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Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

ASSOCIATIONS AND THE COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Sussex Association, which is reported in this issue, was a breezy gathering, but one which the members are not altogether unused to. Plain speaking has been a frequent characteristic of the meetings of this organisation, although, happily, the ground of complaint is not against the management. The association is run by officials who are painstaking and enthusiastic, and nothing could speak higher for the successful way in which the affairs are conducted than the fact that, despite the financial depression which many of the ringing societies are feeling, the Sussex Association has increased its funds to the extent of nearly £13 during the year.

The trouble arose over the question of sending representatives to the Central Council, there being a motion on the agenda that this should be discontinued. In Sussex, as elsewhere, the feeling is strong among some ringers that the Council, in recent years, at any rate, has not justified its existence and that the expense involved is, therefore, so much money wasted. This feeling throughout the country is strong, and those who desire to see the continuance of the Council must not minimise its importance. The Sussex meeting clearly showed that, at any rate, there is one association which, although it has up to now given the Council consistent support, would not turn an unwilling ear to severing its connection. And in this respect we do not think Sussex is an isolated instance.

We are glad to read that wise counsels prevailed, and that a decision upon falling away from union with the central body is postponed. The adjournment is for a year, but the Council will not have met again before that period expires, and the association will hardly be in any better position then than now to judge whether conditions are likely to improve. But, at any rate, hasty resolution was averted, and, perhaps, it may now be possible to suspend action until the Council has held another meeting and has shown in its own deliberations whether any effort is to be made to bring it more nearly into accord with what many ringers think it should be. If this is to be done we urge, as we have continually urged, that it is for the associations to undertake the re-vitalising. The members of the Council are the association's representatives, and it is from the associations, through the representatives, that most of the discussions by the Council should be originated. It is no good calling the Council useless, unless those responsible for its formation have tried and failed to make it useful. Surely among the forty or more associations, with their thousands of members, there are sufficient ideas to give the Council enough useful work for one day a year!

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 14, 1916, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. HILL Treble	ALBERT E. SEERS 5
FRED C. RICH 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS 6
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER 3	†SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Conducted by R. J. COUSINS.

* First peal, and elected member before starting. † Fiftieth peal. This peal was arranged as a farewell, all the ringers in the band having joined the married groups under Lord Derby's scheme and shortly expecting to be called to the colours.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 20, 1916, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

*ASTLEY JOHNSON Treble	SAMUEL COLLIER 5
ROBERT DAVIES 2	JAMES H. COLLIER 6
PERCY DERBYSHIRE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
†WILLIAM JONES 4	WRIGHT JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect in memory of Joseph Brooks, who was a ringer at the adjoining parish of Walkden, and was buried at Walkden on May 16th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 20, 1916, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL,

Tenor, size 15 in C.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3—4	MRS. CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and MRS. YVONNIE ELOIE-LELOUIE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Hazelden.

CHESTERFIELD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Sunday, May 21st, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT 31, HIGHER ALBERT STREET,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

GEORGE HOLLIS 1—2	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7—8

GEORGE DAVIES 9—10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by C. GLENN.

Umpire: WALTER ALLWOOD.

First handbell peal in the method by the M.C.A., and by all the band except the conductor.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following have joined the Colours:—

Pte F. E. Tegg, of Christ Church, Southgate, East Surrey Regiment, now at Saltash.

Driver Samuel Brook, junr., of Pontefract, R.F.A., now at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Pte D. H. Newman, of Chelmsford Cathedral, 2nd Essex Yeomanry, now at Aldershot.

Pte Arthur Phillips, of Little Munden, 4th Essex Territorials.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REPRESENTATION ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Saturday week, when upwards of 70 members were present, representing a great number of towers. The members enjoyed a substantial meat tea at the New Ship Hotel, the Rev. H. Horden (Vicar of St. Nicholas) presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. F. B. Tomkins), the hon. treasurer (Mr. R. C. Ford), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Watson), and the divisional secretaries. The business meeting was afterwards held, the Master presiding.

The following report was presented, and, with the balance sheet, adopted: Notwithstanding the war, the financial position of the Association continues to improve, for although—as might have been expected—the income this year has not been so great as in former years the expenses, owing to the small number of meetings, have also been considerably less, the net result being that our assets have been augmented during the year by about £13. As will be seen by a reference to the balance sheet, we have purchased out of the current and Benevolent Accounts £50 of the 4½ per cent. War Loan. A proposal will be made at the annual meeting to make this the reserve fund of the Association, and it will also be proposed at that meeting to withdraw the present reserve fund from the Post Office Savings Bank, leaving the committee to invest the whole, or such portion as may be deemed advisable in their opinion, in Exchequer Bonds. It cannot but be gratifying to the members to know that our finances are in such a happy state that should bad times arise in the future we shall in all probability be able to cope with them. As has already been said, but few meetings (four in all) have been held, but it is earnestly hoped that a greater number may be held in the coming year, and although it has not been found possible to arrange times and places for these, the district secretaries will be most pleased to welcome invitations from any towers desirous of having meetings. Though “the times be out of joint” and many restrictions have been placed upon ringing, members are earnestly requested to do all in their power to keep the work of the Association to the fore, and as the song says—

“Keep the Church-bells ringing
Till the boys come home.”

Only six peals, and all of these either five or six bell peals, have been rung during the past year, the Shipley band being the only one to get into double figures in the points list. Before concluding this brief report, we would convey our heartiest greetings and best of good wishes to those of our members now serving with His Majesty's Forces

HEALTHY FINANCES.

The balance sheet showed that the year started with £42 3s. 11d. in hand. The receipts were £43 11s. 1d., and the expenses £32 2s. 4d. leaving a balance of £53 11s. 8d., of which £3 19s. 4d. was in hand, and £49 13s. 4d. represented the purchase price of £50 War Loan. The reserve fund remained at £50, the interest amounting to £2 7s. 7d. having been transferred to the Benevolent Fund, which, at the end of the year, had a balance of £29 4s. 4d.

The whole of the officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. F. F. Tomkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. C. Ford; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Watson; divisional secretaries: East, Mr. G. H. Howse; Central, Mr. A. D. Stone; West, Mr. A. W. Groves; hon. auditors, Messrs. C. J. E. Harfey and W. White; peals' secretary, Mr. A. Gravett.

On the motion of the General Secretary, it was resolved: (1) That the War Loan purchased by the Association be transferred to three trustees—these to be appointed at the annual meeting; (2) that the Reserve Fund be withdrawn from the Post Office Savings Bank and either the whole, or such portion as the committee may deem advisable, be invested in Exchequer Bonds; (3) that the War Loan take the place of the Reserve Fund.

Mr. R. Stredwick, one of the Association's representatives on the Central Council, then proposed: “That the Association discontinue sending representatives to the Central Council meetings.” He said that the representatives did not report to the Association; indeed, there was nothing for them to report, as the Central Council fulfilled no useful purpose to ringers generally. He pointed out the cost to the Association, which derived no benefit whatever from its connection with the central body.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Doick, and strongly supported by Mr. K. Hart, Messrs. R. J. Dawe and G. H. Howse having spoken.

