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THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS.

Apart from the routine business and the discussions that are likely to arise out of the various Committee's reports, there are several items of interest to which the members of the Central Council will be asked to give their consideration at the meeting at Northampton next Tuesday. It is to be hoped, therefore, that valuable time will not be frittered away at the morning session, as has been done at many past meetings, by discussing at length points of trivial importance. Among the matters that will claim chief attention will be, as already mentioned, the future of the Council itself, which will, presumably, be dealt with on the report of the Standing Committee, for at the last meeting it was resolved that this Committee be instructed to consider the procedure of the Council and take such action as they think fit. This reference gives the Committee plenty of scope, and one of the matters to which they might give attention is the provision of a time table for the business. Generally, however, we hope a definitely enterprising policy will be decided upon.

Of the resolutions down for discussion, two at least will commend themselves to the Exercise generally, and we should like to see the scope of the motion authorising the Council to compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal and longest peal rung in each method and on each number of bells, extended (if it is not the mover's intention already) to include the record of the progressive lengths, in the various methods, wherever it is possible to obtain it. Such a record would be invaluable in generations to come, for the longer its compilation is left the more difficult the task is likely to be. The resolution suggesting that steps be taken to get an exhibit in the Victoria and Albert Science and Art Museum is also an excellent one, and one which there is little doubt the Council will at once adopt.

The motion on the question of the definition of a Surprise method will give the 'professors' their opportunity, although circumstances may force the discussion on this topic to be rather one-sided. Much more divergence of opinion is likely to be shown upon the suggested alteration in the date of the Council's meeting. It is true that the Tuesday after Whitsun is inconvenient to members whose own society holds its annual meeting on Whit-Monday, especially when the Council meeting is at a distance; but we doubt if the proposal to hold the meeting on the Tuesday after the first Sunday after Trinity is likely to commend itself very highly to the majority of the Council, as it would rob the members to whom working days are important, of the advantages of the Bank Holiday, which provides the opportunity of a more extended visit to the district where the meeting is held.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY...	... Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK ...	7
CHARLES T. COLES ...	2	ARTHUR MASON ...	8
GEORGE R. PYE ...	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	9
WILLIAM J. KEMP ...	4	CORNELIUS CHARGE ...	10
ALBERT W. COLES ...	5	REUBEN SANDERS ...	11
JOHN R. SHARMAN ...	6	WILLIAM PYE ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above was C. T. Cole's 300th peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*THOMAS T. HAYWOOD ...	Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	6
PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	2	THOMAS F. KING ...	7
*EDGAR G. LUSH ...	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	8
JESSE B. TYLER ...	4	WALTER FARLEY ...	9
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ...	5	*THOMAS M. GRIFFEN }	Tenor
		*CHARLES J. PAIN }	

Composed by J. CARTER.
Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the jubilee, as Bishop, of the Right Rev. W. H. Stirling, D.D.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH ...	Treble	HENRY L. GARFATH ...	6
*WALTER SMITH ...	2	REGINALD BROUGH ...	7
SIDNEY ROPER ...	3	*ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ...	8
ISAAC EMERY ...	4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ...	9
EDWIN F. PIKE ...	5	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Brough.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED WATKINSON ...	Treble	†SIDNEY BRIGGS ...	6
MISS W. M. HAGUE ...	2	†ALFRED T. BAKER ...	7
†WILLIAM BARTON ...	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ...	8
ARTHUR HAGUE ...	4	COLIN RYDER ...	9
†WILLIAM CHOWN ...	5	*LEONARD LITTLEWOOD ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Rung on the occasion of the induction of Canon Alfred Allen, to the Vicariate of Rotherham, by the Bishop of Sheffield.

At King's Norton, on February 23th, for evening service, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch of Double Norwich Major (1920 changes): C. Webb 1, E. J. Dowler 2, P. Laplin 3, V. G. H. Hemus 4, J. Withers 5, B. Grove 6, H. Withers 7, G. Pigott (conductor) 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

EMMA FRANKLYN... .. Treble	F. FREEMAN... .. 5
S. CHAPMAN... .. 2	W. MATHEWS... .. 6
G. DAVIS... .. 3	J. HAZELL... .. 7
STELLA DAVIS... .. 4	W. WIGMORE... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. MATHEWS.

First peal of Triples by all the ringers who are members of the local band. Also the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN... .. Treble	EDWARD LLOYD... .. 5
ROBERT SCOTT... .. 2	ARCHIBALD ANDREWS... .. 6
JAMES HUNT... .. 3	WILLIAM WHITE... .. 7
HENRY NORMAN... .. 4	JOHN CARTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

Ringers of 3, 5 and 7 hail from Taunton, the rest from Milverton.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT G. C. FLEW... .. Treble	JOHN WARD... .. 5
FREDERICK G. PAICE... .. 2	ALFRED BURGESS... .. 6
FREDERICK WILSON... .. 3	JOHN BALLARD... .. 7
*JOHN CHESTERMAN... .. 4	*JOHN HEPWORTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BALLARD.

