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Gentlemen.

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorized by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK.

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor

MODERN WORK.

THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The meeting of the Central Council on Tuesday was, as probably everyone anticipated, not so well attended as usual, but it was, nevertheless, quite a representative gathering. Apart from the members overseas, a number of the Council are very actively employed on war work, and to some of them attendance at the meeting was impossible. Then, too, the inconveniences attaching to travel in these days also had its effect. But despite the drawbacks, the attendance, all things considered, was very satisfactory, and justified the decision to hold the meeting this year.

Whether, however, apart from the need for the election of a President—the Council without a President is like a ship without a rudder—and the opportunity that occurred for discussing the future of the Council, much was gained by the gathering, is a matter upon which opinion may be divided. Except the Peals Analysis Committee, which has continued its task year by year, and has annually published the results of its labours, none of the Committees seem to have had any substantial progress to report. The work they have in hand is not of urgency, and consequently has been more or less laid aside for other and more important things. And in this the Committees are in no way to be blamed. As a matter of fact, two of them, the Peal Collection and the Legitimate Methods Committee, have a good deal of completed work on hand, which has been delayed publication, and which might, perhaps, with a little more enterprise, have been printed well before the war. There is nothing, however, to be gained by going to press with these publications at this stage, for everything in the printing line has advanced enormously in price, and the ringing public, upon which the Council have to rely for their sales, has been so depleted that anything like an extensive sale would not be realised for a long time to come. Indeed, the small demand at present for the Council's literature is illustrated by the return of sales by the Hon. Librarian.

To the Exercise generally, of course, the most interesting features of the meeting were the election of the new President and the discussion on "the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council." It is not an easy matter to have to choose a successor to a man like the late Sir Arthur Heywood, for while there were many that did not see eye to eye with him, all were ready to admit his capacity, his influence, and the services he had rendered to ringing. To follow a gentleman of these traits, and the necessity of doing something to revivifying the Council, will make the task of his successor no easy one. The election of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, however, is an excellent one, for he should make an admirable President.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1918, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Bob and Single. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR AINGE Treble	WILLIAM WALAND 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
JOHN PALFRAMAN 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
JAMES H. MAWSON 4	SAM PALFRAMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. GILL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Bernal E. Howe, over 30 years a member of the above company; also to the memory of Mrs. White, the wife of one of the churchwardens of the above Church, a very ardent worker in the Parish.

The above record is a correction of the report that appeared in our issue of the 10th May.

DRIGHLINGTON, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1918, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN PALFRAMAN Treble	SYDNEY BARRON 5
DICK THORNTON 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
BENJAMIN THORP 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	SAM PALFRAMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN ASDINALL.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the fallen heroes of this Parish.

BOTLEY TREBLE BOB.

BY THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

12345678	Bob
24163857	24163857
42618375	42618375
46213857	46213857
64128375	64128375
61482735	61482735
16847253	16847253
16482735	16482735
61847253	61847253
68174523	68174523
86715432	86715432
68175423	68175423
86714532	86714532
87641352	87641352
78463125	78463125
87643152	87643152
78461325	78461325
74816235	74816235
47182653	47182653
74812635	74812635
47186253	47186253
41768523	41768523
14675832	14675832
14768523	14768523
41675832	41675832
46157382	46157382
64513728	64513728
65417382	65417382
56143728	56143728
51634278	51634278
15362487	15362487
13528478	13528478

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins., composed by J. Reeves: J. Hollows 1, Pte. W. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Arrowsmith senr., 5, T. Ogden 6, S. Holt 7, W. Hardman 8. For evening service it was intended to ring a quarter-peal of Bob Major, but owing to one of the members being away on parade with the V.T.C. a 720 and 360 changes of Bob Minor was rung on the front six, with the 7 and 8 covering: J. Hollows 1, Pte. W. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 5, S. Holt 6, W. Hardman 7, A. Howarth 8.

ANCIENT LONDON BELL FOUNDERS.

