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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MEMBERS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
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.

THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Central Council meeting at Winchester, on Tuesday, was, from all points of view, a very successful one. There was an excellent attendance—few of the meetings held outside London have attracted a greater number of members—and the business, although the agenda did not promise great things, produced some interesting subjects. Socially, of course, these gatherings are always most pleasurable, and this year's meeting was no exception. One missed some of the older faces, but there was still a good sprinkling of those who have been the backbone of the Council throughout its four and twenty years' existence. At the same time it is noticeable that the younger men are readily taking up the work—and some of them, too, with uncommon ability—so that there is every promise of this link, which binds the associations throughout the country, retaining the purpose which the founders had in view and have sought to keep before them during the past quarter of a century. It is not every ringer who can see the utility of the Council, but those who, by membership or otherwise, are able to observe how it serves to weld the Exercise into something like a homogeneous whole, fully realise the importance of retaining a central body and appreciate that the Council really has done no inconsiderable work in raising the standard of ringing.

In this one article it is impossible to touch upon, much less to attempt to deal with, the various subjects which came under the notice of the Council on Tuesday in the course of a meeting which lasted, altogether, close upon five hours. The amount of discussion that took place during that time renders it necessary to spread our report over more than one issue, but in order that our readers may know without delay what was done, we have followed our usual custom of giving to-day a brief summary of all the business that there is not room to report fully. The value of our reports of these proceedings lies in the fact that they are done by a member of our own staff, and are not entrusted to writers, good as they may otherwise be, who have no technical knowledge of ringing. As a matter of fact "The Ringing World" was the only paper devoted to the Exercise which was represented at the meeting, and the report which we begin in this issue will be the only full record of what transpired. Several of the subjects proved very debatable, and the discussions will, we believe, be read with interest by the members of the Exercise throughout the country.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

*JOHN RAY Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 6
ISAAC PURSER 2	THOMAS HUGHES 7
WILLIAM FISHER 3	GEORGE HUGHES 8
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 9
ALBERT LITTLE... .. 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Hughes.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5,320 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRED DAVIES Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	THOMAS W. GORE 8
SAMUEL WESLEY 4	WILLIAM J. THYNG 9
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Thursday, May 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK MONTFORD Treble	JOSEPH CLARKE... .. 5
THOMAS WILLIAM PEAKE... 2	*HOBSON TYLER... .. 6
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
THOMAS TUDOR 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. With the exception of the conductor all the above belong to the local company. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Doris Walker, of Pell Mall Hall, to Capt. Kirby, of the 12th (Prince of Wales Royal) Lancers.

HORWICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY JONES Treble	†P.C. PETER CROOK... .. 5
*WILLIAM H. HUNTER 2	*RICHARD P. WEALD ... 6
*JOHN H. GARTSIDE 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	REGINALD L. INCE Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLAS, and
Conducted by P.C. CROOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate Empire Day. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 3rd hail from Chorley, tenor from Whittle-le-wood, 4th from Walkden, 5th, 6th and 7th from Bolton. First peal in the method on the bells.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, May 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS Treble	BERT HORTON 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WALTHMAN 3	EDGAR T. SMITH 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS Treble	FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 5
HUBERT J. DAY 2	GEORGE E. DAY 6
FREDERICK DAY 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 7
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JOE MORTON 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
FRED BENROSE 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGESS Treble	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	ALFRED T. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Burgess.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

WM. BROADLEY Treble	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 5
CHAS. TODD 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 6
JAS. BAXTER 3	WM. H. PORTER 7
G. J. LUNGLEY 4	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WM. H. PORTER.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich, and is only the second peal of Major rung during the last 20 years on the bells. Rung in connection with the Empire Day celebrations at Darlington.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS DAY'S SIX-PART, Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 5
JOHN H. GARTSIDE 2	P.C. PETER CROOK 6
HARRY JONES 3	REGINALD L. INCE 7
RICHARD P. HEALD 4	*WALTER BLACKLEDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by P.C. CROOK.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor hail from Chorley, 5th from Whittle-le-Wood, the remainder belonging to the local band.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART, Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUGHES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a memorial peal to all who so sadly lost their lives in the river St. Lawrence owing to the sinking of "The Empress of Ireland"—a local ship that passed this tower on every trip, and whose passengers and crew contained so many Mersey-side men.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART, Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY RABBITT Treble	† JOSEPH MILNER 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM LATTER 6
HARRY GOODWIN 3	* HORACE SELLER 7
ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... 4	GEORGE W. MANSER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung on the Eve of the Festival of Whitsun.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM HILEMAN 5
GEORGE GATLAND 2	ALFRED CRIPPS 6
JOHN H. PAICE 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 7
HORACE TULETT 4	ARTHUR ARNELL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
ERNEST PYE 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	KEITH HART 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	FREDERICK TILLY 6
WILLIAM STATES 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
ROBERT GRIMWOOD 4	WILLIAM H. JOINER Tenor

Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

DIBDEN, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Sunday, May 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	KEITH HART 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ERNEST PYE 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of London on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

T. REGINALD DENNIS Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5
KEITH HART 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells and first peal of Bristol in Hampshire.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lbs.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
ERNEST PYE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
ARTHUR SOWDEN 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by ALBERT G. WARNES.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 7 cwt.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 3	ELLIS HAYWARD 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN 4	CLEMENT J. MORE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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

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

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WALTER G. ROWE 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	HENRY L. GARFATH 6
WILLIAM STATES 3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 7
DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
*EDWARD T. WIGG 2	WILLIAM MILLER 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. AUGUSTIN, KILBURN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM THEOBALD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Charles Crews, of Portland Square, donor of the bells and for many years churchwarden.

SIX BELL PEALS.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	FREDERICK HOLLANDS ... 4
EDWARD SPICE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOHN CLARK 4
WILLIAM POSTON 2	CAMPBELL KINGS 5
*ALBERT MARTIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

*Elected a member before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Clark. Illness near Ross church made it inadvisable to ring there, but a last minute application for Bridstow bells was made, and, by the kindness of the Vicar, was granted.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with 9 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

LEONARD H. STEVENS ... Treble	LUKE VERRAL 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 3	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, also as a compliment on the 86th anniversary of his birthday, to Mr. J. S. Reed, Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council and Overseer of the parish, who was for over 30 years churchwarden of Barcombe, from which office he retired about 19 years ago. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

UPPINGTON, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

*EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble	*EDWARD WOODVINE... .. 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 2	*WILLIAM E. MERRINGTON 5
*RICHARD J. GARBETT ... 3	ALBERT WOODVINE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor, and rung at the first attempt. Rung on Empire Day. First peal on the bells.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Canterbury, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	JOHN MOULE 5
WILLIAM MILLER 3	HARRY TORBLE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MOULE.