The General Secretary urged that the matter be left in abeyance for a year, suggesting that it would be better to try to make the Council meetings more useful to the general body of ringers than to withdraw all representation, especially at a time so closely following the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, the founder of the Council. It might be found necessary on the score of expense to send only one or two members instead of four, but in his opinion a central body was necessary, and although a small number of delegates had in past years monopolised the time of the Council in debating questions of but little interest to the great body of ringers, there was a possibility that in the future it might be of much use to the Exercise. If it were not so, then he, also, would vote for the resolution.

An amendment, proposed by Mr. Dawe, seconded by Mr. F. Bennett, “That the further consideration of the question be postponed for a year,” was carried by a large majority.

Brighton was chosen as the place for next year's meeting.

A vote of condolence was passed with Lady Heywood and Mrs. H. Dains (Mr. Dains having been an old member of the Association).

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Horden for presiding at the tea, for allowing the service to be held in his church, and also for permitting the offertory at the service to be given to the Benevolent Fund of the Association.

This terminated the business, and the members then attended service at St. Nicholas' Church.

Afterwards, as in the afternoon, they enjoyed ringing on the fine new peal of ten at St. Peter's Church.

THE LATE SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

GIFT OF HANDBELLS TO MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A peal of 13 handbells (with one duplicate bell cast by himself), the property of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., has been presented to the Midland Counties Association by Lady Heywood.

At Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday week, members of the Warwickshire Guild attempted a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples to the memory of the late Sir Arthur Heywood, but much to the regret of the ringers it came to grief, after 2 hrs. 40 mins. ringing: H. J. Balcombe 1, W. J. Smith 2, H. Argyle 3, O. J. Hunt 4, T. W. Chapman 5, W. Brunsdon (conductor) 6, C. Freeman 7, F. Brassington 8.

SIR ARTHUR'S PORTRAIT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I suggest that you print on a separate sheet of good paper the excellent portrait of our late President, Sir Arthur Heywood, even if you have to charge a nominal sum. It is really one of the best I have seen of him. By-the-way, our old friend, Mr. F. E. Dawe, in his recollections of Duffield, says he took part in Sir Arthur's first peal of Stedman. May I ask Mr. Dawe where and when this was, as I always thought Sir Arthur rang his first peal of Stedman on March 2nd, 1886, and the first peal of Stedman on Duffield bells I conducted 30 years come “Oak Apple Day.” It was quite interesting to me, and it must be to many of my old ringing friends, to read Mr. Dawe's recollections, and during these serious times it wants someone to relieve the monotony, such as our old friend Mr. Jerram, whose writings are ever appreciated, and also Mr. Morris, of Leicester. I know lots of men who are able to write to interest us.

Look how Mr. Daniels used to, so I wish he would give us that recipe of how the ringers used to have legs of mutton stuffed when they used herrings for the stuffing. I should like to try it some time. Old Charlie Hounslow tried it, and he told me it was fine. You know, Mr. Editor, I could tell a tale or two, but I haven't got time. The Government's put us on short hours.—Yours faithfully, JOHN JAGGAR.

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to refresh Mr. Dawe's memory, and put him right in his account of the handbell ringing at the first Johnson dinner in Birmingham. The band was as follows: T. Russam 1—2, W. Kent 3—4, T. Miller 5—6, H. Bastable (conductor) 7—8, B. Witchell 9—10, H. Johnson, junr. 11—12.—Faithfully yours, T. RUSSAM.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE OUTING.

On Saturday last the ringers of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, with their wives and friends, had a most successful and enjoyable outing to Mottram-in-Longdendale. They took car to the Stayleybridge terminus, and then proceeded on foot through the famous cutting which was made during the cotton panic. Reaching Mottram about 3.45 p.m. they were met by Mr. Joseph Goddard, who had made every arrangement for the comfort of the ringers. Whilst viewing the beautiful scenery around there was evidence of an approaching thunderstorm. Ascending the tower, the visitors had hardly commenced to ring when down came the flood in torrential force, and for the time being there was a battle royal between the elements and the swinging bells (rung by the fair belles). On descending from the tower the party found the rain had ceased, the sun shining with magnificent splendour, and the birds singing with renewed vigour. Mr. Joe Goddard and Mr. Robert Walker rang with the ladies, this being the first time they had rung with members of the fair sex. It was also the first occasion that a band of lady ringers had rung at this old and famous church.

Tea was served by Mrs. Hobson, an old resident of Mottram, who has lived under the sound of the tower bells for many long years. Afterwards a ramble over hill and dale and through woods filled with luxuriant blossom, the party landed at Gee Cross, where they again took car, arriving safely home about 10 p.m., having had one of the best of outings.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar and the local men for granting the use of the bells, which it was understood was a special privilege to the lady ringers, it being the strong desire of the incumbent that the bells should only be rung on very special occasions during the war.

“NO COMMENT NEEDED.”

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have seen and read Mr. Clayton's letter in your last issue. The purpose for which it was written is best known to its author, and it needs no further comment from Yours truly, GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By "BOB MAJOR."

This new daylight saving stunt isn't a bad wheeze, from the ringers' point of view. Practices have had to be suspended in lots of places under the Defence of the Realm regulations, but by arranging to have the sun wound down an hour later each evening it ought to open up many more opportunities for ringing after business hours. But it is funny, isn't it, how we play the game of make-believe on ourselves? I get up in the morning now at nine o'clock and seriously believe it is ten, and I presume, although I am not up in time to see, that those who rise at five "kid" themselves it is six. It is really going back again to our nursery days, when we would believe anything. And we have taken to it as a duck takes to water. I suppose it is Nature re-asserting itself. In our young days our imaginations were open to anything, and they are just as receptive now—when we like.

WHAT OLD GEORGE THOUGHT.

But old George, the sexton at a church where I sometimes lend a hand, didn't tumble to the alteration very readily. George doesn't bother much about reading the daily papers, but he had heard something about this extra hour's daylight which we were to have. He, however, apparently thought the change was to be brought about by some natural phenomenon. When the bells started for service at 9.30 (according to his watch) he dashed up to the belfry to know who gave the ringers permission to start at that time of the morning—he always regards himself as the man in authority. When he was reminded about the daylight saving business, he replied: "That ain't worked. I looked out my bedroom window 's'mornin' early an' it didn't get light no later." It took a minute or two to convince old George that it was the clock and not the sun that was being altered. But ringers, no doubt, will make the most of the change, for that additional hour's daylight is just the thing to make a week-night practice possible.

CALLING THE "BOBS."

