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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Another Central Council Meeting has come and gone and in certain respects, at any rate, it may be said to have been more interesting than some of the gatherings that have been held. The agenda was a very full one and the five hours allocated to the business proceedings were not even sufficient for the purpose. We are able to give this week the first instalment of our full report of the meeting, together with a summary of the other items, which space forbids being dealt with in extenso in this issue.

Our hope is that by the prompt publication of the doings of the Council we may help to increase interest in its proceedings among the thousands of ringers who have been hitherto indifferent or only lukewarm in regard to the discussions of this authority. As we have pointed out before it is necessary that a body, so large as that embraced by the Exercise, and organised into so many territorial units, should have a representative central government, to which it can look for guidance in ringing matters where individuals disagree. If progress is to be made there must be some authority to set the standard, some organisation that can become a Court of Appeal. If the Central Council in the past has failed to establish for itself, among a section of the general body of ringers, that prestige which it ought to hold, it has not, perhaps, been altogether the fault of the ringers.

The Council itself has been sometimes to blame and there have been occasions when it has failed to interpret accurately the feelings of the Exercise. Then, too, the belated publication of its reports have not enhanced its reputation. We intend to do what we can to improve matters in this latter respect and to awaken interest as far as is possible by emphasising in this column some of the points which the debates have brought out. We feel it is rather a pity that individual associations do not, at their meetings, discuss some of the subjects which are dealt with by the Council. They might indeed provide the Council with material for legislation by first giving consideration to matters affecting their interests and then getting their views ventilated through their representatives at the Council meetings. The rank and file would take far more interest in the Council's attitude over matters introduced in such a way as this, than, say, in some abstruse proposition put forward by a member who may have a pet subject to air. To reach the ideal aim the Council ought to be the means of embodying into laws, that should be respected and observed by all ringers, all the best considered views of the ringing associations, and not to be, as it is largely content to be at present, merely an advisory body. Someday, perhaps, we shall get nearer this ideal.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Four Hours,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

†ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	†GEORGE HUGHES ... 7
*JOHN BASS ... 2	†THOMAS J. ELTON ... 8
†GEORGE PIGOTT ... 3	†JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 9
†JOHN C. ADAMS ... 4	†WILLIAM FISHER ... 10
†REV. E. V. COX ... 5	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 11
†ROBERT PICKERING ... 6	*ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Maximus. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Maximus and first peal of Maximus on the bells. It is also G. Hughes' 100th peal, and the first peal of Maximus by the Society.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

JOHN N. ONBORROW ... Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 8
THOMAS FAULKNER ... 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... 9
HARRY R. PASSMORE ... 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... 5	JOHN W. GOLDING ... 11
ALFRED B. PECK ... 6	HENRY R. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. James Pettit.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... 8
GEORGE SPENCER ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt. in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL ... Treble	SAMUEL JOYCE ... 6
EDWIN HORREX ... 2	CHARLES BURDEN ... 7
EDWIN GIBBS ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 9
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 5	EMANUEL HALL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARRETT, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in loving memory of the late Mr. James Pettit.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES FAULKS ... Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 6
GILBERT GUEST ... 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 7
THOMAS HUGHES ... 3	JOHN SMITH ... 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 5	HARRY GOODMAN ... Tenor

Composed by the late W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

This peal was rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, and Mrs. A. Gray Maitland.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES ... Treble	JAMES HOPKIN ... 6
JAMES JONES ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
*ALFRED JONES ... 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 8
JOHN CORRIGAN ... 4	FRANK BENNETT ... 9
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 5	CHARLES ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal of Caters with a bob bell. All the above, with the exception of the ringers of the 4th and 7th, belong to the local band.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ANKER ... Treble	JAMES HOPKIN ... 6
JAMES JONES ... 2	JOSEPH PORTER ... 7
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 8
JOHN CORRIGAN ... 4	FRANK BENNETT ... 9
JOHN T. PERRY ... 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

First peal in the method on the bells. All the above ringers hail from Aston, Birmingham. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the tower keeper, Mr. E. Thompson, for having everything ready.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THE SURPRISE MAJOR RECORD.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Nine Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 15,264 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS ... Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ERNEST PYE ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the longest length ever rung in any Surprise method and is the longest peal by the Middlesex Association. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Herbert Dale, for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. Dale, the steeple keeper, for having everything in readiness.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRED WATSON Treble	J. R. KEEN 5
WILLIAM BROWN 2	ALFRED HILLIER 6
JAMES ROBINSON 3	†GEORGE SIDDLE 7
†B. C. DIXON 4	WILLIAM STOREY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE SIDDLE.

* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ First peal as conductor.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WM. BROWN Treble	J. CRAWFORD 5
JACKSON PALLISTER 2	T. J. BROWN 6
G. H. TAYLOR 3	J. ROBINSON 7
*F. WATSON 4	GEORGE SIDDLE Tenor

Composed by H. DAVIS, and
Conducted by GEORGE SIDDLE.

* First peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM ORSLER Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
WILLIAM FLORY 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
*E. HOBART SMITH 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

SAMUEL PEARCE Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	RICHARD DUNN 7
GEORGE HUGHES 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells by all except the ringers of 5th and tenor, and first in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Law, a much respected member of the local company.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	*TOM WILDE 5
*HAROLD JACKSON 2	*JOHN W. HARTLEY 6
*WILLIAM JACKSON 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON 7
ALFRED BARNES 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON Treble	*CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

FRANK W. ROMAINE Treble	SIDNEY MACEY 5
HARRY C. MARSH 2	FREDK. PRECEY 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	CHARLES CAISFORD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT P. KNIGHT.

First attempt for a peal as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

*ALBERT E. RICHARDS Treble	ROBERT SPERRING 5
*JOHN CLUTTON 2	*GEORGE VAUGHAN 6
GEORGE JONES 3	RICHARD JONES 7
HENRY MOORE, Junr. 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

CLANFIELD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WEBB Treble	RAYMOND JUDGE 5
WILLIAM JUDGE 2	JOHN MONK 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
FRANK WEBB 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

Rung on the occasion of the spring meeting of the above Branch at Langford.

