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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MEMBERS, GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1913.
Gentlemen,

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

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

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Next Tuesday's meeting of the Central Council at Winchester does not promise, so far as one can judge from the agenda, to provide the material for the lengthy discussions which have characterised the gatherings of that body in some recent years, although it is by no means safe to anticipate that the proceedings are likely to be comparatively short, for a seemingly innocent agenda not unfrequently yields the most prolific debate. The actual motions, of which notice has been given, number only three (they were published in our last issue), and those associations who, at the special request of their representatives on the Council, have been discussing the question of the admission of the Ladies' Guild will miss any form of resolution by which this matter can be re-introduced this year, as was undoubtedly intended.

The principal motion on the agenda is unquestionably that relating to inter-affiliation which for the first time is to come officially before the central body. It will be observed, however, that the resolution, as it is drafted, is of an absolutely non-committal nature, and deals with the subject in a way in which the Council have treated other questions of policy—that of giving the scheme a blessing, but leaving others to get on with the work. Inter-affiliation, as will have been seen from the reports of the meetings of the various associations by whom it has been discussed, has not been received with unanimous approval, and, when definite disagreement on a subject has already been shown, it would, of course, be useless for the Council to take the matter into its special care and attempt to force a scheme upon those organisations which are not prepared to receive it.

The motion as to Shipway's Superlative Surprise Royal will raise a question adjourned from last year, and despite the able and succinct way in which the Rev. H. Law James put his views in the letter which recently appeared in these columns, the question is one which will have to be left to the experts in method construction—and they are extremely few in number—to decide. The other motion, that of the Council issuing a national badge for ringers, may appeal to some, but unless the business is tackled in a right way the proposal may fall flat when it is put into actual operation.

Among the other matters of business will be the reception of the reports of committees. That of the Peals Analysis is already published, and we can imagine that that of the Peal Collection will be one of reporting progress. The Towers and Belfries Committee ought to have something interesting to tell us, but, as to the Literature Committee—well, we shall expect a report when we see one. It is years since anything of a practical nature was reported by that body.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,

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TEN BELL PEAL.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*LOUIS J. ABBOTT Treble	†TOPHAM CUTFORTH 6
HARRY THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	FRED TURNER 8
*LAWRENCE E. MEARS 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
ERNEST NIDD 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the coming-of-age of William P. Turner, eldest son of the ringer of the 8th, the band being entertained to refreshments at the conclusion of the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	ERNEST STONE 6
JAMES F. CLARKE, JUNR. 3	HARRY ARGYLE 7
REV. R. P. FARROW 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
JOHN SNELLING 2	FREDK. MANSER 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	FREDK. SEAGER 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER,

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER Treble	SAMUEL COTTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
*HARRY BROUGHTON 3	ALFRED MARTIN 7
†HAROLD G. JENNEY, P.C. 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method. One hundredth peal for the Association by C. H. Fowler and J. Morris, and the quickest peal on the bells. This was the 2nd attempt for this peal. On the first occasion the lights went out during the last four courses.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 5
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2	HARRY HAMPSON 6
CHARLES BOWER 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
JONATHAN BROADBENT 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY LEA Treble	WILLIAM H. WEBB 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
ALFRED HACKETT 3	GEORGE N. COCKIN 7
WILLIAM COLEY 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by W. COLEY.

This peal was rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Elijah White.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD BANKS Treble	*THOMAS BLOORE 5
*CHARLES WATHMAN 2	BERT HORTON 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	EDGAR T. SMITH 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	*THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by THOMAS BLOORE, and

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

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

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PERCY TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS BIRCH 5
*RALPH JOHNSON 2	†WM. MYATT 6
*WM. WRIGHT 3	WM. FITCHFORD, SENR. 7
WM. ALLMAN 4	*JACK WHITEHURST Tenor

Conducted by WM. FITCHFORD.

* First peal. First peal on a bob bell. The ringers of the treble and tenor are only 15 years of age and great credit is given them for the very able way they manipulated their respective ropes. All are members of the local band with the exception of the conductor and the ringer of the fourth, who come from Wolstanton. The ringers wish to thank Mrs. Birch and Miss Plant for their kindness in providing light refreshments after the peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICAR'S. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RUFUS T. LADE Treble	*FREDERICK T. SANDS 5
*W. BASIL PAINE 2	†ARTHUR R. MILES 6
JOHN THURLOW 3	WILLIAM J. BAGLEY 7
*WILLIAM BROWN 4	TOM LADE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples as conductor. First peal of Triples by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. All are members of the local band. Rung on the Eve of St. Dunstan's Day.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 24½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
FRED DAVIES 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
REUBEN SANDERS 3	†JAMES HUNT 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by J. PAGEIT, and

ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First Surprise peal on an inside bell. † First peal in the method.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY C. CHANDLER ... Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
ERNEST R. GLADMAN 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM J. NEW 4	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
PERCY J. PAINE 2	FREDERICK G. BRETT 6
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS 3	GEORGE G. JENKINS 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4	*GEORGE H. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* First peal. Rung in commemoration of Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to A. A. Andrews. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

SHILDON, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BROADLEY ... Treble	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE 5
JAMES BAXTER 2	THOMAS CLARK 6
*WILLIAM D. LISTER 3	WILLIAM H. PORTER 7
JAMES W. NEWTON 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. PAGEIT, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day, also of the 50th birthday of Mr. J. Baxter. The ringer of the 4th hails from Stockton, the 5th from Middlesbro', the 8th from Ormesby, and the rest from Darlington.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT ELLAM Treble	JOHN WILLIAM DEWS 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	JAMES SMITH 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ALFRED KEEBLE... ..Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY 7
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. G. Wilson's 50th peal.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITETreble	JOHN C. DICKEN 5
HERBERT DAY 2	ALEX. HUTCHISON 6
JAMES L. WRIGHT 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
FRED W. HILL 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... ..Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

Rung for Empire Day.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DOWLERTreble	VICTOR WHITE 5
†ERNEST BOYLIN 2	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
*WILFRED MUMFORD... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
WILLIAM SHILVOCK... .. 4	GEORGE PIGOTTTenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by G. PIGOTT.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method inside. Rung on the tenth anniversary of Victor White's wedding day; also as a birthday compliment to J. Pigott. This was the conductor's 100th peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSETreble	CHARLES T. COLES... .. 5
FRED G. MAY 2	ERNEST PYE 6
WILLIAM MILLER 3	HARRY FLANDERS 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*THOMAS BESTTreble	*ALBERT J. GREEN 5
*JOHN MEAD 2	*WALTER SEAR 6
*EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 7
HORACE H. SMITH 4	HARRY SEARTenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Valentine, father of the ringer of the 7th.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY J. LANGSTONTreble	JOHN SADLER 5
ERNEST NEWMAN 2	*ARTHUR SAUNDERS 6
WALTER SADLER 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... 4	DAVID ELLIOTTTenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The band wish to thank the Dean (Canon Brownrigg) for the use of the bells, "especially as an effort was made to prevent the peal being attempted."

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs.

