £3. Accordingly, between them they had only realised £9 16s. 8d., which did little more than cover the cost of advertising. However, the books were finding their way among ringers. During the year he had bought in 30 copies of 'On the Preservation of Bells,' and had sold them nearly all. He had no more copies of 'Rules for an Association,' and only a very few of 'Rules for a Company,' while the 'Collection of Minor Methods' would at the present rate hardly last for two years. There had been a fair demand for the loan of the 'Treble Bob Peals Collection.' The Librarian added, 'I should like to put on record that I am constantly being asked for a book for beginners. There is not, I believe, on the market such a book at anything like the price of even the most expensive of the Council's publications, which are chiefly for the more advanced, and I venture to suggest that the Council should bear this in mind.'

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

Mr. G. P. Burton pointed out that a great many peals in the 'Collection of Peals' were false compositions. Ringers purchased these books thinking that the compositions were true; they chose one and rang it, and perhaps found it was false. He suggested that the librarian, before issuing further copies, should stamp in the books that these peals were false, and that there was no guarantee that any of them were true. The worst feature was that they sold the books as official publications of the Council, and it was a very bad thing for them to let them go out with false compositions in them.

The Librarian said he had written to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson that the Peal Collection Committee should take in hand the proving of all peals in the collection. Mr. Richardson had replied that he thought it was a good idea, and asking to be supplied with copies of the collection. These had been sent to him. He (the librarian) thought he had better be authorised to stamp each volume with a notice that the truth of the peals was not guaranteed.

Mr. W. A. Cave said he did not like either of the suggestions. To indicate that the compositions were not guaranteed would render the book almost valueless to those ringers who did not trouble about proving. He considered it would be best to find out the peals that were false and issue a slip.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said so far as the Bob Major Collection, for which he was responsible, was concerned he believed there was only one false peal; but he would undertake to let the librarian know which was false, and also to go through the peals of Double Oxford and certify them.

The Rev. H. Law James undertook to go through the Double Norwich collection in the same way.

Mr. A. H. Pulling suggested that when the false compositions had been ascertained they should be advertised in 'The Ringing World'

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for the benefit of those ringers who had already purchased these books.

The suggestion that each of the false compositions should be stamped was agreed to, and the librarian's report was adopted, an offer by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore to present a copy of 'Campanology' to the library, being accepted with thanks.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

The Hon. Librarian reported that at the last Council meeting he was instructed to prepare a Ringers' Roll of Honour. Immediately afterwards he wrote to all secretaries of associations, enclosing their lists (which he had been keeping since the Northampton meeting) for revision. He asked especially for ringers' names, initials, towers and information as to their membership in other associations in order to avoid repetition. He received the last of these returns on the previous Saturday. He dealt with them as they were returned, and he had each man's name clearly written on a separate card, together with his initials and his tower, and Guild or association. There would be between 1,100 and 1,200 names. It was for the Council now to say in what manner they should be preserved. When the matter was brought up at Lincoln an offer was made to write the names free of charge in a book to be provided, but in view of the number of names (nearly double what was anticipated) he hardly liked to mention the offer. He suggested that a small committee be appointed to deal with the matter, the Council naming an approximate sum to be expended. The librarian added that the Standing Committee had had the matter under consideration, and suggested that the names be written in good 'copper-plate' writing upon leaves of good paper, these leaves to be afterwards bound into a book. Illumination should be on the title page only, which should contain these words:—

'Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book of the Great War, 1914-1918. They whom this work commemorates were numbered among those who, at the call of King and country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.'

Then should follow the list of names, with initials, the town to which the man belonged, and in brief form, his Guild or association. The Standing Committee suggested that this should be done at a cost not exceeding £20. That cost might be very much less if they could have the same or a similar offer as that made last year. It was for the Council to accept these suggestions, or to propose a sub-committee to act with him.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett said he would be loath to limit the cost to £20, although he agreed that not more than £20 should be taken from the funds of the Council. If, however, it cost more than £20 to do it properly, he suggested they might raise the balance by means of subscriptions among themselves, for many of them would gladly subscribe to make this list worthy of the Council (applause).

The proposals made by the librarian were adopted, and the matter was left in his hands, the suggestion being added that the question of the most suitable paper and most durable ink to be employed, should be left to authorities at the British Museum to decide.

