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**BELLS,
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AN UNSYMPATHETIC DEAN.

What, to the majority of ringers, will seem a strange attitude, has been adopted by the Dean of Wells towards the scheme to place in Wells Cathedral the memorial to the fallen members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. A simple tablet recording the names of the 54 members who made the supreme sacrifice was proposed, but, apparently, the Dean desired something much more elaborate and ambitious, and refused his consent unless the scheme included the filling of a vacant niche in the Cathedral with a statue. A memorial of this kind was beyond the reach of the ringers, and, the Dean refusing to give way, the upshot has been that arrangements have been made for the tablet to be placed in Bath Abbey.

Happily, the various war memorial schemes which ringing associations in other parts of the country have promoted have been received in a much more sympathetic spirit than that shown by the Dean of Wells, and we think the Association was fully justified in the dignified resolution of protest which was passed at the annual meeting the other day. The ringers, who are a diocesan organisation connected with the work of the Church, and in no way to be treated in such a matter as an outside body like the Freemasons, whose memorial the Dean proposes to accept because they are prepared to erect a statue in accordance with his desire, are entitled to look upon the Cathedral as their mother church, and they have strong claims over any unsectarian body to preferential treatment in a matter of this kind. It may be a laudable desire on the part of the Dean to further beautify the interior of the grand old building now under his care, but it scarcely shows appreciation of the sacrifice which these fallen ringers made—ringers who lived simple lives and died the simple death of heroes—to refuse the simple memorial which their fellows desire to erect.

Moreover, the making of prohibitive conditions shows a poor recognition of the work which, Sunday by Sunday, year in, year out, the ringers of the Bath and Wells Diocese are doing in the interests of the Church, of which the Dean is a pillar. His treatment of the Association in this matter, it was complained, was very much like his method of dealing with them in the past, when the members have been desirous of holding meetings in the Cathedral city. The fact that the Association have decided not to meet at Wells in the near future, as had been their intention, will probably not greatly disturb the Dean, but it may impress upon him that the protest is something more than mere words—that it is backed by the unanimous feeling of the members. The Dean's attitude is in striking contrast to what has happened in many other places, and, as far as we are aware, is, happily, an isolated instance of its kind.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES NOTTS Treble	EDWARD P. JENKINS 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	WILLIAM J. THYNG 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	*ERNEST F. POPPY 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	WILLIAM BURGESS 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET 11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JAMES NOTTS.
Arranged for W. J. Thyng of Chesterfield. * 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES G. DEARLOVE ... Treble	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
*EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ... 2	*GEORGE TOMSETT 7
THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 3	EDWARD RADDON 8
*GEORGE W. STEERE 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
ALFRED H. PULLING 5	*GEORGE R. GIBBS Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	THOMAS LANGDON 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	*HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEOFFERY MILTON Treble	GEORGE JONES 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	ROBERT ALLRED 6
FRANK FOX 3	GILBERT GERRARD 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	ARTHUR NEWELL Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. Great credit is due to Geoffery Milton, who is only 13 years of age, for the way in which he handled his bell throughout the peal. The ringer of the 6th, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Tydesley.

E. F. POPPY'S 200 PEALS.

Stedman Cinques, 1; Caters, 2; Triples, 22; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 6; Royal, 4; Major, 20; Bob Maximus, 1; Major, 12; Triples, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Triples, 4; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 35; Double Norwich Major, 39; Superlative Surprise, 41; Cambridge Surprise, 4; New Cambridge Surprise, 2; Bristol Surprise, 2; London Surprise, 2; on six bells, 1; total, 200. Rung in 49 towers.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE CLEAL'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

† ROWLAND BARROW Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	FRED STANFORTH 7
ARTHUR J. BALLARD 4	* HORACE REEVE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First away from tenor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

SYDNEY FRANCIS Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
SYDNEY PEPLER 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 6
CHARLES DOEL 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES ANDREWS 4	THOMAS GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

Quickest peal on the bells.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* WILLIAM J. ALLEN Treble	WILFRED J. SHARP 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 3	GEORGE FLAVELL 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* 50th peal. This peal was especially arranged for Mr. James George of Birmingham, and was the first peal of Major on the bells.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* CHARLES BURRIDGE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
† ROBERT C. FLEW 2	ALFRED BURGESS 6
FREDERICK WILSON 3	JOHN C. BALLARD 7
FREDERICK G. PAICE 4	* FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Cathedral Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
ALFRED CRIPPS 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER'S DEATH.

