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CENTRAL COUNCIL BUSINESS.

A perusal of the agenda of the Central Council shows that there is a full day's work for the members when they meet in London on Whitsun Tuesday. There is more than sufficient preliminary and routine business to occupy the Council until well past the luncheon interval, especially if the members, as they are sometimes inclined to do when they enter fresh upon a meeting, spend their time in discussing trivialities. There are no less than seven committee reports to be considered, as well as the election of officers and of eight committees to take place, and there are, in addition, motions of some importance set down for debate. In dealing with the early business, therefore, the members will be well advised to have an eye upon what is still before them, and we hope the Council will take the opportunity also, of officially visiting the Cenotaph and depositing a wreath there in memory of the one thousand ringers who fell in the war, as has been suggested in these columns.

Of the three motions already down in the agenda for discussion, there are two which we think will commend themselves wholly to the Council; we refer to that suggesting the setting up in every Diocese of a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that which calls attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee. With regard to the former, some few associations already have, we believe, a 'committee of advice,' although we are not quite sure that their function has been exactly what is intended by the resolution now to come before the Council. In principle the proposal has everything to commend it, but to make it successful in practice, if carried out, the Associations who appoint the Committees will have to exercise the greatest care in their selection. In this matter the best ringer, or the most popular member, may not necessarily be the best adviser on a technical subject of this kind, and incompetent advice would be worse than none at all.

To the recent proposal to put ringers under the jurisdiction of the Parochial Church Councils, as well as sporadic attempts made in various districts to get Church bells silenced, may be attributed, we presume, the suggestion for a Ringing Defence Committee, and that there is need for such a body in the ringing organisation seems fairly obvious. One of the objects of the Council itself was, we believe, to look after the interests of ringing in this as well as in other respects, and there is no doubt that a small, alert committee, prepared to grapple at a moment's notice with any threatened attack upon the position of ringers or ringing would be a great advantage. We hope that the Committee, if appointed, will include at least one member with legal knowledge and experience appointed from within the Council, or co-opted from without.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 6 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM PEARSON Treble	THOMAS HOLDER 6
BERNARD MOODY 2	HARRY C. WALTERS... .. 7
*ARTHUR WALKER, JUN. ... 3	JAMES JACKSON 8
JOHN H. LENTON 4	JOHN FRYER 9
*WILLIAM H. HAWLEY ... 5	ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on ten bells by all except the ringers of treble and tenor. First peal on the bells and rung at the first attempt.

GOSFORTH NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

†JOHN F. BIRD Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
ROBERT RICHARDS 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 3	*ADAM DEAR... .. 8
†JOHN ANDERSON... .. 4	BENJAMIN C. DIXON... .. 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5	JOHN FOREMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells since the two trebles were added by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. This composition contains the treble and 6th the extent home in the tittums, with 8-9 double bobbed behind in every course, also 23 courses in the inverted home position, with double bobs on 8-6 in every course. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HENRY BLUNDELL Treble	FRED HOPPER 6
JOHN METHERELL 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
HERBERT RAINBOW 3	WILLIAM ALLEN 8
WILLIAM FAREY 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
JOHN HENSMAN 5	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

First peal of Kent Royal by all except the ringers of 7, 9 and 10. It was rung at the first attempt, and was the first on the bells by an entirely local band.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(St. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER, BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN W. ROWBOTHAM Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 3	HENRY R. NEWTON 8
HENRY R. PASMORE 4	JOHN N. OXBORROW 9
ALFRED B. PECK 5	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. N. OXBORROW.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to W. Cropley.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS... ..	Treble	ROBERT RAYNOR... ..	5
ROBERT RICHES... ..	2	HARRY HALL... ..	6
ERNEST CURTIS... ..	3	WALTER RICHES... ..	7
JOHN ETHERIDGE... ..	4	ALBERT RICHES... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

This composition, Author's No. 147, is now rung for the first time.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... ..	Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS... ..	5
JOHN BASS... ..	2	JOHN SMITH... ..	6
ALFRED DAVIES... ..	3	JOHN LLOYD... ..	7
WILLIAM POTTER... ..	4	CHARLES E. PERKINS... ..	Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT... ..	Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT... ..	5
MISS A. MAY DURRANT... ..	2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... ..	6
GEORGE P. BURTON... ..	3	GEORGE MAYERS... ..	7
JOHN E. BURTON... ..	4	GEORGE H. CROSS... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROWLAND T. PAYNE... ..	Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	5
ALFRED BALLARD... ..	2	ARTHUR CATTELL... ..	6
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... ..	3	ROWLAND BARROW... ..	7
JOSIAH MORRIS... ..	4	*SYDNEY J. GARNER... ..	Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day. * First peal. It was intended to ring Major, but meeting short the above was substituted; those marked * taking part at last minute, and credit is due to them upon their performance.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

REGINALD POLE... ..	Treble	SAMUEL SNELSON... ..	5
JAMES E. LILLEY... ..	2	†WALTER FAIRHEAD... ..	6
ALBERT L. SHORT... ..	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY... ..	7
*JOHN DUNNING... ..	4	†ROBERT CHILTON... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. Mr. Dunning hails from Aldford, Chester, the rest from St. Chad's, Salop. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. Treasure, who was inducted on April 21st.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK... ..	Treble	GEORGE MARRINER... ..	5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER... ..	2	ALBERT ELLIS... ..	6
ALFRED J. BULL... ..	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	7
JOHN H. WHITE... ..	4	ARTHUR DEAN... ..	Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON... ..	5
CHARLES EDWARDS... ..	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... ..	6
ALFRED TALBOT... ..	3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS... ..	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN... ..	4	WILLIAM MEAD... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung on St. George's Day in honour of the patron saint of England.

BIRDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. MEERS... ..	Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON... ..	5
GEORGE F. SWAN... ..	2	THOMAS H. REEVES... ..	6
GEORGE F. GARRISON... ..	3	ARTHUR GARDNER... ..	7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON... ..	4	HARRY DICKENS... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Arthur Gardner and Harry Dickens.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. HAIGH... ..	Treble	F. MITCHELL... ..	5
C. WINSER... ..	2	W. SPICE... ..	6
SERGT. J. BENNETT... ..	3	F. RICHARDSON... ..	7
MISS E. GOODSHIP... ..	4	W. HAIGH... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal in the method by Miss Goodship. Rung on St. George's Day. For calling see K.C.A. Report, 1904, No. 911.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
MISS EMMA TONGE... .. 2	RICHARD F. DEAL... .. 6
ROBERT J. DAVIES... .. 3	SAM BOOTH... .. 7
HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 4	DAN RENSHAW... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES ABLITT... ..	Treble	ALBERT A. FLEMING... ..	5
GEORGE A. FLEMING... ..	2	*JAMES ROSE... ..	6
*GEORGE PRYKE... ..	3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... ..	7
WILLIAM BURGESS... ..	4	GEORGE W. ABLITT... ..	Tenor

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Oxford Major.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE Treble	HARRY STOTT 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	JOHN PALFRAMAN 6
HERBERT HAIGH 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN HERON, JUN. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of a war memorial to those men of the parish who fell in the Great War.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN MACKAY Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
FRED WILFORD 3	JOHN W. METHERELL 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. W. METHERELL.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Stow and Miss M. Smith, the bride being the daughter of one of the choirmen.