A PUZZLE TO CAMPANOLOGISTS.

(Concluded).

A bell founder, who was for years a puzzle to campanologists, was William Founder. His bells are found in various parts of England; and it is universally agreed that he was a London man. He was probably contemporary with the two Burfords, and there is the following evidence in support of the belief.

In the issue rolls of the eighth Richard II., 1st May (1385), is the following:—

'To Sir Simon de Burley, Knight, Constable of Dover Castle, for the price of 12 guns, two iron "Patella," 120 stone for the guns, 100 lbs. of powder, and four stocks of wood purchased of William the founder, of London, and delivered to the said Simon by the hands of William Hanney, Clerk, for fortifying and strengthening Dover Castle, £97 10s.'

Another reason for placing him at this epoch. Some of his bells (e.g., one at Abbotsham, Devon), are inscribed in 'Lombardic' or Gothic capitals, others are in black letters. His date, then, as regards lettering is on the border line between Lombardic and black letter, and from the evidence gathered on the subject, this may safely be placed at about A.D. 1400 perhaps rather later than earlier. What William Founder's actual surname was is most doubtful. Mr. North concluded it to have been Underhill; but the shield bearing a chevron between three trefoils with the arms of Underhill (and of Rufford and several other families as well) never appear on bells bearing his trade mark—the circular medallion with his name—which bells alone we can say certainly to have been his. It occurs on many bells with the lettering used by him, but which almost certainly passed into other hands. Mr. Stalschmidt was more inclined, bearing in mind the device on his stamp, to think his name was Bird, and there was a John Bird (not Bird), brazier, mentioned in Robert Burford's will.

The following bells are by him. Doubtless there are more. The second at Abbotsham, Devon, inscribed:—

IN MULTIS ANNIS RESONET CAMPANA
IOHANNIS.

The following are all black letter bells. Two in Essex, viz., the second at Aldham, bearing:—

SUM ROSA PULSATA MUNDI KATERINA
VORATA,

the sole remaining bell at Brightlingssea, bearing:—

DULCIS SISTA MELIS VOCOR CAMPAN
MICHAELIS.

Three bells in Norfolk. Cringleford second inscribed with the same legend as the Aldham bell. The second at All Saints', Norwich, bearing:—

GALLUS VOCOR EGO SOLUS SUPER
OMNIA SOLO.

The fourth at Surlingham, inscribed:—

IOHANNES CHRISTI CARE DIGNARE
PRO NOBIS ORARE.

One in Sussex—the single bell at Ninfeld—inscribed:—

HIC EST MARTINUS QUEM SALVET
TRINUS ET UNUS.

One at Magdalen College, Oxford, the 7th of the peal—with the same motto as the Aldham and Cringleford bells mentioned above. All the above bells bear his circular foundry stamp.

There was about this time a Bell-makers' Guild. The fact is recorded in a curious old book belonging to the Brewers' Company. The book which commences in 1416, contains—interspersed with the usual accounts—some most curious memoranda relative to city life. Among others, biographical notices of many of the Mayors—from the point of view of the Brewers' Company—who seem to have been accustomed to make propitiatory presents to each occupant of the civic chair, and to bespeak his good offices on behalf of their trade. In this book is a list, not dated, but apparently about 1420, of the various Guilds existing in the city at that time, including among several others which have long since disappeared, the 'Guilds of the Belle Makers.' They never received civic sanction by having 'ordinances' granted, and so they must have been purely a religious Guild.

This brings us down to the year 1420, the date at which there is a considerable and serious break in the Somerset House Calendars of Wills proved in the Archdeacon's Court of London; and it is the date at which, approximately, inscriptions in black letter superseded those in capitals—Lombardic or Gothic. Black letter came in with the 15th century, and was so firmly established by the end of the second decade that thenceforward, inscriptions in capitals only, though not quite unknown, are very uncommon until post-Reformation times.