PEAL COLLECTION.

It was reported that the remainder of the collection of the Peals of Treble Bob were in the hands of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and it was left with him to carry on, a desire being expressed that the committee would present a definite report upon the position to the next Council meeting.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF MR. T. MANNERING.

LOSS TO KENT RINGING.

The Kent County Association and the All Saints' Society, Maidstone, band, have lost a valuable and esteemed member, in the person of Mr. Thomas Mannerling, who died on May 4th, after eleven weeks' illness, aged 53 years. From boyhood he had been a member of the choir of St. Peter's, Maidstone, and also belonged to the West Borough Adult School. For thirty-six years he was a member of the All Saints' band of ringers and for twenty-two years conductor. He was also on the committee of the association as representative of the Maidstone district. In 1890 he was made a College Youth.

A very safe ringer, equally good at either the light or heavy end, he had rung seventy-four peals, of which he had conducted sixteen.

A good number of his ringing friends attended the funeral on May 9th, the greater portion of the service being held at St. Peter's, the Rev. F. T. Marr, Vicar of St. Peter's; Canon Harcastle, of All Saints', and the hon. secretary of the association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) taking part. Canon Harcastle gave a short address, in which he spoke very feelingly of Tom Mannerling's exemplary life and conduct, as a Christian man, a regular chorister and Sunday School teacher, and a first-class ringer and conductor. His body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Loose, belonging to the town of Maidstone.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAPID GROWTH.

The annual festival was held at Hereford on Whit Monday. The proceedings comprised a service in the Lady's Chapel of the Cathedral, with an address by the Bishop; luncheon in the Old Oak Room of the Boothe Hall Hotel, presided over by the Bishop, and the business meeting.

A simple but very beautiful service was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Turner, Vicar of Madley, hon. general secretary of the Guild, the special form of service being used. The Rev. H. D. Wall (diocesan missionary) presided at the organ, and the Rev. R. A. Lyne read the lessons. The collection, which was for the memorial tablet fund, amounted to £22.

The Lord Bishop, in a very thoughtful and helpful address, said that discipline, co-operation and sincerity, were the chief factors which made for success in bell ringing, and these were exactly the characteristics that were most wanted among men. He believed the bell ringers were doing a great service to the diocese.—Some 120 bell ringers were present and listened with rapt attention.

At the lunch there were present 111 ringing and hon. members, representing over 30 parishes. An excellent hot dinner was enjoyed.—After the loyal toast, Mr. C. Edwards, Ringing Master, proposed the health of the Bishop and clergy, and thanked the Bishop for his address.—The Bishop responded, and proposed the health of the Master, Mr. J. G. Buchanan, who had been an officer in the Guild since its birth, 37 years ago; six years as hon. secretary, and 31 years as Master.

After the Master had returned thanks, Mr. W. H. Fussell proposed 'the health of the Guild' in an interesting and eloquent speech.

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected.—The accounts showed a balance of £70 3s. 4d., being an increase of £10 18s. 4d. The balances of the districts amount to £42 13s. 2d. There are 76 tower in union with the Guild, an increase of six, and 605 ringers, an increase of 45; hon. members increased from 58 to 80.

The annual report of the Guild shows that the organisation is in a very sound condition. Sixty peals were rung in 1922, against 28 in 1921, and the report comments that these are a sign of increased skill and great keenness. The man who has rung a peal will never cease to remember that he is a bell ringer. The Guild is in a very satisfactory financial position, the districts having added £5 12s. 3d. to their balances, and the Central Fund £10 18s. 4d. to its balance instead of losing £15 as last year. This is due partly to a windfall of £4 4s. for two life honorary members, partly to the reduced cost of printing the report, and partly to the payment by the districts of half instead of a third of their receipts. The financial stability is to a great extent due to the increase in hon. members. In 1921 they numbered 58; in 1922, 80. With regard to probationers, the report states that four districts out of ten have no probationers. This is a sign of weakness. It either means that there has been no growth, or that members are, contrary to rule, admitted to full membership without first being on probation. Experience shows that what men obtain easily they value lightly. Even where ringers' subscriptions are paid out of a local fund, probationers should be required to pay their 2s. 6d. on admission to the tower. The association's war memorial is to cost about £35, but only about £11 has been received from 35 towers. It is hoped the other towers will quickly send their contributions. The report adds some words of advice, suggesting that all members should take a copy of 'The Ringing World,' and that each tower should pay out of its funds for a copy. This should be done, says the report, not only for the advantage of each tower, but also as a duty for the advancement of ringing generally.