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

On Sunday, April 24, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 17½ cwt.
WILLIAM NIBLETT Treble	CHARLES CAMM 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
*JOHN BAYLISS 4	HENRY CHANCE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Gibbs, wife of the ringers of the 6th, and Miss Camm, sister of the conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM STURGESS Treble	JOSEPH C. DEAN 5
†WILLIAM R. PARKER 2	JOHN T. HENSMAN 6
*WALTER H. AUSTIN 3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
†WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. J. ALLEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major away from treble. W. Farey's 50th peal. First peal of Major on the bells for 180 years, the last being a peal of Bob Major by the College Youths, conducted by B. Annable. Composition No. 115, Central Council Collection.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

†JOHN J. TURNER Treble	*FRANK F. HILL 5
HERBERT DAY 2	FRED W. HILL 6
*KENNETH G. SHELTON 3	ALEX. HUTCHINSON 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	*HENRY GEORGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First peal in a Surprise Method. † First peal. H. George's 100th peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM A. PENFOLD Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS HOAD 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
†WILLIAM H. HOAD 4	GEORGE KENWARD Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. † Elected a member previous to starting.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM H. JOINES Treble	HUBERT J. SKELT 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
AMOS CLARK 3	WILLIAM GROVES 7
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 4	ALFRED J. TRAPPETT Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung as a centenary peal for the bells, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KERBLE Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

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

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This peal was arranged and rung at the request of the Rev. E. Bankes James, for Master C. W. Woolley, aged 14 years, it being his first peal on tower bells. He was heartily congratulated by the rest of the band at the conclusion of the peal for the excellent way in which he rang, and the Rev. E. B. James has every reason to be proud of his pupil. Thanks are due to the Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Woolley for their hospitality to the ringers both before and after ringing. The peal was the first in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANCIS W. NEATE Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 5
*THOMAS WALTERS 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
SIDNEY HOLT 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
JOHN J. JEFFRIES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal in any method away from the treble. First Surprise peal ever rung in Worcester.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
EVERED J. WALSON ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	HORACE BELCHER ... 7
*CHARLES EDWARDS ... 4	PERCY E. CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Percy E. Clark. With the exception of the conductor, all are Sunday service ringers at St. Stephen's.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST LINCOLN ... Treble	CHARLES CUTTING ... 5
*CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	†GEORGE LEE ... 6
THOMAS BECKETT ... 3	ALFRED H. WATSON ... 7
†CHARLES BAILEY ... 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal of Major on tower bells. The composition has only 5 and 6 in 6th's at course ends. For calling see Association Report 1895, peal No. 644.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY LETTS ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... 2	EDWARD C. GOBBY ... 6
KENNETH G. SHELTON ... 3	ALEX. HUTCHISON ... 7
FRED W. HILL ... 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. C. WRIGHT.

CHIPPENHAM.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST TRUMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK LAMBETH ... 5
*ALBERT HUNT ... 2	WILLIAM HOLBERT ... 6
*EDWARD PERRY ... 3	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... 7
LEONARD AMBROSE ... 4	HENRY POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MOTTRAM IN LONGDENDALE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	ISAAC SCROFIELD ... 5
EYHEL GRIMSHAW ... 2	FRANK STONELY ... 6
CISSIE THORP ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
ADA WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	ARTHUR PRESTWICH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

The ringer of the 5th hails from Oldham, 6th from Miles Platting, the rest from Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal on the bells in which ladies have taken part, and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, who were married at this church 31 years ago.

ROTHERFIELD.—At St. Deny's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: S. Russel 1, H. Hammond 2, E. Bishop 3, H. Smith 4, E. Bishop, senr. 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, F. Hammond, W. Hammond 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THRUSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Consisting of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Extreme and Grand-sire, being 44 different six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	PHILIP HARDY ... 3
*ROWLAND BARROW ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 4
*ARTHUR CATTELL ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in four methods. This is the 2nd peal on these bells, the first being on Dec. 15th, 1894, conducted by W. Willson.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single Reverse, Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, and Oxford Single Bob.

*FRANK RUFFLES ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 4
WALTER RUFFLES ... 2	PERCY POTTER ... 5
ERNEST CURTIS ... 3	HARRY HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. First peal in seven plain methods on the bells and by all the band.

WARETON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES SMITH ... Treble	OLIVER MUTTON ... 3
GEORGE TURNER ... 2	FRANK ISSERT ... 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First attempt for a peal by all except the conductor, who hails from Barton Seagrave. The rest are local ringers.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Worcester, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 4
*CECIL CHAPMAN ... 2	THOMAS GARLEY ... 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal containing more than three methods.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY HOLDEN ... Treble	*JAMES WHATMORE ... 4
JOHN LLOYD ... 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 5
*JOHN KENDALL ... 3	*ROBERT GORDON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

* First peal of Doubles.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: E. Tall 1, O. R. Gladdiss 2, R. Brown 3, F. Mursell 4, J. W. Faithfull 5, H. Reeves 6, H. Payne (conductor) 7, O. Gollop 8. First quarter by the local band, also the conductor's first quarter as captain of the band.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

ELSIE BRANDON Treble	GEORGE BARKER 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	FRANK ROWLINSON 5
WILLIAM WALDRON 3	JOHN J. JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JUTSON.

First peal in seven methods by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to K. A. Jutson.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. HINDLE Treble	A. CHADWICK 4
A. INGHAM 2	L. ROSTON 5
F. HOLLINS 3	L. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band for 15 years. Rung as a mark of esteem for Mr. Thomas Redman, formerly vice-president of the Lancashire Association, who has retired from the Exercise through ill-health.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MORRIS of Leicester. Conducted by the performer.

Witness: GEORGE JORDAN.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS A. MAY DURRANT ... 1-2	ALBERT ROUGHT 5-6
CHARLES E. BORRETT 3-4	GEORGE H. CROSS 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal 'in band' by the ringer of the 1-2, great credit being due to her for the way she rang throughout. This composition, with 4-5-6 only in 6th's, is now rung for the first time.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DYE 1	CHARLES WYBROW 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
CHARLES S. TUTHILL 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7-8
GEORGE COOKE 4	ROBERT W. COOKE 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. E. BASON.

First peal of Royal by all except Messrs. Godfrey and Bason, and was their first peal of Bob Royal on handbells.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 10, MITFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 size in G.

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	JOHN WM. MOORHOUSE ... 5-6
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 3-4	GERALD MOORHOUSE 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MALCOLM MOORHOUSE.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on handbells by all, also in the City of Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Beverley, on Saturday, April 23rd. Beverley is a quaint little town, set in a level land at the southern edge of the Yorkshire Wolds; a town of red roofs and gables, cobble-paved streets, and old-world quietude. It possesses two magnificent churches, which contain two very fine organs, and, what is more interesting to these pages, two splendid peals of ten bells. In spite of the inclement weather and the railway restrictions, a fairly large number of members were present, representing towers at Hull, Goole, Selby, Howden, Sutton, Market Weighton, Scunthorpe (Lines), Barrow-on-Humber (Lines), and Elland (W.R.).