First peal on the bells. * First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN... .. Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... .. 5
ARTHUR HAGUE... .. 2	THOMAS RILEY... .. 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT... .. 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 7
THOMAS BETTISON... .. 4	JOHN FLINT... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

SAM THOMAS... .. Treble	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH... .. 5
*ARTHUR HELLIWELL... .. 2	C. DALTON POTTER... .. 6
SAM HARRISON... .. 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY... .. 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY... .. 4	WILLIAM HARRISON... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of David Brearley, the father and tutor of this company from the installation of the bells in 1892.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE W. BRAME... .. Treble	JOHN FLOWER... .. 5
ALBERT H. WARD... .. 2	JOSEPH LORD... .. 6
KENNETH G. SHELDON... .. 3	HENRY LETTS... .. 7
WM. HENRY GEORGE... .. 4	*WILLIAM A. PARSONS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in commemoration of the anniversary of the death of the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart.

* First peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED F. HILLIER... .. Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON... .. 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON... .. 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON... .. 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER... .. 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... .. 7
JAMES E. GOFTON... .. 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells and in the County of Durham. The band tender their thanks to Dr. Jackson for the use of the bells and Mr. J. Crawford for arranging and having everything in readiness.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM B. SMITH... .. Treble	FIRTH HOPWOOD... .. 5
ARTHUR WALKER... .. 2	FRANCIS BARKER... .. 6
FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH... .. 7
HARRY WALTERS... .. 4	HERBERT PEEL... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ASH.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, which were installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION AND THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH LADLEY... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON... .. 5
REGINALD DORE... .. 2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE... .. 6
ARTHUR WRIGHT... .. 3	GEORGE GRAY... .. 7
HERBERT J. GRAY... .. 4	HERBERT FENTIMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. W. RICHARDSON.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Hugh Gisby and Miss Dora Baker, daughter of Col. Herbert Baker, Master of the Hertford College Youths. This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS MILLER... .. Treble	*FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 5
CHARLES DICKENS... .. 2	†FRANK J. SMALLWOOD... .. 6
JOHN WITHERS... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE... .. 7
GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 4	*PERCY O. LAFLIN... .. Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Bristol. † First peal in any Surprise method. This is the first peal of Bristol rung in the City of Birmingham.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Delight, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholar's Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

* RICHARD KENDALL Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 5
HORACE H. SMITH 3	SEARLE JENKIN Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY G. CASTLE Treble	FREDK. S. MACEY 4
CHARLES TRIBE 2	FREDK. A. FAIRBEARD 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	STANLEY G. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by S. G. WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells since the new treble has been added, and it is believed to be the first peal ever rung in this tower.

BPPING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. BLACK Treble	* EDWARD SMITH 4
WILLIAM THEOBALD 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
JOHN MOULE 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

This was the first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edgar Wightman. All the band are also Royal Cumberland Youths. * First peal.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT F. TURNER Treble	JAMES M. NICKERSON 4
WALTER PERKINS 2	FRED WILFORD 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Mark. This is the first officers' peal for the above Association, it having been rung by the president, general secretary and the four district secretaries.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR H. SMITH Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	GEORGE FULLER 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a welcome home to Andrew Marshall.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholar's Pleasure, College Pleasure, Oxford and Kent.

B. FISHER Treble	J. LOVELL 4
E. G. MYNARD 2	W. FREEMAN 5
F. J. MYNARD 3	E. S. MYNARD Tenor

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

First peal on the bells.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 28, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

H. S. ROBINSON Treble	J. R. TAYLOR 4
J. BURGESS 2	V. MARTIN 5
W. TAYLOR 3	J. GORNALL Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells by a local band, and first peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 different six-scores. Tenor approximately 8 cwt.

* GEORGE W. H. BAKIN ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 3
HORACE O. OVER 2	FREDERICK J. BOWLEY 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented from 3 to 5 as a memorial to the parishioners who fell in the war. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

* LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	* GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Major in hand. This is the first peal of Major in hand by the above Society. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jutson, of Peterborough.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 30, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. F. Bailey.