ALBERT D. STONETreble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
RICHARD STREDWICK 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
ROBERT W. GREEN 4	KEITH HARTTenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

ARTHUR EDWARDSTreble	*PERCY R. ALMOND 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	JOSEPH BOWELL 6
HENRY F. COOPER 3	GEORGE JENNION 7
HENRY W. KIRTON 4	GEORGE E. ANDREWS ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY BRIGGS... ..Treble	*ERNEST STONE 5
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 2	HARRY ARGYLE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER ...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lbs., in E.

WILLIAM HENLEYTreble	*JOHN BRANT 5
GEORGE MARTIN... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 3	ERNEST LAMBERT 7
THOMAS SMITH 4	JOHN H. CROPLEYTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal on eight away from the tenor. First peal in the method on the bells.

DIAMOND WEDDING PEALS.

The three following peals were rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenwood, of Streatham, Mr. Greenwood having been a ringer for 64 years:

STREATHAM, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 13, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE BARRINGTON Treble	JOHN LEE 5
JAMES RUMBLE 2	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN ... 6
JOHN S. DANIELS 3	LOUIS ATTWATER 7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 4	*HERBERT W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by L. ATTWATER.

* First peal. J. Rumble's 50th peal.

STREATHAM, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Thursday, May 14, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE ... 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3	C. W. ROBERT GRIMWOOD 7
JOHN S. DANIELS 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN C. JACKSON, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
FREDERICK J. HARDY 2	ALEC. S. MILLER 6
ARCHIBALD T. MILLER ... 3	HERBERT LONDON 7
HAROLD J. WALTON 4	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARDY.

SIX BELL PEALS.**GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 6, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*W. SHIPP Treble	C SHIPP 4
T. GREENACRE 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
W. MITCHELL 3	G. HAWES Tenor

Conducted by G. HAWES.

* First peal.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.: London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise,
College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 4
REV. R. P. FARROW 2	ERNEST TIGWELL 5
WALTER J. HORTON 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. WERBOROUGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR B. STONE Treble	JOSEPH FLOWER 4
JOHN W. GLEW 2	ARTHUR OVERTON 5
*BART. MITCHELL 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday
compliment to A. B. Stone.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

†F. DENNETT Treble	T. HERVEY BEAMS 4
†G. W. GREENING 2	*A. GLADWYN 5
*C. TREVETT 3	*R. PEACH Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. † First peal away
from treble. All except the conductor are members of the local
band.

STAUNTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY AWFORD Treble	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 4
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS ... 2	*JOHN BARNFIELD 5
ALBERT MARTIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. The first four ringers hail from Newent,
the fifth to the local band, and the conductor to Cheltenham. The
band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also
Mr. T. H. Hayes and the local men for their hospitality.

BURSTOW, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Violet, London Scholars'
Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

CHARLES VARO Treble	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN ... 4
FRANK HAWKINS 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
FREDERICK BASHFORD ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to O. Sippetts. First peal in seven
methods on the bells. First peal in seven methods as conductor. It
was also the quarterly peal of the above Branch.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of
Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. BASHFORD Treble	O. GILBEY 4
W. CHEESEMAN 2	E. SNELLING 5
E. WOOD 3	F. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by F. BASHFORD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

EDMUND WEBB Treble	WILLIAM SCOTCHER 4
HENRY BADCOCK 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
JOHN STALLEY 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

First peal in seven methods by a local company, and rung at the second attempt. Rung in honour of Ascension Day.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR DYE Treble	CHAS. WYBROW 4
CHAS. S. TUTHILL 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN 3	*ROBERT COOKE Tenor

Conducted by R. COOKE.

* First peal as conductor. All the ringers belong to Fakenham. First peal on the bells. It was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Arnold, M.A., Rector of North Creak, on the 60th anniversary of his birthday.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES AYLETT Treble	GEORGE H. KETTLE 4
*ALFRED WILSON 2	ROBERT GREEN 5
JOHN TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to R. Green, who was to sail on May 27th for Yonkers, New York, the band wishing him every success.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ARTHUR FAIRY Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT 4
WILLIAM HAYO 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
HORACE COPPERWHEAT 3	*WALTER GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* Fiftieth peal.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE W. SHARMAN Treble	DAVID J. NICHOLS 4
FREDERICK KILBORN 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 5
PERCY J. LENTON 3	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Bloxwich, Staffordshire, on April 18th, should be credited to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

ESSEX DISSENSION.

EX-DISTRICT SECRETARY'S COMPLAINT.

We have received from Mr. A. Shufflebotham, of Braintree, formerly a district secretary of the Essex Association, a lengthy letter protesting strongly against what he states to be the interference of the Master of the Essex Association in endeavouring to prevent a peal being rung at Bocking, under the auspices of the Ely Association. Having got permission for the peal from the Dean of Bocking, Mr. Shufflebotham says he invited a company, which included three of the local band, to go there for a peal of Superlative. He alleges, however, that the Master of the Essex Association, hearing that the peal was to be attempted, tried to persuade the Dean to stop the peal, but the latter, finding that such action was likely to cause a rupture in his own company decided to consider his own ringers first and allow the peal to take place. Owing to a misunderstanding three of the company failed to turn up, but the attempt was again arranged for Saturday last. Mr. Shufflebotham points out that no attempt is made to prevent London societies ringing peals in Essex, and threatens "drastic measures" if any further interference takes place in regard to peals in which he is concerned.

REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL.