THE STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to offer my very hearty congratulations to my colleagues in London upon their meritorious performance at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, especially to that wonderful old veteran, Mr. Challis E. Whinney. I have no wish to single out any one man in particular—even Mr. Hughes' part was wonderful—but I think every ringer in the country will acknowledge with pride and pleasure Mr. Whinney's extraordinary feat and marvellous endurance both in mind and body for such a lengthy period. I know from experience that St. Saviour's bells are not toys to handle, and I suppose one gets used to Mr. Whinney's almost automatic accuracy in all methods, but apart from that, the physical strain upon a man of 65 is enormous and bound to tell its tale. I am sure all of his brother ringers will join me in wishing him continued good health and strength to carry on the wonderful work he is doing, and that his very alert mind and equally active body may hold out to add further laurels to an already enviable career.

This performance on the part of each individual ringer, to say nothing of the responsibility incurred by the popular conductor, Mr. Bert Langdon, merits the widest publicity.—Yours faithfully

FRANK BALL.

Hanbury Lodge, Hanbury Road, Chifton, Bristol.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: A. Whistler (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, H. Bush 2, F. Justice 3, W. Ratcliffe (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, H. Williamson 5, H. Byfield 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, T. Storer 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely Sunday Service band of the above church.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, A. R. Miles 2, S. Thomas 3, E. J. Harding, junr. (conductor) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, J. D. Harris 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. The ringer of the second bells from Mayfield, Sussex.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six (tenor 32 cwt.): York Greed 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, J. B. Woolley 3, W. Welch 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. E. Kemp-ton 6.

LEICESTER.—On Whit Sunday, May 20th, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, a course of Superlative Surprise Major and two courses Grandsire Cinques, the latter by E. Morris (conductor) 1, F. Sharman 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, A. Cattell 4, A. Ballard 5, E. Whitehead 6, E. E. Smith 7, H. Peach 8, C. Cattell 9, R. F. Elkington 10, J. Morris 11, J. Grant 12. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Whitehead 1, W. Whitehead 2, G. S. Morris 3, R. F. Elkington 4, J. Morris 5, A. Cattell 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, J. Grant 8.—On May 17th, in honour of the marriage of T. Bent (one of the ringers), 360 Grandsire Doubles: J. Morris 1, H. Peach 2, E. Whitehead 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, A. Cattell 5, J. Grant 6.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Burgess 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Button 3, C. Tribe 4, H. Want 5, H. Baker (conductor) 6, B. Baker 7, J. Neve 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.—On a previous Sunday evening, a 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: J. Neve 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Baker 3, H. Want 4, C. Tribe 5, W. Button 6, R. Burgess 7, C. Mitchell 8.

PENDLETON.—On Sunday, May 6th, for school sermons, also a welcome to Canon Edwards-Rees, D.D., a former Vicar of the parish, two 504's and 1,260 of Stedman Triples, those taking part in one or more touches being: H. Greenhalgh, S. Greenhalgh, J. Winterbottom, F. Page, W. H. Cooper, J. Lowe, W. H. Shuker, A. Bailey, A. Trippier, W. E. Clark. The conductors were A. Bailey, F. Page and J. Lowe.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for early service, 480 Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by W. Watkins. For morning service, 360 College Single, 120 Oxford Bob Minor. For evening service, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Bob Minor, conducted by A. Tomkins. The ringers taking part were A. E. Tomkins, E. Tomkins, J. Passey, W. Watkins, W. Mantell, H. Hodges, R. Bethell, A. Tomkins.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Easter Sunday, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Walters 1, W. Hawley 2, A. Walker, junr., 3, W. Senior 4, T. Holder 5, J. Jackson 6, J. Fryer 7, A. Walker, senr. (conductor), 8.—For evening service, 413 Stedman Caters: A. Walker, senr., 1, W. Pearson 2, A. Walker, junr., 3, W. Hawley 4, J. Carter 5, T. Holder 6, H. Walters (conductor) 7, J. Jackson 8, J. Fryer 9, W. Senior 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters, with the Vicar, the Rev. J. Young, on the treble.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—For evensong, on Easter Day, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, Miss C. M. Austin (longest touch and first attempt) 2, J. S. Collings 3, F. Norrish 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, F. T. Gover (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Collegiate Church, on Sunday, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) was rung for morning service, in 55 mins.: J. Williams 1, T. O'Connor 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, H. M. Hawkwood 4, T. Roden 5, H. A. Farlow 6, J. D. G. Harris 7, E. F. Mitchell 8, W. H. Lawley 9, T. Smith 10. Longest length in the method by all except 3rd and 7th, and longest length of Royal on the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Gill 1, G. Edser 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, Miss V. E. Shorter 4, W. Woodrow 5, B. Batty 6, F. Shephard (conductor) 7, W. F. Shorter 8.