SHEFFIELD AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. ANNUAL MEETING AT CHESTERFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, May 1st, upwards of fifty members being present from 19 towers, viz.: Bolsover, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Derby, Dore, Ecclesfield, Eekington, Ilkeston, Killamarsh, Mansfield Woodhouse, Norton, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Rannmoor, Sheffield (All Saints' and Cathedral), Staveley, Worksop and Wortley. During the afternoon and evening a considerable amount of ringing was done in a great variety of methods, including Little Bob, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Caters, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Major, as well as Triples and Minor. A short service was held in church, conducted by Canon Shaw (Vicar), who gave a brief address based on the words, 'Therefore will I praise Thee . . . playing upon an instrument of music' (Psalm lxxi. 20).

Ten was partaken of in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting, Canon Shaw being in the chair. The balance sheet showed a slight loss on the year's working, owing mainly to some non-recurring expenditure. The bank interest, however, more than covered the loss, there remaining in the bank rather more than £15.

The hon. secretary's report showed an increase in membership of 19 during the year, the number of towers in union being 23. The number of peals rung during the year was 15, a considerable increase over the years of war ravage.

Mr. J. P. Tarlton was re-elected president; Mr. A. Knights and Mr. J. Holman, vice-presidents; Mr. J. E. L. Cockey was elected hon. treasurer; Mr. J. Flint was elected auditor, vice Mr. G. W. Bemrose; and Mr. S. Thomas was re-elected hon. secretary.—A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the business.

Everything seems to be getting into going order again, a quiet confidence in the future of the society being the keynote of the meeting, and when the best part of a score methods have been rung at one meeting it augurs well for a bright future.

ANOTHER 'CASTLE.'

A 720 of No. 22 of the 3rd's Place Delights, from the collection of Legitimate Methods, was rung at Poynton Church, on Saturday, Mar 27th, by: D. Wilde 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, Rev. A. T. Beeson (conductor) 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Hickingbottom 6. If the above has not been rung previously the band wish it to be called 'Leasowe Castle.'

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. A RINGING MASTER TO BE APPOINTED.

Another very successful meeting was held at Marden, on Saturday, May 1st, when about 36 members were present from Allensmore, Burghill, Marden, Moreton-on-Lugg, Kingstone, Madley, Bredenbury, Pipe and Lyde, Wellington, Stoke Edith and Hereford towers. Twelve new members were elected, bringing the total of the Hereford district to 114 active and 14 honorary members. Tea was provided at the Vicarage. Mrs. Rowlands kindly undertook the catering, as no one in the village would do so, and the thanks of the members are due to her for the excellent spread.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when the secretary reported excellent progress of the district.

A motion was unanimously carried that in future all members must pay 6d. towards the cost of tea at the meetings.

The Secretary, Mr. C. Edwards, informed the members that at the Central Committee meeting, held in Hereford on April 29th, it was decided to hold the annual festival at Leominster on Saturday, June 19th, and that they were faced with the obligation of finding a new secretary in place of the Rev. J. S. Roper, resigned. Also that there would be an extra official of the Guild appointed, viz., a real live Ringing Master for the whole of the Guild.

During the afternoon and evening the fine peal of six were kept going, chiefly in instruction to beginners. Several members visited Moreton-on-Lugg, to ring on the light peal of six (7 cwt. tenor). This is a peculiar circle as the third rope hangs in the centre of the ringing chamber, but with a good band it was thought possible to get a peal of Minor there sometime shortly. Mr. J. H. Shepherd looked in here during the afternoon, and his presence was welcomed.

IN AN AEROPLANE.

At the R.A.F. Cadet College, Cranwell, on Sunday, April 25th, 168 Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss K. A. Jutson, R. Richardson, F. A. Holden and H. R. Richardson, in the fuselage of a super Handley-Page, the machine being on the ground. One wonders if this is the first touch in an aeroplane. Afterwards, in the sergeants' mess, much to the delight of the many listeners, the above rang 364 of Grandsire Triples.

During 1918 one of the before-mentioned band smuggled another of the same quartet into camp on three occasions, and with the help of two other ringers (S. Bragg and S. Riddell, now demobilised) were keen on ringing a touch in the air; the weather however, proved a disappointment on each occasion. Then the glorious peace prospects came along, and so damped the arrangements.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Dean and Chapter of Llandaff Cathedral have gladly and willingly agreed to the proposal to place in the Cathedral a tablet to those members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association who gave their lives in the great war. The order has been placed, and the work is in hand. It is to be of Hoptonwood stone.

A victory peal of six bells has been placed in the Church of Holy Trinity, Capenhurst, Cheshire. They were cast and hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the tenor being about 13 cwt.

Mr. John Thornton Rickman, M.A. the new Master of the Sussex County Association, is an enthusiastic ringer, who began his ringing career, we believe, with Cambridge University Guild.

He was the donor of the peal of ten, erected just before the war at St. Peter's, Brighton and some years previously, in conjunction with his revered mother added two trebles to the ring of eight at Southover, Lewes.