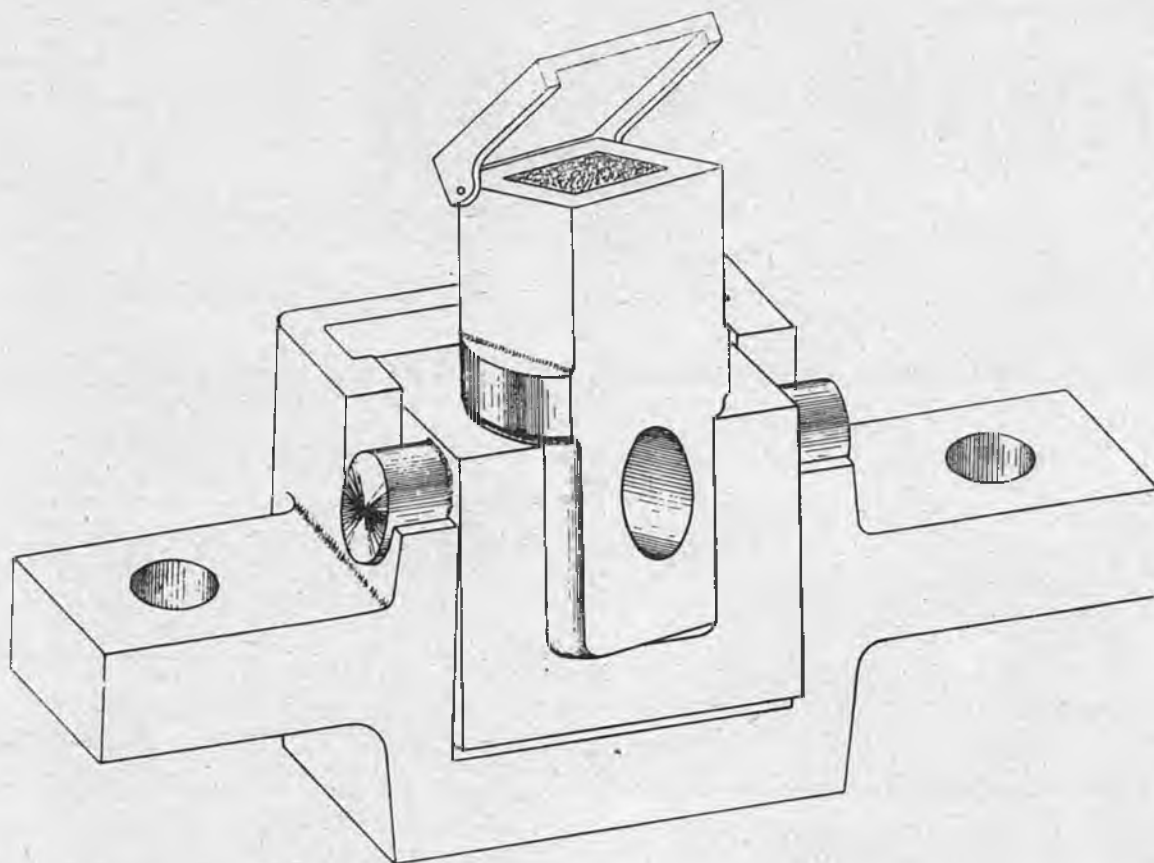
He proceeds: May I take this opportunity of giving the Exercise a few of the reasons why myself and others withdrew from the Essex Association. Going back to the annual meeting at Kelvedon, in 1912, a resolution was carried that all the old members, after being in the Association a certain number of years, should become hon. members, without any further payment, and it was left to the committee to put the matter into workable form and bring the scheme before the annual meeting in 1913, but this was not done. In 1912 also, four brakes were allowed (one in each district) with the idea of assisting in the then "craze" of missionary work, but last year not one brake was allowed out of the funds. Again, a notice was sent from Colchester to bring before the annual meeting of 1913 a proposal to allow something out of the funds towards defraying the debt on the Colchester bells (£50), which had recently been recast and rebung. This was refused as being likely to cause unnecessary argument, and because it was too late to be put on the agenda. The rule states that a week's notice must be given, and yet this nine days' notice was too late. Will someone kindly inform me how many days there are in a week! These and other proposals were set back to give preference to the suggestion to provide a treble bell for Chelmsford out of the funds. This, we were informed, would cost £25, but it now turns out to be £36. The proposal was carried by 37 votes to 17, 54 members thus voting out of an eligible 652, a motion that the voting should be by referendum to every tower being defeated. I may here explain that the meeting being at West Ham, it was beyond reasonable distance for those in the Eastern district to attend, although it is from the Eastern district that the Association draws more than half of its income. The Master assured us that he had not promised that the Association would give the treble, yet at the opening at Chelmsford on September 27th, Canon Lake said Mr. Howard promised them, if they would go in for twelve bells, that the Association would give the treble, thus proving the correctness of what was published in the local papers that the Essex Association were giving the treble—and this before any of the other officers or members were consulted. I would like to make it clear that our grievances are not with the Association, but with those officers who are allowed to spend what they like, while the district officers who do all the hard work are tied down to every penny.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Frome recently, when fifty members were present, representing fourteen towers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells before tea, which was provided at the Union Jack Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. C. C. Parker, Master of the Association, presided, supported by the Rev. Preb. W. F. H. Randolph (Vicar of Frome), the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Vicar of Leigh-on-Medip), and others.—On the proposition of Mr. D. G. Taylor, seconded by Mr. I. B. Holmyard, nine honorary and 50 performing members were elected, including the members of two new towers.—The next meeting, being the annual meeting, will be held at Bath.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Frome for the very kind welcome he had given to the members, for arranging the service and for the use of the bells, was proposed by the Master, seconded by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, and carried with acclamation.—Preb. Randolph, in responding, again said how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Association, and hoped they would pay another visit to Frome on some future occasion.—A short service was then held in the Parish Church, where Preb. Randolph gave a very appropriate address. During the evening further touches in various methods were rung.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. Hitchman 1, A. Beauchamp 2, W. H. Keys 3, H. Gresvener 4, A. Pratt 5, W. J. Cartwright 6, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 7, J. Such 8



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THE OLDEST PEAL BOARD.

ST. PETER MANCROFT'S CHERISHED RECORDS.

In our illustration last week of the painting of Samuel Thurston, we referred to the old peal board, which had been restored; recording the ringing of Garthorn's peal of Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1718. This tablet, of which we give a picture on this page, is not the only ancient and interesting board in that famous belfry. The tower is, indeed, famous for its early achievements in the art of ringing, and the tablets recording these early peals still hang on the belfry walls: "Grandsire Bob" (Plain Bob) Triples in 1715; Grandsire Triples (Garthorn's) in 1718; and Stedman Triples in 1732. Of these three records, the former and latter came to grief some years ago, the 1715 tablet falling from the wall, and both were unfortunately restored to the extent of being remade. The 1718 tablet, however, remains in its original condition, and has recently been very carefully cleaned and repaired.

On the bells which surmount the board are inscribed, "Now let all contention cease," "Wee must own truth," "Deserves the place."

The actual record of the peal is as follows: "On the 26th of August, 1718, was Rung the Harmonious Peal Called Gransire Triples which have been ye study of ye most Ingenious men of this Age who delight in ye art of Variations, but all their Projections have proved errors until it was undertook by JOHN GARTHORN who with long Study and Practice have perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the Ringers in England; the extent of this Peal being 5040 Changes have often times been Rung with Changes alike but the first time that ever it was Rung true was in three hours and a half without any Changes alike or a Bell out of Course by these men whose names are under written against their Bells as they Rung:—

James Brooke	Treble	Henry Howard	5
John Briggs	2	Wm. Callow	6
Wm. Palmer	3	The Melchior	7
Robt. Crane	4	The Barret	Tenor

Of the six other peal tablets only one is modern, the remaining five dating from the 18th and early 19th centuries. It may here be remarked that these nine tablets are of such ample dimensions that they practically fill all the available wall space, thus having made it impossible for this later generation to run riot with its records since frequent peals have become the fashion.

At the same time as the restoration above referred to was carried out to the 1718 boards, much-needed attention was given to these other five old tablets which were becoming illegible. They have been similarly cleaned and given a coat of flat varnish, and the result is a great improvement to the tablets and to the belfry. It was found possible while this work was in progress to bring down to a lower level the tablet recording the peal of "Norwich Court Bob" Maximus in 1817, which had for years been "skied" at a height of about 30 feet from the belfry floor. The record on this board, in which some of the words are curiously divided, is:—

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Monday 20th January 1817 were rung in this Steeple 5016 changes of that most ingenious and intricate Peal, Norwich Court Bob Maximus in Four Hours and two Minutes, without the misplacing of a Bell or the repetition of a single change. This Peal very much resembles Norwich Court Roy at Ten: there being short dodging on the bells before and behind and tenths place at the Bob. The ingenuity of its Composition and the bold and regular Striking reflect great credit on the Company and are allow'd by Judges to be a Performance which if ever equal'd can never be surpassed: It is the first Peal ever accomplished in England in that intricate method on Twelve Bells, was conducted by Mr. Robert Chesnutt and rung by the following Persons. This TABLET was erected at the expense OF a few Gentlemen of the Parish in commemoration of the above Display of Genius in the extensive Science of Ringing:

