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

## MODERN WORK.

### THE TIME LIMIT.

The one decision of the Central Council which most nearly affects ringers is that which fixes a time limit to the publication of the record of a peal if it is to be included in the Analysis. All the other resolutions, with the exception of that giving a lead as to ringing in war time, merely concern, at any rate for the moment, the carrying on of the work of the Council. The question of the time limit arose out of the report of the Analysis Committee, whose stupendous work in normal times has not infrequently been added to by the thoughtlessness or oversight of those who, having rung a peal, have left over the publication of the particulars for some months.

It is perfectly obvious that no committee responsible for the compilation of a vast statistical report ought to be given the trouble of correcting and readjusting their figures merely to suit the convenience of those who have failed to record their performance within a reasonable time. Hitherto the only limit to publication to secure insertion in the Analysis has been that a peal rung in one year must be published before the end of February in the next, but the Council have now gone a step further, legitimately we think, and fixed a period of eight weeks within which the record must appear. This gives ample time to those concerned in the peal to see to its publication, and will enable the committee to keep fairly well abreast of their work, for, as was pointed out at the meeting, the task would be almost an impossible one if the whole thing were left until practically the end of the year before the work was undertaken.

More than once the Committee have pointed out—and the present occasion is not inappropriate to offer a reminder—that the person who should really make himself responsible for forwarding the details for publication is the conductor. If he does not actually write and post the report it should be his concern to see that it is done, and in the vast majority of cases this is the course which is acted upon. It is the few exceptions which are the cause of the trouble, but the action of the Council should have a good effect.

One other side to these delayed reports was mentioned in the course of the discussion, that it opened the way to "faked" records. While a delay of, say a year, in publication, would, of course, make it all the more difficult to disprove an alleged performance of this kind, we do not think there is, or ever has been, much fear of such a thing happening. Questionable performances have, we know, occasionally been published, but it is rather difficult to see how anyone could impose a perfectly fictitious record upon the Exercise without its being quickly "spotted." There are many checks upon a peal, and we can hardly believe that six or eight men could be found so deficient in the sense of honour as to allow their names to be used for such a paltry and contemptible action.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK MONTFORD ... .. Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
*JOSEPH HANLEY ... .. 2	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
THOMAS TUDOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 7
WILLIAM WEATHERS ... 4	GEORGE HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. † First peal with a bob bell. This was the quickest peal on the bells and was rung in honour of the King's Birthday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1915, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt., in E flat.

JOHN WHEADON ... .. Treble	ISAAC EMERY ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
REGINALD BROUGH ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

First peal on the bells. It was rung after the dedication, by the Bishop of Rochester, of the new tower, spire and bells, the munificent gift of the Vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. A. W. Boulden. The bells were put in by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, of London. It was also R. Brough's 50th peal and was rung on his 21st birthday.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

ECCLESFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1915, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,  
At 180, THE CROSS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANCES;**

JOHN THORPE ... .. 1-2	CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 5-6
GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7-8

R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 9-10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: COLIN HARRISON.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 6, 1915, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At 7, THE BROADWAY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM R. HENSHER ... 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	WALTER PERKINS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Umpire: CECIL CHAPMAN.

First peal as conductor on handbells. This is the first time that Holt's Original has been rung upon handbells by the Association. The umpire ticked off all the bob lead ends throughout the peal. Rung as a farewell to William R. Hensher, who is leaving for Canada.

## NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The following further contributions to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund have been received:

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged ... ..	79	4	6
Bushey Society (May collection) ... ..	0	5	0
"Wanderer" (May contribution) ... ..	0	2	0
"Mrs. Wanderer" (May contribution) ... ..	0	2	0
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>£79</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>

**ROLL OF HONOUR.**

The following is a further list of ringers who are serving in H.M. Forces:—

- Spr. Frederick Bennett, of Clandon, Surrey, Royal Engineers (T.F.).  
 Spr. Peter Laffin, of Debenham, Suffolk, 1st London Divisional Engineers, now at Mile End, London.  
 Tpr. E. E. Grimes, No. 2048, 2/1 Suffolk Yeomanry, now at Ely.  
 Spr. Sam Cadwallender, of Rainford, Lancs, Royal Engineers, W.L.D.  
 Spr. A. Jones, late of Rainford, Royal Engineers, W.L.D.  
 Pte F. Isaacs, of Titchfield, Hants, A.O.C., now at Haulbowline, Ireland.  
 Pte. F. C. Love, of Titchfield, A.S.C. Mechanical Transport, now at Derby.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, is now discharging duties as a Chaplain of the Forces, at Rouen.

Lieut. C. O. Sayer (7th Durham Light Infantry), of Sunderland Parish Church Guild, and an hon. member of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers, had his leg broken in the fighting on Whit-Monday in Flanders, and is reported to be a prisoner in a German hospital. Prior to the war he was mathematical lecturer at the Sunderland Day Training College.

**FAILEN HEROES.****RINGERS KILLED IN THE WAR.**

As we briefly announced last week, the ranks of Kettering ringers have suffered a loss by the death of Pte William Henry Snart, one of the parish church company, and eldest son of Mr. J. H. Snart, of 10, Melton Street, Kettering, who was killed in action on May 10th. Previous to his enlistment in August deceased was employed as a presser. News of his death at the front was conveyed in a letter addressed to his parents by Sergt. J. Harris, who belonged to the same company in the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment, and who went to the front with Pte Snart in February. The letter intimates that the deceased fell in action, being hit in the head by a rifle bullet, and conveys the sympathy of the men of the company.

Pte Snart was a choir boy at Isham Church, where he was taught to handle a bell by Mr. E. Maurice Atkins. He joined the Kettering ringers soon after he left school, and for three years had been most assiduous in his duties in the belfry. He was only 16 years of age when he went to the front, and was in the trenches on his 17th birthday. The bells of the Parish Church have been rung, muffled, to his memory, and at Isham, after service, on Sunday evening, May 22nd, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells muffled, by: T. Gorley 1, G. Blaxley 2, F. Talbutt 3, A. E. Fourt 4, D. Mallett 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.

The death of George Isaac Playle is mourned by the Dagenham, Essex, band. As already briefly announced, he went down in H.M.S. "Goliath" when she was sunk in the Dardanelles. The deceased had learnt ringing under his father, and was making good progress when he joined the Navy. He has a brother, also a ringer, serving afloat.

At a memorial service, which was held on May 26th, at Dagenham, the bells were rung half-muffled, and after the service, the "whole-pull" and stand was rung, followed by 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Chaplin 1, E. Hawkins 2, G. Coltis 3, E. J. Butler 4, A. Chaplin (conductor) 5, A. Hardy 6.

Another ringer who has given his life for his country is C. Howe, of Linslade, Bucks, a member of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild. His parents received an intimation from Boulogne Hospital stating that he had been admitted there, having been shot through the eye on May 22nd. Later they received a telegram that he had passed away on May 29th, without having regained consciousness.

On Tuesday evening, June 1st, the St. Barnabas ringers, with the help of Messrs. W. Seabrook, F. Dedman and W. Jeffs, rang the bells of Linslade Parish Church, half-muffled, when 336 and 210 Grandsire Triples, among other touches, were brought round.

The deceased commenced ringing in 1910 at a time when the St. Barnabas' band was very short-handed through several of the older members leaving the parish on account of slackness of work in the neighbourhood. He made good progress, and was soon able to ring the treble in Grandsire Doubles, while, as the band improved, he made a good ringer in the method on eight bells. At the outbreak of war he got permission to enlist in the Bucks Territorials, being at the time engaged on the L. and N.W. Railway as a telephone operator and train booker at the Leighton Buzzard Station. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he was ever ready to help in any church work.

