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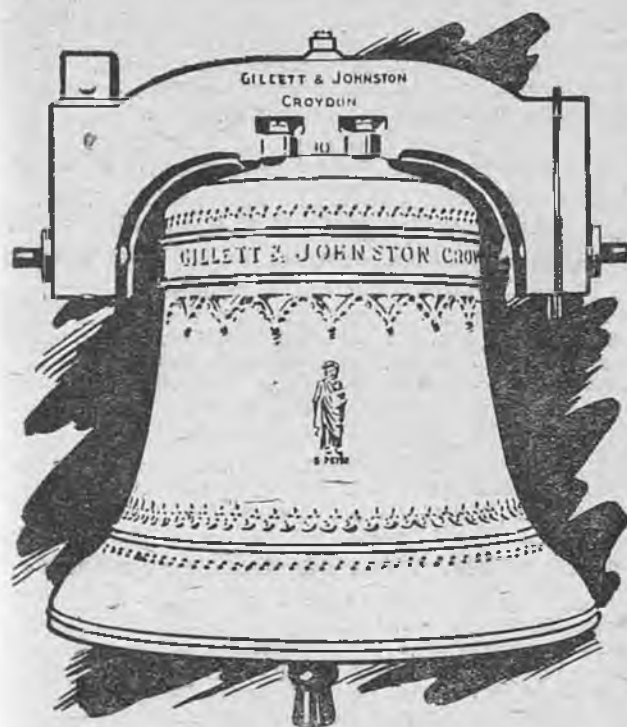
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council Meeting at Gloucester next Tuesday week will be the first held in the provinces for five years, the last one held out of London having been that at Winchester in 1914. Last year's gathering in the metropolis broke the hiatus which was caused in the series by the war, and was, in a sense, little more than the picking up of the threads of the work which the Council had in hand when the sterner demands of the conflict caused the abandonment of meetings after that of 1915. With the revival of the Council's activities, the Exercise hoped to see a larger scope given to its work, but unless something practical comes out of the adjourned discussion on "The means most likely to conduct to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council," there is nothing in this year's agenda to suggest any widening of the Council's usefulness or of the interest in its doings.

True, the most commonplace agenda may provide the most unexpected developments, and we hope that out of the discussion upon itself, the Council will find a means by which its future value to the Exercise may be enhanced. At present it is living largely upon its past, and before it can hope to be considered by the rank and file of ringers as anything more than a figurehead of the Exercise, it must do something to remove that indifference to its existence which prevails among the majority of ringers. No one can deny that in its earlier days the Council did much valuable work, but to retain the confidence of the Exercise in it, even as an advisory body, it must show continued activity and unceasing work of practical interest and utility.

Except for the Peals Analysis Committee, whose labours are substantial and really appreciated by the Exercise, there is not one of the old-standing committees who have reported any real progress for years. We know we shall be told that the war has caused delay, but a good deal of what is now held up from this cause might have been given to the Exercise before war broke out. It is the eternal dallying from year to year that in the past has made the man in the belfry so indifferent to the Council and all its works, and he looks upon the various pious resolutions discussed by the Council and placed upon record as so much waste of breath and ink. Now this is not as it should be. The Council fills a distinct place in the organism of the Exercise, which nothing else at present in existence can occupy. It is the connecting link between the associations which cover the country, and should be foremost with proposals to advance the art. We look to the Council to realise its true position and the services which it still can render to the Exercise, and we hope that out of the discussion at the next meeting, something really practical will result.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HARRY THORPE Treble	WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 6'
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 7
WILLIAM WEBB 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 8
FREDERICK HENRY DEXTER 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
SYDNEY PROCTOR 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. * First peal of Stedman and on ten bells. Messrs. Thorpe and Proctor are from Grantham; Bartram from Melton; the rest from Leicester.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... 5
CHARLES CAMM 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 6
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 4	HENRY CHANCE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

PULHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
HERBERT PIERCY 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	CHAS. T. P. BRICE Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble	F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 5
THOMAS MANNERING ... 2	RICKS PAINE 6
CHARLES WINNER 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*TITUS BARLOW, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE PINGOTT 5
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... 2	PETER CROOK 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*HAROLD ODDY 4	*SAMUEL MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKES ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 22 cwt.

J. W. WASHBROOK, JUNR. ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 5
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 2	RICHARD DEAL ... 6
ARTHUR CLAY ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
FREDERICK PAGE ... 4	ANOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Frederick Page's 50th peal. The ringers of the six and tenor were made members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH ... Treble	EDMUND H. JOHNSON ... 5
OSWALD J. HUNT ... 2	WILLIAM T. COX ... 6
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	GEORGE WEBSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day; also as a welcome home to the ringers of 4, 5 and 7, who have been demobilised.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
TITUS BARLOW ... 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	J. E. MARKLAND ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S six part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

PERCY MARCHANT ... Treble	JAMES A. HART ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 4	TRAYTON BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, at the request of the Rector (the Rev. — Laing), who very heartily welcomed the ringers and also provided an excellent tea after the peal. Messrs. Booth, Edwards and Hoad hail from Salehurst; Marchant, Pierpoint and Hart from Uckfield; Turner from Lewes; and Tribe from Tenterden, Kent.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ten-part.