Robert Chesnutt	Treble	John Trowse	8
Peckover Hill	2	Joseph Lubbock	9
John Giddens	3	Thomas Hurry	10
Charles Gittings	4	Nathaniel Beales	11
Samuel Havers	5	Samuel Thurston and	
Charles Kelf	6	Matthew Smith	Tenor
George Hames	7		

HERE AND THERE.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. George Williams, hon. general secretary of the Winchester Guild, asks us to say that the following towers have been secured for peals for ringers attending the Central Council meeting at Winchester on Whit-Tuesday: Saturday evening, May 30th, North Stoneham, 5.30 p.m.; Sunday afternoon, May 31st, Dibden, 1 p.m.; Monday morning, June 1st, St. Thomas', Portsmouth, 9.30 a.m.; Monday afternoon, June 1st, St. Mary's, Portsmouth, 3 p.m.; Monday evening, June 1st, Winchester Cathedral, 5 p.m.; St. Michael's, Southampton, are also available on Monday if wanted. A sufficient number has been secured for Surprise Methods at the first four towers, and a band assured for the Cathedral. Should there be others wishing to attempt a peal at Southampton they should communicate with Mr. H. W. Wilkes, 9, Avenue Road, Itchen, Southampton.

HEAVY HANDBELLS.

The peal rung recently at Guildford on handbells (size 22) was not the first on bells of that size, 5040 Grandsire Triples having been rung on bells of similar dimensions at Ipswich on April 20th, 1888, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. This information comes through Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford.

LADY CONDUCTOR.

Conducted by a lady, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Rumney, Monmouthshire, on Wednesday week, as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Haines after their honeymoon, the bride's mother, Mrs. Cubitt, being churchwarden at Rumney Church. The ringers were: W. Stanaway, junr., 1, A. Cossom 2, W. Stanaway 3, J. Clutterbuck 4, Miss Ethel M. Pacey (conductor) 5, H. Pacey 6.

LADIES' GUILD MEETING.

In connection with the Ladies' Guild meeting at Portishead on Monday, it should be noted that there are cheap trains (return fare 1s. 3d.) from Bristol (Temple Meads) at 9.45, 10.25, 11.15, 12.27 and 2.18. Anyone with an hour to spare should visit St. Mary Redcliffe (five minutes from Temple Meads), and then take car to Ashton Gate, whence numerous trains depart for Portishead. The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, start for a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, at 1 o'clock, and have been granted permission to ring at St. Nicholas' Church from 11 to 12.

MR. I. G. SHADE.

We are glad to be able to state that Mr. I. G. Shade, who met with an accident on Easter Tuesday and fractured some of his ribs, is now well on the way to recovery, and hopes to be in harness again shortly.

SOMERTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The heavy ring of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) of St. Michael's Church, Somerset, have been sent to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Southfields Bell Foundry, to be retuned and to be augmented into eight, and to be hung in one of Messrs. Warner's special design of steel framework.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

In presenting our report for the year ending December 31st, 1913, we are glad to be able to state, in the first place, that accounts of peals seem to be sent to the ringing papers with greater care than in the past, for which we are grateful. We do not have to call attention to peals published without a conductor's name, though in some cases the conductor's name has been an afterthought. This may be due to the innate modesty of conductors, but such modesty is really misplaced, and gives the Analysis Committee a certain amount of trouble. We would ask for a little more consideration still, occasionally, and especially that the reports of peals sent to the two ringing papers should be identical. We would also call attention to the long delay, which now and then occurs, between the ringing of a peal and the publishing of the report. There can be no reason why the report should not be sent to the papers immediately, especially towards the end of the year. Belated reports, appearing when the Analysis is approaching completion, are very trying to the patience of the committee, the constant alteration of totals being troublesome in the extreme.

It will be seen that the total number of peals rung in 1913 shows an increase of 30 upon the huge total of last year. On examining the details we find a decrease of 53 in peals upon seven or more bells, an increase of 55 in Minor peals, and an increase of 28 in peals of Doubles. The total was abnormally swollen last year by the 308 handbell peals, a number which has dropped this year to 217, showing a decrease of 91. On tower bells there has been an increase of 45 in the case of peals on seven or more bells, of 49 in the case of Minor peals, and 27 of Doubles, making a total increase of peals on tower bells of 121, or very nearly 6 per cent. Of the 118 peals of Doubles, no less than 68 were rung with a covering bell, and it is much to be wished that, where there are six bells in a tower, ringers should not be content with ringing Doubles.

There is a considerable increase in the number of methods which require a separate column in the Analysis. Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, Guildford and Brighton Surprise, Washbrook, Dublin Complex and Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major, Double Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples have to be provided for; while Little Albion Treble Bob Major has to be added to the "Little" methods. The last has occasioned some difficulty, and we have placed it, not without some hesitation, in the same class with Kent Treble Bob. We find that some difference of opinion exists among experts as to the classification of Little Bob. Our own view inclines to the belief that the difficulties which present themselves in Little Bob Major are hardly sufficient to take it out of the category of Plain Bob Major; and in Little Albion Treble Bob, in like manner, there is hardly enough difficulty to lift it above Kent or Oxford Treble Bob. The other methods fall into their place according to the scale adopted by the Council.

With regard to the points for Minor peals, we have received, and will study carefully, a most exhaustive and illuminating analysis of Treble Bob Minor Methods, sent us by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, from which it appears that the classification of the methods might well be revised in a few cases. Coming as it does from a first class Minor ringer, who looks at the matter from a practical as well as a theoretical point of view, his treatise merits very careful attention. We hope to be able to give this; and, with the sanction of the Council, to make such alterations as seem to us necessary before the production of the next Analysis.

INTERESTING POINTS FROM FOOTNOTES.

The footnotes to the peals contain, as usual, some interesting information, though we are not always sure that they convey the meaning intended by the sender; so that the following figures can only be regarded as approximate. One footnote, for example, to a name in a peal of Bob Major, states: "First peal in the method, and first peal as conductor," but we find that a peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by the same ringer last year; so that the words "in the method" evidently belong to both parts of the footnote.

Advanced age was no bar to peal ringing in 1913. We find three ringers of 70, one of 71, three of 72, one of 74, and one of no less than 86 (Mr. W. Gosling, senr., who rang the 4th bell in a peal of Grandsire Triples on the 26th of March for the Midland Counties Association), engaged in peals; while one who is quite blind (Mr. W. Charlwood, of Pershore), rang the tenor to a peal of Doubles on June 7th for the Worcestershire and Districts Association at the age of 67! Youth is not left behind, however, and we find peal ringers of all ages from 13 upwards, while on handbells they begin to ring peals at the early age of 11 years. But, perhaps, the most noticeable performance in this connection is in the case of a ringer who was not 15, but yet took part in a peal of London Surprise Major. It will not be a "surprise" to learn that his name is L. A. Pye.

No less than 118 peals are reported as being the "first on the bells," and 31 the first since restoration or augmentation. Ninety-six peals were rung for Church Festivals, which is a gratifying increase, and 18 for Harvest Thanksgivings. Eight peals were rung for "golden weddings," and others for 51st, 57th and 59th anniversaries, together with a large number of other wedding peals; and 64 muffled peals were rung.

We find 710 ringers scoring their first peal, 87 first with a bob bell, and 30 first away from the tenor; 104 rang their first peal as conductor, and 28 peals were the first by the local band.