All the above methods are Class IV. This is the first peal on the bells. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for permission to ring, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REN. T. BUSWELL Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
FREDERICK KILBORN 2	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The peal was rung half muffled in memory of those who went down in the "Empress of Ireland." It is the conductor's 25th peal on the bells. This is the first occasion on which a lady has rung on these bells.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILFRED SHARPE Treble	FRANK ROLLINGS 4
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM ALLEN 5
THOMAS LAW 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

Specially arranged for Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet.

WHITBOURNE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Sunday, May 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. WARMAN Treble	W. POSTON 4
G. SOLEY 2	J. P. HYETT 5
G. JONES 3	W. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

This peal was arranged for J. P. Hyett who hails from Hay, Hereford, the others being members of the local band. The Rector kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Rectory after the peal.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*HENRY J. ROSS Treble	*FREDERICK FENSOM ... 4
CHARLES H. ROSS 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... 5
ALFRED HOWELL 3	†JAMES HUNT Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor; also first of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble is 16 years of age, and has only taken up change ringing during the last five months.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Monday, June 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4
L. GEORGE MALLION 2	FREDERICK DENCH ... 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 27, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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MAURICE SMITHER ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Maulden, this being the nearest date possible for a peal.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. CROSS, 39, WINTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 1—2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5—6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... 3—4	ALBERT ROUGHT ... 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 7—8 has now rung each pair to a peal in this method.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Saltwood, and was attended by 25 members, representing Ashford, Aldington, Brabourne, Cheriton, Dover, Folkestone, Hythe, Headcorn, Mersham, New Romney, Sellindge, Stone Tenterden and Willesborough. — Tea was served on the lawn at the Castle Hotel, and had the weather been a little kinder, it would have been most enjoyable. A special service was held in the church, and a very appropriate address given by the Rector (Canon Galpin), who also presided at the meeting which was held in the Vestry. — Nine new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldington on June 13th. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his permission to hold the meeting, and his address, and for presiding over the business, to which he suitably replied. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor, and Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, the earlier arrivals having the pleasure of ringing with Mrs. Gatchouse, of Headcorn.

OXFORD GUILD.

On a recent Monday, a most successful combined practice in six-bell methods was held by the East Berks and South Bucks band at St. James', Fulmer, Bucks. Ringers were present from Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter, and the 'oal company, the methods practised being Grandsire Doubles (in which Miss Daisy Webb, of the local band, rang the treble), Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob; also a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, by: J. Stone 1, W. Henley 2, J. J. Parker 3, H. Cox 4, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 5, J. Blackmore 6, this being the first 720 of Surprise Minor by this branch of the Guild, and in South Bucks.

RESTORATION OF CHART SUTTON BELLS.

The grand ring of six bells, with a tenor of 16 cwt., at Chart Sutton, Kent, have just been quarter-turned and rehung with steel headstocks and all new modern fittings by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The Vicar, writing in the "Parish Magazine," makes the following very satisfactory comments: "Our bells are at last rehung and ready for ringing. After completing his work, Mr. Bowell was naturally anxious to see how the bells worked, and after an hour and a half's ringing, when they had a thorough test, it was the unanimous opinion of all the ringers present that they 'went' beautifully. It was delightful to watch the happy faces of our ringers as they pulled merrily at the ropes, and it gave one the impression that a long-lost friend had been restored to them. It has been a fine piece of work, and it does great credit to Mr. Bowell and his men. They tell me that the bells work so easily and smoothly now that it will be possible to revive the once famous band of lady ringers. I feel sure that some of our ringers will be only too pleased to come to the rescue and give them a few hints. The tone of the bells has in no way suffered through the new method of rehanging: in fact, the peculiar vibration which was so noticeable before in one of the bells has entirely disappeared. The generous response we have received and the entire satisfaction which the rehanging has given have been a source of comfort to those of us who felt we were taking the right course in adopting the new method of rehanging our bells."

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

ANNUAL MEETING AT PAIGNTON.

The annual meeting was held in Paignton on Whit-Monday. A short service was held in the Parish Church at 12.15, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Fuller), who in his address impressed upon ringers the need for earnest perseverance, for self-sacrificing unity and the importance of attending the services to which they summoned others by the ringing of the bells.

The President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) presided at the dinner which followed immediately after, at which 20 of the 34 affiliated bands were represented, among those attending being the Vicar of Paignton; Rev. G. E. F. Molyneux, Colyton (hon. treasurer); Rev. E. S. Powell, Holbeton (hon. secretary); Rev. H. L. Pigot, West Down; Rev. T. Kendall, Holsworthly; Rev. E. V. Cox, Walsall. In all 166 sat down to dinner, being within a very few of the record number which attended the annual meeting at Barnstaple a few years ago.

At the business meeting which followed, the treasurer was able to point to a small, but steady increase in the funds of the Guild, the balance in hand amounting on Lady Day, 1914, to £59 3s. 10d. At the same time this did not represent the true excess of assets over liabilities, which was not more than £25, owing to the system by which subscriptions were not collected until the close of the financial year, while, of course, there was a steady drain on the resources of the Guild in meeting current expenses and arranging meetings. The officers were all re-elected.

In the annual report it was stated that there are now affiliated 34 bands, with 245 performing members and 78 associates, and 61 hon. members. The past year had been one of regular steady work on the part of bands rather than of striking advance in any new direction. Sunday duties have been faithfully carried out, and weekly practices have been in general regularly attended. It was satisfactory to note that two or three six-bell towers had progressed in Minor methods, an example that might well be followed in other cases. Of peals during the year the number, and at the same time the variety and complexity, of methods rung formed a record in the history of the Guild, but it had to be confessed that this was chiefly due to the visit of the party organised by Mr. W. Pye, who rang the first peal of Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise for the Guild. A Plymouth band rang the first peal of Erin Caters west of Bristol. Attention was called to the fact that the jubilee of change ringing in Devon and Cornwall would be attained in 1915, and it was suggested that the occasion should be marked by the Guild in some special way.

During the day ringing was kept up in the towers of the Torquay Churches: Cockington, Newton Abbot, Brixham, Dartmouth, Totnes and Berry Pomrey, as well as at Paignton Parish Church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION AND QUARTERLY PEALS.