COLESHILL.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 120's in these methods, viz., Christmas Eve, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Plain Bob, Old Double, Grandsire. April Day, and St. Clement's Doubles: J. Simmonds 1, F. Clayton (conductor) 2, Thos. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, J. Fifield 5, W. Simmonds 6, C. Davis, T. Davis and R. Hancock also took part in the ringing.—For morning service, on April 15th, 120 Stedman Doubles: F. Clayton (conductor) 1, F. Fifield (first 120 in the method and first attempt) 2, Thos. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, C. Davis 5, W. Simmonds 6; and on Sunday evening 120 Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, Bernard Mitchell, of Erdington, taking part; and on Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, three courses of Bob Minor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. THE OVERLAPPING OF SOCIETIES.

The annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, and proved to be very successful. About 90 members attended, and these included life members from Birmingham and Cambridge, whilst three charabancs were requisitioned to convey members from Bristol. The bells of the Parish Church; Holy Trinity, Watermoor; Siddington, and South Cerney were open for ringing, and a service was held at Holy Trinity by kind permission of the Rev. Westmacott.

The Master (Mr. H. T. Howell) was unable to attend owing to the serious illness of his wife, and a vote of sympathy was accorded to him by the general meeting.—The Rev. T. C. Fowler, vice-president, was elected to the chair, and read a very satisfactory report of the year's work from the Master.

The hon. treasurer's balance sheet was incomplete owing to one branch not having sent their returns to him in time, and was referred back for the second year in succession.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out the need of action either by the Central Council or the Association to prevent overlapping of district associations into diocesan areas. He pointed out that a neighbouring association which was for a district, had in one of their branches approximately forty per cent. membership enlisted from the Gloucester diocese.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. F. K. Howell, who retires from the hon. treasurer'ship, after having served for so many years in various offices of the association.

Mr. Francis J. Lewis, of Cirencester, was elected as Master, and is thus honoured for his excellent services in the past.—Mr. William Lansdon, of Bristol, was elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. secretary and peal secretary were re-elected.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Central Council, it was decided to establish a belfry repair fund, and a monthly subscription sheet is to be issued to all towers in both dioceses.

It was agreed to place a brass tablet in St. Stephen's tower, Bristol, to the memory of the late Mr. Raymond John Wilkins.

It was also agreed to issue reports for the year 1921.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. Westmacott, the organist and verger, for their kindness in helping with the service, was heartily accorded, as were also thanks to Mr. F. J. Lewis for recommending such an excellent place for meals.—The vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. E. J. Phillips in a humorous speech.

THE NEW PEAL AT COLLATON.

The new peal of bells recently installed at Collaton, Devon, by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, were dedicated on Saturday, May 26th, by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. There was an impressive service, in the course of which a procession, comprising the choir, clergy and the Bishop, moved to the tower, where the Lord Bishop read the names of the men whose names are inscribed on each of the bells, and offered the dedicatory prayers.