On Tuesday, June 29th, there passed away, at the age of 78, after a short illness, one of the members of St. Nicholas' Society, Yarmouth, Mr. Robert Christian, who for 40 years was always a regular attendant both at practice and Sunday ringing. The funeral service was conducted by Ven. C. Lisle Carr (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. W. G. Moran. Muffled touches of Grandsire Caters were rung before and after the service as a last tribute of respect to one who was widely respected, and will always be remembered by those with whom he had come in contact as a genial and honest man, and a most enthusiastic ringer.

ISLEWORTH.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	JOSEPH MILNER 5
JOHN HOWES 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
* CHARLES J. TRICKER 3	† ALBERT BECKINSALE 7
EDWARD F. COLE 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal of Major.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble	* FRANK SHAW 5
WILLIAM RILEY 2	* JONATHAN WHEWELL 6
JOE RAWCLIFFE 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
* JACK BARNES 4	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. T. HOLDSWORTH.

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

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 13, 1920, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE W. HARRIS Treble	RICHARD A. RICHES 5
WILLIAM PICKETT 2	SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 6
WILLIAM H. DAYNES 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 4	* JAMES MENZIES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Sergt. James Bennett, R.M.

SELBY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN WITHERS Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT 5
* WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	WILLIAM IKIN 6
JOHN EATON 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. T. Brancker to the Vicariate of Selby Oak.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MILES Treble	ALFRED J. CROUCHER 4
SAMUEL PETER 2	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
ALBERT J. CROUCHER 3	ERNEST NEWELL Tenor

Conducted by H. CHAFFEY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

KESSINGLAND.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and three 720's of St. Simon's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

SYDNEY BUTCHER Treble	FRED WADE 3
FRANK KEMP 2	GEORGE LEE 4
BERTIE J. GARDNER Tenor	

Conducted by B. J. GARDNER.

First peal by all the ringers since joining the above Association.

KIRDFOUR, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 13 cwt.

MESHACK STENNING Treble	WILLIAM SOFF 4
STEPHEN KILNER 2	GEORGE W. KILNER 5
PERCY DUNTON 3	FREDERICK BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN KILNER.

First peal and first attempt by all except the treble ringer. All are local men and learnt their ringing in this tower.

KIRBY MUXLOM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5180 CHANGES;

Being 43 different Six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*FREDK. J. BOWLEY, JUN. ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
†GEORGE W. H. BAKIN 2	CHARLES ALLSOP 4
FREDK. J. BOWLEY, SEN. ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way he handled his bell throughout the peal. He was only 11 years old on Feb. 22nd, and is believed to be the youngest ringer in the county to ring 5,000 changes.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholar's Pleasure, College Exercise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARK LANE Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
HORACE H. SMITH 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

GESTINGTHORPE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 11, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

OLAVE E. BROYD Treble	*REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 4
*REGINALD MARTIN 2	HARRY CANSSELL 5
ERNEST TURNER 3	GEORGE E. PANNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

* First peal and first attempt.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Single, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*H. BURDEN Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
†PERCY JONES 2	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 5
†WILLIAM G. PARKER 3	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Conducted by H. CHAFFEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung,

by invitation of the Vicar, on the occasion of the unveiling in the church by the Bishop of Kensington of a memorial tablet to all who had served in H.M. Forces and fallen in the Great War. The ringers represent four counties, treble and tenor hailing from Old Windsor, Berks, 2nd and 4th from Slough, Bucks, 3rd from Staines, Middlesex, and 5th from Chertsey, Surrey.

HANDBELL PEALS.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. F. J. BARBER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MAT. TIMBERS Treble	JAMES WASEY 4
ALBERT NEALE 2	WALTER FORD 5
FREDERICK BARBER 3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. DUNCAN.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Friday, July 2, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. COCKERELL ... 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON 7-8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 9-10
HARRY R. PASMORE 5-6	ALFRED B. PECK 11-12

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

The conductor has now called peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques in Grandsire and Stedman; and Major, Royal and Maximus in Plain Bob and Treble Bob on handbells, and believes he is the first to accomplish this.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 18 in G.	
MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, July 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in A.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Florence Russam, of Edinburgh, grand-daughter of the ringer of 1-2.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A ringing meeting of the Marshland Branch took place at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Stow, on Saturday, July 17th, and was attended by ringers from Gaywood, King's Lynn, Terrington St. John, Setch Oil Fields, Watlington, Downham, Denver, Shoultham, Stow, etc. The bells, a pretty musical rung of eight, were utilised during the afternoon and evening, the visitors including Messrs. J. Sykes (who received a hearty welcome), W. J. Eldred, E. Barker, the hon. secretary, and others. After tea, at the Hare Arms Inn, the Rector (the Rev. A. J. W. Croese) presided over the business meeting, at which new hon. members and ringing members were elected and Denver fixed as the place of the next meeting. Before ascending the church tower, from the summit of which could be plainly seen Peterborough, Crowland Abbey, Lincoln and Ely Cathedrals, an inspection was made of the interior of this well-kept church, which is in the Decorated style. On the north side is a mortuary chapel built by Nicholas Hare, who came possessed of Stow Hall in 1553. This chapel contains several monuments to the Hare family from 1623.