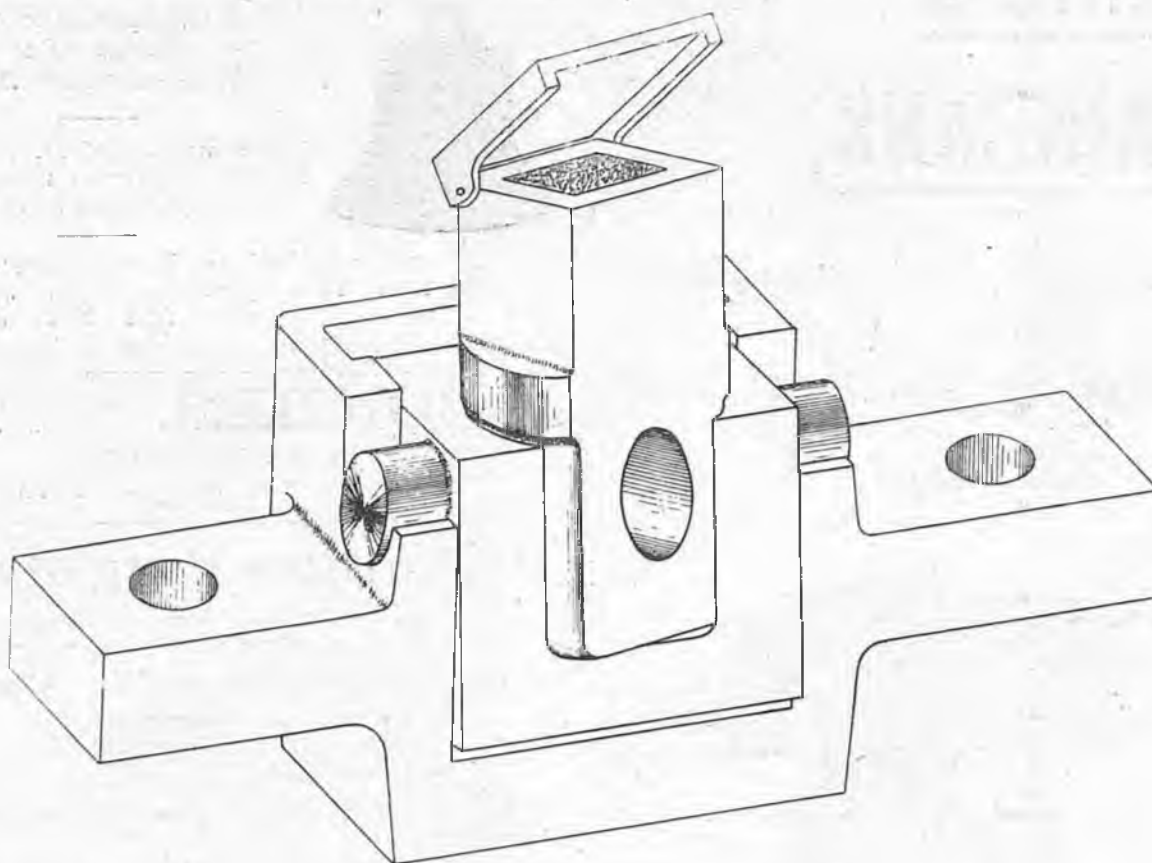
A well attended meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association took place on Saturday last at Heathfield. The following towers were represented: Buxted, Mayfield, Chiddingly, Warbleton, Christ Church, and All Saints', Eastbourne, Uckfield, Salehurst, Battle, etc., the local band being present in force to welcome the members to their tower. Good practice was had in various Minor methods, both before and after tea.

Mr. Walter Franks, of Battle, was voted to the chair, and two new members were elected (Messrs. Champion, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, and N. E. Allcorn of Hyke). — A discussion took place as to quarterly peals, the Secretary explaining that he had been instructed at the annual meeting not to use the funds of the Association for these peals. — The Chairman said he would use his best endeavours to get this altered at the next annual meeting, for, as he understood it, only local bands could have a conductor at the expense of the Association. He did not consider this at all fair, for it might happen that at the last moment a local man could not stand in, and an outside member would be wired for to fill the gap. If the peal was scored who was to pay the conductor's fee? Surely not the outsider who had had to pay his own railway fare? But according to the rule he was the one who was liable, for they could not expect the locals to meet this expense. — The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Penne-
thorne for the use of the bells, and a similar vote to Mr. Franks for presiding.

WALTHAMSTOW. — Ancient Society of College Youths. — At St. Mary's Church, on March 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1251 changes), in 49 mins.: R. Maynard, senr., 1, F. Rumens 2, G. Grimwade 3, H. J. Maynard 4, H. Rumens 5, J. C. Adams 6, J. H. Wilkins 7, R. Maynard, junr. (composer and conductor) 8, F. C. Maynard 9, A. Chapman 10. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of the late Mr. Harry Turner, an old resident of Walthamstow.

BENTLEY, SOUTH WEALD. — On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: G. Sewell 1, F. Ottley (conductor) 2, E. Farbank 3, A. Rainbird 4, J. Dodson 5.

TUNSTALL, KENT. — On Easter Day, for evening service, in 1 hr. 5 mins., a date touch of Minor, viz., six changes Double Stedman, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 468 Plain Bob: S. J. Spice 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, G. H. Spice 4, P. J. Spice 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6.



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A RINGER'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

Last week we recorded the performance of three peals rung in commemoration of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Saml. Greenwood, of Streatham. To very few couples is given the blessing of sixty years of married life, and the Exercise will join in congratulating one of their members upon celebrating such a unique event. The occasion, needless to say, was marked by a happy family gathering, when Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood were surrounded by children, grand-children, and many friends who assembled to do honour to the rare event.

Even longer than the period of his married life has been Mr. Greenwood's association with ringing. The veteran, born on January 6th, 1830, at Charlton Kings, near Cheltenham, took his first lessons in ringing in 1846 in his native place, while later he went to Ombersley, Worcestershire.

Settling at Streatham in 1850, Mr. Greenwood soon associated himself with the ringers and tower of St. Leonard's (which then possessed six bells, but increased in 1896 to eight) and later, with the new tower and Church of Immanuel. This was but a step to his acquaintance with the ringers of Mitcham, Beddington, Carshalton, Croydon, and



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL GREENWOOD,
who have just celebrated their diamond wedding.

in several other parishes. Those who remember those pioneer days of change ringing, will be most ready to acknowledge the valuable kindly help and assistance which Mr. Greenwood was always so willing and ready to extend to those needing it, in their endeavour to master the intricacies of change ringing. Although a complete list of the peals which Mr. Greenwood has rung is not at the moment available, the total is a goodly number, many of which he conducted. He has, however, rung in about 94 different church towers. His Surrey Association peals number 26, eleven of which he conducted.