**PRESENTATION TO A KENSINGTON RINGER.**

At a meeting of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, on the evening of June 1st, Mr. Percy Miles, a popular member, was the recipient of congratulations and a small gift to mark the occasion of his wedding, which took place recently. The gift, a clock in a handsome oak case, was subscribed for by members of the Guild. All present joined in wishing him every happiness and prosperity, and expressed the wish that he would still be able to continue an active and valued member of the Guild.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Clandon and Merrow on Saturday. Ringers were present to the number of about 40, from Guildford, Shalford, Ash, Aldershot, Farnham, Woking, Worplesdon, Leatherhead, Frensham, etc., in addition to the two local towers, whilst the visitors included Miss Elsie Bennett and Mr. F. Hairs (who had cycled from London), and Miss Steele from Bedford. Service was held in Merrow Church, conducted by the Rev. W. W. S. Fleet, Mr. H. Pleass kindly presiding at the organ. The tea took place in the Village Hall, presided over by the chairman of the district (Mr. A. C. Hazelden). There was very little business, the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards, Farnham) having nothing to report.—One new member was elected.

Afterwards some capital touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on hardbells, amongst those taking a pair being Miss Elsie Bennett and Mrs. Hazelden. The towers of both churches being open, various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**

The June meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild took place at Rolvenden, Kent, on Saturday, Benenden, Hawkhurst, Fairfield, Rye, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney belfries being represented, while a number of the local band also attended.—One Guild member was present wearing the King's uniform, viz., Mr. Ben Goldsmith, of Rolvenden, who is in the Royal Garrison Artillery. He looked very fit, and one gathered that the conditions of military life thoroughly agreed with his constitution. Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples and courses of Stedman Triples were rung, but several attempts at a touch of Stedman unfortunately proved a failure. New Romney was selected as the rendezvous for July, the meeting to be held on the first Saturday in the month.—On the proposition of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs), seconded by Mr. C. Tribe, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the captain of the local ringers (Mr. A. Blackman) for rendering valuable assistance in making arrangements for the Guild to visit Rolvenden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY MEETING OF THE ASHFORD DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Ashford district was held at Wye on Whit-Monday, and all things tended to make the gathering an unqualified success. The new Vicar of Ashford (the Rev. L. P. Crawford) kindly granted permission to ring in his tower during the morning, and the majority of the members, having to pass through on the way to Wye, availed themselves of this unique opportunity, and made good use of the time at their disposal. The bells were raised in peal, and were kept going in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and then lowered in peal. The Vicar visited the tower, and gave a very cordial welcome to the members of the Association.

The bells at Wye were raised in peal soon after two o'clock, and touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round, and also 120 of Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering, in which Mrs. Gatehouse rang the treble.—The Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Lambert) paid a visit to the belfry, and heartily welcomed the members to Wye. He gave them a short history of the tower and the church, and added that, as the bells had recently been rebung, retuned, etc., he hoped they would find the "go" and tone satisfactory.

The members partook of a substantial meat tea at the New Flying Horse Inn, and, needless to say, this was done thorough justice to. After tea, cigars, which had been kindly sent by the Vicar, were handed round, and were greatly appreciated.—A vote of thanks was passed to the caterer, Mr. Woodstock, for providing such an excellent repast.

A special service was afterwards held in the church, the Association's form being used, and a very able and instructive address given by Dr. Springett, who conducted the service at the request of the Vicar.

A business meeting was subsequently held in the belfry, Mr. G. Paine, the district representative, presiding. — Several new members were elected.—It was proposed that the annual meeting of the district should be held at Ashford in September, and, judging from the Vicar's welcome in the morning, will in all human probability take place.

The names of the members from the various towers in the district, who have left to serve their King and country, were read out by the secretary, and out of the 20 who had so done, two had already lost their young and promising lives, and one had been severely wounded in the Dardanelles.