Three peals were rung uncondacted, viz., in seven Surprise Minor methods at Oswaldtwistle and at Walton, Liverpool, by members of the Lancashire Association; and a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, this being, we believe, the first on record on tower bells.

"Farewell" peals numbered 49, "Welcome" 6; quarterly association peals, 9. Then we have peals on the appointment of, or to welcome Bishops, Canons, Rectors and Vicars; laying the foundation stone of a new church, completion of a church, dedication of a village cross, confirmations, etc.; peals in celebration of Royal weddings and birthdays, and to commemorate the anniversaries of the battles of Balacava and Trafalgar. Peals were also rung by members of the Central Council, the C.E.M.S., the Navy and Army, ten ringers employed at a bell foundry, etc. Two peals were in connection with the demonstrations against Welsh Disestablishment, and one for the settlement of the railway dispute. There was the usual large number of birthday peals, and we must also notice the performance of four peals of Minor in one day by six members of the Kent County Association, in four different towers, the first performance of such a feat.

CLERICAL AND LADY RINGERS.

Ringers depend so much for opportunities of peal ringing upon the goodwill of the clergy, that it must be of interest to note that 29 clergy are to be found ringing peals in 1913, seven of whom were also conductors, and that the number of peals in which they took part was 145, consisting of Cinques 4, Royal 8, Caters 21, Major 52, Triples 28, Minor 29, and Doubles 3. The details are as follows: The Rev. A. T. Beeston rang in 40 peals, of which he conducted 9; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (16 on handbells), 24; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conducted 6), 20; Revs. H. L. James (conducted 9) and W. C. Pearson, 14; Rev. B. Tyrwhitt-Drake (H.B. 4), 13; Rev. C. J. Sturton, 12; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (H.B. 3, conducted 3) 9; Revs. E. V. Cox (conducted 1) and E. S. Powell, 8; Rev. E. B. James (H.B. 3), 7; Revs. C. C. Cox (conducted 5) and W. P. Wright, 5; Revs. G. F. Coleridge and H. B. Woolley, 4; Revs. V. A. Creswell, H. J. Elsec, R. P. Farrow, J. F. Hastings, F. J. O. Helmore, R. L. B. Oliver and W. M. K. Warren, 2; Revs. W. W. C. Baker (conducted 1), R. Bond, H. Bowen, W. E. Colchester, B. H. D. Field, C. C. Marshall and E. J. Teesdale, 1.

With regard to the ladies, we find not only an increase in the number of peals in which they have taken part, but also in the number of lady ringers. The names of 30 ladies appear in the records of 114 successful peals in the past year, compared with 20 ladies and 96 peals in the year before. Miss Margery Sampson has earned the distinction of ringing her first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells, and Miss Elsie Bennett has distinguished herself by being the first lady to ring in a successful peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. Miss Edith Parker has also continued her brilliant career by ringing peals in a great variety of methods both in the tower and on handbells. The Misses C. E. Banks, E. Belcher, A. Hick, O. Lumley, E. Matthews (H.B.), E. Pacey, E. Read (H.B.), C. Sparshott, B. Stillwell, B. Symonds (H.B.), F. E. Thatcher and K. C. Thatcher rang one peal; the Misses N. Gillingham, M. Pigott, O. Playle, L. Willson and Mrs. Whittington, two peals; the Misses E. Goodship, E. M. Johnson (H.B. 3) and R. Johnson (H.B. 3), three peals; Miss D. Steel, four; the Misses M. Chillingworth and K. Holifield, six; the Misses W. Hague (H.B. 4), and H. Willson, seven; Miss S. Pigott, eight; Miss M. F. Sampson, 10; Miss E. Steel, 13; Miss E. K. Parker (H.B. 7), 16; and Miss E. L. Bennett (on handbells), 18. The peals were: Cinques 3, Royal 3, Caters 8, Major 40, Triples 38, Minor 17 and Doubles 5. Two ladies rang in four of the peals of Major and Triples, in one of the Minor peals, and in three of the peals of Doubles.

E. W. CARPENTER, Routhby Rectory, Grantham.

J. GRIFFIN, 77, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.

ARTHUR T. KING, 7, Cavendish Road, Southsea, Hants.

GEO. WILLIAMS, West End, near Southampton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Officials of the Winchester Guild have made capital arrangements for the social entertainment of members of the Central Council who visit Winchester for the meeting next Tuesday. Peals have been arranged for many, and after the meeting there is to be a social gathering at the Guildhall.

The Standing Committee of the Council meet at 9.45 a.m. on Tuesday in St. Thomas' Parish Room, where the general meeting of the Council will open at 11 o'clock. The principal business to be dealt with appeared in our last issue.

Visitors desirous of joining a walking party through part of the New Forest on Whit-Sunday afternoon to Rufus Stone and Lyndhurst, should communicate with the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Titchfield, Hants (leave Winchester at 1.12 p.m.).

CATERPHILLY, GLAM.—On March 17th, in honour of St. Patrick's Day, 350 Grandsire Triples was rung, after losing a quarter-peal: E. Phillips 1, H. Broughton 2, D. Stephens 3, D. Grimes 4, W. Dape 5, G. Cooke 6, W. Kathro 7, S. Tucker 8.

Chelmsford Cathedral Bells.

April, 1914.

Chelmsford Cathedral.

In 1913 Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields, London, E.C., recast the Peal of ten Bells, added two new ones to make a Peal of 12, and re-hung them in one tier in a new steel frame.

We have much pleasure in stating that the work was carried out to our entire satisfaction.

The tone of the bells is much admired, and the ease with which they can be rung is testified to by the ringers.

HENRY A. LAKE, Rector.

THOS. N. WALLER,

ADOLPHUS G. MASKELL, } Churchwardens.

St. Mary's Lodge, Chelmsford.

February 6th, 1914.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd.
Gentlemen.

The new Peal of Twelve Bells installed in Chelmsford Cathedral in September last by your Firm gives the utmost satisfaction. The bells are well-tuned; the tone is mellow, and the harmonics are perfect. The ensemble effect is excellent.

I consider the Peal to be perfectly satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

FREDERICK R. FRYE,

Mus. B. (Cantab), F.R.C.O.,

Organist, Chelmsford Cathedral.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Dear Sirs,

We, the undersigned, representing important Towers in the Essex Association of Change Ringers, wish to place on record that we consider the new ring of 12 Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lbs.) in the Key of C, which you have just installed at Chelmsford Cathedral to be a triumph of musical perfection, coupled with engineering skill.

The Tenor Bell, which has been "going" perfectly since she was first dropped into her bearings, and the Treble Bells, are extremely worthy products of your well-known Foundry.

The whole peal is exceedingly well balanced, and the tuning upon Canon Sim³ o¹s Five Tone Principle is a vast improvement upon the old Bells, whose over-tones were in such a hopeless tangle.

Your new design of Independent Steel Framework fully merits the greatest praise, inasmuch as there is not the slightest movement when the Bells are ringing, and moreover, we appreciate the very great difficulty of arranging the 12 Bells to hang on one level in so small an available space.

Wishing you every success in the future,

We are, Dear Sirs, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM LINCOLN,

Master for S.E. Division.

CHAS. H. HOWARD,

Master of the Essex Association.

HARRY RICHELL, Deputy Master,

Chelmsford Cathedral.