Tenor, 13 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH ... Treble	EPHRAIM MARKS ... 5
HARRY HOPKINS ... 2	WALTER SEAR ... 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	HARRY SEAR ... 7
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 4	RICHARD NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SEAR.

Rung in honour of Empire Day, also for the induction of the Rev. E. M. Ellis to Newton Longville. The new Vicar thanked the ringers at the conclusion of the peal.

First peal as conductor.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	*ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 6
C. RISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
Q.M. Sgt. G. PRATE, A.I.F. 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON and conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung in honour of Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to Miss Knight, daughter of Mr. H. Knight, the much respected Hon. Sec. of the above Society, and to L. Barnett, a member of the local company.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTON ... Treble	DAVID HORNE ... 4
CORPL. E. W. TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
CHARLES LAYTON ... 3	GEORGE JORDON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

comprising 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholar's Pleasure, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODCOCK ... Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 4
*HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	CHARLES WALSH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Specially arranged and rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest sympathy for those of the district who have fallen in the Great War.

W. Woodcock and C. Walsh hail from Darfield, the others belong to local band.

* First peal and first attempt.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In 7 methods, viz.:—Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
THOMAS GARLEY ... 2	GEORGE VALENTINE ... 5
ANDREW BLAXLEY ... 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXLEY.

This is the first peal by the conductor as such and it was arranged and rung in celebration of his daughter's 21st birthday, which occurred on the above date. It was also a coming-of-age peal to the daughter of Mr. W. C. Lewis, another local ringer, which occurred on the previous Sunday.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

being 42 six-scores called in 10 different ways. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	EDGAR BOURTON 4
HARRY THATCHER 2	HARRY PROUT 5
CHARLES THATCHER 3	ALBERT SHERBORNE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells, and first by all except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5-6
JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	*GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 7-8
*MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Umpire: MR. A. WINDSOR.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal in the city of Leeds. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells by all, and rung at the first attempt. First peal on handbells in the method by the conductor. * First peal of Royal in the method.

It is upwards of 40 years since a peal of Royal in the method on handbells was rung by the Yorkshire Association.

This peal was rung on a peal of handbells specially lent by Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, and the band would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for this and many other favours.

THE NEW PEAL AT CLAPHAM.

The new peal of bells by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, just installed at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, will be opened on Saturday, June 7th. Ringers of all Associations will be welcome, and captains or secretaries of bands should communicate to the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Ensor) the number of any visitors intending to come. The arrangements are as follow:—3 p.m., Dedication Service; 3.45 p.m., First Touch by the Ancient Society of College Youths; 5.0 p.m., General ringing, under the superintendence of Mr. Cockerill; 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage, to be followed by ringing until 9 p.m.

The most direct way to the Church is via Balham, and not via Clapham Park Road.

THE J. S. GOLDSMITH'S TESTIMONIAL.

To enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

As amounts so liberally continue to come in, it is intended to keep the fund open for the present.

JAMES GEORGE,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham.

BOLTON.—On Sunday, April 27th, for special service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Barlow, junr., 1, T. Barlow, senr., 2, J. Potter 3, H. Oddy 4, G. Pincott 5, W. Pennington 6, P. Crook (conductor) 7, T. Bratby 8.

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CHESTER GUILD MEMORIAL SERVICE.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT STOCKPORT.

Arranged on the lines of the memorial service at St. Clement Dunes, an impressive service for fallen members of the Stockport and Bowden Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Stockport. The proceedings commenced with half-muffled ringing on the Parish Church bells. As the congregation assembled Mr. T. L. Symes, L.R.C.M., deputy organist, played an appropriate selection, and the choir boys filed into the church from the vestry to the exquisite strains of the familiar air, 'O rest in the Lord.' The officiating clergymen were the Rev. F. A. Sereeton, Vicar of Norbury, and the Rev. A. T. Beeson, of New Mills, hon. secretary of the Guild.

The opening hymn, 'O God, our help, in ages past,' was followed by the chanting of Psalms xxiii. and cxxi. As first lesson the Vicar of Norbury read the lines from Longfellow's 'Golden Legend,' commencing 'The bells themselves are the best of preachers.'

The hymn, 'On the Resurrection morning,' was followed by a lesson from 'The book of Wisdom,' iii. to v. 9, beginning, 'But the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.' The Rev. A. T. Beeson also said prayers for the King and all in Authority, for sick and suffering Ringers, for the Sorrowing and Bereaved, and then read the Roll of Honour of Ringers in this Branch of the Guild, as follows:—

Pte. Arthur R. Fielding, R.E., Stalybridge; Pte. Frederick Fielding, A.O.C., Stalybridge; Sapper Ernest Haythorn, R.E., New Mills; Cpl. Edwd. Ardern Hulme, Stockport, 8th Ches. Regt.; Sergt. James Wm. Leigh, R.E., Northenden; Pte. William Oldham, Stockport, 6th Ches.; Pte. Herbert Williamson, of Norbury, Royal Lancaster Regt.; Cpl. John T. Bottrill, R.M.L.I., non-resident; Sec.-Lieut. Harry Washbrook, King's Lanc., non-resident.