The Minster bells were rung to various methods in the afternoon, and service was held in the choir. The clergy taking part were the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D. (Vicar), the Rev. W. E. Wigfall, M.A., and the Rev. E. J. Barry, M.A. (curates), while the Rev. E. Hope, M.A. (Vicar of St. Mary's), was the preacher. His sermon was based on the last two verses of the 150th Psalm, 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.' In an able address, he said that men were suffering in their social and industrial life to-day, because they had lost the sense of gratitude of God. Instead of lifting up their hearts in thanks and praise to God for all He had given them—life and health and all things—men were looking upon one another with envious and covetous eyes. There was no harmony between men, because they did not fulfil their proper functions in offering their praise to God. They needed to be in harmony with themselves just the same as each bell in the peal was in tune with itself, as well as being in tune with the rest of the peal. They wanted to get back to that spirit of fellowship and harmony with one another, that would bring joy once more into their lives. The service concluded with a fine voluntary by Mr. J. Camidge (organist), which was greatly appreciated, the large and powerful organ being heard to great advantage.

Tea was afterwards served in the Minster Parish Room, to which a company of 50 did full justice, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. E. West (Sutton) presided.

Mr. A. Madeley (Hull) moved that the best thanks of the division be accorded to the Rev. Canon Nolloth for his many years of valuable interest and service in connection with the Association and change ringing, and said that ringers throughout the county sincerely regretted that the time had arrived when the Canon found it necessary to enter into retirement. Mr. Madeley also read letters from the Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. P. J. Johnson, president and general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, which referred in high terms to Canon Nolloth's great interest in bells and bell ringing.—Mr. W. Gibson (Beverley) seconded, and Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) supported the motion, which was carried with applause.

Canon Nolloth feelingly acknowledged the resolution, and said his severance with the parish, the Minster, and the bells, would be a great wrench to him. He, however, thought it better to retire now when things were in good order.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Thomas M. Barker, 'All Saints', Pontefract, and recently Ringing Master.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of St. Mary's for his able address at the service, and, at his request, he was elected an honorary member of the Association. — Three new members were elected: Mr. F. Carrick (Sutton), Mr. A. Walker, Junr., and Mr. W. H. Hawley (Pontefract).

The next meeting was fixed to be held at Howden in July.

The visitors then adjourned to St. Mary's tower, where several touches were rung in various methods.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, near Barnsley, when ringers were present from Darfield, Wath, Sandal, Hoylandswaine, South Kirby, Roylston, Crofton, and Wortley. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and tea was provided by the Ladies' Working Party in the old school in the churchyard. About 80 guests were present, and after the first sitting some of the ringers gave a few short touches on the handbells, while others resumed at the tower, where touches of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, and other methods, were rung. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. Normington, and two new members were elected.—A short address was given by Mr. Raynor, of Sandal, on the art of change ringing, and a few words followed from two of the lady workers.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for such an enjoyable tea; also to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. Richardson, of Cudworth, who gave an interesting address. Ringers then returned to the tower, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the gathering having been very enjoyable.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.**THE EASIEST WAY TO CALL PEALS OF GRANDSIRE.**

Among the correspondents who have written to ask me to help them is one who inquires which is the easiest way to call a peal of Grandsire Triples. A good deal, of course, depends upon the capabilities of the conductor and the amount of previous practice he has had in calling touches. Given ample practice in touch calling, a peal ought really to present few difficulties, and yet it is almost inevitably the case that the beginner at peal calling finds the task a big one. It is, I suppose, because of the added importance of the occasion, and the greater responsibility involved, not only by the longer length that is to be attempted and the extra mental strain, but by reason of the fact that an error near the finish may render valueless, perhaps, three hours' efforts of eight men, while there is with some people just that touch of excitement to be contended with which comes when they are put to any real test. These influences combine to make the calling of a peal no easy undertaking for the beginner, and, simple as it may be for the old hand, I for one do not belittle the job of 'first as conductor,' even if it is only a peal of Doubles. Indeed, the correct counting of the six-scores rung in a peal of this kind, where every 'part end' is the same, is a thing which in itself requires no mean mental effort.

When it comes to calling peals, then any method by which the young conductor can be certain of his ground as he proceeds, is of great advantage. In my view the easiest course for a beginner to pursue is to select a peal with as simple a calling as possible, learn by heart the places in which the observation bell will come at each call, and then ring the observation bell. There may be some conductors who may not agree with me in this, but my opinion is that this method (for beginners) is the safest as well as the easiest. If one calls by the bells 'before'—and I have in mind Holt's ten-part, to which beginners are so partial, and which has one bell seven times before in each part—there is a danger, unless one takes special precautions by making check observations, of error in the number of times this bell is bobbed 'before.' But if the conductor is ringing the observation bell he has only his own position to look for, and not that of two other bells, which would be necessary if depending on the other system.

With regard to the selection of a peal, the one divided into the largest number of parts is usually the easiest to remember, generally because there are fewer calls to memorise. One of the best peals for the beginner is Parker's twelve-part, for, while there are more calls

in the 420 changes comprising each part of this peal than there are in the 504 changes of one part of Holt's ten-part, there is only one form of calling to remember, whereas in Holt's there is a different calling (reckoned by the order of the places in which the observation bell falls at the bobs) for each half. Some ringers, of course, have a more retentive memory than others, and would be able to tackle at the first attempt something more involved than either Holt's or Parker's peal, but as I have been asked for the easiest way, I have tried to answer my correspondent from that view only.

While on the subject of conducting, I will deal with the inquiry of another correspondent, who asks: 'Suppose I wish to conduct a touch from any bell excepting tenors and treble, and use calls as if ringing the tenor, would the touch come into rounds by continuing ringing till the call-bell was at home, or would there be a danger of the tenors coming up the wrong way or the other bells being mis-placed?' The bells in mind are a peal of eight, and the methods rung Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A simple answer to this question would be 'Sometimes,' but I am afraid such a reply would not be of much assistance to my correspondent. Often the substitution of some other bell for the observation bell will result in the touch coming round right enough, but in Major it will in most cases part the tenors and upset all the music, while there is just another little trick that may be played upon the unwary beginner. Take Bob Major as an example. There is a familiar touch of 224 (two courses) got by calling the tenor W and H twice. Suppose you attempt to get this touch by substituting, say, the 2nd as the observation bell, you will find that before the bells run round you will have rung three courses, and that you will have had repetition. The proper length can be got by beginning the calling at a Home, but the coarsing order of the big bells and the music is turned topsy-turvy. Then with Grandsire Triples; it is not always possible to change the observation bell. Suppose you want to call a touch in which the 7th is the observation bell and no call brings it into the hunt, you cannot substitute the 2nd for the 7th, can you? And even if the observation bell does go into the hunt, you could not use the 2nd as a substitute unless you begin the calling in a different place, making the first call that which brings the observation out of the hunt.