He has been a member of the College Youths for about 34 years, and a member of the Waterloo Society, while he was a regular and valued member of the Mitcham Society for over 20 years. Mr. Greenwood was one of the nine Streatham men, out of a total gathering of 51, who founded the Surrey Association of Change Ringers on May 21st, 1880. His name appears in the first circular report of that date as fiscal secretary for Streatham. A letter in "The Ringing World" of April 17th, 1914, mentioned a meeting in the parlour of the King's Arms, Carshalton, and later in the School Room at Beddington in 1880 (Canon Bridges in the chair), and Messrs. Greenwood, Peel, Springall, Streatham ringers, being present, and at which the Surrey Association proposal was outlined and commenced. The growth and usefulness of this organisation has more than realised the hopes then expressed.

The facilities of travel to-day are in no way comparable with those of 60 years ago, and when we recollect that the ringers often had to hurry off after leaving work, and walk long distances, to take part in

some peal or practice, our appreciation must be real indeed for those who, like Mr. Greenwood, laid the foundations upon which has been based the remarkable progress of recent years.

In addition to the peals rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, a peal of Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham was unfortunately lost two leads from home. A very interesting gathering took place in St. Leonard's Parish Hall in connection with the diamond wedding celebration. After tea, the Rector, in well-chosen and happy words, and on behalf of their many friends, presented to Mrs. Greenwood a beautifully inscribed silver tea-pot and purse of money, and to Mr. Samuel Greenwood a handsome silver chain suitably inscribed, and purse of money. After the presentation touches were rung on the handbells and tower bells.

HERE AND THERE.

TOUCHES FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Although the doings of the ringers in Vancouver, British Columbia, have not been much heard of lately, the band is still, we hear, practising with more or less regularity, and we record with pleasure a quarter-peal of Bob Major rung at the Pro-Cathedral on March 1st for evening service, by: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, R. J. Carrier 3, F. Taylor 4, J. G. Pearce 5, M. Bennett 6, A. Thomson 7, G. W. Foster (conductor) 8.—On March 8th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples was rung: A. C. Limpus 1, W. Judd 2, R. J. Carrier 3, F. Taylor 4, J. G. Pearce 5, A. Thomson 6, G. W. Foster (conductor) 7, F. Jones 8. Another 504 in the same method was rung on St. Patrick's Day, as well as 168 on handbells, the latter by G. Foster 1—2, R. J. Carrier 3—4, J. G. Pearce 5—6, A. C. Limpus 7—8, and another 168 with F. Taylor ringing 3—4. These touches were rung on the occasion of a visit for a few weeks of Mr. R. J. Carrier, from Vancouver Island, and it was with much regret that the band parted with him, when he returned to his home there.

AT BOSTON.

On the other side of the Continent the Boston Guild rang 720 Grandsire Doubles at the Perkins' Institution, Watertown: P. J. Alfrey 1, George Moore 2, Gordon Mackman 3, E. E. Randall 4, Wm. Bashford 5, Richard Newton 6.

WARMINSTER BELLS.

There is a possibility, we hear, of Warminster (Wilts) bells being rehung, for an effort is being made to collect funds for the purpose.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS RECTOR.

In connection with the commemoration of the Rev. F. Parrett's association with the parish of St. Ann, Denton, Manchester, as Rector, he and his wife have been presented with a handsome silver salver by the patrons of the living, and a substantial cheque by the parishioners. The presentation took place at an "at home" recently, and prior to the gathering the local ringers brought round a date touch of Minor on the bells of the Parish Church, the 1914 changes being made up of 114 of Kent, and 600 each of Oxford, Woodbine and College Exercise. The ringers were: W. Wright 1, A. E. Marshall 2, J. Pollitt 3, W. Wilde 4, E. Walters 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6.

LADIES IN A PEAL BAND.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Aldermaston, Berks, under the auspices of the Oxford Guild, the band including no fewer than four ladies. All went well until the fifth part of Holt's peal, when "third's place was missed, and caused collapse. Afterwards a quarter-peal was rung by the same band: Miss D. Hopgood 1, Miss Alice White 2, J. Abery 3, Miss E. Belcher 4, W. Clark 5, W. Lawrence 6, C. Giles 7, Miss M. Chillingworth 8. This was the first quarter-peal by Miss Hopgood, who is only fifteen years of age.

DERBY DISTRICT MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association was held at All Saints', Derby, and was attended by between 20 and 30 members. Some useful practice was obtained in various methods. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wirksworth, and to advertise future meetings a fortnight in advance.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and steeple-keeper.

AUTHORSHIP.

Mr. A. C. Wright, who, on May 16th, conducted a peal of Superlative at Darley Dale, and published it as the composition of Mr. James Martin (having taken it from a recent issue of "The Ringing World") writes that he has since found the same figures against peal No. 2325 of the M.C.A. 1913 report as "by J. W. Washbrook."

NEW CLOCKS.

Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, have just completed the erection of a large chiming clock in Cannington Church, near Bridgwater, and a large Westminster quarter clock and bells for a Church in Australia is now being shipped to Sydney. They have also erected the new clock with four dials for the Bacup Co-operative Stores.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The Bolney Society (Sussex) had a most successful outing on Saturday week, when Hastings was visited. Leaving Bolney at 6.15, the six-mile journey to Hayward's Heath Station was accomplished in waggons, and Hastings was reached at 8.30, when a substantial breakfast at the Clarence Hotel was thoroughly appreciated. Arrangements had been made to have a pull at Christ Church, Blacklands, where the party found Messrs. J. Livermore, senn, and junr., waiting to welcome them. The bells had been kindly got up in readiness, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Before leaving the tower a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. A. Armstrong (Vicar) for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Livermore for the warm welcome extended. The party then returned to the Clarence Hotel, where a capital hot luncheon awaited them. This was presided over by Mr. G. Walder (hon. secretary and captain), and was done full justice to. No programme had been fixed for the afternoon, members being free to enjoy themselves in their own way. The return journey was commenced at 9.30, and Bolney was reached about 12.35 on Sunday morning, after what was unanimously described as one of the best outings the society has undertaken.

SUSSEX RINGERS IN LONDON.