NETHERSEALE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
HERBERT HURDMAN 2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	DAVID COTTON 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4	JOHN HOUGH Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal of Kent Major by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and first peal as conductor on eight bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER S. WISE Treble	AMOS M. CLARK 5
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2	MARTIN STEWART 6
DAVID WRIGHT 3	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 7
THOMAS R. HENSHER 4	WILLIAM GROVES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Mr. Martin Stewart was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	CECIL A. VALENTINE 5
JOHN MEAD 2	HARRY HOPKINS 6
CHARLES W. SMITH 3	HARRY SEAR 7
ALBERT J. GREEN 4	WALTER W. BONHAM Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

It was arranged for several towers to be represented in this peal, viz.: 1, Eastleigh; 2 & 7, Bletchley; 3, Watford; 4, Wicken; 6, Newton Longville; 5 & 8, Stony Stratford.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FRED WILFORD Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 5
JOHN J. MAWBY 2	JAMES HOUGHTON 6
ALFRED H. MARTIN 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
JAMES T. WARD 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Arthur Chapman to Miss Christina Hobbs, of Wellingborough.

EDMONTON.
SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE A. CARD 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HULL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

*FRANCIS WILLIAM DALE ... Treble	ALFRED NAYLOR 5
*MARK HEDGES 2	HENRY RODMELL 6
GEORGE DOWLING 3	LEONARD RODMELL 7
CHARLES JACKSON 4	*JOHN H. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Treble	WILLIAM STOREY 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3	REV. A. G. LANGDON 7
REV. H. T. S. RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

RADYR, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS Treble	TOM COX 5
*JOSEPH BAILEY 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAVEY 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE Treble	CHAS. DRAPER 5
ARTHUR BRAINES 2	JOHN FLOWER 6
GEORGE WARD 3	EDMUND WILLIS 7
CHAS. E. HART 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

This peal is now rung by the Association for the first time and is the first peal by all the band in the method and the first rung in Derby and was rung at the first attempt. J. Flower hails from Duffield.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lbs., in E flat.

GEORGE CROSS Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
HARRY PAGE 2	TOM PAGE 6
JAMES CROSS 3	GEORGE WINES 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4	SAMUEL WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

Rung on the sixtieth birthday of the ringer of the tenor.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	HARRY CHAPMAN 5
*WILBY J. HAZELL 2	*TOM KING 6
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
*DANIEL F. GIBBONS 4	JAMES PARKER Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

* Elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

WALTHAM ABBEY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6
HENRY DAINS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor, and one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN SPENCER 2	JOHN LARTER 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

First peal in four methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Larter.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES GOLDRING ... Treble	HORACE TULETT 4
HARRY EVANS 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
JOSEPH FARMER 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

G. M. Kilby was elected a member of the Association before starting.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY ... Treble	GEORGE HOLLAND 4
MATHIAS HOBBS 2	WILLIAM JACQUES 5
PERCY J. LENTON 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

First peal in seven methods as conductor. Arranged for W. Jacques of Olney, Bucks, and as a birthday compliment to F. Woolley.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN LARTER 2	EDWARD NUNN 5
JOHN SPENCER 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in B flat.

EDGAR VALLANCE ... Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
REV. R. P. FARROW 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND

BELTON ST. PETER'S GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

ERNEST BARTRAM ... Treble	THOMAS ATKINS 4
CHARLES REEVE 2	ALBAN JARMAN 5
J. JAMES JACKSON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... Tenor

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

First peal by Ernest Bartram, son of the conductor, for whom the peal was arranged, and who wishes to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells for the occasion.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

E. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM SCOTCHER 4
*ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	*L. GEORGE MALLION ... 5
JOHN STALLEY 3	BASIL D. BUTTRISS ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRISS.

* First 720 of Double Bob and Double Oxford. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5-6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3-4	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First handbell peal as conductor. Quickest peal by the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, May 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM, TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	3—4	*EDWIN H. LEWIS	... 7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpires: WILLIAM BIBBY and REGINALD O. STREET.

* First peal of Double Norwich in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING	... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	... 5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 3—4	JAMES HUNT	... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL	... 9—10		

Composed by C. CHARGE, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to F. Blondell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT	... 1—2	*CLEMENT GLENN	... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	... 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	... 7—8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	... 9—10		

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

*First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. Mr. Glenn was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. This composition is No. 5 on the Broadsheet.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 1—2	JAMES HUNT	... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	... 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING	... 1—2	JAMES HUNT	... 5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	... 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	... 7—8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MISS HAWKINS, MRS. BLONDELL and MRS. PULLING.

These two peals were rung on the lawn and were much enjoyed by the ladies. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Hunt.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT MEETING AT GUISELEY.

Representing 36 towers, some 250 ringers, many accompanied by their good ladies, made it their business and pleasure to attend the meeting at Guiseley on Saturday week. Doubtless the lovely weather was in great degree responsible for the attendance of so many of the

fair sex. The bells of St. Oswald's Church, a merry little ring of eight (tenor 10½ cwt.) had been placed at the members' disposal throughout the day, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. F. Howson, M.A., and were made good use of, the striking of some of the touches being well-nigh excellent.

The parish of Guiseley, distant 9½ miles from Leeds and 7 from Bradford, is prettily situated, and has many charms and interests. The Norman Church was built about A.D. 1100, and of this the south-west door and south arcade remain, good specimens of early Norman work. About A.D. 1450 the tower, with the west window and arch, and the middle arcade were built by Simon de Warde, whose family were for many years Lords of the Manor of Guiseley. The Rectory, built in 1600, is a perfect specimen of the architecture of that time. The present Vicar has carried out a complete renovation quite in keeping with the venerable-looking building, and has also transformed the grounds into a dream of beauty. During the afternoon, many availed themselves of the privilege of a tour through the house and grounds, and admiration was expressed on all sides, both of the general effect, and the many interesting features pointed out by the Rector, who proved a most willing and entertaining guide. Meanwhile, handbell enthusiasts were tapping off touches on the springy-turfed lawn.

After a short service in church, a splendid tea was partaken of in the schools. The business meeting followed, with the President, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. C. Glenn, the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Cottrell, and the principal officers.

The official notice of motion by the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer to delete the existing Regulation re Report Warrants and substitute the one given in the circulars was put to the meeting, and unanimously carried.

Mr. T. Smith's proposition to increase the total subscriptions for fully-paid life membership from 12s. 6d. to 15s. 6d., after having been amended by him so as not to affect the present life members, was lost, only five voting for the same.

Mr. J. McKell withdrew his motion relative to six-bell peals, which had sought to preclude those not containing seven methods.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. SNOWDON.