The meeting concluded with a few more touches on the bells.

NEARLY 300 YEARS OF HISTORY.**SAFFRON WALDEN RINGING DAY.**

A district meeting of the North Western Division, Essex Association, was held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, June 26th, combined with the 29th anniversary of Saffron Walden Society's 'Great Ringing Day.' Ringing commenced at 9 o'clock, with two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major, and finished in the evening with four beautifully struck courses of Stedman Cinques by the local company, and during the day various touches on tower and handbells were rung. Visitors came from Bishop's Stortford, Barley, Cambridge, Ickleton, London, Royston, Rickling, Sawston, Stansted, etc. At noon a short service was held, conducted by the senior curate (the Rev. G. Montagu Benton), who gave an interesting address on the history of Saffron Walden Society, stating that undoubtedly there was ringing in 1623. The first publication of any record of scientific ringing was in a local paper, that 'on Christmas Day, 1753, John Holt's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 20 mins., conducted by Charles Baron,' and stating, 'this is the first time this peal has been rung without the use of manuscript.' Two peals of Bob Major were rung in 1812, and Double Norwich and 1,600 Superlative Surprise Major in 1845. Without a doubt these were unique performances for that period. Mr. Benton also spoke of the great power in the music of bells in reminding us of the life hereafter.

At 4 o'clock adjournment was made to the Abbey Temperance Hotel, where a substantial meat tea was provided by Host Scottney, to which 32 sat down, and this was followed by the usual business.

The Master, Mr. F. Pittsow, in welcoming the visitors, thanked them for coming and making the day so enjoyable.—Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Benton for his address; the Vicar (the Rev. L. Hughes) for the use of the bells; Mrs. Leverett for presiding at the organ; and last, but not least, the choir-boys who had given up their play hour to be present.

We are asked to state that the Rev. G. Montagu Benton, of Saffron Walden, is anxious to write the annals of the Walden ringers, and would be very grateful if ringers could supply him with information relating to the earlier performances of this company.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. HENRY WHITE.

The subscription list to this fund will definitely close on July 31st. Any further subscriptions will be gratefully received by Mr. Councilor Wyeth, New Street, Basingstoke.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, June 26th, at Warnham. The following towers were represented, namely, Pullborough, Billingshurst, Slinfold, Heene, and the local band. Amongst the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden of Guildford; Miss Fisher, of Dorking; Messrs. Dean and Marner, Leatherhead. Some very good touches in the Standard Methods were rung, the ladies taking part. At 5 o'clock it sat down to a substantial tea at the Sussex Oak Inn.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. P. Doick was voted to the chair. After the minutes were read and confirmed, it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Pulborough at the end of September. The usual vote of thanks were tendered to Mr. Doick for presiding, Mr. Woodman for making the necessary arrangements; also the Vicar (the Rev. R. Bowcott, M.A.), for granting the use of the bells. The tower was again visited, and after another hour's ringing the bells were lowered in peal, as several members had 20 miles to cycle home. The members very much regret to learn of a serious accident to Mr. H. Tulett, one of the Heene band, who, whilst working on a building, fell and broke his thigh, and is now lying in the Worthing Hospital.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Grimsby district meeting of the above Guild was held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 5th (by the kind invitation of the new Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Cocking), in the place of a meeting at Louth abandoned owing to the great calamity. Various touches of Minor were rung on the bells, and a short service for ringers was held in the church, the Guild form being used. The ringers were then invited to tea by the Vicar's wife and ladies of the village.

A meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president (the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby), and attended by 39 members from surrounding towers.—In replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, the Vicar gave an interesting address about the church and bells, the former having been connected with Thornton College Abbey for about seven hundred years. He was afraid he would be the last Vicar of a long line extending from the 12th century.

A vote of sympathy was accorded to the District Ringing Master Mr. J. W. Seamer, on his recent accident, and Mr. Seamer, who was present, said he would do his best again for ringers as soon as it was possible.—A vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the tea and to the Chairman concluded a successful meeting.



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NORTHAM BELLS DEDICATED BY KING'S CHAPLAIN.