These are only some of the difficulties which present themselves when one desires to substitute one bell for another, and use the same calling. If my correspondent desires to ring some bell other than the observation bell, I should recommend him to practise calling by transposition; but that, of course, is a different matter, and one which I will deal with at some future date.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When we wrote last week that we had some recollection of a son of Mr. J. W. Washbrook having rung a tower bell peal at an earlier age than eleven years, we were not very wide of the mark. Walter Washbrook rang his first peal (Grandsire) at 10 years and 3 months; James W., junr., his first (Grandsire) at 10 years and 6 months; and Harry Washbrook his first (Stedman) at 11 years. Jas. W. Washbrook, junr. (Mr. Washbrook's only surviving son), conducted Holt's ten-part at the age of 12 years.

This, we think, will settle the controversy as to the youngest ringer of a tower bell peal, but it does not in any way detract from the merit of the performance of those other young men who have rung peals at an early age. In addition to those whom we have already mentioned, Mr. John T. Kentish rang his first tower bell peal at the age of 13, in September, 1891, on the treble, and a few weeks later rang an inside bell to Grandsire Triples. The two sons of Mr. A. W. Osborne, of Reading, also began early. Horace rang his first peal at 12 years 6 months, and Leonard when barely 12 years of age.

Mr. Bert Langdon informs us that he has not, as we thought he had, conducted a peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques 'in hand' from every pair of bells; but he informs us that Mr. G. N. Price, late of Oxhey, has done so. He also reminds us of the interesting fact that Mr. Harry R. Pasmore has called peals on handbells in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob on 8, 10 and 12 bells, and in addition conducted the first Surprise peal rung 'double-handed,' viz., Superlative.

The old peal of six at Mangoldfield, Gloucester, with tenor 10½ cwt., have been recast into a peal of eight by Messrs. Warner and Sons, and will be reopened on Saturday, May 14th.

The fact that the strike has restricted the train service, and consequently keeps some ringers at home when they would like to be sharing in a peal, has not damped the spirits of the humorist, who, having to decline an invitation on account of the trains, wrote as follows:—

The 12.24 is too early—the 2.52 doesn't run.
Things now point only too plainly to the fact, I'm unable to come.

Many thanks for your kind invitation

To a tower where I've not had a pull.

May you score all the game

As I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours, 'Barney's Bull.'

'We do not feel that the bell ringer has such a close spiritual affinity with the clergyman as the organist.'—The Dean of Manchester.

Mr. W. Page, of Worcester, writes that his name should have been included in the Peals Analysis among the list of conductors of seven peals in 1920.

A meeting was held recently at Lavenham, and ringers representing many towers in West Suffolk were present. After a discussion it was proposed and carried that a new association should be formed and called the Suffolk County Association.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 24th, when a large muster put in an appearance. The bells, a light musical ring by Taylor and Co., were kept busy during the afternoon. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Watkins Edwards), who gave a most useful and able address. Tea followed in Morgan's Restaurant, and it is interesting to note that although himself a Nonconformist, Mr. Morgan presented the ring of bells to the parish church. Owing to a larger number attending than was expected, the catering arrangements were somewhat taxed, and tea had to be served by relay.

The business meeting followed, and progress was reported from various towers. Quite a large number of new members were elected. The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting is to be held at Penarth, which follows the Monmouth quarterly meeting fixed for Magor.

Following the meeting, good use was made of the bells during the evening.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association held a meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Oswaldtwistle, and over 40 members were present from Blackburn (Parish Church and St. Michael's), Burnley, Darwen, Chorley, Standish, Rawtenstall, Accrington, Church Kirk, and the local company. The bells were kept going from 2 p.m. till 9 o'clock, with a brief interval for tea and meeting. The touches brought round included Plain Bob, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob, Kent, College Exercise and Coventry and Loudon Surprise Minor.

The Rev. J. Walling presided at the tea and meeting, and Clitheroe was chosen for the next meeting.—The usual votes of thanks to the clergy and wardens, and also the local ringers for giving the ringers a hearty welcome, brought the meeting to a close.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Eleventh Council (29th annual meeting) will be held in the Upper House of Convocation, at the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 17th May, 1921, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour 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 room.

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard only.

AGENDA, 1921.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
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. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a.) Peal Collection.
 - (b.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Bells of Belgium.
 - (g.) Records.
9. That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.
10. That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.
11. To call attention to the need for a Ringing Defence Committee, and to move a resolution.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

Deane Rectory,
Overton, Hants.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.
Hon. Secretary.

A LATE MOTION.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—I have sent the following resolution to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, but unfortunately it arrived a day late for the agenda of the Central Council: 'That this meeting recommend all Guilds and Associations to hold their annual meeting within three months previous to the Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday.'

I hope the members will allow me, if there is time, to bring it forward under No. 13 on the agenda, as I consider it is the greatest drawback to the Exercise that Associations taking an interest in the Council should hold their annual meetings either months before or after the Council meeting.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' INVITATION.

Sir,—May I direct attention to the kind invitation to members of the Central Council and their friends issued by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and to be found in their notice on p. 245 of your last number? In view of this kindness on their part, and remembering the exceedingly pleasant evening that most of us spent with them on a former occasion, I am making no other arrangements for the evening in question.—Yours,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE LATE MR. FERRIS SHEPHERD.

The funeral of the late Mr. Ferris Shepherd, whose death we recorded last week, took place at Hersham, Surrey, on April 27th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and the lesson was read by Canon G. F. Coleridge. The mourners included the widow, Messrs. Ferris and William Shepherd (sons), Mrs. F. and Mrs. W. Shepherd (daughters-in-law), Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of Exeter (brother), and Mrs. Searle (sister-in-law). The Hersham ringers were also present, and rang the handbells over the grave after the committal. Afterwards the church bells were rung muffled.

Mr. W. Shepherd writes: 'Allow me, through the medium of your paper, to express my thanks to all those ringers and friends who so kindly wrote expressing sympathy with us in our sorrow. I am unable to reply individually to all who wrote, and I feel sure they will accept these few words of thanks.'

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.**

After all the hopes and fears of the preceding week, it was a great relief to the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild to find the 'line was clear' for them to get to Shoreditch on Saturday, April 16th, for their annual general meeting. A pull in good company on a very fine peal of twelve bells tempted many to the Church of St. Leonard and quite a number rang their first touch of Cinques or Maximus during the afternoon and evening. Others, not so ambitious, made their way to St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, where several touches of Triples and Major were rung, and although the business of an annual meeting, held on a Saturday afternoon, does not as a rule leave much time for ringing, nobody was disappointed in getting a pull at one or both of the churches.

The service at 5 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Thompson, curate of Leonard's, and a very forceful sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet Street. The text was taken from St. John x. 11, 'I am the Good Shepherd.'