Mr. H. B. Tompkins, whom Mr. Rickman succeeds, has had a long official connection with the Sussex Association, first as hon. treasurer, and for many years as Master.

The peal at St. John de Sepulchre's, Norwich, recorded last week was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins., and not in four minutes under four hours as printed.

A few Yorkshiremen intend being in Northampton for the week-end, and will be pleased to see friends.

A BUSY FOUNDRY.

Among the orders which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have in hand are the following:—

Royal Exchange.—The heavy peal of 13 to recast.

Rochester Cathedral.—New trebles to be added to make a ring of 10.

Carrickfergus, Ireland.—New ring of 8, now awaiting the completion of the tower.

Carlton, Beds.—The ring of 4 to be rehung, etc.

Tidebrook Place, Sussex.—New chime of bells.

Blendworth, Hants.—New chime of bells.

Canonbury, St. Paul's.—New chime of six bells.

Easthope, Much Wenlock, Salop.—Chime of five bells.

SALISBURY GUILD MEMBERS' WAR SERVICE.

A MAGNIFICENT RECORD.

In the annual report of the Hon. Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards writes: One feature in this report should ever be enshrined as a proud and glorious memory in the traditions of our Guild. We publish this year the final edition of our roll of honour. Our normal membership numbers a little under 750. No less than 525 of our ringers responded to the country's call to arms—the great majority of these in the days of voluntary enlistment. Fifty-six of that number gave their lives in the great cause. The six-bell tower of Lychett Minster contributed twenty men to the King's forces. We wonder whether any association in the kingdom can show a finer record. As long as the church in this diocese is served by laymen with such a splendid spirit of devotion to duty she may face all the difficulties of these anxious days with triumphant confidence.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, muffled ringing took place at Dorchester, Devizes and Salisbury, in memory of those members of our Guild who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our King and country. Our Diocesan Memorial has been left in the hands of a committee who are in consultation with the Bishop on the subject. But the grandest and most worthy memorial of all will be that of the living hand week by week, if we succeed in restoring to this Diocese, the ancient Peace Bell as a perpetual tribute to the fallen and a solemn call to duty.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP.

RESTORATION OF EAST ILSLEY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At a parish meeting in this village of the Berkshire Downs some time ago it was decided to add a bell to the existing peal of five, in memory of 22 gallant lads of the village who gave their lives in the great war. (The total population in 1914 was 475 souls, of whom 122 served with the colours.) The amount required for this purpose was raised in the place, which is a very poor parish, and then the real trouble began. The firms who were called in to give an estimate are unanimous in their verdict that nothing can be done until the old frame, floor and supporting beams are cleared out and replaced by new. This meant a further £350. The greater part of this money has been subscribed. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Whitham) has asked me as a ringer, and as a native of the village, to help them in any way I can, and through the generosity of friends I have sent them upwards of £80. Now, will the ringers of England—or rather Great Britain—help us a bit further and enable us to complete the octave?

If a hundred ringers would raise a 'Bradbury' each and send me it would go a long way towards completing the job. How much could the members of the Central Council send from Northampton? (Several of them have given me a good lift.) Now please don't read this and forget it, but help me get it done. I will promise to show a clean balance sheet at the end.

R. T. HIBBERT.

Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

TUNING OF CHURCH BELLS.**MR. C. F. JOHNSTON'S CHALLENGE.**

In a recent issue of the 'Sunday Times,' a correspondent writing upon the tuning of church bells, complained that peals tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle have a dirge-like, mournful howl with them when being rung in peal, while the old tuned rings have a bright, cheerful effect. The only reason I can find for this effect, which is agreed to by the majority of ringers with whom I have come in contact, says the writer, 'is that Simpson-tuned peals consist of a succession of octaves and fifths in harmonies which, as every young student of music knows is against the first laws of harmony whereas the old tuned peals, with their strike notes and sevenths (instead of the octave) give the effect of an incomplete cadence, and so brighten the sound of the bells when rung in peal.'

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, has taken up the cudgels on behalf of those who stand by the Simpson principle, and makes a sporting offer. Writing to the 'Sunday Times,' he says:—

Sir,—A letter recently appeared in your paper from a bell ringer denouncing the improved method of tuning bells. I do not know if he speaks as a musician and a bell ringer, or as a bell ringer only—it is possible to be one without the other. At any rate it is hard to believe that a bell is more pleasing to the ear if its hum-note (or octave below the strike-note) is at the interval of a seventh below—in preference to an octave below. My advice to any of your readers who are interested is to 'Try it on your piano.'