The committee of the William Snowdon Testimonial had obtained with the balance in hand a silver mustard pot, suitably engraved, and presented the same to Mrs. Snowdon, on behalf of the Association. In a letter of thanks, Mrs. Snowdon said it was a great delight to have this little memento, and she would treasure it as her husband did his tray.

A kind invitation to hold the September meeting at Gargrave was put forward by Mr. J. McKell, and a letter of cordial endorsement by the Vicar was read. The invitation was accepted with appreciation.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. B. T. Copley, and of appreciation of his services as a past officer, was endorsed by the meeting in silence, all members standing.

On a motion from the chair, with Mr. H. Williams as seconder, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and schools, and for the privilege of walking through his beautiful grounds and rectory.—In reply, the Rector said it was a very real pleasure for the churchwardens and himself to welcome the Association that day. He expressed his appreciation of the art of ringing, being pleased that it was associated with Church work. The Rectory, he said, was his hobby, and was a great treasure in that part of Yorkshire. He was very pleased to say that his ringers were connected with Church life in many ways.—Mr. Churchwarden Pinder also expressed his appreciation of the vote of thanks.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Bolland, seconded by Mr. J. McKell, a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Guiseley branch for their arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the members, and to the ladies who kindly assisted in preparing the tea and in presiding at the tables.—This was suitably responded to by Mr. F. W. Dixon, the esteemed hon. secretary of the local branch.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded another enjoyable meeting to be added to the annals of this great Association.

SIX-BELL RINGING IN MIDDLESEX.

On April 30th, a visit was paid by the Master and Hon. Secretary of the North and East District of the Middlesex Guild to Northaw, a pretty country village about 2½ miles from Potter's Bar. The sweet-toned peal of six (tenor 13 cwt.) were soon set going to Bob Minor, a well-struck 360 being rung by: T. French 1, J. Armstrong 2, I. Bryant 3, C. T. Coles 4, G. Stevens 5, the Rev. F. R. Bonsey (conductor) 6. At the second attempt, a 720 was achieved, this being the first 720 by the ringers of the treble and tenor: T. French, C. T. Coles, I. Bryant, J. Y. Roberts, J. Armstrong (conductor), Rev. F. R. Bonsey. Afterwards another 360 was rung, with G. Stevens on the tenor, and the visitors departed, with many good wishes for the welfare of the band, and hopes that at no very distant date, another visit may be made.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Sunday evening, May 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: W. C. Fox (first 720 in the method) 1, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 2, F. Blood 3, C. A. Pratt 4, S. R. Roper (conductor) 5, L. F. Taylor 6. Rung to oblige Messrs. Taylor and Roper, who hail from Croydon, and who were rehanging Biggleswade bells.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS—YORK.

York Minster has the somewhat unique record of having possessed two peals of twelve, and one peal of ten bells, all within a period of 79 years. How this came about will appear presently from the following account :—

The earliest notice of the bells is found in an old record extracted from the fabric rolls, dated A.D. 1371, written in mediæval Latin, wherein it appears that several bells were recast and rehung, and some work done to the clock, which altogether amounted to the sum of £60 10s. 1d. Later on, in Torre's manuscript, we find that certain metals were delivered to Thomas Innocent, bell founder of York, for casting four bells on July 11th, 1466.








In the 16th century there appear to have been four bells in the north-west tower and eight in the south-west one. On January 7th, 1655, these four were removed to the









YORK MINSTER.

south-west tower, and this seems to have formed the first peal of twelve in England. In 1657 the eleventh bell was cracked; the fourth, also, being untuneable, both were recast. The metal of the largest of the three bells of St. Nicholas-without-Walmgate (at that time pulled down) was added to make up the weight required. A further record stated that: "T. Dickinson, being Lord Mayor of the City of York in the year 1657, in conjunction with the Alderman and Councillors, gave £130 towards refounding some of the old bells, and making the chimes sound delightfully and perfectly on them all." According to the dates on the old bells the fourth, seventh and eleventh seem to have been the ones recast at that time; and possibly also one or more of the smaller bells. Notwithstanding all this the four bells from the north-west tower did not even then harmonize with the other eight. So in 1681 Samuel Smith, bell founder of York, was employed to recast them. The inscriptions on the twelve bells at this time were as follows :—







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DEO  ET  REGI  SACRVM  1681 
 (SS) 
 Eb3r








Second.

IVBILATE  DOMINO  PSAL. LXVI  1681 
 (SS) 
 Eb3r

Third.

EXVLTATE  DEO  PSAL. LXXXI  1681 
 (SS) 
 Eb3r

Fourth.

GLORIA  IN  EXCELSIS  DEO  1681 
 (SS) 
 Eb3r

Fifth.

† Sum . . . Rosa Pulsata . . . Munda Maria . . . Vocata
 [The 3 dots represent 3 lions passant, the two upper ones crowned.]

Sixth.

I WILL SOVND AND RESOVND TO THY PEOPLE
 LORD WITH MY SWEET VOICE TO CALL THEM
 TO THY WORD. 1599.

Seventh.

BEATVS EST POPVLVS QVI AGNOSCVNT
 CLANGOREM. 1657.

Eighth.

TE DEVM LAVDAMVS. 1671. IOHANNES LAKE
 RESIDVS ROBERTVS HITCH DECANVS
 ROBERTVS SORESBY PRECANTOR
 CHRISTOPHERVS STONE CANCELLARIVS.

Ninth.

PETRVS PSALLO PETRVS PNE TIBI
 DVND RESONAT CHORVS 3STE.

Tenth.

SWEETLY TOLLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE
 ON FOOD TO FEED THE SOUL. 1627.

Eleventh.

FVNERA DEPLORO, POPVLVM VOCO, FESTA
 DECORO. THOMAS DICKENSON MILITE MAIORE
 CIVIT: EBORACI VICE 2 DA SYMPTIBVS
 PROGVRANTE 1657. H. HARWOOD, E. CALVERT,
 E. ELCOCK.

Tenor

EXVLTENV DOMINO. 1627. PHINEAS HODSON
 CANCELLARIVS WICKHAM ARCH-NVS
 EBOR.