Following the service, tea was served in the Church Room, after which the business meeting was held. The annual report, which was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), was adopted as satisfactory. It showed that during 1920 there were three honorary and 93 ringing members elected, including entirely new bands at St. Mary's, Ealing, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Several members were lost by death and other causes, leaving the present membership at the number of 741. The peals rung during the year numbered 85, and 130 members took part in them. Eight members rang their first peals, and two their first as conductors. A large number rang their first peals in new methods, including two in Stedman Cinques, two in London, three in Bristol, two in Cambridge Royal, eight in Treble Ten, etc. Master R. A. Fardon rang his first peal at the age of 16, a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The balance sheet was passed as quite satisfactory, showing a credit balance of £12 19s. 8d., without taking into account a further sum of £5 voted by the S. and W. district as a special contribution.

The following were elected officers of the society for the ensuing year: President, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O.; vice-presidents, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., and Mr. T. Beadle; Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.; hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.

Four representatives to the Central Council were elected, as follows: Messrs. W. Lawrence, W. Pye, J. R. Sharman and C. T. Coles.

Sincere and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, viz., to the Rev. F. E. Birch, Vicar of Shoreditch, who was unfortunately prevented by illness from being present, and to the Rev. Hudson Shaw (Bishopsgate), for the use of the bells at their respective churches; to the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, for his very interesting address; to the Rev. R. H. Thompson for conducting the service; to Mr. T. Walker, churchwarden at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for the excellent arrangements made at that church for ringing; to Mr. Bradley for great assistance rendered at Shoreditch; and to the several ladies who had attended to the wants of the members at tea.—Mr. Walker, in acknowledging the vote on behalf of his Rector and himself, expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped that those who had visited Bishopsgate had enjoyed the ringing.

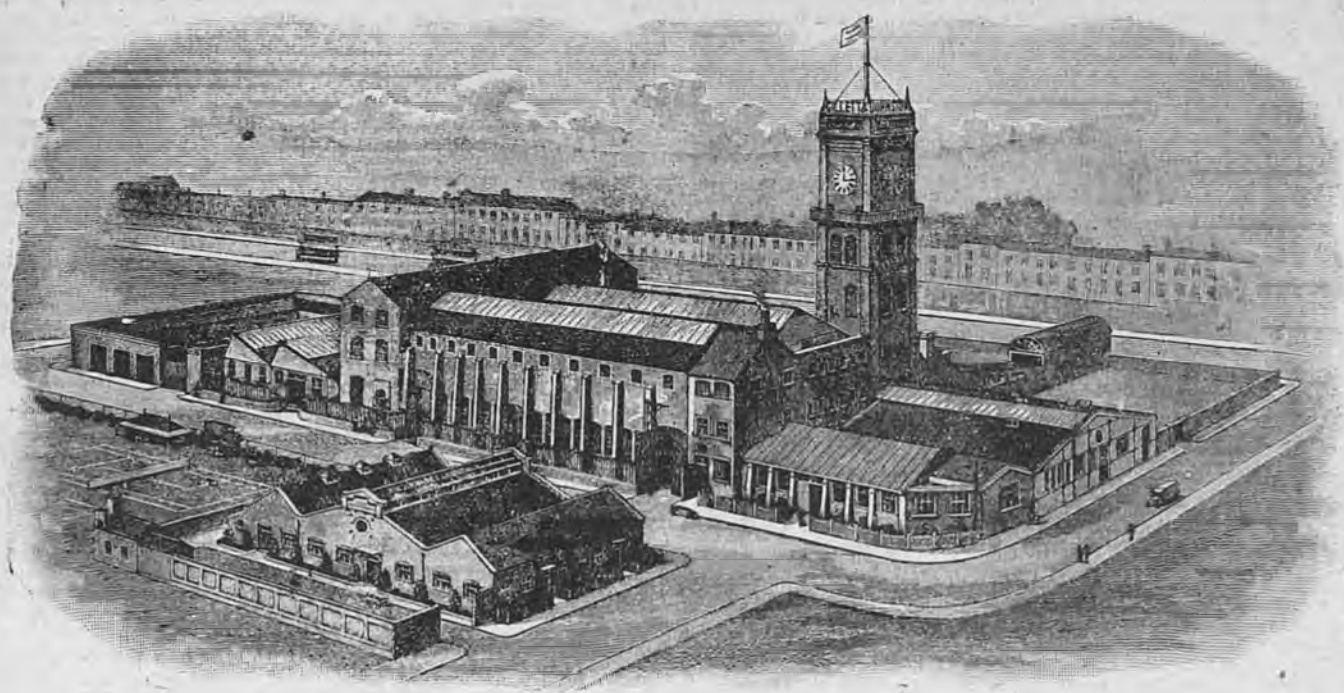
During the evening, a bob course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells, brought by Mr. J. Rayner, of St. Andrew's, Holborn, by Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. J. Thomas, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, W. Hewett and R. Sanders, whilst several touches of Stedman Triples and Caters, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, were rung by the handbell enthusiasts from Edmonton and Southgate.

A CELEBRATION AT CLUN.

St. George's Day was celebrated at Clun, Salop, by a peal of Grand-steeple Triples; it only needed a team of all Georges to fourfold its features. The parish church is dedicated to St. George, and the church authorities gladly entered into the proposal of Mr. Wm. Mead, the churchwarden, to have a 'joy peal.' This was successfully rung, with slow striking, but sure bob calling, 'Yo hobbes' being the composition of Mr. J. J. Parker, a Buckinghamshire author. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was elected a member of the Hereford Guild and Clun Society, and welcomed to the district, this being his first peal essayed since pre-war days. Mr. Talbot, who cycled 40 miles over Welsh mountainous roads, got home again after midnight. Mr. John Clark, of Ross, was prevented joining the team through illness at the last hour, and so Major could not be attempted as intended. The Sunday special services were organised in honour of our patron saint, the preacher both morning and evening being the Rev. S. Dugdale, M.A. (who was born on St. George's Day), and the famous modern St. George's hymn was sung; the words of which are by Boufflower—a name familiar to Gloucester ringers—and set to music by Dr. Lloyd, of Eton, Bucks.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**HON. SECRETARY'S RETIREMENT.**

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, April 30th. Members of the following towers were present: Armley, Burley, Leeds Parish Church, Headingley St. Chad's, and Holbeck. Touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung in the evening. The meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the President, Mr. J. Peacock, being in the chair.—A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring secretary, Mr. W. Gage, who, on responding, said he had only been absent from two meetings during his four years of office. As there had been no nomination of a secretary at the Armley meeting, and the efforts to induce the retiring secretary to retain office were unavailing, Mr. Cooper, of Holbeck, proposed Mr. Malcolm Moorhouse, who was elected unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the local company, terminated the meeting.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**THE WAR MEMORIAL.**

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Wiveliscombe, when six towers were represented by about 20 members. The fact that the declaration of the poll at the by-election for the division was to be announced no doubt affected the attendance. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which (in the absence of the Vicar) the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, officiated.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, the Rev. C. C. Parker presiding.

Mr. Taylor, Ilminster, asked how much had been given towards the memorial, and the Secretary replied that the amount in hand was £77 7s. 6d. towards the net cost of £85. Several towers had not responded, and it was decided to write them again, and if necessary make a second appeal to all the towers in the Association.