Have you yet sent up your shillings towards the fund for recasting the cracked bell at King's Cliffe? All you men who are doing your bit at the benches, earning so much money that you haven't time to spend it all, have a good chance here of shedding some of your superfluous wealth in a good purpose. What is it they say? "He gives twice who gives quickly"—or something like that—and I daresay he would if he gave so quickly the first time that he didn't know what he was doing. But seriously, ringers have a way with them of helping a good cause which is connected with their art. The freemasonry of the Exercise touches the spring of their generosity when there is good to be done, and here, undoubtedly, is a case where a shilling or two from each tower—a mere trifle to the individuals concerned—would do a great service. I hope to read shortly that the response to the Editor's appeal for help for King's Cliffe has been so wide that the new tenor bell there has been ordered. Now, when you meet next Sunday don't forget to pass the hat round, and don't forget to send the collection to the Rector of King's Cliffe on Monday.

THE LORD HIGH EXECUTIONER.

George T. Clayton on the war-path again! He is no respecter of persons, and from Holt to Baker they came under his lash. His suggestion for a Lord High Executioner, however, isn't bad, but bearing in mind what has happened in the past—the inventor of the guillotine is said to have been the first to lose his head by the instrument—G.T.C. may have to tread warily lest he, too, should suffer the fate he advocates for offenders. "Campanological malefactors" are not confined to composers of peals, there are others, and the Lord High Executioner would be likely to have a busy time.

If a Lord High Executioner,
With plenary powers, one day
Were established in the Exercise,
What a busy time and gay
He would have among the members
When he came upon the scene
And brought with him his shining axe,
With blade so sharp and keen

He would start among composers who
Just fancy they are "it,"
But who cut a sorry figure
When false peals they published get,
Next he'd find the dreary talkers,
Who waste the Council's time,
And in their case, be sure he'd make
The punishment fit the crime.

Then many a careless ringer would
The penalty have to pay,
But still the Executioner's work
Would need another day.
There are many wordy writers,
Who try to prove black's white,
And should come beneath his sharpened axe
So that out might go their light.

BAD RINGING AT GOOD MEETINGS.

In reading the report of the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild last week, I noted that the ringers had a treat. The four standard methods were rung during the day—an unusual occurrence at the meetings of this Guild. I think this shows progress down Wilts and Dorset way, and I have no doubt those touches were executed in good style. But it is strange, isn't it, that one usually hears the worst of ringing on such occasions. The better the meeting in point of numbers, the worse the average ringing, as a rule. I often wonder what some of the inhabitants think of ringers as a whole when they read in their local paper that the Blankshire Association held their annual meeting in the town, and that representative ringers from all parts of the county were present; and when they (the inhabitants) have had for some hours to endure the most execrable striking. Ringers, of course, know the reason for this—the visitors have been out-weighted on strange bells, or lame dogs have been helped over stiles—but the public do not. It was at such a gathering once that I was talking to a tradesman, whose shop was opposite the church. He wanted to know what the bells were ringing for, and when I told him and thought to impress him with the importance of the occasion by adding that all the best ringers from the county were there, he replied, with a sigh of resignation, "Well, I'm glad you didn't bring the worst." It was not exactly what he said, but the way he said it, that struck home.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES OF THE PAST.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, for it was on May 28th, 1787, that the College Youths at St. John's, Horsleydown, achieved the first peal in the method. It is recorded on a board in the following terms: "In honour to a most noble performance by the Ancient Society of College Youths, who on Monday, May 28th, 1787, did ring, in an excellent manner the first complete peal of Caters upon Stedman's Principle, 5076 changes, in 3 hours and 27 minutes. May this panel transmit their names to posterity with that of the ingenius Mr. W. Jones, on whose abilities his inimitable commentaries so happily concludes with 'Here the Cynic and the Panegyrist stop,' and join in eulogiums to such distinguished merits. John Reeves 1, John Anderson 2, Daniel Jenkins 3, John Inville 4, Thomas Heap 5, Nathaniel Williamson 6, Allen Grant 7, Christopher Wells 8, William Lowndes 9, Paul Webb 10. Composed and called by Mr. John Reeves."

"Mr. Holt's true whole Peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5040 changes, was rung in this steeple by a set of the Society of Sherwood Youths, from Nottingham," records a board dated May 24th, 1768, which hangs in the belfry of All Saints', Gainsborough. The ringers were: Jno. Wright treble, Jno. S. Canner 2, Fr. Draper 3, Wm. D. Crofts 4, Jas. Wilkinson 5, Rt. Metheringham 6, Rd. Stathern 7, Wm. Frogat tenor. "The Bobs were call'd by J. S. Canner."

One of the earliest peals of Treble Ten, if not the first true one, was rung on May 30th at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, in the year 1741. This was 5000 Union Bob Royal. The only known peal of Treble Bob Royal rung before it was at the same church on April 7th in the same year, by the Eastern Scholars, and some doubt has been thrown upon this performance by a couplet which was added to the record of the second peal.

"When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;
A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth."

A MEETING IN NORTH DEVON.

A very successful gathering was held in the village of Oakford, four miles from Bampton, last Saturday. The church possesses a good ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank, dated 1825, and the "go" is excellent, owing to the fact that Messrs. Stokes, of Woodbury, rehung them only recently. Despite the fact that the place is situated in the heart of a "call change" neighbourhood, there was plenty of good ringing done during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Grandsire Doubles and Triples. More than 30 ringers were present from Bampton, Clayhanger, Chipstable, Dulverton, Exton, Huntsham, Milverton, Minehead, Oakford and Swindon (Mr. J. H. Shepherd).

The Rector (the Rev. F. G. Buller) gave an address at the service, and welcomed all the ringers at the tea, which was subsequently partaken of in the Parish Room. Quite a commotion was caused, just after "grace" had been said, by the appearance of a monoplane—any flying machine is a rarity in these parts—flying very high in a south-westerly direction.

The Rev. E. V. Cox thanked the Rector for allowing them to hold the meeting at his church and for bearing part of the expenses connected with the tea. It was decided to try and arrange the next meeting, about the end of July, at Huntsham.

KING'S CLIFFE BELLS.

We would remind our readers of the appeal which is made for contributions toward recasting the tenor at King's Cliffe, which was broken recently while ringing was in progress. Bands might well send up their collective gifts through their secretaries. A shilling or two from each tower would go a long way towards the £38 required. Contributions should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe, near Peterborough. Sums of 10s. and 10s. 6d. are acknowledged.

DEATH OF A LEICESTERSHIRE RINGER.

There has just passed away from amongst the ringers of Stanford-on-Soar and Loughborough, in the person of Mr. John Yates, one who, for over a quarter of a century, had been a ringer at the quiet village of Stanford, and also sexton of the beautiful church. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, was in the tower on Sunday, May 7th, and took his customary place in the belfry. On the following Tuesday he went to work as usual, but came home about dinner-time and complained of not feeling very well. Before a doctor could be summoned he passed away.

He was laid to rest on Sunday, May 14th, in the beautiful churchyard of Stanford, in the presence of sorrowing relations and a host of friends. The service was choral, and the organist played the Dead March in "Saul" on the organ as the body was taken out of the church. After the funeral service the "whole pull and stand" was rung, also a touch of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, the ringers being: C. Harriman 1, W. Tharley 2, J. Oldham 3, H. Stubbs 4, E. Cartwright 5, H. Whittle 6, E. Reader 7, J. Powell 8. The ringers desire to convey to the widow and relatives of the deceased their deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. It is but the barest truth to say that the late Mr. Yates had the respect of all who ever had the pleasure of being in his company.