ACTON.—For the evening service at the Parish Church, on Palm Sunday (March 24th) 518 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Smith 1, R. Holloway 2, C. Edwards 3, Miss Edith Jones 4, W. T. Vicary 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, J. H. Fruin 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRIDGINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—St. Martin's Guild. — On Sunday evening, March 17th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: W. Stringer 1, J. Preston 2, C. Williams 3, H. Spencer (first in the method) 4, B. Gough 5, M. J. Morris 6, W. J. Meers (conductor) 7, J. W. Pemberton 8.

GLADWICK, OLDHAM.—On Sunday, March 17th, at St. Mark's Church, for morning service, 546 of Grandsire Triples: J. Knight 1, F. Crossland 2, E. B. Shaw, H.M.S. minesweeper, 3, W. Clegg 4, J. Taylor 5, J. Lees 6, A. Clegg (conductor) 7, I. Schofield 8. For evening service, 476 of Grandsire Triples: J. Knight 1, E. Garry 2, F. Crossland 3, W. Clegg, H.M.S. minesweeper, 4, J. Taylor 5, E. B. Shaw 6, A. Clegg (conductor) 7, I. Schofield 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—Central Northants Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Blundell 1, F. Hopper 2, Seaman W. R. Parker 3, T. Law 4, S. J. Lawrence 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, F. Rollings 8. Arranged for Seaman W. R. Parker, who was home on leave.

ACTON.—For the morning service, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. by: John E. Rootes (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Lawrence 2, J. H. Hunnisett 3, C. Edwards 4, W. T. Vicary 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Deritend, on Sunday evening, March 17th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 minutes: S. Coley 1, G. Mitchison 2, T. Elcox 3, A. Scrivens 4, J. Porter 5, A. W. Norman 6, W. F. Webb (conductor) 7, J. Morgan (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Bryant 1, A. Scrivens 2, J. B. Collett 3, W. F. Webb 4, G. Piggott 5, B. W. Norman 6, A. Chambers 7, H. Withers (conductor) 8.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church on March 18th, a quarter-peal of Sledman Triples: T. Smith 1, W. Henley 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Leaden 5, F. Smith 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, C. Farr 8. These bells had been overhauled by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons during the week, and this quarter-peal was rung to test the 'go' of them, which proved excellent.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Saturday last, March 23rd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Church of St. Peter, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1,500 changes through a change course. The following took part: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, A. Barnes 2, J. W. Holme 3, R. Wimpenny 4, Miss Sarah Holt 5, Miss Cissy Thorp 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. The peal was arranged to commemorate the entry of our Lord into Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago; also in honour of our troops at present in the same city, and the general success of our arms in the Holy Land. It was the first attempt by the ladies, and was rung on the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. John Harrison.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, a quarter of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Lee-Corpl. M. R. Warnett 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, H. Walker 4, W. W. Fox 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Warnett, junr., 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. R. Simonds 3, H. Warnett, senr., 4, E. J. Pannett 5, H. Norgate 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on March 25th, after the dedication of a new side chapel, by the Bishop of Rochester, the last 700 of Holt's Original: Mrs. F. H. Herbert 1, P. J. Spice 2, A. E. Newick 3, G. Durling 4, G. Huxley 5, G. F. James 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, C. Austin 8.

BLETCHLEY.—On Wednesday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, Sapper I. Mead 3, F. Hedges 4, H. Sear 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Stanton 8. This quarter-peal was specially arranged for Sapper J. Mead, of the Railway Operating Corps, one of the local band who was home on leave from France.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Day, for early morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins.: A. E. Bennington 1, F. W. Richardson 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Law 4, Pte. F. V. Ebberson, A.S.C. (Fakenham, Norfolk) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, Arch Bennington 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Crowder 1, E. B. Crowder 2, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 3, E. J. Pannett 4, A. E. Bennington 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, Arch Bennington 8.