Attention was also called to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' with regard to representation on Church Councils, calling upon ringers at churches where there were peals of bells to see that they nominated one or more of their members on their Parish Church Council.

The Master announced that the annual meeting would be held at Bath on July 2nd, and that the Bishop of Bath and Wells would dedicate the memorial at the service.—Mr. Parker was asked to draw up a form of service for the occasion.

Three honorary members and seventeen performing members and probationers were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. McCreriek for the use of the church, for the service, and the use of the bells.

This concluded the business, and tea was then partaken of. During the afternoon and evening the bells were made good use of, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Bob and Treble Bob Major being rung.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH TO HOLD PRACTICE MEETINGS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Chieveley on Saturday, April 16th. There was a good attendance of 50 from the various towers of the branch, together with the Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Guild. The bells were kept going in touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Service was conducted by the Rev. Atlee, Rector of Chieveley, and an address was given by the Rev. Thorpe, secretary of the branch. Tea was partaken of at the Parish Room, and was followed by a short business meeting.—It was proposed that there should be combined practices in the branch. The suggestion was upheld by the Master and Secretary, and it is hoped that the foremen of the different towers will back up Mr. E. R. Robey, who was elected secretary, and make the scheme a success.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Atlee for making all arrangements for tea, etc.

Afterwards there was further ringing, and on the whole the meeting was a great success. The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on June 11th.

AN APPEAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The many ringing friends of Mr. W. S. Wise will regret to hear that he has been laid up for twelve months, and is now confined to his bed with no hope of recovery. His long illness has resulted in bringing him into very low circumstances, and I should welcome for his assistance any subscriptions, however small, forwarded either to me, or to Mr. W. Wise, 19, Cromwell Road, West Croydon, direct, which will be duly acknowledged. **ARTHUR MASON.**
99, Northcote Road, West Croydon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**PROPOSAL TO APPOINT DISTRICT SECRETARIES.**

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Warwick, on Saturday, April 16th. The bells of St. Mary's (10) and Emscote (8) were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and were made good use of. The Guild's service was held in St. Mary's Church, at which the Vicar (Canon Llewellyn-Wood) officiated. Tea was partaken of at the Dale Temperance Hotel, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the President of the Guild (Canon H. C. A. Back, M.A.). Members were present from Allesley, Coventry, Berkswell, Nuneaton, Stoke, Solihull, Knowle and Warwick.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the printing of a report to cover the Guild's work from 1915 was presented, and after some discussion it was decided to issue a report, the printing of which was not to exceed the cost of £14.

The President, in the course of a few remarks, welcomed the new hon. secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson), and hoped he would continue in the office for many years.—Mr. Wilkerson pointed out that those members who were present at the last meeting would remember he only took over the duties until the annual meeting at Rugby in July, but if the members wished him to remain in office, he hoped they would seriously turn the matter over in their minds in the meantime, for, personally, he felt it utterly impossible to do the work efficiently single-handed. He did not wish to speak disparagingly of any previous officers of the Guild, for the years of war had hindered any progress, but he was amazed to find in the county upwards of 70 towers with five bells and upwards not affiliated to the Guild. He appealed to the members for their earnest consideration of the appointment of three or four district secretaries at the annual meeting.

The bells of St. Mary were again utilised after the meeting until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung including Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Royal, Double Norwich Major, Bob Major, Bristol Surprise, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the bells and officiating at the service, a similar compliment being paid to the Vicar of Emscote.

LADIES' MEETING AT WEST BROMWICH.

The Parish Church of All Saints, formerly St. Clement's, West Bromwich, is an old and interesting church. The church was given to the Convent of Worcester by Henry I., and afterwards granted by that house to the priory of Sandwell, and was rebuilt by the new possessors in the Decorated period. It appears to have been repaired, and the east end rebuilt about 1619, and again repaired in 1677, but in the years 1785-6 the fabric was almost wholly taken down and rebuilt (the chancel and some other small portions excepted) in the style of that period. The upper part of the tower was renewed in 1824; in 1872 the church was thoroughly restored in the Decorated style, the plan of the old church pulled down in 1786, being adhered to as closely as possible. It now consists of chancel with south aisle, nave with south aisle and sacristy, organ chamber, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing clock and eight bells, the tenor being about 18 cwt., and the bells having recently been recast by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

It was at this place that the Ladies' Guild (Midland section) held their quarterly meeting on April 16th, with a good attendance, considering the uncertainty of a strike. Visitors came from Erdington, Handsworth, Smethwick, Solihull, Coseley, Darlaston, and included, of course, members of the local band. The bells were utilised in various methods, with the aid of the gentlemen present, during the afternoon. Service was held, at which the Guild's form was used, the organist and choir being present. The service was taken by the Rev. M. M. Connor, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, and the lesson was read by Mr. J. Preston, secretary of Erdington ringers. The Vicar gave an interesting address, welcoming the Guild to West Bromwich.

After service, the ringers adjourned to the School for tea, kindly provided by the local company. The Vicar again came on the scene, and said how delighted he was to have the Guild at his church, and hoped that some day there would be a band of lady ringers at All Saints.—Mrs. Groves replied on behalf of the ladies present, thanking the Vicar for allowing them the privilege of coming to ring, and for his fine address. She also thanked the organist and choir for their services.

After the repast the usual business meeting was held, when it was decided not to hold the June quarterly meeting in view of the annual meeting of the Guild being held at Erdington, when it is hoped a good number will be present.

On returning to the church, the Vicar showed the party round the old building, and pointed out and explained all the remarkable features of the place, much to the interest of his hearers. The bells were again rung up to 9 o'clock, when the ringers and friends departed for home, after a most enjoyable afternoon, thanks to the local band, who made all arrangements.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

It is quite certain that some of the touches which appear on this page will have been composed by others besides those whose names appear under them. It happens so with peals, much more likely is it, therefore, that it will occur with short lengths. Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich, now points out that the quarter-peal over the name of Mr. H. G. Miles which appeared last week was composed and rung upwards of 30 years ago by Mr. I. G. Shade.