The Henfield (Sussex) band had a very enjoyable day in London for their annual outing. Facilities for ringing were provided for them at Fulham and Putney, Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung, and a course of Stedman Caters (the first by two of the band) at the former church. At Fulham the visitors were met by Mr. Driver, and at Putney they were welcomed by Messrs. Bottom and Honeyball, to whom the thanks of the party are accorded for making arrangements for the ringing and for meeting them. The Vicar of Henfield (Rev. R. J. Lea) presided at the dinner which followed, and subsequently kindly defrayed the cost of a visit to the Military Tournament at Olympia. Altogether a most enjoyable day was spent. The visitors desire to thank the Vicars of Fulham and Putney for the use of the bells.

A TRIP TO BLACKPOOL.

A most enjoyable trip to Lytham and Blackpool formed the annual outing of the Chorley (Lancs) Parish Church ringers. At Lytham Church they were met by Mr. J. Miller, the genial leader of the local band, who had everything in readiness, and several short touches of Grandsire were rung. Car was then boarded to Blackpool, where tea was partaken of, and in the evening various places of amusement were visited. The party wish to thank the Vicar and ringers of Lytham for the use of the bells, and the splendid arrangements made.

WEST SUSSEX VISITED.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Barcombe, Sussex, and a few friends, held their annual outing on Wednesday week, when they paid a visit to the western end of the county. Reaching Angmering by train, a pair-horse brake took them to Lymminster, where a few touches of Grandsire and 120 Bob Minor were rung on the bells of the Parish Church. A move was then made for Arundel, and a visit paid to the belfry of Holy Trinity Church. A touch of Grandsire was rung on this lovely peal of bells, but unfortunately, shortly after starting for another touch, the 4th rope broke, and ringing had to be abandoned. A lovely drive then took the party to the beautiful old village of Burpham, which was visited at the express wish and kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. C. Toogood, late curate of Barcombe), and his mother, Mrs. Toogood, who both very warmly welcomed the party, and provided them with an excellent lunch at the Vicarage. Subsequently the party were shown over the lovely old church and village by the Rev. Toogood. After thanks to their kind host and hostess, the party started for Angmering, where tea was partaken of at the Lamb Inn, followed by a short ring on the bells of the Parish Church. The homeward journey was broken at Brighton, where a visit was paid to the Hippodrome, and Barcombe was reached about 11.50 p.m., after an excellent day's outing.

UNVEILING A PEAL BOARD.

The Hawkhurst branch of the Kent Association held an unveiling ceremony in their belfry on Tuesday evening in last week. The peal board, beautifully lettered in gold leaf, recorded the first peal—Grandsire Triples—ever rung by a local band in the parish. In addition to the ringers attached to the church, Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden), hon. secretary, Ashford district, and Messrs. C. Perry, H. Edwards and W. Hoad (Salehurst) were present. The Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Walbrand-Evans) and Mrs. Walbrand-Evans favoured the company with their presence. Mrs. Walbrand-Evans, in performing the unveiling ceremony, congratulated the band on their achievement, and wished them success in their ringing in the future.—On the proposition of Mr. T. Ashenden she was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The Vicar and his wife stayed and witnessed some of the ringing which afterwards took place, and expressed their appreciation of the improvement made during the last twelve months.

Mr. T. Ashenden kindly gave, prepared and painted the wood for the board. During the evening several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a 120 of Stedman Doubles, being one of the local ringers' first in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH EASTERN DIVISION.

A very successful meeting of the North Eastern Division of this Association was held at Earl's Colne. Despite the unfavourable weather, members were present from Rayne, Colne Engaine, Gestingthorpe, Halstead, Great Yeldham, Great Bentley, Braintree, Sible Hedingham, and the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which prayers were said by the Rev. J. W. Bishop (assistant curate), the Vicar (the Rev. D. Methuen) officiating as organist, and giving an excellent address. The tea and meeting took place at the Red Lion Hotel. The Vicar presided, supported by his curate, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. G. Punnell (District Master), and Mr. B. Redgwell (District Secretary).—One new member from Earl's Colne was elected.—In reply to a vote of thanks proposed by the Master for the use of the bells and arranging the service, the Vicar asked to be allowed to defray the cost of the tea, and spoke in very complimentary terms of the ringers of the present day compared with those he had come in contact with in his younger days, when a curate, and attributed it to the excellent work by the various ringing associations throughout the county. He concluded by saying that whenever the Association felt disposed to hold another meeting in his parish they would be heartily welcomed.

It was decided to hold meetings at Gestingthorpe in July, and at Ardleigh in September.—Touches of Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung during the evening.

SEVENTY YEARS A RINGER.

Wordsley has lost one of its oldest inhabitants by the death of Mr. William Lawrence, who died in his 86th year. He had lived in the same house for 84 years, and had been connected with bell ringing for the past 70 years. He, however, had only rung one peal, and that was in 1869, when he rang the fifth through a peal of Grandsire Triples at Stourbridge. He was interred at Wordsley Church, and the bells were rung half-muffled in the evening. 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: J. Slater 1, H. Jones 2, F. Caldwell 3, W. J. Bretherton 4, J. Bass (conductor) 5, R. Matthews 6; and 720 Grandsire Minor by: W. C. Cooper 1, C. E. Perkins 2, W. J. Bretherton 3, H. Jones 4, J. Bass 5, R. Matthews (conductor) 6; 120 Bob Doubles was also rung.

On the occasion of the funeral of Mr. William Jones, one of the Olney ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church with the bells muffled, by: C. Boswell 1, A. Robinson 2, W. Robinson 3, B. Fisher 4, H. Fowler 5, F. Boswell 6, W. Freeman (conductor) 7, S. Smith 8. Mr. Jones had been a ringer at the church for 38 years.

GEORGE PIGOTT'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles, in eleven Methods, 1; Minor, in seven Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9 (conducted 3); Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 9 (conducted 2); Bob Royal, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 12; Double Yorkshire Court Major, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major (including 10,176 Records), 3; Double Oxford Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6 (conducted 2); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Triples, 14; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Cinques, 2; total, 100 (conducted 7).

PRACTICAL WORK AT SLOUGH.

A successful meeting of Oxford Guild members for combined practice was held at Slough by kind permission of the Rector (Canon H. P. Elliot). About 30 ringers attended, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkun (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. A. E. Reeves (secretary), and Mr. T. Hibbert, of Reading, while ringing friends were present from Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Giles, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Iwer, Leatherhead, Maidenhead, Windsor (including two ladies), Old Windsor, Stoke Poges, Staines, and several of the local band. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. The tone and "go" of the bells were found to be exceedingly good, and reflect great credit upon their founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Thanks are due to Canon Elliot for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. T. Leader (foreman of the belfry) for having everything in readiness.