The rededication and reopening of the bells of Northam, where the work has been carried out most efficiently by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, took place recently. The old peal of six has been recast and two trebles added, the dedication being performed by the Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor (Dr. A. V. Baillie), Registrar of the Order of the Garter and Chaplain to the King. The living of Northam is in the gift of the Dean and Canons of Windsor.

The two new bells were given, one in memory of Miss Stella Temple by her mother, and the other by Mrs. Brayley-Brayley in memory of her husband, Mr. George Brayley-Brayley, of Wellesbourne, Northam. Miss Temple, who was a very well-known golfer and a fine sports-woman, did exceptionally good work with the Red Cross in France, and died last year from illness contracted on service. There is an inscription on each of the new bells, that on the treble being:

'To the glory and praise of God, and in Memory of Stella Temple, 1919.'

The original peal of six bells was cast by Thos. Bilbie of Cullompton, 1770, and the original inscriptions have been retained, with the addition of the fact of their being recast in 1920 during the vicariate of the Rev. G. Payne Cook. The old inscription on the tenor bell is:—

In tuneful peals your joys I'll tell,
Your griefs I'll publish in a knell.

The recasting and rehanging has cost £1,100, practically the whole of which has been raised.

The reopening of the bells on Saturday week was taken part in by 50 ringers from Northam, Barnstaple Parish Church, Pilton, Bideford, Appledore, Abbotsham and Westleigh. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, who warmly thanked them for their attendance. Unfortunately, owing to the inclement weather, an outdoor fete and programme of sports which had been arranged had to be postponed. In the evening a very successful dance was held in the Schoolroom.

There was a large congregation on Sunday morning at the dedication service, which opened with the processional hymn, 'God of Glory, King of Nations.' After Psalm xl. and the Lesson (1 Chron. xxix. 9-14) read by the Rev. Evelyn Smith, and the Jubilate Deo, the Dean, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the entrance of the belfry, where the Dean, at the request of the Vicar, impressively dedicated the bells in the words, 'I hereby solemnly set apart and rededicate these six bells, and dedicate these two bells newly presented, to the Glory of God, and the use of this Church.' The bells were rung as the Dean and Chapter returned to the chancel. After the prayers in connection with the ceremony and the hymn:

Lifted gently in the Tower.

Now our Bells are set on high,

had been sung by choir and congregation, the Choral Eucharist was conducted by the Vicar. An impressive and thoughtful sermon was preached by the Dean of Windsor, taking as his text Rom. xvi. 1: 'For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Seeing that Northaw is a good walking distance from the nearest railway station, it was very gratifying to find that the mid-week meeting of the N. and E. district, arranged for Wednesday, July 7th, was well attended, and this in spite of the very unsatisfactory state of the weather. Including a party from Hadley and Barnet, a company of just over 20 met to enjoy a couple of hours' ringing on a nice peal of six, and incidentally to assist the local band in their efforts to ring new methods. Unfortunately, however, only two touches had been rung, when it was intimated to the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey), who is himself a ringer, that there was a serious case of illness close by, and there was no alternative but to stop the ringing.

After courses of Steadman Triples and Doubles, and Treble Bob Minor, had been rung on the handbells, a short business meeting was held. One new member, belonging to the local band, was admitted to the Association, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and the Northaw ringers for the welcome given to the visitors.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that another meeting be arranged on a later date in the year, to which the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, agreed. He thanked the members for visiting Northaw, saying how very sorry he was that ringing had been stopped and promising another hearty welcome when the next meeting was held.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

A dedication service will be held at St. Anne's Church, Oldland Common, near Bristol, on Saturday, August 14th, 1920. Service, which will commence at 4 p.m., will be taken by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Tea in School Hall, at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Tickets for tea can be obtained from any of the Branch Secretaries of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, or direct from Edgar Guise, 39, Tankerville Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol. Will all those who knew the Rev. H. A. Cockey make a special effort to attend?

NEW BELLS.

THREE DEDICATIONS IN ONE DAY.

On Sunday week, dedications took place at no less than three churches of new bells cast at the Whitechapel Foundry and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. These included a new peal of eight (tenor 11 cwt.) at Heathfield, two new trebles to make a peal of ten at Christ Church, Southgate, where the back eight were rehung, and two trebles at North Myms, Herts.

In addition, on the preceding Thursday the reopening took place after rehanging, of the peal of six at Holy Trinity, Barking Road, E.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have also just rehung with new fittings and framework, the peal of six at St. Mabyn, Cornwall, while at Calverley, Yorks, they have recast the fifth and rehung the peal of eight, and the utmost satisfaction has been expressed at the admirable way in which the work has been carried out.

THE NEW BELLS AT SOUTHGATE.