A prayer followed for our Fallen Ringers, and then, whilst the congregation remained kneeling, came from the west end of the church the sweet music of handbells, a plain course of Grandsire Triples rung by H. Meakin 1-2, W. Jackson 3-4, H. Jackson 5-6, E. A. Jackson 7-8. The hymn, 'Jesus, lover of my soul,' was followed by the address.

Speaking from the lectern, from Hebrews xi. 13—'These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off'—the Rev. F. A. Sereeton paid an eloquent and touching tribute to the dead, and spoke of the lessons of their great self-sacrifice. As was, he said, a fitting thing in the members of a Guild like that, when the bells were sending out their voice of mournfulness and more often of joyousness, calling men and women to higher things, that they should remember those who had been their comrades and had passed within the veil. They missed those comrades, they had hoped they might come back and join them in the familiar task, and now that they must leave them in the inner presence and undying love of the Father who pitieth His children, the holy and sacred duty was cast upon them of seeing that their blood had not been spilled in vain, and that they really were going to build up a better world.

At the close of the address, the hymn, 'For all the Saints who from their labours rest,' was sung, an offertory being taken meanwhile. Closing prayers were offered, then the 'Last Post' was sounded by buglers with fine effect, and after the Blessing the organist played the 'Dead March.'

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung by A. Barnea (Reddish) 1, J. W. Washbrook, senr. (Pendleton) 2, J. Deal (Manchester) 3, G. Warburton (St. George's) 4, Wm. Gordon (St. Mary's) 5, J. W. Washbrook, junr. (Pendleton) 6, J. Hankinson (St. Mary's) 7, H. Chapman (Pendleton) 8, A. S. Gordon (St. Mary's) 9, F. Welsh (St. George's) tenor.

Before the service, ringers from Ashton, Miles Platting, New Mills, Reddish, Hyde, Pendleton, Poynton, Wistaston, Manchester, and local towers, took part in several touches, and after the service many went to St. George's, where Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung until 9 o'clock.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very successful and interesting monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Brinklow, when about 25 members attended from Allesley, Coventry, Grendon, Nuneaton and Rugby. The bells are a handy ring of six, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor were brought round upon them, including a well-struck 720 Bob Minor, the first 720 on the bells by the Allesley and Stoke-in-Coventry members.

During the ringing, the Rector visited the tower, and welcomed the members of the Guild. After the bells had been lowered he described the interesting features of the ancient parish church, which was much appreciated.

An enjoyable hour was afterwards spent with handbells, songs, etc. It was pleasing to see among those present several domiciled soldiers, including Messrs. A. Roberts and E. Johnson, of Stoke-in-Coventry; H. Stone, of Nuneaton; A. J. Hession, of Rugby, and others.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GLOUCESTER MEETING.

The 27th annual meeting of the Central Council will be held at Gloucester on Whitsun Tuesday. The Standing Committee will meet at 9.45 a.m., and the general body at 11 a.m. in the Chapter House of the Cathedral. It was in this chamber that William the Conqueror gave the order for the Domesday book.

The agenda for the meeting includes the voting of a humble address to His Majesty.

Reports are to be presented by the following Committees: Peal Collection, Literature, Legitimate Methods, Peals Analysis, Towers and Belfries, and Bells of Belgium.

There are only two motions on the agenda, viz.:-

To continue the adjourned discussion on the means most likely to conduct to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council, and, if thought desirable, to move a resolution thereon.

To consider a proposal for the revival of the ancient Peace Bell on Fridays at noon, and, if approved, to pass a resolution thereon.

At 6 p.m. the Dean of Gloucester will personally conduct members of the Council over the Cathedral, and they are afterwards to be entertained to tea by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The ancient premises, occupied by the famous firm of founders, the Rodhalls, will be open to the inspection of members after tea.

On Whit-Monday a number of peals of bells in the city and district will be available for ringing.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE FOR 1918

The cessation of hostilities in November was the occasion of an immediate turn in the tide of peal ringing, so that half the tower bell peals rung in 1918 were recorded in November and December, the two months showing a total of 114 peals out of 229.

The Analysis is presented in the same form as in the last two years the tower and handbell peals being given in separate tables; and the Committee would be glad to have the opinion of the Council as to whether such an arrangement should be continued in future years.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations each rang 31 peals on tower bells, Gloucester and Bristol coming next with 16. But while 15 of the Lancashire peals were Grandsire Triples, and 18 of the Yorkshire peals were Treble Bob Major, it will be seen that the 16 peals of the Gloucester and Bristol Association appear in ten different columns in the Analysis.

The greatest number of handbell peals was again rung by the St. Martin's Guild, viz., 15, of which nine were Stedman Cinques, not including one peal on April 4th, which unfortunately proved to be false. The Ancient Society of College-Youths come next with eight peals, of which four were also Stedman Cinques; and it is noticeable that, out of the 48 handbell peals, 16, or exactly one-third, were Stedman Cinques, two being rung by the Middlesex Association, and one by Worcestershire and Districts.