DEATH OF A WALKDEN RINGER.

On Friday, May 12th, there passed away one of the oldest of the Walkden ringers, in the person of Mr. Joseph Brooks. Deceased had been a ringer at Walkden for close on 40 years, being one of the first band to learn change ringing there. He had not been able to ring for over four years, through illness, but, whenever he was able, he came to the tower.

The funeral took place at Walkden, on Tuesday, May 16th, when the deceased was carried to his last resting place by his brother ringers, who sent a wreath as a token of sympathy.

A peal of Stedman was attempted last Saturday, with the bells deeply muffled, but unfortunately came to grief, after an hour and ten minutes very good ringing: J. Denner (Walkden) 1, A. Potter (Walkden) 2, T. Barlow (Deane) 3, J. Welsby (Walkden) 4, J. T. Potter (Eccles) 5, W. Pennington (Bolton) 6, W. E. Wilson (Blackburn), conductor, 7, Jas. Denner (Walkden) 8.

A peal attempt in the adjoining parish of Worsley was, however, successful, and will be found recorded in another column.

The late Mr. Brooks had rung 23 peals in the following methods:—

Kent Treble Bob, 8; Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman (on tenor), 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Triples, 2; Darlaston Bob Triples, 2; 7 Minor Methods, 1; total, 23.

PROOF AND COMPOSITION**OF TREBLE BOB METHODS.**

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 211.)

To find the thirty true course ends we proceed as follows:—

Write down the five course ends obtained by five bobs before marked A, and transpose each by the three false course ends thus:—

A	False Course Ends.		
23456	32546	46253	24365
35264	53624	24365	32546
56342	65432	32546	53624
64523	46253	53624	65432
42635	24365	65432	46253

Now observe these three columns of false course ends. One thing that will strike you is that each of the three columns contains exactly the same five courses although in different orders. And what is more, if we take one of them, and make it a member of five courses obtained by bobs before, we find that those five courses are identical with these three false columns (See B).

B.

32546
24365
46253
65432
53624

Therefore B contains any falseness against A, and likewise A contains any falseness against B. In fact they are interchangeable, and quite independent of any other course ends as regards proof.

Now the sixty course ends can be broken up into six of these interchangeable pairs of blocks, a table of which is given below. Take any one block, either A or B from each number, and the result is thirty true courses.

Table for obtaining thirty true course ends:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
23456	42356	34256	54326	52436	53246
35264	25463	45362	42563	23564	34562
56342 A	56234 A	56423 A	26435 A	36245 A	46325 A
64523	63542	62534	63254	64352	62453
42635	34625	23645	35642	45623	25634
32546	24536	43526	45236	25346	35426
24365	43265	32465	53462	54263	52364
46253 B	36452 B	26354 B	36524 B	46532 B	26543 B
65432	65324	65243	62345	63425	64235
53624	52643	54632	24653	32654	43652

The number of possible thirty true course ends from this table is sixty-four. The key for obtaining them is as follows:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	A	A	A	A	A	33	A	A	A	A	B
2	B	A	A	A	A	34	B	A	A	A	B
3	A	B	A	A	A	35	A	B	A	A	B
4	B	B	A	A	A	36	B	B	A	A	B
5	A	A	B	A	A	37	A	A	B	A	B
6	B	A	B	A	A	38	B	A	B	A	B
7	A	B	B	A	A	39	A	B	B	A	B
8	B	B	B	A	A	40	B	B	B	A	B
9	A	A	A	B	A	41	A	A	A	B	B
10	B	A	A	B	A	42	B	A	A	B	B
11	A	B	A	B	A	43	A	B	A	B	B
12	B	B	A	B	A	44	B	B	A	B	B
13	A	A	B	B	A	45	A	A	B	B	B
14	B	A	B	B	A	46	B	A	B	B	B
15	A	B	B	B	A	47	A	B	B	B	B
16	B	B	B	B	A	48	B	B	B	B	B
17	A	A	A	B	A	49	A	A	A	B	B
18	B	A	A	A	B	50	B	A	A	A	B
19	A	B	A	A	B	51	A	B	A	A	B
20	B	B	A	A	B	52	B	B	A	A	B
21	A	A	B	A	B	53	A	A	B	A	B
22	B	A	B	A	B	54	B	A	B	A	B
23	A	B	B	A	B	55	A	B	A	A	B
24	B	B	B	A	B	56	B	B	B	A	B
25	A	A	A	B	B	57	A	A	A	B	B
26	B	A	A	A	B	58	B	A	A	B	B
27	A	B	A	B	B	59	A	B	A	B	B
28	B	B	A	B	B	60	B	B	A	B	B
29	A	A	B	B	B	61	A	A	B	B	B
30	B	A	B	B	B	62	B	A	B	B	B
31	A	B	B	B	B	63	A	B	B	B	B
32	B	B	B	B	B	64	B	B	B	B	B

WYKE REGIS CELEBRATION.

On Monday evening of last week a very pleasant gathering took place in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, near Weymouth, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the restoration of the bells by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The local band was assisted by several ringers from St. Peter's, Dorchester, and by Mr. J. Morris (of Leicester), Mr. Page (of Stoke, Staffs), who were visiting the locality, and also by Gnr. T. H. Hardy, R.G.A. (of Leicester) and several other soldier ringers who are at present encamped in the neighbourhood, the company numbering altogether 21.

Touche of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, conducted by Messrs. Lewis W. Wiffen (late of Ipswich), Mr. Page (Stoke), and Mr. Benger (Dorchester), and after the lowering of the bells a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, by: Messrs. C. H. Jennings 1—2, J. Morris 3—4, L. W. Wiffen 5—6 and T. H. Hardy 7—8, which brought to a close a very enjoyable ceremony.

There is a great improvement in the ringing in Wyke Regis belfry at the present time, due chiefly to the able tuition of Mr. Lewis Wiffen, who is now one of the members of the band there, and a hearty welcome is extended to any soldier ringers, who may come into the neighbourhood, to pay a visit to the belfry and have a pull. Particulars as to times of ringing, etc., may be obtained from the secretary of the band, Mr. C. H. Jennings, 2, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, who will be very pleased for any ringer to call and see him.