These bells were hung in two tiers, the front five above, and the back seven below. They were never perfectly in tune. Even after being recast by Samuel Smith the front four were too light for the back eight, the treble being only two feet in diameter, and the second, third and fourth in the same proportion; there being a difference of nearly six inches between the fourth and fifth. It may also be noticed that the treble of the present peal of twelve is two feet six inches diameter, whereas the present tenor is quite three cwt. lighter than the one cast in 1627.

In 1733 it was decided to try what rehanging would do towards improving matters. For the account of this and the subsequent exchanging for a peal of ten I am indebted to an article published some ten years ago by the late Mr. Howard, the head ringer at York Minster. At the same

time I must thank Mr. G. Benson, of York, for copies of inscriptions, rubbings and other details concerning the bells. Mr. Howard gives an account taken from the *York Courant* of November 26th, 1733: "On Monday Mr. James Harrison, of Barrow, in Lincolnshire, finished the rehangings of the peal of twelve bells in the south-west tower of the Cathedral, according to the article entered into by him with the Venerable Dean and Chapter. This was the first peal of twelve bells in England, the tenor or largest bell being upwards of a note deeper than the tenor of any other peal of twelve, and is near six foot in diameter. The eleventh is about 54 hundredweight. The rest of the bells indeed are not in proportion to those, in which disadvantage the skill of the undertaker appears very much, for they perform their revolutions very regularly, and their clappers are so well managed as to make every agreeable harmony. All twelve are hung upon one surface, or plain, in one frame. After this alteration several peals of Triples, Bob Minor and Caters have been performed on the said bells by the new Society of York Scholars, who design to shortly attempt those of Bob Major, Cinques, and Maximus. The tenor may be rung by one man for some time; but two can manage it with ease. All the rest are raised and maintained by one man to each bell for a considerable time. The whole is completed to the satisfaction of the church, and is agreed by most able judges to be the best finished piece of work that has been known in these parts. The said Mr. Harrison has also regulated the chimings upon the said bells in a very elegant manner."

We must here observe that this account requires some explanation and correction. In the first place the performances spoken of as peals were evidently only touches, change ringing in 1733 being only in a very elementary stage. Secondly, the actual weight of the eleventh (said to be 54 cwt.) was only 42 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. The tenor, reputed to weigh 63 cwt., was found to weigh only 55 cwt. 1 qr.

(To be continued.)

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

A new record length in Surprise ringing was set up on Monday when the long peal of Bristol was rung at Hornchurch, Essex, and Mr. William Pye and his band added further to their laurels. The peal, 15,264 changes, occupied 9 hours 49 minutes, and we have it upon the authority of independent listeners that the striking from beginning to end was splendid.

This was the greatest length which the Middlesex Association have rung, in fact, it is the only really long peal to their credit, although, curiously enough, six at least of the band have helped to set up many records for other associations.

What a remarkable man Mr. I. G. Shade is! Although well advanced in years he stood through the peal at Hornchurch and finished as fresh as any. He has more than once been described as "evergreen" and the longer he lives the more he justifies the description. He keeps on adding to his long list of peals and we look forward to the day when he will complete his thousand. He has already left 900 behind. Bravo, George! More power to your elbow.

Next Thursday is the 20th Anniversary of the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob (16,608 changes), rung in 10 hours 32 minutes at Debenham. A commemoration peal is to be attempted on the same bells, on Saturday week, but not sixteen thousand this time.

The rehangings of the bells at St. Anne's Church, Denton, Manchester, has been completed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and an excellent job has been made of the work. A trial of the bells was made on Saturday, by the local men, and the bells were also rung for service on Sunday, the "go" giving complete satisfaction.

Messrs. J. Jarrold and A. Jacob, who have been carrying out the work for Messrs. Warner and Sons, have each brought away an interesting and useful memento of their visit. Denton is a centre for the manufacture of hats, and the ringers presented the two gentlemen named with a new hat each.

Since the above paragraph was written we have received an intimation of the tragically sudden death of Mr. Arthur Jacob.

On Saturday, May 18th, a successful meeting for combined practice was held at Burnham, Bucks, when seven towers were represented and touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent and Bob Major were rung. A meeting for White Waltham is being arranged.

DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR JACOB.

The death occurred suddenly at Liverpool, on Monday, of Mr. Arthur Jacob, of London, formerly for many years Master and Hon. Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths. He was 59 years of age and at the time of his death was employed by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Limited, in fixing the new ring of six bells at Childwell, Liverpool.

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ONE-ARMED RINGER'S RECORD.

MR. G. HUGHES' 100 PEALS.

A really wonderful record for a one-armed ringer has been made by Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who, with the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Wolverhampton, recorded in another column, completed his century. Mr. Hughes had the misfortune to lose an arm many years ago, but that has in no way prevented him taking part in ringing, and his record shows that he has rung peals on all numbers from six bells to 12, and conducted peals on most of them. His peals, also, cover a great variety of methods, including Surprise. It need only be added that Mr. Hughes is a splendid striker, and safe at all times. His 100 peals are made up as follows:—

Bob Minor, 1; five Minor methods, 1; seven Minor methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 14, conducted 6; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 18, conducted 7; Bob Major, 16, conducted 10; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 8, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Norfolk Surprise, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 3; New Cambridge Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 3; London Surprise, 1; Grandsire Caters, 5, conducted 2; Stedman Caters, 10, conducted 6; Bob Royal, 1, conducted 1; Double Oxford Bob Royal, 1 (the only one rung); Stedman Cinques, 2; Erin Cinques, 1 (the only one rung); Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Bob Triples, 2; conducted 1. This list does not include one false composition.

St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch.

"ORANGES AND LEMONS,"

ARRANGED FOR

HANDBELLS.

12 : 10 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10	11 : 9 : 12	10 : 8 : —	12.12 : 10 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10
Oran-ges and D.C. When will that	le-mons says the be says the	bells of St. bells of Step	Clemen's; - ney;	You owe me five farthings I do not know,	says the

11 : 9 : 12	10 : 8 : —	9 : 7 : 9	7 : 5 : 6.7	8 : 6 : 9	7 : 5 : —
bells of St. great bell of	Martin's Bow.	When will you	pay me says the	bells of Old	Bai-ley;

9 : 7 : 9	5 : — : 6.7	8 : 6 : 9	5 : — : —	D.C. 10 : 8 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10
When I grow	rich,	says the	bells of Shore-ditch;	Here comes a	can-dle to

9 : 11 : 7	8 : — : 9	10 : 8 : 12	10 : 8 : 9.10	11 : 10 : 9	8 : — : —
light you to	bed,	And here comes a	chop-per to	chop off your	head.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

SPECIALLY REPORTED BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.