The number of ringers taking part in their first peal was 71: first tower bell peal, 6; first handbell peal, 20; first with a bob bell, 1; first as conductor 4; first on handbells as conductor, 2; while one Canadian ringer scored his first peal in England.

There were six 'first on the bells,' and two 'first since restoration,' and we may expect, with the return to peace conditions, that there will soon be a large increase in these last two figures.

Lady ringers are much in evidence, and we find first peals rung by ladies, at the ages of 14 and 15, while in a peal of Grandsire Doubles, all the ringers (mere males) except the conductor, were in 'their teens,' two being under 14. First peals on handbells were also achieved by ringers of the ages of 13 (two), 14 and 15. At the other end of the scale we find peal ringers of 68 (first peal), 70 (two), 76 and 81! A handbell peal at Lavenham by father, son and grandson is worthy of notice.

Muffled peals numbered 37, of which 22 were for those who have fallen in the war; while the signing of the Armistice produced 47, five were rung as a welcome to President Wilson, and three for successes in the war. One peal was to celebrate the winning of the Military Cross by a local ringer, and the dedication of a memorial chapel, a screen and a window gave occasion to three more. Six peals were arranged for soldiers' home on leave, and seven were rung for the King's silver wedding and birthday.

Ecclesiastical occasions of peals include the following: Welcome to new Incumbent, 4; Patronal Festival, 4; 50 years' service in the Church, 30 years as Vicar, Harvest Thanksgiving, Watch Night Service, Sunday School Anniversary, one peal each.

There were two Association peals, two Centenary peals, two for the Bicentenary of the first peal of Treble Bob, and one for the Bicentenary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples. Farewell peals numbered 4; wedding peals, 8; birthday peals, 29; and one peal was rung to celebrate election day.

The committee look forward to much more arduous duties in the years to come, and to making a much greater demand in the future upon the space of the 'Ringing World' for the insertion of the

Analysis; and in this connection they would like to express their appreciation of the unvaried excellence of the reproduction of the Analysis in the 'Ringing World.'

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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

POINTS FROM THE REPORT.

We extract the following from the annual report:-

The year 1918 is chiefly memorable by the signing of an Armistice on the part of Germany—the first step in a series of complicated negotiations which we hope may be closed by a dignified and abiding peace. Our thoughts naturally recur to those ringers who have fallen in the war, whom we mourn and miss, as well as to those who are being day by day restored to us, whom we welcome back to their accustomed places in our depleted belfries. We have done our best to keep the bells going for Sunday Services in their absence, and not altogether without success, but our progress has been necessarily delayed during the war service of so many experienced ringers, and we are looking to them (nor shall we look in vain) for help in bringing forward those who have been waiting with admirable patience for opportunities of practice and of advancement in their noble art.

For over ten months the most critical and fateful period of the war was experienced, and a further call for men brought ringing activities to a very low ebb; but when on November 11th the clouds were lifted there were only very few of our towers from which the message of victory was not rung out by the bells. Our district meetings were very successful, and at most the attendance very good. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. H. E. Wills for his kind invitation to St. Croydon, and the good reception which we received from our Surrey neighbours and comrades. May such cordiality be the forerunner of many more such meetings for our mutual enjoyment and advantage! The number of peals recorded show a slight increase on the previous year: 11 being rung, seven on tower bells and four on handbells. Forty-two quarter peals were reported.

It is with regret that we have to record the resignation of Mr. H. C. Chandler, who has acted as honorary secretary of the South and West District for the past twelve years, an office in which he did most useful work for the Association, which we feel sure has been valued by us all, and will be remembered with appreciation. The membership of the Association stands at 721. Death and other causes removed the names of 36, while 43 new members were elected during the year.

We have lost the services of Messrs. J. Barry, J. A. Boote, G. Buggs, W. Childs, W. J. Cooper, K. G. Hawkins, R. H. Hayward, L. A. Licence, J. Martin, W. J. New, B. Prewett, F. Roper and R. E. Stavert, and F. G. Tegg by death, ten of whom fell on the battlefield. All were good and loyal members, and as service ringers most regular in their attendances. Some advanced to a very high position as ringers, and many peals stand to their names, particularly to that of Bertram Prewett, with a record of 953 peals, 236 of which he conducted. They bore the true type of Christians, ready and willing to assist where their services could be most useful. We commend their souls to God's holy keeping, and extend our truest sympathy to their bereaved relatives. Their record will long remain revered by all whom it was a real pleasure to know.

In the matter of bell restoration, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have completed the rehanging of the peal of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, and have in hand the work of rehanging and adding of two trebles to the peal at Westminster Abbey, and the necessary work to the frame and bells at St. Clement Danes. Other minor repairs have been carried out in the county.

Again our thanks are due to our joint honorary secretaries for their efficient services during the past year. The work that Mr. Ornam has done for us in the absence of Mr. C. T. Coles merits our highest appreciation. He has acted with a zeal and discretion which those who are in frequent contact with him cannot fail to admire, and we congratulate the members of the South and West District for their discernment in electing him to succeed Mr. Chandler on his retirement from the office he so ably filled as secretary of the South and West District of the Association.

LADIES' SERVICE RINGING.