It is interesting to note that the touch by the late Henry Johnson, published last week, the touches by J. J. B. Lates this week, and others by the same authors, which we hope to publish in the near future, have been in the possession of Mr. Bernard Witcheil for many years, and so far as he is aware have never been either rung or published.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STURRY, KENT.—On Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung in 45 mins., by the local band, for morning service: R. French 1, E. Clarke 2, R. Maile 3, W. Thompson 4, W. Goldfinch 5, E. Slingsby (conductor) 6.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday evening, May 1st, at the Church of St. Alphege, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. J. Paine 1, H. G. Fairbrass 2, C. W. Brett 3, F. G. Brett (conductor) 4, W. F. Jenkins 5, E. G. Buesden 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples, in 30 mins., composed by John Carter: *W. Crawford 1, R. Evans 2, W. Wase 3, B. Rixon 4, *R. Jones 5, J. Hanley 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, A. Bayley 8. *Longest length in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Winchester Guild.—On Sunday, May 1st, for afternoon service, 1,120 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 49 mins.: H. Payne 1, R. Brown (longest length inside) 2, J. W. Faithful 3, W. G. Rowe 4, C. J. Fray 5, D. C. Williams 6, W. T. Tucker 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

ROCK FERRY.—Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch).—On Sunday, May 1st, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. T. Howarth 1, W. Dean 2, J. Cooke 3, E. Hughes 4, H. Martin (conductor) 5, H. Young 6. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by the local band, and the first quarter-peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. Also the longest length on the bells and by the local band. Also 720 of Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins.: J. T. Howarth 1, W. Dean 2, H. Martin 3, E. Hughes 4, J. Cooke (conductor) 5, H. Young 6. The above touches were rung before and after a service on Industrial Sunday, which was attended by the Mayor and town councillors of Birkenhead.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Edwards 1, A. Harding 2, P. E. Clark 3, E. Harris 4, J. E. Roots 5, E. J. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, H. Belcher 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Prior 1, Miss W. King 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

OXFORD.—Reading Guild.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: Miss V. Robinson 1, L. T. Osborne 2, G. Wheeler 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, G. Cook 8. Miss Robinson, who hails from Wokingham, is a daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs), in 27 mins.: L. Brookes 1, B. Clements 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday morning, April 24th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples: *M. Hall 1, R. Picton 2, E. Jones 3, Rev. C. F. Ayerst 4, E. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. *Longest length.

TO HONOUR THE LORD'S DAY.

By the HON. SECRETARY OF THE SALISBURY GUILD.

It should be a source of inspiration to us ringers in our Sunday work to realise its true purpose and significance. It is not the function of the bells on Sunday just to serve as an elaborate form of clock for notifying the time of service—misguided opponents of ringing sometimes argue on that supposition that bells are superfluous in these days, when most people have watches and clocks. Nor is it the main object of the bells to sound the call to prayer, and to remind men of the duty of worship—much as that reminder is needed. But the primary purpose of our Sunday ringing is to do honour to the Lord's Day. In the 'Table of all the Feasts to be observed in the Church of England' our Prayer Book places first 'All Sundays in the year.' The Christian Day of Rest and Worship must always be a Feast, just because it is the weekly memorial of our Blessed Lord's Resurrection, and as such should be celebrated alike with reverence and with gladness. It is the sacred privilege of us ringers to honour the Lord's Day with the hallowed music of the bells, and to enhance with their solemn harmony the dignity of Sunday worship. The joyous strains that we send forth from our belfries strike the keynote of that worship: 'This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

F. L. EDWARDS.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264), in 47 mins., by: J. H. Iliffe 1, E. Fletcher 2, H. Harrison 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, C. J. Baker 6, J. F. George 7, E. C. Gobeys (composer and conductor) 8. — On Sunday, April 24th, for morning service, 576 Treble Bob Major, and for evening service, 640 Treble Bob Major, with the same band: C. J. Baker 1, J. F. George 2, E. Fletcher 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, J. H. Iliffe 6, H. Harrison 7, E. C. Gobeys 8. For the morning service, J. F. George tenor and E. C. Gobeys 2nd.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, April 17th, at St. Mary Abbot's Church, A. Walker's 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Outmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, C. H. Dobbie 3, P. L. Miles 4, P. H. Smith 5, A. B. Bennett 6, A. E. Bradley 7, A. W. Davis 8, H. G. Miles 9, W. E. G. Hewton 10.

LONDON.—London County Association. — On Sunday, April 17th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 of Cambridge Surprise Major: J. R. Gammon 1, J. Carter 2, H. J. Gummer (conductor) 3, R. G. Chapple 4, E. J. King 5, W. H. Pickett 6, I. J. Attwater 7, T. H. Taffender 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise by the ringer of the 4th. — On Sunday, April 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Rushton (first away from tenor) 1, J. Carter 2, J. R. Gammon 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, R. G. Chapple 6, W. H. Pickett 7, H. Spinks 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 17th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: W. Warren 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, T. Crane 3, L. Hammond 4, A. H. Took 5, Jas. Howard 6. Rung on the 70th birthday of T. Crane.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, April 17th, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins., from 'The Ringing World,' April 15th: W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

TWO 756's STEDMAN TRIPLES.

2514567
2415367 6th in Slow
2513467 6th in Slow
2431567 6th in Slow and out

2314567

1354267 3
5324167 3
2317546 3 14

Each twice repeated.
The late J. J. B. Lates.

616 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234587
S 572634 1
— 345267 2
— 453267 4
S 354267 4
S 273654 1
— 542367 2
S 245367 4
— 452367 4
Repeated.
H. Martin.

TWO 672's DOUBLE NORWICH.

23456 1 4 5 6
36452 — — —
32465 — — —
24365 — — —
23456 1 4 6
55324 — — —
23561 — — —
43265 — — —
Each repeated.
J. Hunt.

701 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789
2456978 1—4—58
43254 9 in 38
23465 15—8—9
42365 9 in 3
34265 9 in 3
23465879 1—3—48
42365 8 in 3
34265 8 in 3
G. Hollis.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A humorous correspondent sends us the following account of a meeting of the Chester Guild at Market Drayton on Saturday, April 16th, when about 20 ringers foregathered to arouse the interest of the neighbourhood in the art.

"One cycling member," he writes, "stated he had had a 'non-stop' run; but he was either a 'T.T.' or addicted to 'terminological inexactitudes'!" Two other riders from the same district experienced great delay in the first few miles; in fact, no progress seems to have been made until after 2.30 p.m.; but why this should be so appears shrouded in mystery!"

Ringling commenced about 4 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung. Master Lilley (who recently got his first peal) showed that 13 years of age is not too early to begin change ringing. One active youth (presumably a relation of Tarzan) on finding the tenor difficult to pull off swarmed up the rope to investigate. However, on nearing the ceiling he discovered that the hole was not big enough to admit the rope and himself, so returned to earth, and tried more effective, if less spectacular, methods.

A most acceptable tea was provided by somebody who wishes to remain anonymous. At the tea-table the Vicar proved that even the learned are liable to fail at times, for he made a sad mess of the table cloth! The reverend gentleman stated with regret, that it would be the last time he would be able to welcome the Guild, as he was shortly going abroad. He tried to sell the ringers an ancient mechanical organ, but failed to find any bidders, and will most likely take the pipes to South Africa, separately, so as to start a 'jazz choir' among the natives! A sound scheme, certainly!

After tea, ringing was resumed, and unfortunately, a fine touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was brought to a premature close, owing to some misunderstanding by the conductor about the time the 'shops' shut! The bells were lowered in peal about 9 p.m., only one incident occurring. Two members apparently could not decide who was doing the job, as they appeared to take turns at the rope. The bell (being unused to two masters) retaliated by neatly removing a piece of skin from the hand of one, and slapping the other in the face.

On adjourning to a 'friend's' house, the ringers had a most cordial reception, and were pressed to receive a little liquid nourishment at the expense of a native of the town. They modestly accepted the kind offer, but their elation was somewhat damped by learning that the town had scored an important success in the world of football, and had reached the conclusion that the bells had been rung to celebrate the event.