My reply to the writer of the article referred to is by way of a challenge, (1) Will he disclose his identity? (2) Will he meet a representative assembly of accredited musicians at our foundry to hear a famous London peal of bells after completion—which is about to be recast, so as to be tuned scientifically? I would arrange to have bells with 'sevenths' instead of 'octaves' side by side with the recast peal (which will have 'octaves') and if the company assembled agree with our critic and prefer the bells tuned in the old way I will pay £50 to some charity to be agreed upon.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON (of Gillett and Johnston).

Bell Foundry and Clock Factory.

Croydon, May 4th.

DEATH OF MR. DAVID BREARLEY.**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT LOSES A PIONEER.**

A great blow, by the hand of death, was inflicted on the Exercise generally, and on the Sheffield area particularly, by the death of David Brearley, who succumbed to a sharp attack of pneumonia on Palm Sunday. He was at the weekly practice at Bolsterstone on the Tuesday, and about his business on the Wednesday before his death.

Born at Bradfield on the 13th April, 1855, Mr. Brearley first came into touch with ringing on the six bells in the church there, but his ringing as well as his business life was centred at Bolsterstone, where he worked hard to get the present peal of eight installed in the year 1892, and where he raised and taught a band to ring them, and kept a company together when the difficulties were great, the encouragement of those in office non-existent and the raw material hard to get hold of. But he stuck it; he climbed the hill from Deepcar, Sunday and practice night, stormy or fair, out of sheer love of the art, and now has left it, full of a right spirit, and his memory will not be effaced during the lives of the youngest of his pupils whose respect for him amounted to affection.

Mr. Brearley's activities were by no means confined to Bolsterstone, he being one of the band who determined to raise the practical standard of ringing in the neighbourhood, and entered into method ringing with all his energy with what success his peal record amply demonstrates. His peal book contains over 190 peals, of which some 30 were in the Surprise Methods (London, Cambridge, Yorkshire Peterborough and Superlative), and a good number of Double Norwich Major and Royal. He also took part in a 10,484 of Bob Major and 11,232 of Kent Treble Bob.

As a builder and contractor he was widely known and highly respected. In the year 1902 he was placed head of the poll for the Urban District Council, polling 50 per cent. more votes than the second. Taking a full share of committee work, as well as duties of chairman, magistrate, etc., his business abilities found full scope and his nature was unspoiled by success. He was the same David Brearley in 1920 as when the writer rang his first peal with him in 1890.

He was laid to rest in Bolsterstone Churchyard, the whole countryside being present to pay their last tribute, the church being crowded. The Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Brooks) officiated, and the organist and choir were in attendance. The muffled bells added their plaintive tones to the last sad rites, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave after the committal.

A muffled peal was attempted during the evening, but was lost, a quarter-peal being accomplished under the conductorship of Mr. George Lewis. A muffled peal of Superlative was rung at Norton by some of those who had rung many good peals with him, and one of Treble Bob was later rung on his own peal by a majority of his pupils.

So we leave him to a well-earned rest. Men of his class are hard to replace.

S. T.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUESTS OF THE BISHOP.**

When a few weeks ago the Bishop expressed a wish to entertain the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in the Palace Grounds at Salisbury it was felt that such an honour was one which would justify the management committee in arranging to hold the annual meeting in the city. This meeting, which took place on Saturday, May 8th, will indeed pass down to history as a veritable 'red-letter' day. By train, cycle and motors of various sizes and degrees of comfort, the members arrived in the mother city, some undertaking a journey of over 60 miles in order to be present, for this huge diocese, badly served by railways, is upwards of 100 miles between its extreme points. However, obstacles only exist in order that man's ingenuity may overcome them, and overcome them they did to a remarkable degree, for nearly 400 were present at one time during the afternoon.

The new president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, took the chair at the business meeting held in the Church House, and a capital chairman he made. In thanking the members for his election he made an excellent speech on the uses of bells and the impressions they left on the mind of the average man. He surprised not a few by the information of the difficulties he himself had experienced when endeavouring to overcome what he termed the 'wild, wilful, wayward action of a bell' when in the hands of a novice, and the ease with which it can be manipulated by the qualified ringer. He strongly urged all to work till every tower in the diocese was affiliated to the Guild. Alluding to the publication in the report of the final roll of honour and roll of service, he stated that to be president of a guild of between seven and eight hundred members, of whom no less than five hundred and twenty-five had joined some branch of H.M. forces—the greater part of them voluntarily—was an honour anyone might be proud of, and one for which words seemed altogether inadequate to express the feelings while to the memory of the fifty-six who had given their lives he paid a most eloquent and sympathetic tribute.