The Central Council held their 22nd annual meeting on Tuesday, when, according to the rule requiring that the first session of each new Council shall take place in London, the "Ringers' Parliament" gathered at the Church House, Westminster. The business proceedings were held in the Small Hall, where, prior to the sitting of the Council, the Standing Committee met.

For some little time before 11 a.m., at which hour the meeting began, representatives from all over the kingdom were assembling, and there were many greetings to be exchanged. This gathering of the leading lights of the Exercise is always an enjoyable social event, as well as being a business assembly, and the meeting of old friends in the minutes that precede the formalities of the day is not the least pleasant part of the proceedings. It being a newly-elected Council, there were, of course, some new faces to be seen, while some of the old were missing, but altogether there did not seem to have been any big change in the representation.

The appended schedule gives the complete list of members of the Council, and shows both those present and those absent.

College Youths.—Present: W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, A. Hughes, T. H. Taffender.

Cumberland Youths.—Present: F. Bennett, H. Dains, J. D. Matthews, J. Parker.

Bath and Wells.—Present: A. E. Coles. Absent: E. E. Burgess, J. Maddock and Rev. C. C. Parker.

Bedfordshire.—Present: Rev. W. W. C. Baker.

St. Martin's Guild.—Present: W. H. Godden.

Cambridge University.—Present: E. H. Lewis.

Chester.—Present: Rev. A. T. Beeston and W. Bibby.

Devon.—Present: Rev. M. Kelly. Absent: A. W. Searle.

Durham and Newcastle.—Present: W. Story. Absent: C. L. Routledge and C. Todd.

Ely.—Absent: Rev. J. M. Clarkson.

Essex.—Absent: C. H. Howard, W. H. Judd, W. J. Nevard and N. J. Pitstow.

Gloucester.—Present: J. Austin.

Hereford.—Present: J. Clarke. Absent: R. Marston.

Hertfordshire.—Present: B. Prewett.

Irish.—Absent: Lord Justice Cherry.

Kent.—Present: E. Barnett, T. Groombridge, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and W. J. Jeffries.

Lancashire.—Present: Rev. H. J. Elsec, J. H. Banks, H. Chapman and T. Redman.

Leeds.—Present: P. J. Johnson.

Lincoln.—Present: Rev. H. L. James, G. Chester and R. Richardson. Absent: J. W. Scamer.

Liverpool.—Absent: W. Bentham.

Llandaff.—Present: J. W. Jones.

London County.—Present: H. S. Ellis and E. A. Young.

Middlesex.—Present: J. H. B. Hesse, A. T. King, W. Pye and J. R. Sharman.

Midland Counties.—Present: Sir A. Heywood, E. C. Gobey, J. Griffin and J. W. Taylor.

Central Northants.—Present: F. Wilford and D. J. Nichols.

North Notts.—Present: H. Haigh.

North Wales.—Absent: Rev. T. Lewis Jones.

Norwich.—Present: G. P. Burton. Absent: C. E. Borrett, W. L. Catchpole and J. Motts.

Oxford.—Present: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Evans and F. Hopgood.

Salisbury.—Present: Rev. F. L. Edwards and A. F. Martin Stewart. Absent: Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett and J. S. Running.

Salop.—Absent: J. Bradney.

Stafford.—Present: R. Cartwright and S. Reeves.

Surrey.—Present: Dr. A. B. Carpenter and C. F. Johnston.

Sussex.—Present: K. Hart, G. H. Howse and G. Watson. Absent: P. B. Tompkins.

Truro.—Absent: J. C. Daubuz.

Warwickshire.—Present: H. Argyle.

Winchester.—Present: Rev. C. E. Matthews and J. Whiting. Absent: H. White and C. Willshire.

Worcester.—Present: T. J. Salter. Absent: J. R. Newman.

Yorkshire.—Present: Rev. C. C. Marshall, G. Bolland and C. Glenn. Absent: C. H. Hattersley.

Hon. Members.—Present: A. F. H. Boughey, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Canon Papillon, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, W. Snowdon, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and G. Williams. Absent: C. E. D. Boutflower, J. Carter, W. H. Thompson.

	Present	Absent
Representative Members	64	29
Hon. Members	13	3

Total 77 32
Associations fully represented 20, partially represented 12, unrepresented 7; total 39.

PRESIDENT AND HON. SECRETARY RE-ELECTED.

The first business being the election of a president, the hon. secretary temporarily took the chair. He said he had received only one nomination, and that was Sir Arthur Heywood.—On the motion of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Sir Arthur was unanimously elected.

The President said he was extremely indebted to the members for the expression of their further confidence, but he was really beginning to think the time had come when they ought to be considering whether it would not be for the good of the Council to change their president ("No, no"). He was not an advocate for anybody holding office for too long a time, whether it was a Government, a president, or anybody else, and he only asked them, in giving him their renewed confidence, to bear in mind that they should consider, not the compliment to him, but the good of the Council. If they considered it was still for the good of the Council that he should continue to be their president, he bowed to their decision, and recognised most gratefully the compliment they did him. He would endeavour to justify their choice.

On the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, the President remarking that in the Rev. C. D. P. Davies they had got the best secretary anybody ever had (applause).—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies briefly acknowledged his election.

COUNCIL'S FINANCES.

The Hon. Secretary then presented the statement of accounts. The balance in hand at the end of last year was £63 15s. 8d., and the receipts from subscriptions amounted to £11 12s. 6d., making a total of £75 8s. 2d. After meeting expenses, there remained in the bank a balance of £71 12s. 6d. In addition to that they had an asset of £125 3s. 8d., the net value of publications on hand.—The publications account showed a loss of 6s. 8d., due to the fact that a guinea had been paid for printing the decisions of the last Council.—The accounts were adopted, on the motion of Mr. R. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS.

The following hon. members were re-elected: Mr. G. Williams, Mr. J. Carter, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and Mr. J. A. Trollope. On the ground of ill-health, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower did not seek re-election. The following who had ceased to be representatives of Associations were added to the hon. members' list: Canon Papillon, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell, and Mr. W. Snowdon.—The President said that those members of the Council who knew what the work of these gentlemen had been would be of opinion that the Council could ill-afford to lose their services (hear, hear), and the Standing Committee had, therefore, recommended their election.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The introduction of new members to the President then took place, Sir Arthur congratulating Mr. W. Pye upon having added to his honours by ringing the 15,264 of Bristol Surprise on the previous day.