Conducted by Miss Cissy Thorp, two 504's Grandsire Triples, in which altogether six ladies took part, were rung for service at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Sunday, May 18th. One was rung before morning service by Mrs. W. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Ethel Grimshaw 2, Miss Doris Ouden 3, Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4, Miss Cissy Thorp (conductress) 5, J. Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Fiddler 8. The other was prior to evening service by Mrs. W. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Doris Ouden 2, Miss Cissy Thorp (conductress) 3, Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4, Miss Sarah Holt 5, John Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Fiddler 8.

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At the Handbell Contest held annually in Manchester the First Prize for the last 16 years has been awarded to bands using our bells, and on fourteen of these occasions they have gained the Second Prize also

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Prestwich, Manchester, are, we hear, shortly to go into the melting pot at the Loughborough Foundry.

Members of the Central Council who require any information in connection with their visit to Gloucester at Whitsun should communicate with Mr. John Austin, whose address is 38, Lysons Avenue, Bristol Road, Gloucester.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild has had close upon 60 per cent. of its members serving with H.M. forces during the war. We wonder whether any other association has done better!

In this connection it may be mentioned that the eight bell tower of Bradpole had 18 ringers in the war, while Lytchelt Minster, a six-bell tower, had an even larger proportion, with 17 of the band serving. More remarkable still, both these towers succeeded in maintaining a band at home to keep the bells going.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung at Horsleydown on May 28th, 1787.

Two treble bells have been given to Royston Church by two anonymous donors and a few friends. These bells have to be hung, and any further gifts towards this object will be gratefully received.

Difficulty having been experienced in finding a substitute for a sick sexton, who rang the bell for the services at Holy Trinity Church, Bedford, a sidesman, Mr. S. E. Watkis, invented and fitted an electric ringer, which is switched on and off from the vestry. The electric chiming apparatus, however, is not new.

Lieut. York Bramble holds the rank of full lieutenant and not second-lieutenant, as erroneously given under the photograph in our last issue.

RINGING FOR THE KING AT BIRMINGHAM.

'ROCKED IN THE CRADLE OF THE STEEP(LE).'

On the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Birmingham on May 21st, the bells of the Cathedral were rung by official request, and the ropes were manned by a company of the St. Martin's Guild. Ringing commenced at 9.30, and was continued in various methods, and with intervals for luncheon, etc., until 5 o'clock.

Punctually at 10 o'clock as the King stepped on to the platform at New Street Station the bells were 'fired' as a royal salute, and with good effect. We have since heard that the vast concourse of people crowding the route of the royal procession, which passed close to the Cathedral, was partly interested and partly alarmed at the evolutions of the weather vane on the dome, which oscillates and wobbles to an almost unbelievable extent. However, while we did not break the vane we almost succeeded in breaking our hearts, and were quite successful in breaking three ropes, an electric lamp shade, and many blisters. You can have it with us that the belfry of St. Philip's, Birmingham, on a broiling hot day, and with about seven hours' ringing to be put through, is not to be recommended as a health resort. We know of many places to be preferred.

However, such a day has its compensations, and it may safely be said that everyone was happy—especially after lunch. Luncheon was arranged at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, and a capital spread was enjoyed by a company of twenty. Also a capital view of the royal procession was obtained—better than many folk had paid guineas for.

At 3.30 the brilliant idea was conceived of taking the handbells up on the dome, and ringing there a touch of Stedman Cinques whilst the tower bells were also being rung. Agreed! The cupola is carried above the dome by six pillars, and the spaces between the pillars are just wide enough for a man to stand therein. Six spaces, six men. Evidently built for this very thing.

After much toiling and heavy breathing, too soon after lunch, the handbell men arrived at the top, and almost immediately the tower bells 'let her go.' There are doubtless some towers that swing more than this one when the bells are going—but doubtless not much. After a while we got our sea legs and 'Go, Stedman Cinques' was called. A very decent couple of courses were brought round at the first time of asking, but what the music sounded like it is difficult to describe. The tower bells rumbled below like the bourdon pedal of a large and not over-tuneful organ. Tenor 29 cwt. in D. Handbells, size 17 in B.

The touches were as follows: Handbells, two courses, Stedman Cinques, by: A. Paddon Smith 1—2, A. Walker 3—4, J. E. Grove (conductor) 5—6, T. Russam 7—8, W. Kent 9—10, M. J. Morris 11—12. Tower bells: 408 Stedman Triples: J. Carter 1, W. H. Godden 2, J. Jagger 3, C. Williams 4, E. Mansell 5, J. Neul 6, J. L. Wells (conductor) 7, J. George 8.

As His Majesty left for the station, the bells were 'fired' down, and the authorities have expressed their appreciation of the part the bells played in welcoming the city's exalted guests.

During the day, the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., was presented to H.M. the King, and the members wish to take this opportunity of congratulating him on this great honour.