A party of cyclists were observed to leave the town in fine style (after 10 p.m.). One of them, to judge from the movements of his rear light, was attempting to 'loop-the-loop,' make 'figure eights,' and do various other 'stunts.' He unfortunately 'nose-dived' rather suddenly, and crashed badly. The machine was undamaged, and he explained that he had dismounted to attend to his lamps. Later he took a wrong turning to the right, and might have been going yet, had not the sight of a huge sheet of water so demoralised him that his lamps went out again. He was positive he had seen no water on his way to the meeting. It is a matter of conjecture what became of the other cyclist, as he has not been heard of since, and must be regretfully reported missing. The last few miles homeward were marred by a heavy snowstorm, but the foresight of Guild members in general, and one in particular, was evidenced by the fact that he arrived home in a whirl of snow, with his mackintosh securely fastened to his bicycle!

LATE NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Faversham and Ospringe, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 14th. Service at 3 p.m. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Towers at Drayton, Milton, Stevenston, Sutton and Abingdon available. Will all requiring tea notify H. R. Cooper, Milton, Stevenston, Berks?

HARLOW COMMON.—Essex Association.—On Easter Day, for early service, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Brown 1, V. Tipton 2, S. Clark 3, W. Morris 4, H. Smale (conductor) 5, G. Dent 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8. For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 46 mins., by the ringers standing in the same order. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

NOTICES.

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SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 7th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Short Service 5.30. Tea in Parish Room 6 o'clock. Will all who require tea kindly acquaint Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, a few days before the meeting? The charge for tea will be 1s. 6d. per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Thomas Parker. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on May 7th. Service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting St. Peter's Parish Room 4 p.m. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas, 2 to 3.30 p.m., from 6.30 p.m. No tea arranged this year.—H. R. Butcher, Gen. Hon. Sec., Kent View, Crowborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral (members of the Central Council and friends heartily welcomed) on May 17th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurlough on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided if possible.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at Vicarage 5.45.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker (8 bells) on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Barrett's, Church Street, at 5.30 p.m. Those likely to attend will oblige by kindly notifying me.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Watford District, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, May 7th. East Retford bells (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea at Howard's Restaurant at 4.45 p.m., 1/6 per head to members, 2/6 per head to visitors. A hearty welcome to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on May 7th at Cawthorne. Bells available from 4 to 9 p.m. Buses run from Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival will be held at Marlborough on Monday, May 9th. Annual meeting at Town Hall, 2 p.m. The Earl of Shaftesbury will preside. Service in St. Mary's Church, 3.30. Preacher, Rev. C. D. Hoste, Rector. Tea at Town Hall, 4.45, 1/. Please give Secretary a week's notice. Bells available: Marlborough, St. Peter (8), St. Mary (6); Aldbourne, Bishop's Cannings (near Devizes), Calne (8); Ogbourne, St. George, Pewsey, Savernake Forest (6 and 5).—F. Li. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Business important.—W. Hughes and J. Halsall, Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, May 14th, instead of Heywood, as arranged at last meeting. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Rochester Cathedral. The new Ring of Ten will be dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester on Whit Saturday, May 14th, at 3.30. H.E. the American Ambassador and the Lord Bishop of Rochester will be present. Further particulars next week.—A. Osborne, Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Mangotsfield bells.—Opening Ceremony by the Rev. Bishop Clifford, Saturday, 14th May, 1921, at 3.30 p.m. The Vicar extends a hearty invitation to all ringers. Meat tea in Schoolroom at 1/6 per head. Kindly notify Rev. F. R. H. Crews, by 10th May, the Vicarage, Mangotsfield, Bristol.—P. C. Williams, E. Guise, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Darley Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—A. Braines, Hon. Dis. Sec., 140, Parker St., Derby.

VISITORS TO LONDON.—Whit Sunday, May 15th. Help will be appreciated at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, S.W.1, close to Victoria Station, S. E. & C. R. Ringing from 6 to 7 p.m. Grandsire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Walthamstow on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Short Service at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m., with a valedictory address by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary. Tea (1/3 each) at 4 p.m., at the Church House, to be followed by the Annual meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: St. Mary's (10), St. Saviour's (8), Chigwell Row (6), Leytonstone (6), Wanstead (6) and Woodford (6). Those intending to be present at tea must notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 10th, as a guarantee for number has to be given.—H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham, Essex.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 16th. The bells at the Cathedral (10) tenor 20 cwt., Sharrow (8) tenor 13 cwt., are available for ringing. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. prompt. Members 2/6, non-members 3/6, those intending to be at lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday first post, May 11th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday Meeting will be held at Darlington. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the Fleece Hotel, Blackwellgate. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Members 2s., non-members 3s. 6d. General meeting afterwards. Important business: Ringers' War Memorial. The bells of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available for ringing during the day. All those intending to be present should inform me not later than May 12th.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th. Committee meeting at 11.15 a.m. in Upper Vestry (All Saints' Church). Service at All Saints' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 p.m., at 3/6 per head to all those who notify Mr. S. J. Lawrence, 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton, by Tuesday, May 10th. Business after luncheon. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Peter's (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8). All Saints (8), if possible.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Peterborough, on Whit-Monday. Char-a-banc will leave Roman Catholic Church, Cambridge, at 10 a.m. sharp. Fare 8/- return. Lunch 2/6 at 1.30. Service 4 o'clock, tea 4.30, 1/3, at St. Mary's. Bells of St. John's (8), Woodston (6), St. Mary's (6), open for ringing. All ringers who intend coming must notify me by May 12th.—V. Shorter, Hon. Gen. Sec., 3, Pembroke St., Cambridge.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Torquay, on Whit-Monday. Guild service at St. Luke's at 12.15. Dinner and meeting at 1. Towers open: St. Mary's Church, Babbacombe, Paignton, etc. Names of members requiring dinner must reach the Gen. Secretary by May 10th.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

THE ROMNEY MARSH GUILD hopes to be 'at home' on Whit-Monday, and to have a day's ringing through the Marsh, starting at Appledore at 10 a.m. Further notice next week.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds, on Whit-Monday, May 16th. By kind permission the bells of St. James' Cathedral (10), St. Mary's (8), St. Leonard's, Horringer (8), will be available. Dinner will be served at the Griffin Hotel, at 2/6 per head at 1 p.m. Business following. All those intending to attend dinner please notify Mr. Wm. Goodship, 9, Southgate St., Bury St. Edmunds, not later than May 12th.—A. Symonds, Lavenham, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Postponement of Meeting.—In view of the continuance of the Coal Strike and the consequent drastic reductions in the railway services, it has been decided to postpone the joint meeting of the Norwich and Ipswich Branches at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, May 16th, 1921.—Edward Evans, Branch Secretary; Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Duffield on June 18th.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual General meeting of the Guild is postponed on account of the uncertainties of travelling.—J. Herschel, Hon. Sec., Clandon Rectory, Surrey.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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