On Sunday, July 11th, the fifty-eighth anniversary of the dedication of Christ Church, Southgate, the Bishop of London during the morning service dedicated the two new bells which have been added to the peal of eight at this church. The new bells have been presented as a memorial to the late Mr. Arthur Rowland Barker and his wife, Ada Barker (Mr. Barker was a churchwarden for over thirty years), by their children, and were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The treble (5 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.) is inscribed: 'Sursum Corda' (Lift up your hearts) and the 2nd (6 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.), 'Gratias agamus Domino Deo Nostro' (Let us give thanks unto our Lord God).

The Bishop having formally handed the ropes of the two bells to the Vicar of the Parish, the Rev. C. F. Peplow, M.A., L.Th., the augmented peal was rung in rounds for a few minutes by the local ringers, and at the conclusion of the service touches were rung. The bells were also rung for the afternoon service, and before and after the evening service. Several visitors from neighbouring towers and the country took part in the ringing during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob and Kent Treble, Boh Royal.

The ringers and parishioners were unanimous as to the splendid spire which the founders have effected, and it was felt that the fame Southgate already held in respect of its peal of eight bells would be enhanced by the increase to ten.

The Vicar and churchwardens have taken the opportunity to have the original eight bells rehung, and the 'go' of the bells is excellent. A new steel frame for two bells has been fixed above the existing wooden frame, in which the new treble and the old second bell have been hung, and this arrangement has enabled the founders to effect a splendid circle for the ten ropes. The cost of rehanging and restoration of the bells is being borne by the parishioners.

NORTH MYMS BELLS.

The two new bells at St. Mary's Church, North Myms, Herts were dedicated on Sunday, July 11th, by the Archdeacon of St. Albans, who addressed a large congregation from 1 Corinthians x. 31, 'Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' The bells were rung after service, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on making a splendid spire, the bells being perfectly in tune.

On Saturday, July 17th, an opening meeting was held when ringers were present from Southgate, Brockley, Luton, St. Albans, Harpenden, Hertford, Edmonton, and the local tower. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Ward), who is a ringer himself and is to be found in the belfry at every opportunity he gets. Everyone was pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells.—Mr. B. Jarman (Harpenden) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the visitors with tea and for the use of the bells and the Vicar, in reply, said that he hoped that was only one of the many times they would meet in the tower.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Central District was held at Dorking and Rammore Common on Saturday last, when about 25 members and friends attended. Some of the party, who went to Rammore, were well repaid for the climb by a few touches on the lovely peal of eight at St. Barnabas'. Owing to a late start, those who went there were unfortunately too late for the service at Dorking, kindly arranged by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon E. A. Chichester), which was rather poorly attended.

The tea and business meeting was held at the Wheatsheaf Inn, where Mr. Dodd had made splendid arrangements. Mr. E. Weatherly, of Dorking, was elected a member of the Association, and Mitcham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting in October. A vote of thanks to the Rector of Rammore and the Vicar of Dorking for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Dodd for making all arrangements, was proposed by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett), and carried unanimously.

The bells at St. Martin's were made good use of in the evening, when several touches, from Grandsire to Double Norwich, were much enjoyed by the visitors.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT SCHEME.

The annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Leominster, when the members assembled at the Priory Church and took part in a service arranged by the Vicar, Rev. R. Gillenders, M.C.

Archdeacon Maude, of Shrewsbury, gave an able address. He was sure they would agree with him when he said that those who were getting on in years had seen, and were seeing, great improvements in all connected with their belfries, and it was quite time. As Archdeacon for 21 years in North Shropshire, he had visited many belfries, and he had seen great changes in the lofts into which he used to creep in some mysterious way as a boy, and it was very difficult to get into some of them at all. Some belfries were reached by stone stairs, and others by crazy ladders planted on equally crazy floors. In the belfry they usually saw a huge pile of sticks, straws, feathers, and other rubbish, the indefatigable work of jackdaws, but, speaking generally, there had been a great cleaning up. Incumbents, as a rule, held the key of the belfry, but they did not see to-day what used to be a common-place. When asked for the key the incumbent used to say that he would lend it, but informed the visitor that he would find a great mess up there, adding that he had never been up there himself. He considered archdeacons had a duty to perform, and should go up and see that the structure and the bells were all right. Nothing used to give him greater pleasure than to find a well-cared-for belfry, used by good Englishmen who had a pride for their calling. It was just this change that he had spoken of that a guild of bellringers could bring about and have such an influence for good. After ringers had visited a model belfry they seemed to think that it was time to set their own house in order. Dealing with the historical interest attached to church bells, the Archdeacon said no one knew for certain when they were first introduced into our Christian churches, but large bells were comparatively recent in origin, the earliest being found in Normandy (1211). Bells had had an influence on the architecture of our churches more than anything else and they had been the means of preserving for us beautiful forms of lettering, and, above all, they had formed a grand English tradition. A ringer was often proud to say that his father and his grandfather before him had been a ringer in the church. In conclusion, he asked that the members of this diocesan guild might always live worthy of their vocation. As they were the means of summoning other people to worship, he appealed to them not to fail to be regular worshippers themselves. He asked them to realise that there was a dignity about their calling, and to try to so live that their lives had got the ring of true, honest, and clean Christian men in them.