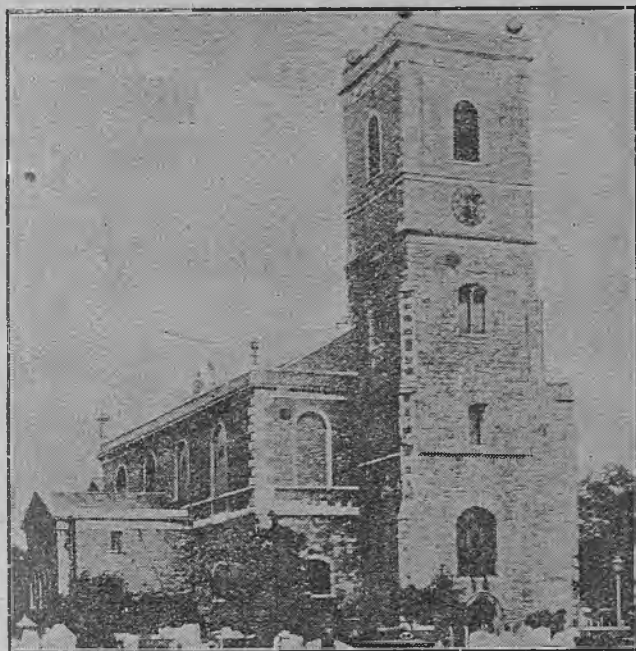
BELLS OF ENGLISH CHURCHES.

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, KENT.

By E. J. PANNETT.

From the year 918, when Lewisham was granted by the daughter of Alfred the Great to the Abbey of S. Peter at Ghent, until the reign of King John, the spiritual oversight of the place was committed to a "Chaplin" appointed by the Abbot, and removable at will.

The fourth Lateran Council of 1215 decreed the establishment of perpetual Vicarages in those churches which, like Lewisham, belonged to a Monastic House, and, in 1220, an arrangement to that end was made between the Bishop of Rochester and the Abbot of Ghent. The name of only one of the "Chaplains" has come down to us, and he was named Geoffrey in A.D. 1200. Robert, who was parish priest here in 1239, styled himself "Vicar." and was one of the first, if not the first, to bear that title.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LEWISHAM.

It may be of interest to repeat here the late Professor Skeat's interpretation of the name of Lewisham. Its full form was "Leveson's home," i.e., a homestead in which dwelt a man named Leveson—the literal meaning of which is "dear son."

The tower of St. Mary's was built about 1483; in 1652 Abraham Colfe, M.A., founded the Grammar School and almshouses. The Vicarage was rebuilt in 1692, and the church rebuilt in 1777.

The tower contains a peal of eight bells of excellent tone, with a tenor of 22½ cwts. The earliest bell in the tower is dated 1776, and the inscriptions of the bells are as follows:—

Treble. Mears of London Fecit 1819.

2. Recast by John Taylor, Loughborough, 1896, Samuel Bickersteith, M.A., Vicar. Laus, D.E.O. Lester and Pack, London.

3. T. Mears of London. Fecit 1819.

4. Cast by John Warner of London. 1859. Honorable and Rev. H. Legge, D.G.L., Vicar. S. Southorn

and Charles Atkins, Churchwardens. Recast 1859 by subscriptions collected by W. S. Shove.

5. Ye People who hear me ring, be faithfull to your God and King. Pack and Chapman of London. Fecit 1777.

6. Recast 1776. Paul Valentine and Jno Evens, Ch. Wardens. Pack & Chapman, of London. 1743. Jno Baker & Geo Thornton, Ch. Wardens.

7. Recast by John Taylor of Loughborough, 1894. Gloria, Tibi, Domine, qui, Natees, est De Virgine.

8. Lester & Pack, of London. Presented by subscription 1777. Paul Valentine and John Evens, Ch. Wardens.

These bells were rehung in iron frame by John Taylor, Loughborough, 1894.

A new second bell in 1896.

The oldest peal board in the tower is as follows:—

On Tuesday, the twenty-fourth of February, 1784, the Society of Trinity Youths of Deptford, did ring in this steeple, a true and complete peal of 10,080 Bob Major in six hours thirty-three minutes, and was performed by the following persons, viz.:—

Mr. Ths. Dean	Treble	Mr. John Day	5th
Mr. Wilm. Dixon	2nd	Mr. Jas. Mandley	6th
Mr. Wilm. Windsor	3rd	Mr. Saml. Mandley	7th
Mr. Geo. Allen	4th	Mr. Geo. Harwood	Tenor

This peal was called by Mr. Saml. Mandley.

Renovated by W. Shade, Greenwich, September, 1851.

The next is one of Grandsire Triples, as follows:—

On Sunday, Nov. 28th, 1819, was rung in this steeple by the Society of Cumberland Youths, a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in the short space of 2 hours and 56 minutes, performed by the following persons, viz.:—

Danl. Deering	Treble	Willm. Herbert	5th
John James	2nd	Jas. Blacklock	6th
John Bray	3rd	Jas. Stichbury	7th
Jos. Ladey	4th	Willm. Fell	Tenor

This peal was called by Jas. Ladey.

Robt. Saunders, Natl. Hadley, Churchwardens.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful and most enjoyable meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Stow on Saturday last, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Willingham, Scotter and Lincoln. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Tea, provided at the Cross Keys, was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker presided.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of the Chairman called the notice of those present to the misfortune which had befallen the ringers at King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, through the cracking of their tenor bell. A collection towards the cost of recasting realised the sum of 4s. 6d.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening the Rector of Stow (the Rev. J. E. Christie) visited the tower and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and expressed the hope that he would see them again at some future date.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

A most enjoyable meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, at Symondsbury.

The Church of St. John Baptist, a cruciform building with central tower, contains a peal of five bells. These, however, do not go as well as they might, but doubtless when the work of restoration which is anticipated is carried out, the bells will receive the attention they need.

Despite their heavy going, they were well used from 4 o'clock till 5.30, at which hour service was held.

The chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. F. Langford) conducted the service, while the Rev. C. F. Sweet, the Rector of Symondsbury, read the lesson and gave a most appropriate address.

The Rector's welcome was not a matter of words only, for he most generously provided tea for the party, 23 responding to his invitation.

Needless to say, at the meeting which followed, he was most heartily thanked for his kindness and hospitality.—Three members were elected, and Lyme Regis fixed for the next meeting, on 15th July.

Progress was made, for after the meeting touches of Grandsire Doubles and courses of Triples were rung on handbells. This marks a step forward, for such has never before taken place.

The tower bells were also kept going till 8 p.m., and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent.

TRIPLE METHODS.

A CORRESPONDENT'S INQUIRIES.

We have received the following letter from a correspondent, and have to thank Mr. John Carter for the first portion of the reply.

Dear Sir,—From a recent issue of "The Ringing World" I am pleased to see that you are willing to help beginners.

(1) I shall be glad if you will kindly give a lead or division of Triples on Carter's principle, explaining how the calls are made, also where I may find peals.

(2) What is a false course-end, and how is this discovered from a true course-end.

(3) Is there any method of Triples with a plain course of more than 84?