The President said there was one other congratulatory word to offer, and that was upon the fact that they had with them Mr. William Banister (applause). He need not tell Mr. Banister what a great honour it was to see with them a ringer 89 years of age, and one who had identified himself so long and so eminently with the interests of the Exercise. He conferred by his presence a great honour upon that assembly (applause).

Mr. Banister, who despite his years was in excellent health, had a very cordial reception in rising to reply. He said he had been out of the ringing world for some years, and very few of those he used to know in London were now left. His old friend Mr. Matthew Wood was one, and Mr. Cooter, who, unfortunately, he was told, was too much of an invalid to recognise anybody, was another. He (the speaker) had been associated with the Church now little or much for the past 70 years, and as far as the ringing exercise was concerned, his interest in it had never fallen off from the commencement. He was very pleased to find the advance that had been made since he left London. Through the introduction of the county and other associations, and the interest which the clergy had shown in the matter, ringing stood much better than it did when he began. He had some eight or ten miles to walk there and back, if he wanted a peal, for there were no trains or conveyances except their legs. He again thanked them for their reception, and hoped the Associations would go on and do well (applause).

THE LATE MR. PETTIT.

The President said before they passed on to the next business, he wished without moving a formal resolution to express, what he was sure they all felt, the great loss which the Exercise had sustained by the death of that eminent London ringer, Mr. James Pettit. He thought the ringing world had seldom seen a man who so thoroughly exemplified the type of a really useful member of the community. He was an absolutely reliable man, who did not indulge in many words

or waste people's time, but everything he took in hand he did well. He was one of the safest and most successful conductors. He (the speaker) recalled that he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques under Mr. Pettit's conductorship. His manners were charming, and yet at the same time he was so very businesslike and so downright in everything concerning the work in hand that he would be very difficult to replace (hear, hear).

A full report of the remainder of the proceedings of the Council will appear in future issues, but we give below, for the convenience of our readers, a summary of what took place.

The President spoke on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. A. T. King, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, representing 39 associations, protests against the Bill now before Parliament to disestablish and disendow the Church in Wales as a measure entirely devoid of justification."

The Standing Committee of the Council were re-elected.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported progress by the Collection of Peals Committee, who were re-elected.

Mr. R. A. Daniell reported progress by the Church Press Committee, whose title was changed to the Literature Committee, and the members of which were re-elected, with the exception of the Rev. M. Kelly, who wished to retire.

The Rev. H. Law James reported on the work of the Legitimate Methods Committee, from which Mr. John Carter expressed a wish to resign. Mr. E. H. Lewis was elected to fill the vacancy.

The report of the Peal Values Committee (already published) was presented by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and at the suggestion of the committee themselves, their work was handed over to the Analysis Committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newcastle.

The Rev. H. Law James moved that "a peal of Minor must consist of at least seven true 720's, and the bells must strike rounds only once at the end of each, and immediately go into the next. The peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 720 changes to make up some definite number."

An amendment substituting the word "should" for "must" after the word "Minor" was carried by a large majority.

In view of the adoption of the Peal Values Committee's report and the merging of their work with that of the Analysis Committee, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter withdrew the following resolutions, of which he had given notice:—

"(a) That a committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of points for performances on five and six bells.

"(b) That this committee, together with the Peal Values Committee, try to find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances, compared with that of peals on higher numbers, can be fixed."

Mr. George Williams was added to the Analysis Committee to assist them with his advice upon peal values.

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies:—

"That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904."

After a long discussion, it was put to the meeting and defeated.

Mr. J. A. Trollope moved, the Rev. H. Law James seconded, and it was resolved:—

"That this Council, in extending its hearty welcome to the 'Ringing World,' has heard with satisfaction from the hon. secretary that he has from the first appearance of the paper sent for publication in its columns all essential official notices and reports of the Council, and notes with pleasure that the Analysis of Peals for the past year has been compiled from and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike."

A discussion ensued upon the following, moved by Mr. E. H. Lewis: "That the hon. secretary of the Council be instructed to write to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and request them to meet a deputation from the Council, and discuss the supposed danger to towers caused by substituting steel or iron bell frames for wooden frames. That the hon. secretary also bring to the notice of the Royal Institute of British Architects the Council's recommendations with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows."

At the suggestion of the President, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Young (a member of the Institute of British Architects) and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, with the President and Secretary, were appointed a committee to see what could best be done in the matter.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, the following was agreed to:—

"That the Council, while itself declining to take part in the formation or subsequent management of such an enterprise if set on foot, and without in any sense pledging its individual members, would nevertheless view with satisfaction the establishment on a sound financial basis of a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of members of the Exercise, who may stand in need of help."

The Rev. J. A. Cockey moved (for Mr. Boutflower), and the Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded, the following resolution:—

"That this meeting of the Council, while recognising the value of peal ringing generally, and the laudable desire of the members to assist in placing their own Association at the head of the peal table,

wishes to express the strong conviction that the chief aim of all members should be the encouragement in all towers of ringing, rather than chiming the bells for Sunday services, thus helping to achieve the primary objects for which the bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God, and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship."

The motion was carried with the addition of the words (suggested by the Rev. F. L. Edwards), "and on the festivals of the Church and their eves," after "Sunday services."

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the proceedings, and in the evening a social, at which ringers and their friends were entertained by the President, was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel. There was an extremely large gathering of well-known members of the Exercise, including some of the lady ringers.

LINCOLN GUILD MEETING.