The bells were rung for five minutes by the newly-formed Collaton band of ringers, with great success, under the conductorship of Mr. Pope. After the address, given by the Lord Bishop, the bells were set going by the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, representatives being present from Torquay, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Marldon, Ipplepen, Stoke Gabriel, Exeter and Newton Abbot, and other ringers from the West of England. The tone, and especially the 'go' of the bells, were excellent, and all expressed their approval at the highly efficient work, so well carried out by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons. The bells are all hung on the firm's patent adjustable bearings and modern fittings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Bedford district was held at Threlkington on Saturday, May 26th. Members were present from Bedford, Biddenham, Kempston, Clapham, Roughton, Turvey, Dunstable, Great Staughton, Kettering and Isham; Miss K. Willars, of Trumpington (who rang her first course of London Surprise Minor) and the local company. Tea was served at the Red Lion, and at the business meeting, at which Mr. C. W. Clarke presided, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kempston. Two new members were elected, Messrs. T. Osborn, of Threlkington, and J. Barker, of Clapham.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and defraying half expenses for the tea brought a good meeting to a close.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Kemp (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Prior 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Knox 1, H. Prior 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

'A CITY OF BELLS.'**EXETER'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.**

St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, with its lofty pinnaced tower, is now in possession of a magnificent ring of eight bells, which have been provided by the great generosity of Mr. Edgar Stroud Plummer, the Vicar's warden. Formerly there was a ring of six, which fell into dilapidation in the early years of the century, and finally had to be abandoned for ringing in 1916. Mr. Plummer was interested in a scheme of restoration as a result of the representations made to him by Mr. W. J. Southwood, the hon. secretary of the Exeter district of the Devon Guild. At first the recasting of the cracked 5th and the rehanging of the bells was contemplated, but eventually Mr. Plummer decided to make himself responsible for a complete renovation and augmentation, with the result that Exeter possesses yet another peal of eight bells, and is rapidly becoming a 'City of Bells,' having not only the peal with heaviest tenor, but, for its size and population, probably the greatest number of ringable peals.

The restoration at St. Thomas' has been worthily carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the tenor is now 14 cwt. 5 qr. 8 lb. The two new bells are inscribed as follows:

Treble: Remember Edgar Stroud Plummer and Evelyn his wife, who first gave this bell, 1923.

'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them.'

2nd: Remember Edgar Stroud Plummer and Evelyn his wife, who first gave this bell, 1923.

'Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Ring out the false, ring in the true.'

The old six bells were cast in 1789 by the Penningtons, and the treble, recast in 1901, had added the name of General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., who was then patron of the living. The recast tenor is inscribed:—

'James Buller Esq., Patron: Chm. Churchill, Vicar, I.P., C.P. 1789

The six old bells were recast and rehung, and two new trebles added as a gift from Edgar S. Plummer, Crossmead, Exeter. The Lord Bishop of Exeter, Patron: Hubert G. Chalk, Vicar; Edgar S. Plummer, Edward J. Henson, churchwardens; Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.'

The Bishop of Exeter dedicated the bells at a special festival service on Whit Sunday, and following the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung for the first time by the St. Thomas' band viz., J. Hosgood, W. J. Shobbrook, W. S. Robert, T. J. Stokes, A. Monkley, J. Moss, C. G. Routley and A. H. Goad. The ringers were attired in cassocks, which is quite a novelty. It adds, doubtless, to the solemnity of the proceedings, where the ringing chamber is open to the church, but is hardly likely to increase the comfort of the ringers.

The Bishop concluded an appropriate and thoughtful sermon by remarking that the bells should not be rung merely as a pastime, but as part of a great service and the worship of God. The church bells gave God's message as truly and as really as the man who stood either in choir or pulpit. Let them esteem those bells—thank God for the gift, and say a prayer for the ringers and donor, and pray that the message of the bells would reach some soul.

After the dedication service the bells were rung by St. Sidwell's band, and after evening service by the Cathedral company. Mr. Plummer entertained the ringers to tea.

Not the least interesting of the day's proceedings was the unveiling in the evening of a 'Ringers' Tablet,' placed in the tower entrance to the church as an appreciation of Mr. Plummer's generosity. Mr. W. J. Southwood crowned his many acts of kindness in connection with the installation of the bells by designing a handsome oak tablet subscribed for by ringers (past and present) who desired to set on record their feelings of gratification and appreciation. The tablet—five feet long and two feet six inches deep—bears an incised inscription, and illuminated panels on vellum. The inscription is as follows: 'St. Thomas' Church Bells. Augmented to a peal of eight, the old six being entirely recast and the bells rehung in an iron frame with ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The whole of the above being the generous gift of Edgar S. Plummer, eight years warden of this parish.' The left-hand panel contains the inscriptions on the bells and the right-hand panel the names of the St. Thomas' ringers who first rang them. The tablet also contains particulars of the weights of the bells, and the fact that the St. Sidwell's band rang after the dedication and the Cathedral band after evensong. The tablet was unveiled by the Vicar, who based his sermon on ringing. There was a large congregation.