A few minutes of silent prayer in remembrance of the members of the Guild who had fallen in the Great War followed the singing of the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' and 'All people that on earth do dwell' was sung as the recessional hymn.

APPOINTMENT OF A RINGING MASTER.

The business meeting was held in the Church Institute. In the absence of the Master, the Rev. G. W. Turner was voted to the chair. The President, Vice-Presidents and Master were all re-elected.

The Rev. J. S. Roper having announced that he was unable to continue to hold the office of hon. secretary, Mr. C. Edwards proposed the Rev. G. W. Turner, Vicar of Madley, as hon. secretary. Mr. Turner said before he could consent to act he wished to know the reception his proposition, that Mr. Edwards be Ringing Master, would receive.

Permission having been obtained from the meeting, Mr. Turner's proposition, seconded by Mr. W. Mead, was discussed. The appointment meant that Mr. Edwards would be able to go to any district that needed help, and would partially supply the place of a paid instructor, who went from tower to tower and was able to report to the secretary. The Ringing Master would not interfere in any way with the position of the Master.—The proposition was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Rev. G. W. Turner was then unanimously elected hon. secretary. The rules were altered to meet the new appointment, and district secretaries and ringing masters were made ex-officio members of the committee.

Mr. C. Thomas having written that he could not act as hon. secretary of the Ledbury district, Mr. R. Thomas was appointed hon. secretary, and Mr. C. Layton Ringing Master of the Ledbury district.

After the business meeting, 54 members sat down to lunch at the Central Restaurant. The following towers were visited by ringers: Kingsland, Eardisland, Kimbolton, Stoke Prior, Bodenham, and, of course, Leominster, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major being rung. The following towers were represented: Bredenbury, Clun, Coalbrookdale, Codrington, Eardisland, Kimbolton, Kington, Ludlow, Madley, Mathon, Norton Canon, Quatt, Ross, Staunton-on-Arrow, Staunton-on-Wye, Upton Bishop, Weobley, Kingstone and Dilwyn.

The last twelve months have been of great importance in the history of the Guild. Exactly a year ago it was decided to divide the Guild into districts. The experiment has been a great success, and has put new life into the Guild. The quarterly meetings in each district have created an interest in bell ringing not only among the members, but among people generally.

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1920.**

BATH AND WELLS WAR MEMORIAL. PROTEST AGAINST THE DEAN'S CONDITIONS.

At the recent annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Minehead, Somerset, the principal matter of discussion was the proposed war memorial to the 54 fallen members.—The Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presented a report, which stated: 'It was agreed by all of us that the most fitting place for the memorial would be Wells Cathedral. Ours is a diocesan association, and obviously the centre to which every such association should look is the mother church of the diocese. On approaching the Dean of Wells, however, we found certain difficulties in the way which we have not been able to overcome. The Dean makes it a condition that if a tablet were erected it must be accompanied by a handsome gift to the Cathedral, and proposed that we should place a statue in one of the niches behind the high altar. The cost of the statue alone would be not less than £100, and the committee decided that this amount, in addition to the cost of the tablet, was a sum greater than they were prepared to call upon the association to raise. The Dean insisted on this condition, and the committee had no alternative, therefore, except to relinquish the idea of placing the memorial in Wells Cathedral.' The report went on to state that in the circumstances the committee decided on Bath Abbey as the most appropriate place for the erection of a tablet and they had proceeded with this alternative, the Rector of Bath having kindly given his consent. A design had been prepared, the total cost of which would be about £85.