A. P. S.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1918.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Associations.	TOWER BELLS.														HAND BELLS.										Grand Total.	Total Points.	Average Points per Peal.			
	Cinquies.		Royal.		Caters.		Major.				Triples.		Total on Tower Bells.	Cinquies.		Caters.		Major.		Triples.		Total on Handbells.								
	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge Surprise	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Superlative Surprise	Double Norwich	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman		Grandsire	Minor.	Doubles.	Stedman	Plain Bob Royal.	Stedman	Grandsire	Canterbury Pleasure		Plain Bob	Stedman				Grandsire	Minor.	Doubles.
Points per peal	32	13	40	16	12	28	10	30	16	12	8	24	7			32	12	28	10	8	8	24	7							
Anc. Soc. College Youths	1					1						2	1		5			2					1	1			13	330	25'38	
Bath and Wells						1									3											5	41	8'20		
Bedfordshire						1						1			2											2	23	11'00		
Central Northants															3											7	64	9'14		
Chester Diocesan										1					1						1					1	13	12'00		
Devonshire																								1		1	5	5'00		
Dudley and District															4											4	37	9'25		
Durham and Newcastle	1									1	1		5	1	8											8	180	22'50		
Ely Diocesan												1			1									2		3	18	5'00		
Essex County											2				3											3	54	18'00		
Gloucester and Bristol	1	1	1									1	5	1	16											16	236	14'75		
Hereford Diocesan										1	1	1	1	1	6								1			7	85	12'14		
Hertfordshire												2			2											2	48	24'00		
Kent County										1	2	1	10	1	15								1			16	137	8'56		
Ladies' Guild												1			1											1	1	7	7'00	
Lancashire		1										3	1	7	15	1	2	31								31	369	11'90		
Lincoln Diocesan						1									2											2	36	12'00		
Llandaff Diocesan															1	1	1									2	36	12'00		
London County					1										3											2	46	23'00		
Middlesex County															5											9	214	23'78		
Midland Counties															11											12	158	13'16		
Norwich Diocesan												1	1		2											2	20	10'00		
Oxford Diocesan												1			4											6	48	8'00		
Peterborough												1														1	7	7'00		
Royal Cumberland Youths	1														1											1	5	76	15'20	
St. Martin's Guild	1	1										2	1		8											23	540	23'47		
Salisbury Diocesan															1											1	3	3'00		
Salop Archidiaconal															4											6	39	6'58		
Stafford Archdeaconry											1	1	6	1	10											10	199	19'90		
Surrey															2											2	14	7'00		
Sussex County													1	3												4	45	11'25		
Warwickshire													2	1	4											4	56	14'00		
Winchester Diocesan													1	4		5										6	60	10'00		
Worcestershire													2	6	1	2	12									14	151	10'78		
Yorkshire										18	1			6	4	2	31						1			32	309	9'58		
Independent Societies							1				1				7									1	4	5	12	71	5'91	
TOTALS...	5	3	1	3	2	11	8	3	4	32	17	36	74	16	14	229	16	2	4	3	1	3	2	8	4	5	49	277	3776	13'53

The 12 peals rung under the title of Independent Societies were rung in the following Counties: Gloucestershire, 1; Leicestershire, 1; Suffolk, 2; Warwickshire, 3; Worcestershire, 1; Yorkshire, 2; Dublin, 1; Wicklow, 1.

The 35 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follow: In the Kent Variation, Royal, 3; Major, 30. In the Oxford Variation, Major, 2.

The 24 peals in Plain Methods comprised Bob Royal, 4; Bob Major 20.

The 38 peals of Stedman Triples may be sub-divided as follows: Thurstan's One-part, 1; Thurstan's Four-part and Variations, 28; Carter's peals, 2; Washbrook's peals, 6; Sir Arthur Heywood's 10-part, 1.

The 82 peals of Grandsire Triples may also be sub-divided as follows: Holt's Original, 8; Holt's 10-Part and Variations, 12; Holt's 6-Part, 1; Parker's 12-Part and Variations, 21; Parker's 6-Part, 1; Parker's 5-Part, 1; Taylor's peals, 9; Carter's peals, 5; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 4; Shepherd's peals, 2; Thurstan's 5-Part, 2; Vicars' peals, 2; Banks' peals, 2; other peals (including two unnamed), 12.

The 20 peals of Minor, viz., 16 rung on tower bells, and four on handbells, were distributed among the following Associations:—

Association.	No. of Minor Methods.			
	1	3	4	7
Bedfordshire				1
Central Northants			1	2
Devonshire Guild	1			
Ely Diocesan	2			
Gloucester and Bristol	1			
Hereford Diocesan				1
Kent County			1	
Lancashire	1			
Lincoln Diocesan	1			
Llandaff Diocesan	1			
Peterborough and District			1	
Worcestershire and Districts	1			
Yorkshire	2		1*	1
Independent Societies	1			
	11	3	1	5 Total 20

* This peal, though rung in 10 different methods, fails to fulfil the requirement that only complete 720's should be rung.