The officers, with very slight alterations, were re-elected, and the Master (Major Hughes D'Aeth), in replying on their behalf, gave some good advice to the ringers on the necessity of combined practices for higher methods, open leads, and improved striking. These remarks were given in such an earnest, homely manner that they went right home, and doubtless improvement will result. He apologised for the fact that the finest peal of eight in the city was unavailable, and remarked that the very tradesmen who offered objection to their being rung were those who were benefiting by the visit of 400 people to the city that day. Again his remarks went 'home,' for, before the meeting was closed, word was passed round that St. Thomas' bells would be available from 2.30 till 5.30.

The suggested alteration to rule 2 brought forth a lengthy discussion, and it was left to the officers to re-draft this rule according to the wishes of the members.

Then came the Guild service in the Cathedral. And what a service it was! One of those services which so beautifully splendid in its dignity and simplicity, most assuredly left its mark on many a ringer whose home is in some remote village of old Wessex. As the ringers took their seats Dr. Alcock gave an exhibition of his skill on the organ. Then came the procession of choir and clergy. How many ringers' Guilds have ever been so fortunate to have assembled for their benefit, a Bishop, two Archdeacons, Canons, both residentiary and honorary, the Chancellor of the Cathedral, the Precentor, and clergy holding less important posts? Yet such was the procession which the ringers rose to meet.

In the main, the Guild's service was incorporated with ordinary evensong. The first lesson was read by the Earl of Shaftesbury, and the second by Archdeacon Carpenter. Besides three hymns from the service, the choir gave a beautiful rendering of one of S. Wesley's anthems, which was listened to with rapt admiration.

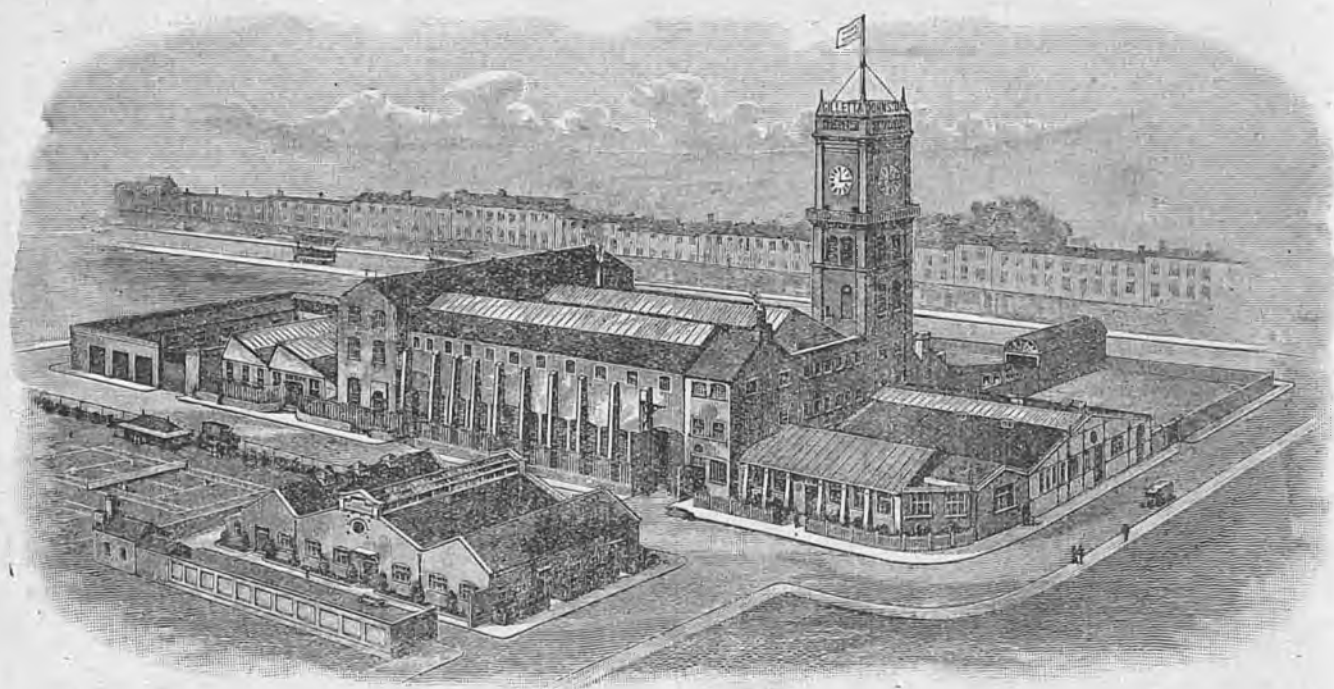
Then came the sermon by the Bishop. He prefaced his discourse by remarking that owing to the threatening nature of the weather he had deemed it wise to have tea in the Church House, but trusted the ringers would make full use of the Palace Grounds. Basing his sermon on the text, 'I magnify my office,' he preached a most helpful discourse pointing out that in many ways people nowadays were anxious to magnify themselves rather than the office or place they filled in the world. The one was pure selfishness, while the other showed such a love for the thing they undertook that all ideas of self were effaced, and only the matter in hand or the interests of those who assisted to carry out such matter were thought of. These lessons he brought home to his hearers in many ways, not the least being the way in which such lessons were especially applicable to ringers.