The work of providing a raised ringing chamber, putting in a new floor under the bell cage, and certain repairs to the structure of the tower, have been undertaken by the parish, and represents an expenditure of about £150 or £160. The chiming apparatus is to be put in order, and it is hoped to carry out this work when the clock chimes are being adjusted.

In connection with the restoration of the bells Messrs. W. J. Southwood and Co. have issued a souvenir booklet, the sale of which at 6d. each is intended to augment the St. Thomas' Church Tower Fund. The souvenir contains much interesting matter and several excellent photographs.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, June 2nd, to give all who desire it, the opportunity of a 'pull' on the new peal of ten. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd, at which the president will preside. By kind permission of the Rectors (the Ven. A. R. Buckland and the Rev. E. W. Field) the rings of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Mary the Virgin will be available. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m. at the School Room. Tickets 2s. each, followed by the general business meeting. Important business will be transacted concerning the affairs of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Association. It is hoped that members from both branches will be well represented on that occasion.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar (Canon G. Astbury), to be followed by tea and meeting. A tea will be provided for those only who notify the secretary by first post Tuesday, May 29th, latest. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, June 2nd, 1923. All welcome.—W. Ayre, District Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 2nd. Intending visitors please notify Vicar.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided at 5 p.m. Bus leaves Malin Bridge for Bradfield at 2.30, 3.30, etc.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, June 2nd. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2 o'clock, and bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius (all 8-bell towers). Tea in St. Ignatius Parish Room at 5 o'clock, at cost price.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea 5/- in Men's Hut, 1/- each. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served at 5.30 p.m.; and a committee meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Saturday.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, June 2nd. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6 Laurel Grove, Armley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June, 1923.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, June 3rd, 10 a.m.; Monday, June 11th and 25th, 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, Monday, June 4th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 7th and 21st; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. 6d. allowed for tea to all members informing me not later than Saturday, June 2nd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Basingstoke.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, June 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. It is hoped there will be a large attendance. Tea will be provided after the service to all those who notify Mr. F. Barber, Gordon Road, Wellingborough, on or before June 6th.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Will all those who require tea please let me know not later than June 4th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting after. Those expecting tea please notify me not later than June 2nd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea by arrangement after. All welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 8-bell contest and annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, June 9th. Draw to take place at Ring of Bells at 2.45. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who send word on or before Monday, June 5th, to Mr. Fred Salmons, 9, Salisbury Place, Halifax, to whom all entries for contest must be sent.—L. Hargreaves, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who kindly lent me know by June 4th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, June 9th. The bells will be available all the afternoon and evening. Tea will be kindly provided free in the Parochial Hall by the Rector, Rev. E. U. Mills, at five. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Quarterly Meeting at Ifley, Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m., 1s. Business meeting after tea.—Wm. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 28 New Street, St. Ebbes, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22 Silver Street, Miles Platting.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head, in the Church Institute, at 5 p.m., for all those who notify W. Sturman, 142, Creswell Road, Clown, near Chesterfield, not later than June 5th. A good attendance desired.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

GUILD OF DEVONHIRE RINGERS.—A series of Cinques practices will be held at the Cathedral, Exeter, with a view to the ultimate selection of a band for a peal attempt. All members capable of profiting by this experience are urgently invited to attend. First practice, Wednesday, June 13th, at 6.30 p.m.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, June 16. Bells (8) ready 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will all requiring tea (1/- each) notify Mr. H. Burkinshaw, The Shop, Wortley, by Thursday the 14th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Hare and Hounds, Waddon. A good attendance desired and all ringers welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, 1s. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 12th. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —Next meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, at a small cost, will be arranged for those who require same and advise me by June 13th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623. —The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers: and, it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion. It is essential that those intending to be present should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, not later than Thursday, June 21st, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

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