Any information on these points will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Carter supplies the following figures:—

Carter's	Annulose	Scientific
1234567	1234567	1234567
2143657	2143576	2135476
1246375	2415367	2314567
1423657	4251637	3241657
4126375	4526173	3426175
1462735	5462713	4326157
1847253	5647231	4631275 a
6142735	6574321 a	6413725
1624753	6753412	6147352
6127435	7635142	1674532
1672453	7361524 b	6147523
6174235	3716254	6415732
6712453	3172645	4651372
6 times repeated	1327465	4563127
Bob	1234756	5436217
1234567	2143765	5342671
2143576	2417356	3524761 b
1245367	4271536	3257416
&c.	4725163	2375146
Single	7452613 c	2731564
1234567	7546231	7213546
2143567	5764321	7125364
1245376	5673412	1752346
&c.	6537142	1573264
The proof of this	6351724	5137624
method, if you get up	3615274	5316742 c
the 4132567, or a	3162547	3561472
3412567 it is sure to	1326457	3654127
be false with 6-7 at	1234675	6345217
home, or a	2143657	6432571
1732564	2416375	4623751
1752364	6 times repeated.	6 times repeated.
1254376	Bob	Bob
1624537	4526173	4362157
1364527	5462137	3461275
1264357	5641273	4316725
1374562	6514237	3417652
1724563	6152473	4371562
1253467	&c.	&c.
1245367	Double	Double
This is a very tricky	7546231	1573264
method. Whatever you	5746231	5173264
have to do with it, it is	5472613	5712346
very uncertain.	4527163	7521436
	&c.	&c.
	In these two Methods	
	If you have a Bob at a from	1234567
	You must have a Bob at b from	2435176
	You must have a Bob at c from	3167245
	If you have a Bob at b from	1234567
	You must have a Bob at a from	2516734
	You must have a Bob at c from	5617243
	If you have a Bob at c from	1234567
	You must have a Bob at b from	3576124
	You must have a Bob at a from	5132476

Our correspondent will find his answer to his first question in the above figures. If his second inquiry relates merely to Carter's principle, the author of the method has supplied him with the answer, but if he desires information on true and false course-ends generally we would refer him to the articles by Mr. Lindoff now appearing in these columns. The methods Annulose and Scientific are an answer to question 3.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for the morning service, on May Doubles, each six-score called differently: H. Johnson 1, A. Robinson 2, C. Tebb (first 720) 3, T. Law 4, H. Clarke (conductor) 5, C. Tapp 6.

VANCOUVER RINGERS' PATRIOTISM.

NEARLY ALL WITH THE COLOURS.

Practically all the ringers at Vancouver have joined the colours, and among those thus serving King and Empire is Mr. A. C. Limpus, who has been the leading spirit of ringing in that distant corner of the world and who, though over military age, could not stay behind when the others had gone. He is with the Canadian Engineers, and writing from Ottawa, says he is afraid there will not be much ringing news from Vancouver for some time yet. "I could not see," he writes, "all the boys answering the call of their King and country without falling in line and doing my little bit, too." 'Twas but a short time before this war started that, writing to his Majesty, as secretary to the Vancouver Change Ringers' Association, I declared our loyalty to his person. Having had our request so willingly granted, how should I feel at some future time if it were known that I had failed to respond, even though my age might excuse me, in the hour of greatest need. As bell ringers we have a duty to perform in giving to the world expressions of joy or sadness through the bells, but we also have another duty, and that is to protect them from the melting pot of the Hun.

"I rather expect we shall be leaving for England in a few days. It was, indeed, a hard thing to leave the dear old belfry in which I have rung now for 16 years, without being absent more than six or seven times other than my three months' holiday in England a few years ago. But if I get back O.K. after this little business with Emperor William, I shall take the helm again with renewed vigour. I have left the best man possible in charge in Mr. George Foster, unless he, too, goes back to Borden, and then I feel sad to think of the long silence of that beautiful peal.

MONTREAL'S BELLS.

"I paid a visit to Montreal on Easter Sunday, and looked up Mr. C. Willshire (formerly of Guildford), and spent a most pleasant evening with both him and his wife. I heard all the bells in that big city ringing and all a la Francais; that is, they were just let swing higgledy-piggledy—just what I had been fighting against for five years in Vancouver. I watched them in the Church of Notre Dame, about eight in one tower and the large one in the other, and what a clatter! The large one, I believe, weighs over seven tons, and is the largest in Canada; in fact, I believe, in America. I don't think it is very often rung, as I have been told that it breaks all the windows in the neighbourhood when it is. But on this occasion, by some strange power, it didn't break any. There was a very large crowd watching the bell swing on each occasion, which was twice on Sunday morning and once on Monday, so I must consider myself fortunate in just being there at the right moment. I also hunted up that mythical peal of ten, which I had heard existed somewhere in that city. I had heard that somewhere there, there was a peal of ten and the back five were hung for ringing. I found my peal in the Cathedral of St. Patrick—11 of them with a place left in the frame for one more, and all hung for ringing, but they are not rung except the back five, which are rung by electricity—so I was told. But as the Rev. Father McShane was away I could only get a two minutes' peep at them. The Sacristan who piloted me to them would not trust one there alone, and he was too busy to wait, but as far as I could see they were all in good ringing order. Most of them are by Mears and Stainbank, 1906; one I noticed by Pack and Chapman, and by the pulleys in the ringing chamber, as I was hurried past, and the wire rope over the wheels I should judge they are rung in some manner by electricity, and not chimed, although a chiming apparatus is there. There were also five bell ropes, very dirty, as was everything below the bell chamber. I was told that five years ago a band did ring them, but it was so unsatisfactory that it was dropped, and the present system installed. Mr. Willshire, although there two years, had never heard of them. I also chimed on those at the English Church of St. George—a ring of eight in F—but not hung for ringing. The church, I understand, has been sold and a new one will be built, when they expect to have the bells hung properly. There are ten bells there."

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Trooper W. Evans 1, T. J. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Cox 5, F. B. Stedman 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, B. J. Toby 8.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—For evening service, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles: R. Harrison 1, W. E. Allen 2, A. Chilton 3, W. Hare 4, A. Andrews (conductor) 6. A 720 in the same method was rung for morning service. The first 720 and quarter-peal by any of the band except conductor. Nine months ago the band were only ringing rounds. The fifth bell is out of action, having recently cracked.

BLACKBURN.—On Easter Monday, April 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung as a farewell to Corp. T. Wilson, of the Royal Naval Division, a member of the Parish Church band, who had been spending a short leave after nine months on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and was returning to his depot at Blandford: F. Wilson 1, E. Duteson 2, Corp. T. Wilson 3, E. Walmsley 4, T. Strickland 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson (conductor) 7, J. E. Wilson (longest length) 8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HURSLEY.**

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Hursley on Saturday week, when between 30 and 40 representatives were present from the towers of North Stoneham, Southampton, Upham, Bishop Sutton, Titchfield, Winchester, and a good attendance of the local band, besides a number of visitors from the military camp at Hursley Park belonging to the Devons and Somerset Light Infantry. The bells (6) were raised about three o'clock, and kept going in various methods till tea-time. Tea was served in the Parish Room, kindly arranged by members of the local band, and their wives. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Husband), supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester (hon. treasurer), Rev. C. R. Hollis (curate), Rev. E. Bankes James, Mr. J. B. Williamson, Mr. J. H. Sheppard (Swindon), Mr. G. Williams (hon. general secretary), etc. Canon Braithwaite (chairman of the district) looked in early in the afternoon, but unfortunately was unable to stay for the tea.