The service over, most of the visitors wended their way back to the Church House for tea and a chat, others to ring—but what are four peals amongst so many ringers?—others on sight-seeing bent, and so the party gradually broke up. The weather, though dull, fortunately kept fine all day.

Ringings on such days as these cannot by any stretch of imagination be called 'great,' but the opportunity of meeting widely separated ringing friends is so very great that these big gatherings are quite justified. It was in this way that the ringers, by visiting Salisbury, took their share in the 700th anniversary of the founding of the present Cathedral.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Tenth Council (28th annual meeting) will be held by kind permission of the Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor F. Kilby, Esq.) and the Corporation, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, St. Giles' Square, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 25th, 1920, at 11 o'clock punctually.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which time the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same Chamber.

AGENDA, 1920.

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Roll of Honour.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of New Members to the President.
7. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Bells of Belgium.
8. To consider the following:

That the Council compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal and longest peal rung in each method, and on each number of bells.
9. To consider the question of the term 'Surprise Method' and, if thought advisable, to move a resolution.
10. That the Central Council take steps to approach the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Science and Art Museum with a view to the possibility of obtaining from them the allotment of a suitable space for the exhibition in London of bells, models, papers, drawings, etc., illustrative of Campanology as a science and art.
11. That arrangements be made for the Council to hold its annual meeting on the Tuesday after the first Sunday after Trinity.
12. Votes of thanks.
13. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Secretary.

The following arrangements have been made for ringing before and after the Council Meeting:—

Whitsun Day.—Ringing at all the Churches at 10 a.m. and at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday (Whitsun Eve.) and Wednesday, 26th, peals can be arranged on those days (and possibly also on Whitsun Monday morning), at Kettering, Irthlingborough, Pinedon, Higham Ferrers, and Raunds (all eight bells) and at Cooknoe and Duston (six bells).

The Central Northants Association most kindly invite members of Council to tea in St. Giles' Church Buildings, St. Giles' Street, on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m.

After tea, the ring of ten at St. Giles' and of eight at St. Edmund's will be available.

The evening gathering will take place at 8.30 p.m. at the Grand Hotel in Gold Street.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROTEST AGAINST DEMOLITION OF CITY CHURCHES.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday last at Kingston-on-Thames, and about 40 members from all parts of London were present at this pleasant Thames resort. The ten bells of All Saints' Church started just after 4 p.m. to Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Ten and Cambridge Surprise, and the 'go' of the bells was found to be excellent. The business meeting was held in the Vestry, when a strong resolution protesting against the proposed demolition of famous city churches was passed.—A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Rector for his kind permission for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Howes for having the tower and bells in readiness.

At All Saints' Church, Waltham-on-Avon, on Saturday, May 1st, a date touch consisting of 240 each of the following eight methods:—London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston Delight, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet, by: C. Walsh 1, J. Panther 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, H. Chamberlin 4, W. Woodcock 5, A. Gill 6; also 240 each of two new methods composed by A. Panther, namely Walth Exercise and Campanula: H. Chamberlin 1, A. Gill 2, W. Woodcock 3, T. Bilton 4, A. Panther (conductor) 5, C. Walsh 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cock-erill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available after 3 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—G. Miles, District Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Ringing at all the churches, including Kingsthorpe, from 10 o'clock. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. It is also intended to unveil War Memorial tablet in All Saints' Church if possible. Meat tea in St. Giles' Church buildings at 3.30 p.m. (1/6 each), meeting to follow.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Prestegyn and Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 5, with an address by the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn. Tea at 5.45, business meeting to follow.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Harrow, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due, reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Whit-Monday, May 24th. The ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church, and also the ring of 6 bells at Gorleston, will be available for the use of ringers. Business meeting at the Priory Hall at 11.30 o'clock, to elect officers and committee for the Norwich branch. It is proposed that after the business meeting members should adjourn to Goole's Hotel and Assembly Rooms, Marine Parade, for dinner.—Albert L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Colchester on Whit Monday, May 24th. Short service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m., address by the Rev. T. Evans, M.A., Rector of St. Giles. The meeting in Crispin Court, Old Schoolroom, North Hill, at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at St. Peter's Parish Room. Towers open all day, St. Peter's (8 bells), All Saints' (5), Great Horkesley (6).—C. H. Howard (Master), H. T. W. Eyre (Hon. Sec.), The Temples, Witham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—An ordinary meeting will be held at Lutton St. Nicholas on Whit Monday, May 24th. Divine Service will be held at 3.30 p.m. Dinner in the Coronation Hall at 1 o'clock; tickets 2/6 each. Tea provided free.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual meeting Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1920, at Exeter, ser-