JAMES MOTTS,

25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

ARTHUR EDWARDS,

Ringing Master of Boreham Tower

Eight Bells.

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeple Keeper and Master of the

Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers.

Secretary of the S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Messrs. Warners, London.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating I am perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you, of recasting the old Peal of Ten and adding New Treble and Tenor, to Chelmsford Cathedral.

The Steel Frame constructed to carry the Twelve Bells all on one level, is a masterpiece of work, no movement or friction whatever. The tone of the bells is beautiful, the "go" is such that a youth could ring any one of them, in short I am opinion our Peal of Twelve cannot be beaten.

Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER,

Steeplekeeper and Master Chelmsford Cathedral Guild of

Change Ringers.

Secretary S.E. Division, E.A.C.R.

Boreham, Chelmsford.

Dear Sirs,

In my opinion the Twelve Bells placed in the Tower of Chelmsford Cathedral by you, are a noble peal; in fact, I think they are perfect, and remind me of a beautiful wave of music floating in the air, the "go" of which is all that could be desired.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR EDWARDS.

66, Duke Street, Chelmsford.

February 27th, 1914.

Messrs. Warner and Sons,

I am very pleased to say that the New Ring of Twelve at Chelmsford have proved such a great success. They are a magnificent Peal, and I'm sure that the "go" of them from Treble to Tenor is most excellent, and great credit is due to the Firm for the able way in which the work has been carried out.

H. RICHELL,

Deputy Master to the Cathedral Guild.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, LTD.,

Bellfounders to His Majesty King George V.,

THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY, LONDON, E.

BELLS AND FRAMES.

INFORMATION WANTED FOR ARCHITECTS' COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed an opportunity, through the medium of your valuable paper, to lay a few facts before those connected with ringing, especially such as are interested in the technical side of it, which, I see, has received some notice in your columns from time to time recently. It occurs to me that probably many of our bell-hangers may have very pronounced and definite views as to which direction the bells should be hung in a tower. Having had occasion to look into the matter lately, I venture to place the following notes forward for consideration, and if any care to send me such comments as may occur to them, I am sure that myself and other members of a committee investigating this; before whom I shall be happy to lay such notes, will be greatly obliged.

I observe that in arranging the position of bells in a frame they are sometimes hung all one way, and again a portion one way and the remainder at right angles, and in both these cases sometimes square with the tower and sometimes diagonally. Of course, a tower may vary considerably upon plan, it may be a square, rectangle, circle, octagon or some other shape. The question is, do the above arrangements of hanging have some definite relation to these various plans. In the majority of cases I am rather inclined to think that they do not, and I believe it will be found that they are governed largely by rule of thumb. For instance, when we examine the strength of a tower there would appear to be, as far as regards the stress on the structure, no gain in splitting up the bells to two portions swinging at right angles to one another, which we all know to be a favourite practice.

The late Lord Grimthorpe some 60 years ago, speaking before a body of architects, expressed the opinion that all the bells should swing one way, presumably towards the strongest walls if any. I observed, too, that this led to a simple and strong design being arrived at for the frame, and was under the impression, till Mr. E. H. Lewis was good enough to revise my notes, that it was preferable to swing about quarter of the bells at right angles to the remainder, but it would appear that in a square tower, no matter whether the whole of the bells or a portion only swing square to one face, the stress on the tower masonry is practically the same. It would appear still more advisable never to place the bells diagonally, as is sometimes done, in a square or rectangular tower, but to arrange them all one way, so far as a straightforward designing of the bell frame itself, or the doing away of unnecessary "drawing" of the bell ropes will allow. It would also appear that in the case of a rectangular plan it would be wiser to arrange the bells to swing to the direction of the long length, and not as would at first sight seem more plausible, viz., across the shorter span.

I feel that amongst those who have had a large practical experience in bell hanging, there are many who can throw considerable light on this question. I should be happy to hand on any notes, which I may receive, to my committee, together with many valuable notes on the theory of the subject to which I am already indebted to our friend Mr. Lewis.—Yours faithfully, E. ALEXANDER YOUNG, A.R.I.B.A.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

"Steady work has been done in most directions, regular Sunday ringing and regular practices being a marked feature." This sentence was the keynote of the very satisfactory report of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) presented to the quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild on Saturday at Ottershaw, a little Surrey village, whose church, perched high upon a pine-clad hill contains a capital peal of six bells. It was only cyclists who could reach the venue, but there was nevertheless a good attendance. The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob on tower bells, and Stedman Triples, Grandsire Cutters and Bob Royal on handbells. Mr. A. Woodrow presided at the business meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Mr. Poulter, of Yorktown, was elected a member, and the election in the tower of Mr. A. Smith was confirmed. Future arrangements were discussed, and in connection with the next quarterly meeting of the district at Hawley, on August Bank Holiday, it was decided to ask permission for the use of the two Wokingham towers in the morning. The report of the ringing master, in addition to the above-mentioned gratifying statement, recorded two peals during the quarter, and continued improvement by the new band at Otlands. — A vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association held a very successful meeting at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday. Mr. J. Barratt (vice-president) presided, and five members of the local band were elected to the Association (Messrs. J. H. Collier, J. Carter, A. W. Whitnall, J. Potter, R. Dyson and A. Johnson). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Miles Platting in July, and thanks were accorded the Rector and local ringers on the motion of Mr. H. Chapman, who expressed regret at the absence of Churchwarden Shaw, and hope for his speedy recovery. — Some useful practice was had on the bells.

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

One of the ringing organisations which carries on the work without any ostentation is the Society of Framland Ringers, which claims the allegiance of a number of towers in the East Midlands. That the society is, nevertheless, a verile one, is proved by the fact that its membership is over a hundred, and that at its annual meeting at Melton Mowbray last week, a company of over 90 was present, the towers represented being Melton Mowbray, Waltham, Wymondham, Long Clawson, Hese, Eaton, Croxton Kerrial, Harley and Bottesford. Ringing took place on the Parish Church bells throughout the day and at the dinner, held at the White Lion Hotel, the Rev. Cecil Holmes, of Kington, the newly appointed hon. secretary, presided, supported by the Revs. J. S. Gardner (Long Clawson), C. J. Sturton (Orston), B. H. Smith and T. B. Cooney (Melton Mowbray), and Messrs. H. Toll and J. E. Goodacre (hon. members). A delightful service, at which the organist and choir boys gave their assistance, was afterwards held, and the Hon. Secretary preached an extremely appropriate sermon, full of practical advice, from the words, "Do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. x, 31). Subsequently a company of over 90 sat down to tea, and at the business meeting which followed, the hon. secretary presided.

The balance sheet which was presented showed that the year was begun with £12 9s. 2d. in hand, and that the receipts had brought the total up to £33 14s. 8d. The expenditure was £24 8s. 2d., leaving a balance of £9 6s. 7d. The Chairman pointed out that the decreased balance was due to the large attendance at the annual meeting. He regretted to say that they had lost one or two of their annual subscribers, including The Hon. H. R. Scott, whose death they all deeply deplored. — The balance sheet was adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Blakeney, who regretted that he was unable to be with them, for the use of his very fine church and beautiful bells, and to the organist and choir.

It was reported that during the past year four peals had been rung, by the society—two by the Bottesford band and two by the Wymondham company.