CUBITT TOWN.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 1,007 Grandsire Triples in 36 mins.: C. T. Clark 1, J. J. Lamb 2, I. G. Shude (conductor) 3, E. E. Richards 4, H. Hawkins 5, Cecil E. Ebberson (Fakenham) 6, T. Jakeman 7, I. Miller 8.

SMETHWICK, STAFFS.—Worcestershire Association.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. L. Farrow 1, Miss O. Parr 2, Miss L. Holbrook 3, Miss B. M. Howat 4, Miss K. Pigott 5, Miss S. Pigott 6, J. Pigott (conductor) 7, C. Twycross 8.

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A LAST TOKEN OF RESPECT.

At All Hallows', Barking, as a last token of respect for the late Pte. W. Truss, K.O.Y.L.I., who was killed in action near Amiens on the 12th April, the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by touches of Grandsire by the following. W. Theobald 1, G. Dorrington 2, A. Linstead 3, E. Wallage 4, A. Joyce 5, T. Langdon 6, J. Scholes 7, H. Langdon tenor.

DEATH OF AN OLD COALBROOKDALE RINGER.

The funeral took place on Thursday week at Coalbrookdale, of Mr. Nathaniel Boden who was a ringer at the Parish Church about the years 1889-90, and in the latter year rang the tenor to two peals of Bob Triples. Immediately after the funeral a half-muffled touch of 1,302 Grandsire Triples (composed by John Carter) was rung, in 50 mins., by W. E. Merrington 1, T. Abbott 2, J. York 3, P. Shaw 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders (conductor) 6, C. Watts 7, J. Aston 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a successful meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at St. James' Church, Birch, when members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Didsbury, Eccles, Flixton, Manchester, Miles Platting, Pendleton, Prestwich, and Worsley.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. E. Ryder, who gave a hearty welcome to the ringers present.

The election of Miss Louisa Smith and Miss Ada Simpson, of Miles Platting, and Miss Sarah Holt, of St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, was confirmed. Flixton was chosen as the next meeting-place, on June 15th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and local ringers for the use of the bells, and having things in readiness.

ONE MORE WEEK.

Only one more week remains before the closing date for the purchase of tickets by those who desire to help the fund which is being raised for the assistance of the widow and young family of the late Mr. Alf Grimes. Five bound volumes of 'The Ringing World' which belonged to Mr. Grimes, are to be disposed of, and tickets (6d. each) may be obtained from Messrs. A. A. Hughes, Master of the College Youths (Whitechapel Foundry), W. Pyc, Master of the Middlesex Association (8, Sanson Road, Lansdown Road, Leytonstone), C. F. Winney, W. Hewitt, A. S. Pettitt, T. Walker, hon. secretary of the London County Association (10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate), R. Sanders, T. H. Taffender (Master of the London County Association), and W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the College Youths (32, Edgeley Road Clapham, S.W. 4). Remember, the closing date is May 31st!

A JUBILEE COMMEMORATION.

The ringing chamber of the Parish Church of St. Alfege, Greenwich, is rich in the possession of a large number of peal tablets. One of these records that on Saturday, May 16th, 1868, the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes in 3 hours and three minutes, as a compliment to retiring churchwardens, Henry Bright 1, William Andrew 2, William G. Shade 3, George Banister 4, William Turner 5, George Mash 6, John Banister 7, William G. Davis 8. Conducted by John Banister.

With one exception, all have since passed away, the survivor being William Turner now aged 72 years. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the performance (which was his first peal) on Thursday of last week, Mr. Turner, at the invitation of Greenwich ringers, visited St. Alfege Church, and took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1250 changes): Harry Hawkins 1, William Turner 2, Isaac G. Shade (conductor) 3, John J. Lamb 4, Harry Hoskins 5, Frederick W. Thornton 6, Thomas Jakeman 7, Pte. Cecil V. Ebberson, A.S.C., 8.

In subsequent ringing, Messrs. C. Clarke, of Cubitt Town, and E. E. Richards took part. Later, the Vicar of Greenwich (the Rev. F. J. Tackley, M.A.) entered the ringing chamber, and cordially greeted Mr. Turner, also congratulating him and the band upon the success of their effort.