THE DR. CARPENTER MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the letter in the "Ringing World" of April 17th, signed "A voice from Ireland" suggesting a combined memorial to the late Dr. Carpenter and Edgar Bennett: this matter being now in the hands of a committee, I do not doubt the suggestion will receive due consideration. In respect of the inquiry for several ringers in this district, I should be pleased to send your correspondent any available information of them if he will write to

Yours truly,
FRANK HOLDER.

8, Mill Lane, Carshalton.

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 Simpkins 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.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT WINCHESTER.

The 24th annual meeting of the Central Council was held at Winchester on Tuesday, and proved one of the best attended ever held in the provinces, over 60 members being present, representing 28 societies, of which 14 sent their full quota of members, and 14 were partly represented. Fourteen of the affiliated associations were unrepresented. Sir Arthur Heywood (President) occupied the chair, and the members present were:—

College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner and A. Hughes.
Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. D. Matthews and J. Parker.
Bath and Wells: Mr. A. E. Coles.
Bedfordshire: Canon W. W. Baker.
Cambridge University: Mr. E. H. Lewis.
Chester: Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. W. Bibby.
Devon: Rev. M. Kelly, Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. A. W. Searle.
Ely Diocesan: Mr. T. R. Dennis.
Essex: Mr. W. J. Nevard.
Hertford County: Mr. B. Prewett.
Kent: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and Mr. E. Barnett.
Lancashire: Rev. H. J. Elsee, and Messrs. J. H. Banks, H. Chapman and T. Redman.
Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County: Mr. E. A. Young.
Middlesex: Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse, A. T. King and J. R. Shurman.
Midland Counties: Messrs. E. C. Gobey, J. Griffin and J. W. Taylor.
Central Northants: Messrs. D. J. Nicholls and F. Wilford.
Norwich Diocesan: Mr. G. P. Burton.
Oxford Diocesan: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.
Peterborough and District: Mr. R. Narborough.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Major C. C. H. D'Aeth and Mr. A. F. M. Stewart.
Staffs Archidiaconal: Mr. R. Cartwright.
Surrey: Messrs. C. Dean and C. F. Johnston.
Sussex: Messrs. K. Hart, F. B. Tompkins and G. Watson.
Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.
Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. J. W. Whiting.
Worcestershire: Mr. J. R. Newman.
Hon. members: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Canon Papillon, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. G. Williams and the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies).
Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, the Rev. A. H. F. Bonghey, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, G. Bolland, J. Carter, G. Chester, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, H. Haigh, C. H. Hattersley, P. J. Johnson, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, S. Reeves, W. Snowden, W. Storey, H. White, H. W. Wilde, the Rev. W. P. Wright.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the President said he was sure the members would like to express their sense of the great loss that the Exercise had sustained by the death of their good and faithful friends, Dr. Arthur Carpenter and Mr. Nathan Pitstow, two of their members, who had been with them from the first—during the 24 years the Council had existed. No two members had done more for the Council, both by their extraordinary kindness of nature and the persuasive way in which they had managed to bring forward the subjects committed to their charge. They would be missed very much, and he suggested that the hon. secretary should be instructed to express the sincere sympathy of the Council with the families of those two gentlemen.

The motion was adopted by the members rising in their places.

THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Hon. Secretary presented the financial statement which showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £77 13s. 6d. The receipts included affiliation fees, £12 10s.; sale of publications (two years), £7 8s.; and interest on deposit account, 19s. 5d. The expenses amounted to £25 15s. 9d., leaving a balance of £92 15s. 2d. to be carried forward, of which amount £50 is on deposit. The value of the publications in hand is £186 9s. 5d.

The Hon. Secretary explained that the amount received from sale of publications was made up of £4 0s. 11d. from sales by the publishers for 1912-13; and £3 7s. 1d. from sales by the Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) for 1913-14.—The statement of accounts which had been audited by the Standing Committee was adopted on the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President pointed out that the retiring hon. members were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. H. W. Wilde, who were eligible for re-election. The Standing Committee hoped that the Council would see their way to re-elect those gentlemen, because both were not only valuable members of the Council, but were engaged on special committee work in connection with the Council. If they were re-elected it would leave the Council with 14 out of 15 possible honorary members. It was eminently desirable they should not altogether fill up their list,

as, at any moment, through some gentleman being thrown out from his county or diocesan representation, or some other cause, it might be very important for the Council to annex his services by making him an hon. member. He hoped the Council would be content to leave the vacancy at present.—This step was agreed to, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. Wilde were re-elected.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were introduced to the President: The Rev. E. S. Powell (Dewon Guild), Major D'Aeth (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. Roberts (Warwickshire Guild), Mr. T. R. Dennis (Ely Diocesan Association).

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Trollope reported on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee. He said they were now ready with the five-part, two-part and three-part peals, and, as they had already had permission, they intended to put the printing of it in hand. Mr. Trollope read the draft preface, which showed the lines upon which the work had been carried out. It was hoped that the Collection would be out by the next Council meeting. The committee deeply felt the loss of Dr. Carpenter, who was a member of the committee.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews asked if it was intended to replace Dr. Carpenter on the committee.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that Dr. Carpenter did no end of work in the early stages, but in this particular period the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. Trollope and Mr. Wilde had done what was necessary, so that Dr. Carpenter would not, therefore, be missed in that sense.

The President said it was extremely desirable that the committee should have all the assistance they wanted, but not any more than they wanted at the moment, because it involved an extra amount of correspondence. The fewer members on the committee to do the work, the better.

The Council decided to leave the printing of the report in the hands of the committee, with instructions to get the work well executed.

The President said the Council felt very greatly indebted to those who did such a great amount of work for them, for there was no doubt the work was extremely valuable, and would be still more valuable to their successors.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE'S REPORT STILL MISSING.

The Hon. Secretary said with regard to the Literature Committee he called on Mr. Daniell, who informed him that the work was going on. In the letter in which Mr. Daniell expressed regret that he was unable to attend the meeting, he said he was much disappointed that he had not been able to finally revise the MS., and had not, therefore, been able to submit it to his colleagues, and in its present state it would not be of much good to the Council.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said he had been to see Mr. Strange, at South Kensington Museum, and asked him whether he could find some rather important documents of bibliography which their President gave him some years ago.

The President: Twenty years ago.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said Mr. Strange told him that he had the papers somewhere, but afterwards wrote to say he could not find them.