A successful meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Willingham on Saturday week, there being a representative attendance from Gainsborough, West Stockwith, Brigg, Scunthorpe, Loughborough and Brantston, in addition to some of the local company. Early in the afternoon the bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Ven. J. Bond (Archdeacon of Stow and Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral), and Mr. F. M. Burton, of Highfield, Gainsborough, who were hon. members of the Guild, and had passed away during the week. Tea was provided at the Half Moon, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar of Willingham (the Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin) presided.—The Chairman made reference to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and urged his hearers to stand firm by their Church, irrespective of their views in regard to politics. One performing member (Mr. W. Epworth, Blyton), and one honorary member (the Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin) were elected.—A resolution that letters of condolence and sympathy be sent to the friends and relatives of the two deceased honorary members was moved by Mr. J. C. Tinker, and carried by the whole of those present standing in silence.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to those who had been responsible for providing the tea, concluded the meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon were: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, including 720 of Plain Bob Minor by: W. Ayre 1, F. W. Atkinson, junr., 2, J. W. Bartram 3, C. H. Baker 4, C. Crawford (conductor) 5, J. T. Ladd 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch took place at Castle Eaton on Saturday week. There was a fairly large number of members present from Coln St. Aldwyns, Down Ampney, South Cerney, Stratton St. Margaret, Christ Church, Swindon, and St. Mark's, Swindon.—The Rev. C. M. R. Luckman (Vicar) granted the use of the bells, and during the afternoon several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. An excellent tea, provided by Mr. W. Greenaway, of the Red Lion Inn, was thoroughly enjoyed, and a business meeting followed.—Mr. O. W. Layng presided, in the absence of Mr. E. Bishop, branch president. One new member was elected, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Grittleton, on Saturday, June 8th.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. M. R. Luckman was heartily accorded, and a similar compliment was paid the Rev. A. N. Scott (Vicar of Kempsford), whose invitation to ring at that Church was taken advantage of in the evening. The party then re-united at Castle Eaton, where Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were practised until 9 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The spring meeting of the above was held at Staplehurst, on Saturday, May 18th, but, no doubt owing partly to the meeting of the Ashford district being held at Eastwell on the same day, was rather sparsely attended. Unfortunately the district secretary missed the connection of the train service at Tonbridge, and did not arrive until after the service (which had been specially arranged by the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Chamberlain) was over.—Afterwards other members began to arrive, and the following towers were represented: Chiddingstone, Hadlow, Lamberhurst, Marden, Tonbridge, Benenden, Tunbridge Wells, and Kildown.—The business meeting was held in the belfry, Mr. G. Edwards of Chiddingstone, being in the chair.—Nine new members, including the band at Kildown, were elected, and the Benevolent Fund Scheme was further discussed, and various suggestions made.—It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Edenbridge. Method: Treble Bob.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, to the organist and choir for their services, and to Mr. H. G. Pope for making the arrangements.—This concluded the business.

A FAREWELL.

At Teignmouth, Devon, the ringers have taken farewell to Mr. J. G. M. Bower, who has gone to Vancouver, and on May 11th, in 3 hrs. ringing at St. Michael's Church, 1,500 call changes were rung as a parting "peal." Mr. Bower takes with him the best wishes of his brother ringers for his success and happiness in his future career.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

"Doubtful."—I have been able to verify my opinion expressed last week, that a peal of Grandsire Triples cannot be got with common bobs and singles, and a call at every lead. I have taken the opportunity of consulting one of our leading Grandsire composers, and the author of many peals, Mr. J. J. Parker. I give his reply fully because the information will be interesting and instructive to a large number of readers. He writes, "On referring to the notes that I made 30 years ago, I find a peal of Grandsire Triples, with a call at every lead with common Band S cannot be got. The longest length is 336. A 5-part touch of 1,680 may be had with one plain lead in each part. That calculation suggests that a five-part peal might be had with 25 plain leads, a six-part with 30, and a ten-part with 50. I should say that the peal might be had if the student were allowed to use three or four different kinds of singles. Of course, lots of things could be done if we gave ourselves that much license."

"Plain Bob."—No singles are required in a 120 of Bob Doubles because, as a matter of fact, an ordinary plain lead is in effect a single, and turns the changes from "even," or in-course to "odd," or out-of-course, and vice versa. The first lead consists of all even changes. The second's and fifth's places made when the treble leads, leave only one pair of bells to change, and so the next lead is entirely composed of odd changes, while the next treble lead reverses them again. This goes on for the whole 120 changes and thus it is possible to get the 60 out-of-course changes without calling a single. A plain lead or a bob in Grandsire Doubles does not have the same effect, as the bells go on changing in "doubles," i.e., two pairs each time, and the rows of changes remain "even" until a single is called.

As to your further question, I have already in this column given the calling of Bob Doubles. You can begin by calling a bob at either of the first four leads and, dividing the twelve leads of the 120 changes into three parts, call the bobs at the corresponding leads in each of the remaining two parts. Thus a bob at the first lead requires bobs also at the 5th and 9th leads; a bob at the second lead requires bobs also at the 6th and 10th, and so on.

CONDUCTOR.

HEATHFIELD RINGERS' OUTING.

Owing to the fact that the competition for the silver challenge cup, presented by Mr. B. S. Hassell, of Horeham Road, annually contested for by the ringers of Heathfield, Waldron, and Warbleton, could not be held this year owing to Waldron bells being in the hands of the bell hangers, the Heathfield ringers utilised the occasion to have an excursion to neighbouring towers. They visited East Hoathly, where touches of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and Uckfield, where Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. Tea was partaken of at the King's Head Hotel, and the return journey made via Heathfield. The ringers express their thanks to the Rectors of both parishes visited, for the use of the bells.

The Heathfield ringers showed a patriotic spirit on Empire Day, when Messrs. J. Collins (captain) and O. Collins met at the Church, at 5 o'clock in the morning, and, mounting the ladders of the steeple to the flag staff, ran out the Union Jack. In the meantime five other ringers had not in belfry, and 360 Grandsire Doubles were rung by: J. Collins 1, G. Taylor 2, H. Brook 3, W. Booth (conductor) 4, J. Collins 5, R. Allen 6.—Afterwards, with W. Barrow on the 3rd, 480 in the same method was tapped off in good style. The bells were then rung down in peal, and the ringers left well pleased with their early morning recreation.—On Whit Sunday (Queen Mary's birthday), for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung in 44 mins.: J. Collins 1, W. Barrow 2, H. Brook 3, W. Booth (conductor) 4, O. Collins 5, R. Allen 6. For evening service the same day, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung in 48 mins., by: J. Collins 1, G. Taylor 2, W. Barrow 3, H. Brook 4, O. Collins 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Sedgley, Staffordshire, on Saturday week, between 40 and 50 members being present from Dudley, Tipton, Netherton, Old Hill, Christ Church and All Saints', West Bromwich; Blakenhall, Coseley, Rowley, Oldbury, Brierley Hill, and Sedgley. A bright service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Swindell), who also gave a very encouraging and interesting address, at the commencement of which, he said, he welcomed the Guild there that day with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. He deeply regretted the cause which brought them to Sedgley, as he understood the meeting was to have been held at Coseley but for the painfully sudden death of the well-beloved Vicar and Rural Dean (the Rev. W. Spencer, M.A.). By that death, Coseley, Sedgley, and the whole of the Rural Deanery had sustained a loss, the greatness of which it was impossible to realise. Personally he had lost an invaluable friend, and the district an unknown benefactor. His many quiet acts of kindness, his generous care of the poor would never all be told, but they would be missed. The reverend gentleman then went on to say how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Sedgley, for he recognised that that and other kindred societies were doing a good and useful work in the church. They, by their precept and example, had lifted bell ringers to the position they ought to hold, viz., that of workers with the clergy and the choir each in their several stations, making their sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord. The preacher then gave some very useful lessons to his hearers copiously illustrated with fitting examples.