In the course of the discussion that followed on the choice of places for the venue of the next three quarterly meetings, the question of including Wells was brought up. In this connection the Chairman took the opportunity of saying that the association had not been treated very well at Wells. The principle on which the Dean acted in the matter of putting up a tablet was certainly not one which commended itself to most of them, because when he (the chairman) first wrote to him he demanded that the association should put up something handsome in the Cathedral. The Dean stated that the Freemasons, who wanted to put up a tablet, were giving a statue to the Cathedral. He (the chairman) explained that the position of the association was altogether different. It was a diocesan association that had done a great deal for the diocese, and he (the chairman) felt that the association should not be put on the same level as the Freemasons, who were not necessarily part of the diocese at all. The Dean took no notice of that, and he (the chairman) felt it very much because it seemed to him that Wells Cathedral ought to be the mother church of the diocese. He had received a circular from the Dean asking for subscriptions in which it was stated that it was the duty of everybody in the diocese to subscribe to the mother church. When, however, the Dean had made the mother church not a mother, he (the chairman) did not see how they could subscribe. It seemed to him that although the bell ringers had not so much money, they were the children of the diocese, and their mother ought to have welcomed them and been glad to recognise their position by allowing them to put up a memorial to those ringers who had laid down their lives for their country (applause). It made them feel that they were not recognised as they should be in the centre of the diocese by the Dean and the Chapter: it was nothing to do with the Bishop, because the whole matter was in the hands of the Dean. That being so, it was entirely out of place for the association to go and have a meeting at Wells immediately afterwards. Perhaps they would give them a little reproach by having their meeting at Bath when they dedicated the tablet (applause).

A GREAT MISTAKE.

The Rev. J. H. Doorbar (Kewstoke) said he thought it was a matter that should not be shelved. He thought it would be well to send a strong protest to the Dean from that meeting. It was treating the association with less than human feeling. Members had died for their country, and in the circumstances the proper place for the tablet was in the mother church, and that one man should have the right to stand in the way was to his (the speaker's) mind going to the extreme in these days of democracy. Surely a body of men like the ringers should be strong enough to make the Dean feel that on this occasion he had made a great mistake (applause).

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess) observed that if all the ringers were to parade in front of the Dean it would make him feel small. He thought it was very dirty, to say the least of it.

The Rev. J. H. Doorbar said they did not want to put the Master in an invidious position, but this was an opportunity when they ought to let the Dean know that they were en bloc very much disgusted with the way he had treated the association. He (the speaker) had served with the men on various fronts during the war, and he felt deeply about the matter; Dean or no Dean, it did not make any difference to him.

The Chairman: I must say that the Dean said the names of the men would be recorded in the big book which is to go in the Cathedral, and included in that as Somerset men.

The Rev. J. H. Doorbar pointed out that that would be paid for by the Somerset Memorial Committee.

The Chairman: It does not seem a satisfactory answer.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 27th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 24th (D.V.). Service at St. Lawrence's at 11.15 a.m. Business meeting in Abbey Hall immediately after service. Dinner in Small Town Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each to members, 3s. non-members. Applications for tickets, with remittance, must be made to General Secretary. The Secretary has a few copies of report for 1919 with Roll of Honour at 6d. per copy.—R. T. Hibbert, General Secretary, Warren House Lodge, Caversham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at High Littleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th. Timsbury bells (6) will be available. Service 4 p.m.; tea 4.45.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Great Horkesley on Saturday, July 24th. Bells at Wormingford (6, recently opened), and Little Horkesley (5) also available, early in afternoon. Tea, followed by meeting, at 5 o'clock.—H. T. Pye, Hon. District Sec., 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 in the White Swan.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, July 24th. Visitors welcome. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4.45, tea to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available 6 o'clock.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Eastwood on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Blyth, near Rotherham, Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 2 to 8.30. Tea provided at reasonable charge at Commercial Hotel at 5.15. Ringers from kindred Associations welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

EASTON NESTON CHURCH, TOWCESTER.—The unveiling of the tablet in memory of the late James Slarke will take place in the above Church on Saturday, July 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, during which the unveiling will take place; tea and meeting to follow, when it is hoped the Towcester Association will be re-started.—F. Wilford, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—Meeting will be held at Littleport (Cambs) on Saturday, July 31st. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. All who wish for tea please notify me by the 24th. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury, District Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, July 31st. Service 5 o'clock, tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday July 31st, at Oldham. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Nominations for Branch President must be handed in at this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer outing of the Guildford District will be held at Ranmore, near Dorking, on August Bank Holiday. The beautiful bells of St. Barnabas will be available. By kind permission of Lord Ashcombe visitors will be conducted over the gardens of Denbies. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each, at the Post Office at 4 p.m. No service. No business. No speeches.—J. J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Ringing will commence at Yorktown at 10, Hawley 11, Sandhurst 12.30, Finchampstead 1.30 and Yateley 3 o'clock. Service at 5, tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Thursday, July 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—The ringing of the new peal of bells will take place on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells available from 10 a.m. Tea provided. Will all who intend coming please notify by July 28th A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, to whom in future all communications should be sent.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. By kind permission of the authorities, the bells at Woodbridge (8), Ufford (8), Hasketon (6) and Pettistree (6) will be open for the use of members throughout the day. Business meeting at St. Mary's House, Woodbridge, at 3 p.m.; committee meeting 2.30.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Sec., 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION, for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting will be held at Ayisham on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. The ring of 10 bells at Aylsham, and the ring of eight bells at Marsham will be available for the use of members. Dinner will be served at the Dog Hotel at 1.30, tickets 3/6 each, followed by the general business meeting. It is earnestly requested that all members intending to be present at the dinner will notify the same to the Secretary by Wednesday, July 28th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Southgate on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. The bells (10) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Short business meeting at 7 p.m. Tea may be obtained near the Church. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. St. John's bells (8), St. Mary's (6) and Woodston (6) available all day. Service at St. Mary's at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting 4.30, on St. Mary's Vicarage lawn, at which the President (the Dean)