BARNES.—On Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes), in 68 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, F. Skevington 3, P. H. Smith 4, Pte. R. Mackrill 5, A. Culmore 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, H. Cook 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1250 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Hunt 1, J. Rookwood 2, Herbert Wood 3, A. King 4, T. Blackburne 5, T. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (first quarter as conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung as a compliment to T. Blackburne 5, on his silver wedding day.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The first session of the tenth Council, making the 26th meeting, was held on Tuesday in the Upper House of Convocation at the Church House, Westminster. The meeting was attended by 63 members, representing 29 Associations, viz.—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. Horrex and A. A. Hughes.
Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. Parker and F. Smith.

Bath and Wells: Mr. J. Maddock.
Bedfordshire: Rev. Canon Baker.
Cambridge University: Mr. E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan: Messrs. H. S. Brocklebank, R. T. Holding.
Dudley Guild: Mr. W. R. Small.
Essex: Messrs. C. J. Butler, G. R. Pye and W. J. Nevard.
Gloucester and Bristol: J. Austin.
Kent: Rev. E. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. E. Barnett, J. H. Cheesman and T. Groombridge.
Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.
Lancashire: Rev. H. J. Elsee, Messrs. J. R. Taylor and W. E. Wilson.

Landaff: Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County: Messrs. T. H. Taffender and E. A. Young.
Middlesex: Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. A. T. King, W. Pye and J. R. Sharman.
Midland Counties: Messrs. J. Griffin, J. W. Taylor and W. E. White.
Central Northants: Mr. F. Wilford.
North Notts: Mr. H. Haigh.
Norwich Diocesan: Mr. G. P. Burton.
Oxford Guild: Rev. Canon Coleridge, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.

Peterborough: Mr. R. Narborough.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards and W. Hughes D'Aeth.
Stafford Archdeaconry: Messrs. W. Fisher and H. Knight.
Surrey: Lieut. C. F. Johnston and Mr. C. Dean.
Sussex: Mr. E. H. Lindup.
Warwickshire: Mr. H. Argyle.
Winchester: Mr. H. White.
Worcestershire: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, T. J. Salter and W. Short.
Yorkshire: Rev. C. C. Marshall and F. Willey.
Hon. Members: Rev. C. D. P. Davies (hon. secretary), Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. Canon Papillon, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. Carter, J. S. Pritchett and H. W. Wilde.

Forty-nine members were absent from various causes. The first business was the election of a President, in the place of Sir Arthur Heywood, deceased.—The Hon. Secretary took the chair, and stated that the only nomination received was the name of the Rev. A. H. Boughey, of Cambridge.

The election of the Rev. A. H. Boughey was proposed by Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. Pye and supported by Mr. J. S. Pritchett. The Rev. Canon Coleridge was also proposed, but declined to stand, and the Rev. A. H. Boughey was unanimously elected. In the absence of the new President, Canon Coleridge was voted to the chair.

On the motion of Mr. W. E. White seconded by Mr. J. Griffin the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.—In acknowledging his reappointment, Mr. Davies informed the Council that this was the last time he would be able to accept office.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was reappointed hon. librarian, on the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The accounts, showing that the balance in hand three years ago of £54 1s. 5d., had been increased to £70 2s. 1d., in addition to £50 invested in War Loan, were adopted, and it was decided to invest a further £50 in War Stock.

The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and on the proposition of Mr. F. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. R. H. Narborough, a further £50 was ordered to be invested in War Loan.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee pointed out that the absence of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild from the list of subscribing associations was due to the fact that the Guild had now become a branch of the Lancashire Association, and a reunion of forces that were separated 30 years ago had thus taken place (applause).

Owing to the suspension of the two last meetings of the Council the hon. members came up for re-election. The following were re-elected:—

Rev. A. H. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker, and Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the election to expire 1919.

Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. H. W. Wilde to expire 1920.