At the close of the service, an adjournment was made to the school-room, where a substantial tea awaited them, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar presided. The first annual report, which had been printed, was distributed among the members. One item in the report was the scheme for awarding the prize given by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, President of the Guild. The committee had decided that the company who made the highest percentage of attendances for Sunday services (matins and evensong) should receive it.—The report as a whole was unanimously adopted.

Several new members were elected.—Tipton was the place selected to hold the next quarterly meeting; it was decided to attempt about 10 peals during the quarter, as well as those that were not attempted last quarter.—A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in providing the tea, also to the ladies who had assisted in preparing and serving it, to the Vicar for conducting the service in church, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells.—A special vote of thanks was also given to Mr. B. Fullwood in making the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting at so short a notice, and also to Mr. Westwood, the organist, who so readily assisted to make the service bright and happy.

The bells were kept merrily going in various methods until 9 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARY DEANERY BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Castle Cary branch was held at Ditchat on Saturday last, when between 40 and 50 members were present, representing Bridgwater, Street, Glastonbury, Barton St. David, Bruton, West Lydford, East Pennard, Ditchat, Castle Cary, Batcombe, Evercreach, Queen Camel, North Cheriton. The ringers were honoured by the presence of a lady ringer (Miss Ruth Coles, from Bridgwater), the first lady to ring at Ditchat. Although the bells were rather too heavy for her, she made a plucky attempt, and rang twice with other ringers. A short service was held in the Church, the Rev. — Duckett, Vicar of East Pennard, delivering a most interesting and instructive address. The clergy and ringers were then entertained to tea in the Sunday Schools.—The Rev. C. E. Leir, Rector of Ditchat, presided at the meeting which followed, supported by the Rev. H. E. Walse (Castle Cary), Rev. Duckett (East Pennard), Rev. Morratt (Batcombe), Dr. Stockwell (Bruton), Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., etc.

Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., was then again unanimously elected President for the year, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., elected hon. secretary of the branch.—Dr. Stockwell, on behalf of the Bruton ringers, proposed that Bruton be chosen for the next place of meeting. This was carried unanimously.—Sixteen new members were proposed and one tower affiliated to the Association.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. E. Leir for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Duckett for his interesting address, and to the choir and organist for their services.—The Rev. H. E. Walse then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly entertained the party to tea.—At the conclusion, Mr. Coles, of Bridgwater, remarked upon the growth of the Castle Cary branch. He congratulated those gentlemen who had been the means of working up the branch to the excellent state it had risen to. He also congratulated their hon. secretary for having invited ringers to attend from other branches. This, Mr. Coles considered, was a splendid idea.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m., when, owing to sickness near the tower, the bells were lowered.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES PETTIT.

(BY REQUEST OF MY FRIEND, T. FAULKNER).

Ye College Youths, didst thou behold that bier
Moving to Pettit's tomb without a pensive tear?
No pomp or wealth was there for vulgar eye,
No heir to claim a specious legacy.

One wreath adorns his cortege to the grave,
Where we return to Nature all she gave;
Around his corpse all ringers now unite,
No foe had he to fear or expedite.

See how his comrades in sympathy attend
That last dread scene as his remains descend;
He is not there—the Pettit of our trust—
His soul has left its casement in the dust.

In mute affection there Ted Horrex stands,
Like a lone giant of a vanished band,
Whose deeds and records must all time endure
Upon the scroll of fame in memory pure.

What joys were theirs, what hopes of earlier years,
How many victories won in their careers!
Where are the men like Haley, Dwight and Hayes,
That gained such unfeigned, universal praise?

* * *

Bring forth the bells in this dark hour of grief—
Fit requiem for your departed chief!
He sleeps among the poor, yet was a peer
In talent, virtue, and in all sincere.

Above his pillow, in that narrow cell,
Ring soft those changes Pettit loved so well;
His gentle spirit breathes in their responsive sound,
And bids us calm our sorrow in the peace he's found.

G. F. MARGETSON.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st, 1912. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the Harwood Road Schools.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tong on June 1st. Peal attempt at 2.30; business meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley, Bucks, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells ready 2 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—F. W. Booth, Honorary Secretary, Emberton, Newport Pagnell.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of this society will be held at All Saints (8 bells), Sheffield, on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, Honorary Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hornsey on Saturday, June 8th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Bernard Spink). Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 6. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 6th and 20th, at St. John's, Hackney, on the 11th and 25th, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, at Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th at 8 p.m., also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at

7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, June 8th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, meeting to follow.—J. Harris, Hon. Local Secretary, Burnham.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Burton-under-Needwood on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—Harry Wakley, Local Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting in the Church Institute at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at the Queen's Arms Hotel at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Hopkins, Coombs Road, Bakewell, by Thursday morning, June 13th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held at Norwood Green, on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector at 5. The bells at Heston will probably be open during the evening. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824), Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, June 15th. The tower will be open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting immediately after. All members and friends cordially invited.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Secretary, 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting and contest will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 15th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea 6d. each to all visitors ordering same from the secretary by June 10. Visitors should book to Hebden Bridge by train.—George Naylor, Hon. Secretary.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—Practice night at the above church is Wednesday in each week at 7.45 p.m. Applications for attempts for peals should be made to Mr. H. Whittle, Stanford-on-Soar.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—The bells at St. Catherine's will be available for quarter peal ringing on the third Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 to 3. All ringing friends are heartily welcome.—A. H. J. Denford, Hon. Secretary.

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