The 19 peals of Doubles are shown in the following statement:—

Association.	No. of Methods.		
	1	2	3
Bath and Wells	3		
Central Northants	2		
Gloucester and Bristol	1		
Lancashire	2		
Salisbury Diocesan	1		
Salop Archidiaconal	1		
Worcestershire and Districts	1	1	
Yorkshire	2		
Independent Societies	4		1
	17	1	1 Total 19

The conductors of four peals and over are as follows:—8 peals, E. M. Atkins (H.B. 3), A. E. Edwards, J. E. Groves (H.B. 4), E. Morris and A. Wright; 7 peals, G. F. Swann (H.B. 4), and W. Fisher; 6 peals, C. R. Lilley (H.B. 1), W. Pye (H.B. 2), A. Walker (H.B. 5) and J. W. Washbrook; 5 peals, A. Knights, J. Pigott, W. Short and B. Thorp; 4 peals, J. D. Matthews (H.B. 3), H. R. Pasmore (H.B. 4), E. Stoneley, J. E. Sykes, S. H. Symonds (H.B. 3), T. H. Taffender and C. F. Winney (H.B. 3). There were 9 conductors of three peals, 17 of two (6 on handbells), and 88 of one peal (10 on handbells): in addition to which two peals were published without the name of the conductor being given.

Two ladies appear as conductors in 1918, viz., Miss Nellie Gillinham, who conducted the peal rung by the Ladies' Guild on January 5th, 1918, and Miss E. K. Parker, who conducted two peals of Stedman Triples for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. One of these peals was conducted from the tenor, which was been aptly described as 'an interesting and unique' performance which few even of our most accomplished ringers have achieved.

The number of peals rung on Church bells during 1918 was 229, and on handbells, 48. Owing to the signing of the Armistice on November 11th, we are able to record an increase of no less than 147 peals rung

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during 1918. The peals rung month by month in 1917 and 1918 are appended for purposes of comparison.

	1917	1918		1917	1918
January	7	13	July	5	18
February	7	16	August	12	28
March	8	7	September	12	14
April	13	15	October	10	18
May	8	15	November	14	43
June	9	15	December	25	75
	52	81		78	196

Total for 1917, 130; total for 1918, 277, being an increase of 147, as stated above.

The total number of peals, whether on tower bells or handbells, rung year by year since 1881, is as follows:—

1881... 156	1889... 7-7	1897... 905	1905... 1519	1913... 2359
1882... 244	1890... 699	1898... 1092	1906... 1313	1914... 1415
1883... 330	1891... 878	1899... 912	1907... 1339	1915... 259
1884... 419	1892... 802	1900... 924	1908... 1474	1916... 217
1885... 500	1893... 705	1901... 1191	1909... 1628	1917... 130
1886... 555	1894... 859	1902... 1313	1910... 1725	1918... 277
1887... 646	1895... 766	1903... 1469	1911... 1739	
1888... 759	1896... 791	1904... 1512	1912... 2329	

Grand Total, 36,861.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MEETING AT HANDSWORTH.

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Handsworth on Saturday week, in beautiful summer weather. The Parish Church of St. Mary, commonly known as Handsworth Old Church, is an ancient building of stone in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel with vestry, nave, aisles, and a battlemented tower about sixty-five feet high, with pinnacles at the angles, rising on the south side of the church near the east end.

Many famous men are buried here, among them James Watt, L.L.D. and Matthew Boulton, F.R.S., the eminent engineers. In the Watt Chapel there is a magnificent marble statue of the former by Sir Francis Chantrey, which is generally regarded as that sculptor's masterpiece. Indeed, it is said that during his lifetime Sir Francis would allow no one else to touch it, and always made a point of visiting the church from time to time to dust and clean it. There is also a monument of Boulton, the founder of the world-famous Soho foundry, and a bust of Wm. Murdock, one of the introducers of gas lighting. The old house of the latter, in Queen's Head Road, reputed to be the first house in Great Britain to be illuminated by gas, is still standing, though in a very dilapidated condition.

It is a very singular coincidence that three such remarkable men as Boulton, Watt and Murdock, should be living at the same time in the same parish. James Watt died on August 25th, 1819, and his centenary will be celebrated in Birmingham in great style. It is proposed to establish a Watt Museum, to which will be brought many interesting relics of the 'Steam Man.'

The bells are a light ring of eight, tenor about 12 cwt. in F sharp, and none too good. However, they go well, and were kept busy in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was held in the St. Mary's Restaurant, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. Vice-President W. Kent took the chair. Among the new members elected were five of the local band, and it is hoped that a good company will soon be got together again at Handsworth. — Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the Rev. Canon H. G. Daniell-Bainbridge, M.A., for the use of his bells, and to Mr. Danby, towerkeeper, for having everything in readiness. The next meeting will be held at Solihull.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Yorktown District took place at Pirbright on Saturday week, when the following towers were represented: Sunbury, Aldershot, Guildford, Dorking, Puttenham, Worplesdon, Hersham, Bagshot, Chertsey, Oatlands Park, Walton Hawley, Yorktown, and the local band, the visitors also including Mr. J. Shepherd, of Swindon, and Mr. R. Whittington. About 60 members attended the service, the Guild's form being used, and an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Neild).

A splendid tea, kindly provided by the local band, and presided over by the Vicar, was much appreciated by the visitors, most of whom had cycled many miles.

The business meeting followed, when the local band were elected members of the Guild, the Rev. A. Neild joining as an hon. member. Reports of the combined practices held were very encouraging, and it was decided to arrange one at each end of the district each month.