Mr. King said Mr. Daniell had shown him some of the MS., and he could not understand why in the world he should withhold it from them. Mr. Daniell intimated that this year would find it completed, and he (Mr. King) was sorry to find it was not.

LEGITIMATE METHODS COLLECTION.

In presenting the report of the Legitimate Methods Committee, the Rev. H. Law James read the draft preface of the second volume of methods, which would include Plain Major, and which it was hoped would be ready for printing within the next three or four months.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that if they printed both the collection of Treble Bob peals and the collection of Legitimate Methods, it would entail a serious expense, and be a drain on the Council's funds.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter: Is there any particular object in hoarding up the money? We have got it, and it seems to me we may as well spend it usefully.

The Rev. H. L. James: What we have spent on the Minor Methods has certainly done good in the country, and we hope these Plain Major Methods will spread in eight-bell towers as the Minor Methods have in the six-bell towers.

On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. R. Cartwright, it was decided to print the collection when ready, the matter being left to the committee, with the addition of the hon. secretary.

CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR METHODS.

Mr. King read the following further report of the Peal Analysis Committee: The committee stated that they have now examined the Rev. A. T. Beeston's "Classification of Methods in the Central Council's Collection which have a Treble Bob Hunt," and beg to report as follows: We wish first to express our admiration of the very thorough way in which Mr. Beeston has gone into the matter, and wish that the whole of his work could be seen by the Council. Such labour demands very careful consideration on the part of the committee, and that we have endeavoured to give. Mr. Beeston's plan has been to

divide the work of a method into two parts: (a) above the Treble, (b) below the Treble. In each of these parts in a plain course there will be five separate pieces of work, to each of which he gives a class value. Adding these together, and dividing by 10, the number of pieces of work in a plain course, he arrives at the class value. But this is not all. Mr. Beeston takes into account other considerations, which he describes under the head of (1) Quickness and (2) Irregularity. The former causes the work to be "chopped up into little bits, and requires greater mental concentration (e.g., No. 12 T.B.)." The latter "increases memory work, and may consist of an odd dodge in the midst of several places in one or more positions, or a dodge or dodges on one side of a place only. These characteristics may supply the fractions wanted to raise a method into a higher class." Mr. Beeston adds the important note: "The Class Value should be fixed with the competent change ringer in view. Less competent ringers should not be encouraged to rest at anything short of perfection."

Mr. Beeston has drawn diagrams of all the pieces of work which can occur in "Legitimate" methods, and has assigned each to one of the four classes. He has also added five Legitimate Treble Bob methods—25. Trowell, 26. Overton, 27. 28. 29; Seven Fourth's Place Delight Methods—29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. Poynton, 35. Grove; and three Third's Place Delight Methods—40. 41. 42.

It is right to say that last year we received an analysis on somewhat similar lines, but not in such detail, from Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and, as a result of the careful examination of the work of both these gentlemen, we propose to amend the Classification of Treble Bob Minor Methods as follows:—

Treble Bob.—Class I: 1, 2, 4, 7, 13, 14, 18. Class II: 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 26, 28. Class III: 12, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27. Class IV: 21, 29.

Fourth's Place Delight.—Class I: None. Class II: 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. Class III: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 22, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35. Class 5, 6, 29.

Third's Place Delight.—Class I: 11, 13, 25. Class II: 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 23, 26, 27, 28, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42. Class III: 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 39. Class IV: 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

Surprise.—Class I: None. Class II: 18, 26, 27, 28, 29, 40, 41. Class III: 10, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 36, 37, 38, 39. Class IV: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.

Mr. Parker has also made an examination of the Plain Methods, from which he disagrees in a few instances from the Council's classification. We propose on reconsideration to change No. 25 from Class II to Class I, No. 14 from Class I to Class II, and Nos. 18, 19, 22, 27 from Class II to Class III.

It remains for us only to express our admiration of the work of the two gentlemen we have named, and to offer our very sincere thanks to them both, for the help they have given us in our endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory solution of a very difficult problem.

E. W. CARPENTER,
JOSEPH GRIFFIN,
ARTHUR T. KING,
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BUSINESS SUMMARISED.

The reports of the Peals Analysis Committee were adopted.

The President reported upon the position of the matters relating to towers and belfries, on behalf of which committee he has prepared a bulky volume dealing exhaustively with the subject.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, another member of the committee, gave an exhaustive and extremely interesting report upon his researches into the question of strains and stresses, and a lengthy debate took place, in the course of which the Hon. Secretary stated that the committee had already opened up negotiations with the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, on behalf of the Oxford Guild, moved: "That the Central Council approve and issue a national badge for ringers." After discussion, the subject was adjourned for a year, in order that the feeling of the Associations might be taken.

The subject of inter-affiliation was introduced by Mr. J. W. Jones, and after considerable debate was defeated.

The Rev. H. L. James' motion that: "The Superlative Surprise Royal as given by Shipway is the same as the Major," was eventually withdrawn by the mover, after an amendment had been suggested by the Hon. Secretary to the effect that the Council did not feel competent to decide the question.

The question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild was discussed, and it was decided, with one dissentient, to admit them on the same terms as any other society. Representation is given to any society with a minimum of 75 members, and it was stated that the Ladies' Guild now numbers 80.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the President.

In the evening, a social gathering was held at the Guildhall.

We shall continue the full report of the debates in our next issue.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 52 mins.: F. Davis 1, J. Gluyas 2, H. Bennett 3, A. Mithelmere 4, G. E. Parr, junr., 5, W. Hamlyn 6, J. Woodley 7, W. S. Linnell 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, G. E. Parr, senr., 10.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

TILE ADMISSION OF PROBATIONERS.

The 27th annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Saturday week. The weather was very unpropitious during the early part of the day, and prevented many ringers who cycle from the villages from attending. Nevertheless there was a good attendance of members from Anston, Everton, Norton Cuckney, Worksop, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Tuxford, East Markham, Gainsborough and Misterton.—The Rev. Canon Gray (Rector of West Retford) presided at the business meeting, and said he felt that it would be a good thing if in future the annual meeting were always held at East Retford. There they had the Parish Room close to the church, it was only a short distance from Howard's Restaurant, where the tea was generally held, and it was more convenient in every way.—Mr. H. Haigh (the hon. secretary), in recommending the alterations of rules 3 and 9, mentioned that the committee had always agreed that the change was desirable. It was thought that the present rules required a more advanced stage of qualification than was possible, especially with young ringers. It was proposed, therefore, to admit probationers as members, and their qualification would be to be able to ring well in rounds. There was no doubt that the Association had lost a great many members in the past, because it was impossible in scattered agricultural districts to find the requisite instructors to teach the art. It was hoped by admitting probationers they would get them sufficiently interested to follow up the art, and he hoped the Association would go further and provide instructors. At present the expense fell on the individual towers, but with a larger reserve at their command, he hoped the Association would bear half of the expense. It might be necessary to curtail the expenses somewhat in other directions, but he hoped the day was far distant when members would be asked to pay their tea at the annual meeting. He thought, however, the members generally would agree to pay some contribution towards the cost of tea, in order that a larger reserve fund might be established to help to defray the cost of instruction to the probationary members who were in need of it.—Mr. G. R. Winter seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

All the officers were re-elected, patrons, presidents, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer and working committee.