The Chairman, in welcoming the Guild again to Hursley, said how pleased he was to hear the bells of his church rung again to these various methods, known only to change ringers. He had himself to plead ignorance of them, and he related his experience with bells at the various places he had lived to show he had not had much opportunity of learning. Now he was afraid he was too old to learn, but still he hoped they would at no very distant date be able to increase their ring of six to eight (applause). He was very grateful for the help given to his own band by the various ringers that turned up from the camp.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the chair, also for his very warm words of welcome. He also apologised for the absence of the district secretary (Mr. Elkins), and gave particulars as to why the meeting could not be held at Twyford. He was sorry to find he was the only representative from Winchester.

The Hon. General Secretary, in seconding, said he was glad to see so many clergy present. He was afraid there were still some who held very curious views as to keeping the ringing going during the war, but it was very gratifying to him to know that they had the support of a Vicar and his curate at the place where a meeting was being held, thus showing appreciation of the efforts of the Guild in trying to keep change ringing alive during the absence of those who had been called away to much more serious and stern duties.—Mr. George also supported the motion.—The Vicar thanked the meeting, and hoped they would spend a very pleasant evening in the tower.—Mr. Jones, on behalf of the local band, also gave those present a very hearty welcome, and hoped the arrangements they had been able to make for tea had been satisfactory.—Needless to say this was agreed to, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the ladies for their assistance.

Bandsman Bosley, Somerset L.I., then gave a selection on his "fair bells," which was much appreciated. A course each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major was rung on the handbells by Messrs. J. B. Williamson, — Thompson, G. Williams, A. Stubbington, A. Wilkins and Rev. E. Bank James, and the tower was then again visited and the bells kept going till dusk, the methods rung during the day being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The weather was all that could be desired, and this no doubt helped to make the meeting one of the most successful held in the district.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**ARCHDEACON ADVOCATES WAR-TIME MEETINGS.**

The annual general meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Chesterfield on the 6th May, the attendance not being so numerous as in previous years, partly owing to a wet afternoon. The following towers were represented, viz.: Bolsover, Barlborough, Chesterfield, Mansfield, New Mills, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Cathedral, and Staveley. The bells were raised about 3.30, and kept going until 5 o'clock, when the business meeting took place in the Vestry, the Vicar of Chesterfield (the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse) presiding.

The balance sheet showed a total income (including 13s. 6d. brought forward) of £5 16s. 6d., and expenses amounting to £4 1s. 10d. on the yearly account. There was a balance of £13 14s. on the capital account, making the total to the credit of the society at the close of 1915 £15 8s. 8d., against £14 0s. 5d. at the close of 1914.—This was considered satisfactory, and the balance sheet was unanimously adopted.

The Hon. Secretary's report showed the number of towers directly affiliated with the society to remain at 20, the same as last year, the number of members being 244, classified as follows: Attached to affiliated towers, 173; unattached, 51; life members, 15; hon. members, 5—a slight decrease compared with last year. Seven ringing meetings were held during the past year, the great majority of which had been a success. The number of peals rung was six, including two on handbells. The Sunday service attendance proved to be the hardest hit by the war, no company having the honour of taking the cup. Many entered, but owing mainly to the call to serve the country none finish-

ed the full twelve months, and the committee have decided to discontinue this competition until the close of the war.

No new nominations having been submitted, the whole of the officers were re-elected, together with the committee, with the exception of one or two alterations to the latter.

THE NEED FOR MEETINGS.

Seven meetings arranged by the committee for the ensuing year were confirmed.

The Archdeacon, before putting the above resolution to the meeting, gave the members some very sound advice in regard to holding these meetings. He said most emphatically that we should hold meetings for practice, as owing to so many companies being short-handed and totally unable to get any practice at home, the society's meetings gave them opportunities of keeping up the standard of the art. He had, in some of his travels, so missed the sound of the church bells that he felt it would be a national calamity, if, when peace was at length proclaimed, the bells could not be rung as well as before. He further advised that wherever a meeting was held this aspect of the ringing should be brought before the public.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Chesterfield branch for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his kindness in presiding and allowing use of bells and vestry, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, in a pithy speech, noted with satisfaction the emphatic manner in which he advocated the holding of meetings during the war, saying that unfortunately this was not the view taken by a great number of incumbents. He (Mr. Beeston's) conclusions were that the standard of change ringing was suffering depreciation as a consequence of lack of facilities for practice.

The meeting then concluded with the Benediction, pronounced by the Chairman.

The tower was again visited, and ringing was continued until 7.30, touches and courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich Major, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major being amongst those brought round.

HENLEY RINGER KILLED.

We regret to record that one of the band at Henley Church, near Ipswich, Mr. Charles Ward, has been killed in action in France. The deceased was employed by the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, himself an enthusiastic ringer, and the death of this gallant soldier will be much lamented among ringers in and around Ipswich. In the words of one of his ringing friends, "he was such a splendid fellow."

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Saturday, April 22nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Clarke 1, H. Dewick 2, W. T. Tucker 3, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 4, H. J. Tucker 5, T. Tompkins 6. For evensong, on Easter Day, 720 Bob Minor: H. Dewick 1, H. J. Tucker 2, A. Clarke 3, W. Bonham 4, C. A. Valentine 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Smith 1, W. E. Garrard 2, C. Edwards 3, H. W. Wilkes (Ichen, Southampton), conductor, 4, J. Fruin 5, R. Holloway 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. Faithful 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. J. Plowman 1, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 2, A. Arnold 3, E. G. Bryant 4, C. Gordon 5, J. Trappitt 6, A. Clayton 7, E. Plowman 8. First quarter-peal inside by the ringer of the 4th, and also the first by the ringer of the tenor, who is one of Beddington's youngsters. This touch is in three divisions, consisting of 30 leads each with different calling, containing the Whittingtons, Queens and Tittums, the extent of the 6-7-4's, and the handstroke home position.

HORSMONDEEN, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, the following touches of Minor were rung at St. Margaret's during the day at intervals both before and after the morning and afternoon services: 240 Oxford Bob, 240 Double College Single, 240 Double Canterbury, 180 Reverse Plain Bob, 144 Double Court, 120 Plain Bob, 108 Reverse College Single, 180 Double Oxford, 60 Single Court, 60 College Single, 180 Canterbury Pleasure, 240 St. Clement's, 180 Reverse Canterbury, 180 Double Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob, and a Plain Course of Oxford Treble Bob. The following ringers took part: E. Lambert (conductor), J. Beach, J. Waghorn, R. Hope, F. Lambert, F. Butchers, W. Boys, Miss K. Lambert, F. Foreman, G. Fuller. As the bells are not allowed to be rung after sunset, several other methods had to be left out. It was the intention of the band to ring a touch of all the methods now practised by them, but time would not permit this.