Mr. J. Carter, Mr. R. A. Daniell, the Hon. Secretary, Canon Papillon, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. G. Williams, to expire 1921.

It was proposed to fill two of the three remaining vacancies, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett proposed that Mr. James George be elected to fill a vacancy to expire in 1920. He said Mr. George was probably better known personally than most men, and he was a most enthusiastic ringer. It was a compliment that they might well pay him. — Mr. Argyle seconded, and the motion was carried.

Miss Gillingham, of Portishead, was elected to fill another place, for two years, on the motion of Mr. Argyle, seconded by Miss Parker.

New members of the Council were presented to and introduced to the Chairman, including the College Youths veteran Mr. Edwin Horrex.

The Hon. Secretary next read the list of members who had passed away since the last meeting, viz.: Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. A. Hughes, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. J. W. Whiting, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. W. Snowdon, and Mr. W. L. Catchpole.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Council confirmed the vote of condolence sent to Lady Heywood by the Standing Committee.

The Chairman also made suitable reference to the services of the other deceased members, and a vote of condolence with the relatives was passed, by the members rising in their places.



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The New President of the Council.

Apologies of absence were received from Mr. J. W. Parker (hon. member), Rev. W. P. Wright (Cleveland and North Yorkshire), Mr. J. Motts (Norwich Association), Rev. C. J. Sturton (Midland Counties), Rev. C. E. Matthews (Winchester Guild), Mr. C. L. Routledge and Mr. W. Storey (Durham and Newcastle), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Oxford Guild), Mr. W. H. Godden (St. Martin's Guild).

The Hon. Secretary read the letter which the Standing Committee sent out to the Bishops with regard to the maintenance of ringing in January, 1917. He stated that replies were received from the Archbishop of York and the Bishops of Winchester, Chelmsford, Ely, Gloucester, St. Albans, St. David's, Salisbury, Chester, Sheffield, and Wakefield.

The existing members of the Standing Committee were re-elected: The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon G. S. Coleridge, Rev. H. Law James, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, and R. A. Daniell. The following were elected to fill vacancies: The Rev. A. H. Boughey, Rev. Elsee, Messrs. A. E. Parsons, A. T. King, I.S.O. J. W. Taylor, and E. H. Lewis.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported for the Peal Collection Committee, whose work of printing the collection was held up until more normal times.—Mr. J. W. Parker was added to the committee on which the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. H. W. Wilde were re-elected.

Canon Papillon reported for the Literature Committee, whose principal work had been to get out of Mr. Daniell the amount of material which they believed he had collected.—Canon Papillon and Mr. R. A. Daniell were re-elected on the committee, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston was added to the committee.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported for the Legitimate Methods Committee, whose work is held up for the same reason as that of the Peal Collection Committee, and the following were re-elected on the committee: The Rev. H. L. James, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. H. Lewis.

The report of the Analysis Committee, which has already been printed in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, and the thanks of the Council accorded to the committee, who were re-elected as follows: Mr. A. T. King Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. G. Williams.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported for the Towers and Belfries Committee. The work of this committee, he said, was held up for the present. The committee, consisting of Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. H. B. Hesse and E. A. Young was re-elected.

It was agreed that each committee be instructed to elect a chairman, who should be responsible for reporting to the Council, and that, if possible, these reports should be printed before the Council meeting.

The Hon. Secretary had put down the following notice: 'What are the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council, and if thought desirable, to move a resolution thereon.' His paper, while admitting that the Council was not faultless, was largely in justification of the Council's work.

A number of members took part in the discussion which followed, and various suggestions were put forward. Eventually the matter was adjourned for further consideration.

Mr. E. H. Lewis submitted the following: 'To consult the Council as to the best way in which to help in the restoration of some of the bells lost by Belgium in the war, and to pass any necessary resolutions on the subject.'

In the course of the discussion, opinion favourable to assisting in the replacing of a bell or bells in Belgium by a fund established by the ringers of this country was expressed, but it was suggested that the present time was premature.