The Chairman referred with regret to the loss Bottesford had sustained by the death of one of their members, Mr. Charles Lamb, and the company testified their sorrow by rising in their places. — The following new members were elected: Bottesford: A. Jallands, A. Mackears, S. Proctor, T. H. Hall, Rev. C. H. Hill, J. Jutson and F. Turner; Wymondham: E. Tysoe and R. Watchorn; Long Clawson: B. Tucker; Melton Mowbray: R. Hinman and four new members from Croxton Kerrial. — This brought the total membership up to 101. — It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Croxton Kerrial, and the half-yearly meeting at Eaton. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded, with musical honours, to the hon. secretary for his services and for his sermon. Thanks were also accorded the hon. members for their support.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Walmer on Saturday week, the towers of Deal and Great Mongeham being open, in addition to that of Walmer, where the 7th and tenor have just been rehung, and now "go" very well. Divine service was conducted by the Rector, who spoke a few encouraging words on the responsibility of life, especially applying the subject to ringers who, he said, are doing a great work for the church. Mr. C. H. Drake, of Ospringe, presided at the organ. Tea was provided at the Hare and Hounds, to which 45 sat down. — The short business meeting afterwards was presided over by the Rector. — Much discussion took place over rule 10 (a), and it was decided unanimously that the district secretary should send word to all local secretaries of bands in union respecting the payment of their subscriptions to him in accordance with that rule. — The representative and secretary were re-elected. — Lynginge was chosen for the next autumn meeting, Margate for the spring, and Canterbury for the annual meeting in 1915. — It was decided to arrange an extra meeting at Wickhambrooke during the summer. — The Rector was thanked most heartily for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding. — The vote was suitably acknowledged with the hope of another visit of the Association before very long.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, of Croydon, have in hand the following restorations and additions:—

- East Bridgford (Notts).—Ring of eight rehung in a new frame.
- Ringstead (Northants).—Just completed. Ring of six rehung in a new frame and two of the bells recast.
- Robin Hood's Bay (Yorkshire).—Ring of eight to be recast and rehung in a new frame.
- Woodston (Peterborough).—Three bells to be recast, and three added; all to be hung in a new frame.
- Bagshot (Surrey).—Ring of six to be augmented to eight and hung in a new frame.
- Barton-on-Humber (Lincs).—St. Peter's Church. Ring of six to be hung in a new frame.
- Barton-on-Humber, St. Mary's Church.—Four bells to be hung in new frame.
- Yenington (Devon).—Ring of six to be rehung in new frame.
- Culmstock (Devon).—Ring of six to be augmented to eight.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

THE CLEVELAND SECRETARY'S REPLY TO DR. PAULI.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Although I do not in any way advocate a correspondence being carried on through the Press (always having held the view that it is not the best way of settling any matter in dispute), I feel that the general opinion will be that it is up to me to make a few remarks in reply to the letter over the name of Dr. Pauli, which appeared in your issue of the 8th inst.

Firstly, the doctor points out that I have not acknowledged his communication. I hope he will accept my apology (which I herewith tender) for not doing so, and also the information that his resignation was placed before the committee and accepted. I might here also state that Dr. Pauli will have an opportunity of substantiating his charges at the annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association to be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, as I have sent to him a copy of a resolution passed at our last committee meeting.

With regard to the three reasons which he gives for his resignation, I should like to deal with these as they arise:—

1.—If the doctor took part in any peals which have been credited by the Cleveland Association, and which he knew to be untrue, he should have objected at the time. If on the other hand he did not take part in any of the peals to which he refers, a better plan would have been for him to bring the matter before the Committee of the Association.

2.—The principle of the doctor's objection is perfectly sound, but I do not know of any instance where the actual objection can be safely applied.

3.—The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association is not in the habit of causing dissension in any tower by 'mischievous interference.' The doctor does not say what form the dissension has assumed, but I think he is going a great deal out of his way in laying such a charge at the door of the Cleveland Association.

Now, Sir, I think you will agree that Dr. Pauli's somewhat vague letter has been fully replied to, and I hope he will accept our invitation—above referred to—to come before our committee on Whit-Monday next.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS METCALFE.

Hon. Secretary, Cleveland and North Yorks Association.

"MYSTERIOUS CHARGES."

Dear Sir,—At present occupying the position of vice-president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I wish to deal briefly with Dr. Pauli's letter published in the "Ringing World," containing statements of a vague and indefinite nature, and bringing charges against this Association, which have so far proved as mysterious as they appear unwarrantable. Taking into consideration the strained feelings that now prevail in the Cleveland district, some of us who are members of the County Association, and enjoying the friendship of persons in both these Associations, think it most regrettable that Dr. Pauli should publish at this particular moment such indirect and misleading statements, especially as we are already dealing with the matters referred to in his letter.

My colleagues, as myself, are jealous for the good reputation of our Association, which all admit has done a great deal of good work in the Cleveland territory, where previous to the formation of this Association, change ringing was, with a few exceptions, a thing unknown.

For my own part, I am at a loss to understand what good purpose Dr. Pauli had in mind by giving these charges publicity at the present time?—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

The Bolts, Robin Hood's Bay.

DR. PAULI INTERROGATED.

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I regret very much to hear of a split in the camp, and the sinuous encroachment of the Yorkshire Association into the territory of the former. Until the advent of the C. and N.Y. Association, the district covered by it had been altogether without assistance, help, or even encouragement from the Yorkshire Association, and now, owing to one individual not getting his own way in the C. and N.Y., he has asked for the help of the Yorkshire Association to crush the former.

I would ask Dr. Pauli the following questions in reply to his reasons for leaving the C. and N.Y.: (1) Which Association has helped him and his tower most to attain to their present standard of change ringing? (2) Was the 1st peal Dr. Pauli took part in a true peal? (3) Was he not put through touches to help him forward to his first peal, and where would he have been had he not been put through either touches or peal? (4) Can Dr. Pauli strike his bell properly even now with the assistance of the individual above referred to? I've never met Dr. Pauli, so cannot say. As regards "mischievous interference," I think were the truth to come out, it would be found that the inter-

ference came from the individual above referred to, and not the C. and N.Y. Association.

Before concluding, I would like to ask Dr. Pauli whether he is not "relinquishing the substance for the shadow." I enclose my name and address, but subscribe as,

PLAIN BOB.

AMPLE SCOPE FOR BOTH.

Dear Sir,—If the Rev. W. P. Wright means territorially, he is not quite correct in saying the first meeting of the Yorks Association in the North Riding was held in 1903, as they had a very successful gathering here in 1904 on the invitation of the late Bishop Blunt, then Vicar, and the local ringers. I may say that this meeting raised a good deal of enthusiasm locally, and the many subsequent visits of several good friends from York, Leeds, and Hull did much to cement together the band of change ringers that had been formed some few years previously, and was doing good work until dissolved. I think the division of the Yorkshire Association a step in the right direction, and need not in any way adversely affect the Cleveland Association, as I am sure there is ample scope for both in the North Riding, especially for missionary work. I know five towers within a twenty mile radius (two peals of eight and three of six) where change ringing is never heard of, and I take it that this is the state of affairs the formation of districts will be a means of altering.—Yours truly,

Scarborough.