vice St. Sidwell's 3.30. Tea (1s.) and meeting St. Sidwell's Institute, 4.15. — E. S. Powell, Hon. Sec., Holbeton, Plymouth.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Bells at Coddensham available after 11 a.m., Henley all day. Business meeting at Henley 3 p.m. Members attending must make their own arrangements for luncheon, as it has been found impossible to cater for same.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Secretary, 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Stockton-on-Tees on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1920. Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Short service and address at 12 by the Rev. E. A. Douglas, M.A., Vicar of Stockton. Lunch at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Dovecourt Street, Stockton, at 1 p.m. Those intending to be at the lunch (3s. per head) must notify the hon. secretary not later than Tuesday, May 18.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cliffe on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3. Short service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea at 5.30 at The Six Bells, followed by business meeting. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, can only be supplied to those who notify me by first post Tuesday, May 25th. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid. Bus leaves Chatham for Cliffe at 4. Train from Gravesend 2.35.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Secretary, 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Builth Wells on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, advise me by 25th. — J. P. Hyett, District Secretary, Dulas Terrace, Hay.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. — Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, May 29th, 1920. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, at 5.30, at a moderate charge, followed by short business meeting. All friends welcome.—H. Eden, 11, Pinner Road, Oxhey, Watford; F. A. Smith, Hon. District Secretaries.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than 25th. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend this meeting, which is most important.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are invited to attend a gathering at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, May 29th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Evensong, with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, at 3.45. Tea by invitation 4.30. To facilitate arrangements kindly send a card to Mr. J. Stone,

Beaumont House, Orchard Grove, Chalfont St. Peter, by May 22nd.—G. H. Gutteridge, Ivor Heath, Uxbridge.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, June 5th. Please notify me on or before May 28th how many intend to be present from your tower. Business: Division of Association; War Memorial.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on June 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be arranged at a nominal charge.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. W. Bishop, Hon. Sec., Church View, Wanboro, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. at Shenley (6) and Loughton (6). Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than May 29th?—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold (Witley Station) on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Guild Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers heartily welcomed. Please notify for tea before June 1st.—Mrs. Hazelden, Hon. Sec., Joseph's Road, Guildford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—All Saints' Church, High Wycombe.—A cordial invitation is extended to ringers to a Ringing Festival on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 to 4.15 and 7 to 9. Service at 4.45, with sermon by Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Buckingham. Tea at the Church House at 5.30, to ringers who notify not later than June 10th, R. Coles, foreman, Priory Road, or George Twitche, Hon. Sec., 17, Totteridge Road, Wycombe. Rev. F. Merivale Molyneux, the recently-appointed Vicar, will preside.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on June, 12th at St. Albans, Rochdale. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The summer Quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on July 3rd. All Saints' (10), Stanford (8) and Foundry (8) bells available. See later notices.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

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.

SITUATION VACANT.

CHURCH BELL MOULDER required. Good wages and permanent position to suitable and skilled applicant. State previous experience.—Gillett & Johnston, Croydon.

SURPRISE METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In view of the Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday, and of item 9 on the agenda, I should be glad if you can find space for this letter re the definition for a Surprise Method.

If we examine any Major method with Plain Bob coursing order we shall find as lead ends the following simple transposition rows, but not necessarily in the order here given:—

12436587
14628375
16847253
18765432
17583624
15372846
13254768

The proving value and the face value of each separate row are identical, and it would be instructive to learn the true reason why it is suggested that any one of the last six rows may be used for the first lead end of a Surprise Method, but not the first row.

It will be obvious to everyone that second's place could not be made at the end of first leads when the simple transposition row is 12436587, otherwise rounds would turn up; it is equally obvious that when the simple transposition row at first lead end is 13254768 there is no alternative but to make second's place if a method is to be obtained. Either of the remaining five rows can be used as first lead end, with or without second's place, but they are still simple transposition rows just as much as the two first mentioned.

It should be understood by everyone that 7th's or 2nd's place next the treble, or any other bell, does not alter the coursing order of the bells, but on the other hand every other internal place is a bob pure and simple, and the coursing order is altered according to the bob or bobs used.

A brief consideration of these facts by those interested will, I think, be quite sufficient to upset any attempt to tamper with the definition for a Surprise Method that has now been recognised for a number of years.—Yours faithfully,
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