A motion to adjourn the matter was, however, defeated and then a series of motions was passed, to the effect that the Council was in favour of an appeal being made to the ringers of Britain and others to help Belgium in the restoration of her lost bells, and commending the matter to the notice of ringers and lovers of bells; that a committee be formed to consult the Associations as to the desirability of bringing forward a definite scheme for the formation of a fund for the purpose; and that the committee consist of the Rev. H. J. Elser, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. E. H. Lewis with power to add to their number.

A considerable number of speakers took part in a discussion on the following, introduced by the Hon. Secretary: 'That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice.'

No resolution on the subject was proposed.

The Council having decided, by 28 votes to 16 to meet next year, resolved by 24 to 12 that the meeting be held in London if the war is still on, but at Gloucester if the war is over.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

In the evening some of the visitors had the opportunity of ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Saviour's, Southwark, and subsequently some enjoyed a convivial hour at the headquarters of the Cumberland Youths, while others accepted the invitation of the College Youths to attend their fortnightly gathering at the Coffee Pot.

Next week we shall begin a fuller report of the more important parts of the proceedings.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for 6 a.m. service, 360 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, T. Stuart 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6. For morning service, 800 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Stuart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Day (Bristol) 1, C. Groves 2, A. S. Beer (Greenwich) 3, J. Symonds 4, G. Holloway 5, J. Harris 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, A. Hardy 8.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Bateman 1, Miss Gladys Balenon (first quarter in the method) 2, A. Lender 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Lender 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6, E. T. Hooper 7, F. Purdue 8.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WORKING.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Midland District will be held at Solihull on Saturday, May 25th, when it is hoped all ladies in the district will make an effort to attend. Bells (10) available at 3.30; service at 5.30. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head, which will be followed by business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Miss S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, May 25th. Bells will be available from 3.30 p.m.; service at 6 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—A Meeting will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice, on May 30th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martley on Saturday, June 1st. Service at 5 p.m. prompt; business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea at the Rectory. Motor from "Reindeer," Worcester, 3 p.m., returning from Martley 8.30 p.m.; fare, 2/- return.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of this Guild will be held at the Parish Church, Slough, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3.30; service at 5.30; tea and meeting at 6.15. Members and friends cordially invited. Owing to difficulties in catering, it is absolutely essential that all who intend to be present should notify me of the fact before May 29th.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 1st. Service at 3.30 p.m., with business meeting to follow. Bells (6) available both at Shenley and Loughton from 2.30 p.m. No tea can be provided.—W. Sear, Sec., 69, Windsor Street, Bletchley.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Bennington as usual on June 1st, when the bells will be open, by the invitation of Canon Mills, during the afternoon and evening. Canon Mills will kindly provide tea as far as provisions are procurable, but no sugar. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The June meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday the 1st. Eight bells. Clay Cross Station, Midland Railway. A good attendance is particularly desired.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mellons (Mon.) on Saturday, June 1st, at 4.30. Bells (6) available. Tea will be provided.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch, Kent, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at Todmorden Parish Church. Bells ready from 3 o'clock; business meeting at 6, when the Vicar (Rev. S. Aspin) will preside.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Peter's, Staines. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society—Estab. 1824).—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Mortlake, on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing will commence at 5 p.m. Business meeting in the Vestry at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Walker, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Saturday, June 8th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea are asked to let me know by June 3rd. All ringing friends welcome. Outstanding subscriptions would be greatly welcomed.—W. H. Oram, 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Christ Church, Coseley (Staffs), on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., Vicar and Vice-President. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley Parish Church on Saturday, June 8th, 1918. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.—Thomas B. Worsley, Branch Sec., 507, Wigan Road, Deane, Bolton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at Wath on June 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock till 9. Business meeting to be held in the Institute. Subscriptions now due, and to be paid to Frank Willey, Vice-President and Sec. (*pro tem.*), 110, Petre Street, Sheffield.

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