DENTON.—Chester Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Wragby Delight: D. Wilde 1, Pte W. Wilde 2, A. E. Marshall 3, J. Pollitt 4, A. E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Kingston Delight: D. Wilde 1, Pte J. W. Walters 2, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 3, Pte W. Wilde 4, A. E. Walters 5, W. Wright 6.—On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service 720 City Delight: W. Wright 2, others as on Easter Morn. Ptes Wilde and Walters have both served in Gallipoli, and were home on sick furlough, the former on his final furlough before rejoining.

NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held on May 27th at Wotton-under-Edge. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Visitors heartily welcomed. W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkely, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission the half-yearly meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, May 27th, when All Saints' and St. James' bells will be available from 3.30.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District).—The annual meeting of the District will be held on Saturday, May 27th, at Faversham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (3d. a head) in Queen's Hall. Business after tea. Subscriptions must be paid before or at the meeting.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary, Canterbury.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—A meeting will be held at Bennington on May 27th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening until 8.30. Tea will be provided free by the Rector, Rev. Canon Mills, 5.30, in the Parochial Hall. All members and friends will be made welcome. A card from those who can notify me will oblige.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 27th. East Retford (10 bells), West Retford (6 bells), Ordsall (6 bells), will be available from 2.30 p.m. until sunset. Divine Service, 4.20 p.m., Parish Church. Tea in Parish Room at 5 p.m., to be followed by a Business Meeting immediately afterwards. Tea 9d. (half-price) to members, 1/3 to non-residents, and 1/6 to all others. Vice-Presidents free. A hearty welcome will be extended to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Dallington on Saturday, May 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Law, Dist. Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors, at 5. Service at 6.30, conducted by the Rector.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the Society will be held at Tong on Saturday, May 27th, 1916. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—W. Barton, Hon. Sec., 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bitton on May 27th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by May 23rd to Arthur W. Seviour, 5, Brunswick Street, City Road, Bristol.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on June 1st, 15th and 29th; and for general business on the 6th and 20th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Shenley, Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. Best, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Ripponden on Saturday, 3rd June. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in Schools 5 p.m., 1/- per head to all sending in to Mr. A. Carter, Jubilee Buildings, Ripponden, before Tuesday, May 30th. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 3rd. The bells (12) will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary Penny (Rector). Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held in Milnrow on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. This meeting is by special request of the Milnrow ringers for the unveiling of a Peal Board. A good attendance of members is requested.—Secretary, T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston (Bus 2d. from Rotherham) on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea provided (1/- each) for those who notify W. Warburton, Meadow View, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Tuesday, May 30th. Business meeting in Church Institute after tea.—Leonard Brightman, 45, St. Stephen's Road, Rotherham (District Sec. *pro tem.*).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Western Division).—A District Meeting will be held at Matching on Saturday, June 3rd, 1916. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Marriage Feast Room, next the Church, at 5.30 p.m. Those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, May 31st. All subscriptions for 1916 are now due and should be paid as soon as possible.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Braintree. 11.30 a.m., service in the Parish Church; 1 p.m., lunch at the Mechanics Institute. Notice of attendance must be sent to the hon. secretary not later than June 7th.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday, June 12th, 1916. The bells of Higham Ferrers will be available from 10.30 a.m. to

11.50, and from 3 o'clock to 6.30. The bells of Raunds, Irthlingboro, and Finedon will be available from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Service in the Parish Church, Higham Ferrers, at 12 noon. Meat tea in the Bede House at one o'clock. Business meeting to follow. — Fred Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WEST EALING.—For the afternoon service, at St. Stephen's, on Easter Day, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, George Harbour 2, C. Edwards 3, R. Holloway 4, J. Hunnisett 5, H. W. Wilkes 6, H. H. Chandler 7, A. Harding 8. For evening service, 1040 Bob Major: Miss Edith Jones 1, W. E. Garrard 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. W. Wilkes 4, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 5, Geo. Iles 6, W. Lawrence 7, A. Harding 8.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Goodenough 1, E. Randall 2, J. Chatley 3, R. Dean 4, S. Barnes 5, L. Goodenough 6, E. Whitbread (conductor) 7, B. Samuels 8.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.—Lancashire Association.—On Easter Monday, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. M. Suart (first 720 in the method) 1, J. Huddleston 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, J. Williams 4, C. J. A. Cushing 5, J. Burrows 6. Rung on the back six. It was intended to attempt a peal of Triples, but three ringers failed to turn up.

TYNEMOUTH.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 30th, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind: N. P. Harrison (first 720) 1, C. Waugh 2, J. Hern 3, A. Tully 4, G. Dix 5, A. Patterson 6, E. A. Hern (conductor) 7, J. Lindsay 8.—On Sunday, May 7th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Flowers 1, C. Waugh 2, J. Hern 3, C. Watts 4, G. Dix 5, J. T. Hogg 6, E. A. Hern (conductor) 7, A. Tully 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On April 27th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), in 50 mins., of Double Norwich Major: G. Cross 1, F. Wines 2, B. Davies 3, H. Page 4, J. Cross 5, G. Wines 6, W. Page 7, T. Page (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all and first on the bells.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on April 28th, with the bells fully muffled, tenor open at back stroke, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Major Sir H. P. St. John Mildmay, Lord of the Manor of Chelmsford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 55 minutes: C. Gentry 1, W. Newman (first quarter-peal of Caters) 2, A. Whight 3, F. Edwards 4, A. E. Acfield 5, H. Richell 6, P. Timson 7, H. Allen 8, H. F. Cooper 9, W. Pease 10. Also 395, with H. Allen 4, F. Edwards 6, H. Richell 8, the rest as before; conducted by H. F. Cooper.

MATLOCK.—On Friday evening, April 28th, at the Parish Church, 700 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: L. N. Statham 1, W. Lambert 2, A. W. Brighton (of London), conductor, 3, J. H. Paulson 4, W. Paulson 5, A. E. Holmes 6, F. Knowles 7, J. Toplis 8. For evening service, on Sunday, April 30th, 840 Grandsire Triples: L. N. Statham 1, F. Knowles (longest length) 2, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 3, J. H. Paulson 4, W. Paulson 5, W. Lambert 6, A. E. Holmes 7, J. Toplis 8.

TEWKESBURY.—Gloster and Bristol Association. — On Saturday, April 29th, at the Abbey Church, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): J. Gillett 1, J. W. Jones 2, C. Dyson 3, G. Condict 4, J. Wathen 5, J. Austin 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, F. Smith 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's, on Sunday, April 30th, 1280 Bob Major, in 51 mins.: Q.-M.-S. J. G. Bennett (R.F.A.) 1, F. Forsyth 2, J. H. White 3, E. T. Green 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, E. Waters 6, Sec.-Corpl. A. R. Macdonald (R.E.) 7, C. W. Goodenough (conductor) 8. Arranged for J. H. White, of Coventry, and J. G. Bennett and A. R. Macdonald, who both are members of the local band, home on leave.

ACTON.—Middlesex Association and St. Mary's Guild.—For morning service, on Sunday, April 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, W. Phillips 2, C. Edwards 3, R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, W. Lawrence 7, J. J. Gray 8.

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