NOTICES.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday May 31st. Bells available 3 o'clock; service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, May 27th; business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Shepherd, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) ready 2.30.—F. Lord, Local Sec., 36, Howard Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A monthly meeting of this society will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st, 1919. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—William Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berrow, near Burnham-on-Sea, on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The May meeting will, as usual, be held at Bennington on May 31st, when the bells will be on during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be provided by the kindness of Canon Mills. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parochial Hall. Business after.—Will all who can kindly notify me of their intention to be present, so that provision can be made?—W. H. Lawrence, District Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, May 31st. Bells at Elham also available. Service in Church at 4.45 p.m.; tea and business meeting after at Mrs. Ketchell's tea rooms (close to the station).—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elmsted Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Mottram, Saturday, May 31st.—Rev. A. T. Bleston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whatton on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing from 3—8 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Linton to-morrow, Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3; service at 5; tea at 5.45; business meeting after. All ringers are welcome.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual general meeting, for the election of officers, etc., will be held at the Parish Church (S. Mary's), Eastbourne, to-morrow, Saturday, May 31st, 1919. Tower opened at 3 p.m.; special service at 4.45 p.m.; tea 5.15 p.m.; by kind invitation of the Vicar of Eastbourne, the Rev. Canon Streatfield, M.A. (Rural Dean). St. Saviour's bells will be available at 6.30, by permission of the Vicar (Canon Whelpton, M.A.). Subscriptions for 1919 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 3rd, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards at "The Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) both at Shenley and Loughton will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.15, tea and business meeting to follow. —W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 69, Windsor St., Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) from 3 o'clock. Electric from Sheffield to Woodseats.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Fortieth annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday next. 3 p.m., service in the Cathedral with an address by Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree; 3.45 p.m., annual meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 5 p.m., tea at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, 1s. 3d. each 10 members, 2s. 6d. non-members. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: The Cathedral (12 bells), Gallywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6). To ensure accommodation at the tea not ce must be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than June 5th.—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General Meeting at Maidstone on Whit Monday, June 9th. Committee meeting in the Old College, 11.15 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE at All Saints', 12 noon. Offertory for the Association War Memorial. Business meeting in the Old College, 2 p.m. Travelling expenses up to 2s. 6d. will be paid to members after the service. Towers open for ringing: All Saints' (10), St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Mallin (8), East Farleigh (6), Barming (6).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual meeting at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral at 3 o'clock with memorial of fallen members. Address by the Dean. Tea and meeting at St. Sidwell's Institute at 4 o'clock.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Hon. Sec., Holbeton, Plymouth.

ARKSEY SOCIETY.—The dedication of two new bells (to complete octave), a brass memorial tablet, and Cambridge Chimes will take place in the Parish Church, Arksey, on Whit Monday, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Sheffield. A cordial invitation is given to all ringing friends. Bells available after service. Tea will be provided in the Hall grounds, 1s. each. New Village cars run from Doncaster every fifteen minutes.—H. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., Arksey, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Whit Monday. Bells ready at 2; service at 5. Poolst ck bells from 2 to 4.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday June 9th. Ringing at All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Sepulchre's and St. Edmund's from 10 to 12. Service at All Saints Church at 12.30, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Hunt. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Luncheon, 3s.; members half-price. Will all those requiring lunch please let me know not later than June 2nd? The bells of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Edmund's, St. Sepulchre's and Kingsthorpe will be available after the meeting until 7 o'clock.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on June 9th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells of Parish Church (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be available all day. A committee meeting will be held in the Cockton Church Hall close to the Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided in the same place at 5 o'clock. Those who intend to be present will kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 4th.—George T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Evensong 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Will intending visitors kindly notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 9th?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A "missionary" meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15th, starting from Kelvedon 9 a.m., via Inworth, Gt. Totham, Goldhanger, Tollesbury, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. I shall be glad to hear from members who intend taking part as soon as possible, so that final arrangements can be made.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 18th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30. A good attendance earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

HANDBELLS AT Y.W.C.A.

After a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for evening service at Acton Parish Church, rung by: Miss Edith Jones 1, Challis F. Winney 2, Geo. M. Kilby 3, C. Edwards 4, R. Holloway 5, W. E. Judd 6, H. Langdon (conductor) 7, W. Lawrence 8, five of the band, by previous invitation, went to the hall of the Young Women's Christian Association at Ealing, and performed before an appreciative audience of the members, ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters on handbells 131 years old, cast by Robt. Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. Refreshment was served by the ladies, and a pleasant time was spent.

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The committee who have organised the draw for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Mr. Joseph Ridyard, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, have decided to extend the closing date for a month. The tickets are 1d. each, and the prizes include a set of handbells, and other articles. Those who wish to lend a helping hand should communicate with Mr. A. Trippier, The Glen, Eccles; Mr. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne; or Mr. H. Shaker, 106 Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On April 22nd, a date touch of 1919 changes consisting of Oxford College Exercise and Kent Treble Bob, in 65 mins.: A. Huggett 1, H. Wood 2, A. Cheesman 3, T. Leeson 4, W. Cheesman 5, F. Hawking (conductor) 6.

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