H. FERGUSON.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GETTING TO WORK IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The first meeting of the Southern district was held jointly with the general May meeting of the Association at Rotherham and Eastwood on Saturday week. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Stephen's were available, there being thus ample facilities for everyone to have a good ring. The attendance of between 50 and 60 may be considered excellent for a district meeting, but small for a general meeting. No doubt the fact of Rotherham being situated at the extreme southern point of the county, necessitating in many cases a very long railway journey, affected the general attendance, but this is only another proof of the wisdom of the step taken of dividing the county into districts.

A capital meat tea was partaken of in St. George's Hall, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Association, occupied the chair, being supported by the Rev. W. Dyer, Vicar of Eastwood, the secretary, treasurer, vice-presidents, etc. In proposing votes of thanks to the Rev. Canon Goodall, Vicar of Rotherham, and the Rev. W. Dyer, Vicar of Eastwood, for the use of the bells, the Chairman made reference to the newly-formed diocese of Sheffield, and the activity in Church work which it would create. No doubt the ringers of the district, as Churchmen, would do their part, both as change ringers and in other ways. He was quite in agreement with the leading article in the "Ringing World" as to the improvement in the status of ringers having been brought about more by the ringers themselves than by outside influence.—The vote of thanks was heartily carried, and the Rev. W. Dyer responded. He thanked the members for the honour they had done to him by electing him an honorary member. He could manage a bell in rounds, and had hoped to qualify for ringing membership, but ill-health and pressure of parochial duties had up to the present prevented this. However, he could venture to say that he did take a lively interest in his own ringers, and concluded by wishing the Association God-speed in the good work they were doing, particularly those within the boundary of the new diocese.

The following officers were elected for the district: Vice-president, C. H. Hattersley; Ringing Master, G. Halksworth; secretary, A. Hague; committee, Messrs. Rew, Ash, D. Brearley, Willey, Potter, Eason, Cockey, Dronfield and Panther. Of these, Messrs. Rew and Brearley were elected to serve on the Central Committee with the three principal officers.

In wishing the district every success, the Chairman said he was voicing the opinion of all the members in reciprocating the good feeling expressed by the Sheffield District Society at their recent meeting, and felt sure that the two would work together side by side.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded a very pleasant and useful meeting.

Will members of the Southern District please note that new and renewal subscriptions, applications for reports, etc., should be sent to the District Secretary, Mr. Arthur Hague, 20, Gerard Road, Rotherham.

BIRMINGHAM.—On March 1st, for evening service, at St. Chad's Cathedral (R.C.), on the occasion of a visit of Archbishop Isley, the late Henry Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. H. Filter 1, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, E. Large 3, T. Miller 4, C. Mackenzie 5, W. F. Webb 6, J. B. Collett 7, S. Coley 8. It was also rung as a compliment to S. Coley, on the eve of the fortieth anniversary of his marriage. The band offered their heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Coley.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Grendon, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth, on Saturday, May 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington, on May 30th. A free tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. Canon Mills) at 5.30. The business meeting will follow. All members and friends will be made welcome. Bells open during afternoon and evening.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Secretary, Little Munden.

RINGSTEAD CHURCH, NORTHANTS.—The dedication, after restoration, of the ring of six bells will take place to-morrow (Saturday), May 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at All Saints, 12 noon (preacher, Rev. T. K. Sopwith, Vicar of Aylesford). Dinner (in Boys' Schoolroom) 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open, Maidstone All Saints' (10) and St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Boxley (6), Barming (6) and Bearsted (6).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton, on Whit Monday. Service in Parish Church at 12.15, dinner in Parochial Schools at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Ringing in neighbouring towers throughout the day.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton, Plymouth.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton, on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service at All Saints' at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel at 1 o'clock, 1s. each. Meeting after. The bells of All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and St. Edmund's will be available from 10 a.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Portishead, near Bristol, on Whit-Monday, June 1st. Bells available at 11 a.m. Business meeting at 2.30 p.m. in the Belfry. Members will be entertained to tea by the Portishead ringers at the "White Cot" Dairy at 4 p.m., charge for non-members 1/- each. Service in Church at 5.30 p.m.; gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whitsuntide meeting of this Association will be held at Shildon, on Monday, June 1st, 1914. Bells available all day. Committee meeting at 1 o'clock and dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall.—R. Stephenson, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Harlow, on Whit Monday. Service at S. Mary's at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northallerton on Whitsun-Monday, June 1st. Committee meeting at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 11 a.m. Service at the Parish Church at 12 noon (address given by the Rev. A. J. Chambers, Northallerton). Dinner will be provided at the Rose and Crown Hotel at 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 2nd and 16th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 4th and 18th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 16th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish, on June 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This being the first visit of the branch to Standish, a good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, June 6th, 1914. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Sun Hotel, at 7 p.m. There is also a committee meeting at 5 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Dore, on Saturday, June 6th. Christ Church, eight bells, tenor 11½ cwt. Available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 6th, 1914. Bells open at 2 p.m., service at 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—Thos. Best, Jun., Secretary, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shorne, on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. These bells have recently been rehung in a steel frame by Bowell, of Ipswich.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The first meeting will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available for ringing:—Heptonstall (8) all day, and Mytholmroyd (6) from 1 p.m. Tea in the Schools (near the Church), 5 p.m., at 1/- per head will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. Robertshaw, 3, Coop Terrace, Heptonstall, not later than Tuesday, June 9th. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers: Vice-president, ringing master, secretary and Committee.—Clement Glenn, Hon. Gen. Sec., 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Aldington (6 Bells) on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—Dedication of four new bells on Saturday, June 27th, 1914, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broxbourne, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. Free luncheon at 1 p.m., to all ringers who give notice of attending to the Secretary on or before Tuesday, 23rd June. The bells will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Robt. A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, Saffron Walden.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mrs. J. Smith, late of 41, Hornby Road, Blackpool, has removed to Warman Villa, Palatin Road, Blackpool.

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CLERGY AND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been reading your comments on the absence of clergy from the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association. It is true that the large amount of apathy still existing among the clergy with regard to ringing is deplorable in the extreme. The clergyman, who never so much as visits his belfry, is to me an incomprehensible anomaly. At the same time, the fact that almost all ringers' meetings are held on a Saturday, militates strongly against the attendance of the clergy. It is of all days least convenient for them. I belong myself to several Guilds, but can very seldom attend any meetings by reason of this "Saturday tyranny." An occasional variation of the day would be a boon to ringing parsons.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The last quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at Wednesbury recently, and proved to be a successful one. Between 40 and 50 members assembled to have a pull on the fine ring of ten, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

A short service was held in the church, attended by a goodly number, when the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Pritchard) gave an address and a warm welcome to the visitors. The preacher's text was "For the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. iv, 12), and he dwelt upon the necessity of all doing their best in all things to imitate the Saviour.

At the committee meeting, Mr. W. W. Worthington (vice-president) being in the chair, the election and ratification of belfry elections of five new members took place. The questions of inter-affiliation and the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council were touched upon, but time did not allow of a full discussion, with the result that nothing definite was settled.

The annual meeting will take place at Penkridge, on Saturday, June 20th. Cycle runs to outlying towers are to be arranged for during the summer months, notice of which will be published.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for his address, and the use of the bells, and to the organist for assisting at the service, were passed unanimously.—Touches in a variety of methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

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