At the subsequent service at West Retford (the preacher was the Rev. A. Rose (Vicar of Everton), who gave an excellent address on bells.

Afterwards, 57 members and friends sat down to a bountiful tea at Howard's Restaurant presided over by the Vicar of East Retford.—Twenty-six new members were elected, ten from Norton Cuckney, including the Rev. J. W. Smith (Vicar), and Mr. R. Evers (churchwarden) as vice-presidents; Worksop 6, West Retford 4, Ordsall 3, East Retford 1, Tuxford 1 and Gainsborough 1.

The bells of Ordsall (6), West Retford (6) and East Retford (10) were at the disposal of ringers by the kind permission of the incumbents. At the six bell towers some good Minor ringing was done in various methods, whilst at East Retford, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters and Grandsire Caters were rung. Ringing ceased at 9 p.m., and all returned to their destinations, after having spent a most enjoyable day, and with deep feelings of gratitude to all those who had contributed to make the meeting such a success.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery branch of this Association was held at Bruton, when between 30 and 40 members were present, representing Castle Cary, Batcombe, Ditcheat, Blackford, Templecombe, Bridgwater, Midsomer Norton, Buitshorn Weston, North Cheriton, and Bruton. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Hayward) delivered a very appropriate address. The choir were also in attendance, and enlivened the service by rendering some excellent music. Tea was partaken of in the Church School, and at the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. D. S. Hayward presiding, several new members were elected, and Queen Camel was chosen for the next place of meeting to be held in October.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Hughes, the choir-master, for the excellent music which his choir had rendered at the service.—Some good touches of Minor were brought round on the bells before the tea, but owing to serious illness occurring close to the church, the bells were not heard again during the evening.—A good many of the ringers made their way to Ditcheat where some touches of Minor and Doubles were tapped off on the bells.

"AMPLE SCOPE FOR BOTH."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Kindly correct a mistake in your issue to-day in a letter under the above heading. Scarborough is not in the North Riding but in the East, therefore it is not I, but Mr. Ferguson, who "is not quite correct." The facts as stated in my letter a week ago remain "quite correct."—Yours faithfully,

29th May, 1914.

W. P. WRIGHT.

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.).

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 16th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 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.

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.

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 Howell, 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Cottenham on Saturday, June 13th. Tea at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are due.—J. H. Haydock.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, June 13th. Bells ready at 4. Service at 5.30. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (10) available 3 till 9 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea at the Institute 6 p.m. There will be a combined practice at Bentley on Saturday, June 27th. Bells (6) available from 6 p.m.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, June 13th, 1914. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock.—H. Wakley, District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welland on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Service in church at four o'clock, prompt. Business meeting afterwards. Tea provided for those sending their names to me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting of the above District will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, June 20th, 1914. Ringing from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in church at 5; address by the President, the Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea and general meeting at the Hatherton Arms at 5.30. Notification of attendance not later than Tuesday, the 16th inst.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Saturday, June 27th, 1914, Augmentation of peal of 8 bells to 12. Dedication of four new bells at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Chelmsford. Cheap tickets will be issued by the G.E.R. from Broom's Barn, Colchester, Ely, Sudbury and intermediate stations by any train. Free luncheon at 1 p.m., and tea will be provided for 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.—Robert A. Strong, Honorary Secretary, 3, West Road, 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.

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

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ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

This society, for their May meeting, visited Stone-in-Oxney, a six-bell tower, and the result of the evening's labours was very satisfactory indeed. Two 720's—Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob—were rung, as well as a touch of Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and a course of Grandsire Triples, on handbells double-handed. Messrs. G. Billewess, C. W. Player and H. S. Humphery had charge of the conducting. No breakdown occurred and the striking was good. At the business meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

As regards the June meeting it was agreed to assemble at Benenden. This, however, may not be advisable owing to Kent Association gatherings at Aldington and Hawkhurst, and probably the meeting will be held at Aldington, in conjunction with the Kent Association, on the 15th June.

The Guild were to have attempted a peal of Bob Major at Rye last Saturday, but owing to a death near the church, the ringing could not take place. The members met for the peal, and the band included Private Gibbs, "King's Own," who had been stationed at Lydd Camp recently. The company, however, thanks to the Rev. G. L. Bates, were granted permission to ring at Iden, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, 360 of Plain Bob and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Several of the local band were present, and the ringing was much enjoyed.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of the Gainsborough District held a very successful meeting at Lea the other day, when ringers attended from Gainsborough, West Stockwith and Willingham. Several touches were brought round during the afternoon and evening on the bells of St. Helen's Church in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Double Oxford Bob Minor. At the Rectory, through the kind forethought of the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Fookes) and his good lady, an excellent tea was provided for the members. Subsequently the business meeting was held, at which the Rector presided, and votes of thanks were accorded to the Church authorities for the use of the bells, the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Fookes for their kind hospitality, and the captain of the local company for making the necessary arrangements. At the conclusion, some of the party enjoyed a walk round the garden, while others indulged in cricket and handbell ringing on the lawn.

"NEWHALL" OR "BRAINTREE."

When the Central Council published the classification of methods in "The Ringing World," writes Mr. A. Hurdman, of Newhall, all methods previously named were given, and of those unnamed, the numbers were given: No. 11 was given as Braintree, No. 10 unnamed. We had been thinking of giving the name of Newhall to No. 11, but, of course, when we found it had already been named, we changed it to No. 12. The methods are exactly alike, until the backstroke lead of treble, second's place being made in Newhall instead of sixth's.

I have taken note of every method named since, and named the collection, to make it as comprehensible as possible. If the numbers were changed in classification surely someone should have corrected the mistake. As it was allowed to pass, I took it for granted that it had not been named. Hence our claim to the name.

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