will make a statement with reference to the Cathedral bells. Will all those requiring tea, 1/6, please let me know early? All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, in the Hope Valley. Hathersage bells (6) available from 1 to 3 p.m., Hope (6) 3 to 4.30, Castleton (8) 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m. A meat tea will be arranged at Castleton at 5 o'clock at a charge of 3/- per head for all those who send word to me not later than July 26th, as some little difficulty may be experienced. This should be noted by those intending to be present. Trains leave Sheffield, Midland, 12.26, 1.18 and 2.20, leave Hope 6.18 and 9.3.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Grey-stones Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. The bells will be available from 10 a.m. till 9 p.m.; Folkestone (8) and Saltwood (6) will also be available during the day. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and would be well advised to take this opportunity of a day's ringing at the seaside.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Bells 2 p.m. Tea at 5, 10d. to members, 1/4 visitors, who notify me by July 27th. E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—An invitation meeting will be held at Henfield on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Tower open 12 to 1 and 2 to 4.30. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Parish Room. Will those desiring tea please notify Mr. G. Gander, Hon. Sec. Henfield Branch, London Road, Henfield, not later than Thursday, July 29th?

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—The bells of St. Mary's will *not* be open on August Bank Holiday, owing to other local arrangements.—A. J. Trappitt, Steeplekeeper.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Oxtun, Birkenhead, on Bank Holiday, August 2nd. Service at 11 o'clock, preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop Mercer. Dinner at 1 o'clock, 4/- each. Intending visitors should send notice.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, New Mills.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by Canon J. E. Dawson (Rector). Tea at 5.30, and business meeting to follow, in the Village Hall. Half fares up to 2/- allowed. All who require tea must let me know by Tuesday, August 3rd, latest.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Street, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7. Business: Nominations for President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and four representatives for the Central Council.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

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.

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In reply to a question, the Chairman said the Rector of Bath was quite aware of what had happened, and had written to Wells explaining that the tablet was to be put in the Abbey, not in any spirit of hostility to Wells, but because he (the Rector) was in support of having a memorial of that kind for the ringers.

Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton) said he would propose that a resolution be sent from that meeting to the Dean of Wells to the effect that the members of that association present that day had decided to erect a tablet in Bath Abbey to commemorate the lives of their brother ringers lost in the Great War, and that as a body of ringers regarding the Cathedral as their mother church they very much regretted they could not place the memorial at Wells.

Mr. W. Evans (Bridgwater) seconded the motion, and the hon. secretary was instructed to draft a resolution expressing the opinion of the meeting and forward it to the Dean of Wells. He was also directed to write a letter of thanks to the Rector of Bath for the courtesy shown by him in the matter.

The Hon. Secretary remarked that ever since he had known anything about the association they had always been treated in that way at Wells. They had never been able to do anything there in any comfort. When they got there they had probably been allowed to use the bells for about two hours. He wrote to the Dean one year and asked him if he would kindly say how he thought 100 ringers could all manage to get a ring in two hours, but the Dean did not reply. Once or twice they had been refused there altogether, and at other times the use of the bells was practically refused to them, as two hours was not enough. He thought himself that they had been treated very badly at the Cathedral.

During the discussion the design for the tablet which is to be erected in Bath Abbey was passed round for inspection. It is a handsome design, with the ringers' badge, of which a bell forms the centre, at the top, a floral border surrounding it. Underneath are to be the names, 54 in number, of the fallen ringers, incised in the stone. It was a condition laid down by the Rector of Bath, the Chairman mentioned, that the architect engaged to prepare the design should be the Bath Abbey architect, so that the tablet should be in keeping with its surroundings.

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