A very hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the Vicar for permission for the meeting, for his cordial welcome to the members, and for his kindly gift of cigars, and also to Dr. Springett for the service and address.

A cordial welcome was also extended to the members of the other Districts of the Association (five out of the six districts being represented) and also to Mr. E. F. Cole, an old and esteemed non-resident life member from St. Paul's, Hammersmith, who was taking a walking tour in the Weald.

The bells were afterwards again set in motion, and touches rung in the methods previously mentioned, as well as a touch of Double Norwich. The bells gave complete satisfaction both in tone and "go," and the frame (which well paid for the extra climb for inspection) was pronounced a real work of art.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### "THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT. (Continued from Page 285).

We give below the continuation of the report of the proceedings of the Central Council at the meeting in London on Whitsun Tuesday. At the conclusion of the discussion on the committees' reports, the Council came to the motions of which notice had been given.

#### NO NATIONAL BADGE.

The President said the first subject for discussion was the proposal that was postponed from the Winchester meeting, that the Council should approve and issue a national badge for ringers. The Council would remember that the matter was postponed upon the ground that, before they could come to any resolution in the matter, it was essential they should know the views of the Associations, because it would be absurd for them, who represented, through the delegates, the various associations, to take any steps that were not the outcome of the wish of those associations, and he was rather doubtful whether the subject had been brought before more than a minority of them. However, that, no doubt, would transpire in the course of the discussion.

There was a rather lengthy pause, and the President intimated that if no one had anything to say they would pass on.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said the matter was brought before the College Youths, and the opinion of the meeting was that they did not want a national badge at all; they did not care to be labelled.

Mr. J. Griffin said he thought it was a matter for the individual associations to deal with, and not a matter for the Council at all.

The Rev. C. C. Parker said a great many associations already had a badge. He consulted the Bath and Wells Association, and they had no objection to the issue of a special badge, although they had had one of their own for some time.

The President: What we are short of is some gentleman keen enough about this matter to put his views before the meeting (laughter). Canon Baker moved that the Council pass on to the next business.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, as, he said, amid laughter, it was he who brought the subject up last year. It was, however, not altogether in accordance with his views, but he did it to oblige those who asked him to do so. The only badge, he thought, which would decorate a ringer of suitable age would be the war medal (hear, hear).—The motion to proceed to the next business was carried *unanimously*.

#### LEGITIMACY OF METHODS.

The President said they now came to what they had looked forward to as a three-cornered fight, but one of the three corners, the Rev. H. Law James, was not present, so it resolved itself into a duel between the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Trollope, which they would anxiously await the result of (laughter, and a Member: Do they want seconds?)

The Hon. Secretary then moved: "That it is desirable to reconsider some of the conditions laid down for the legitimacy of methods as stated on page 18 of 'Rules and Decisions,' 1904." Having reminded the Council that the motion was in exactly the same terms as that submitted to the Council three years ago, the Hon. Secretary proceeded to explain that the long delay in bringing the matter up since the publication of the "Rules and Decisions" was that for some years after the report was issued he really did not deeply study the matter, and he took it for granted that the Legitimate Methods Committee had issued some simple statement as to what methods were legitimate and what were not. It was only when he found out that methods which he thought perfectly lawful and right to be rung were taboo that his eyes were opened, and he began to look into it and found things were very different from what he had thought them to be. The statements to which he chiefly took objection were:—

"The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head, and end in the plain course"—this means that all methods must have what are known as Bob Major lead ends.

"A plain lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead head to the lead end, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.

"A bob lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work it is in a different relative position among the working bells and the working bells have three of their number in a different coursing order.

"A single lead is a succession of rows so arranged that . . . the working bells have two of their number in a different coursing order."

Before he proceeded to argue his position he would like to say he hoped the members of the Council would not think this was an abstruse question. There was an appreciative and kind article in the previous week's issue of "The Ringing World" in which, however, the writer thought the subject led them into abstruse technicalities. He (Mr. Davies) hoped no member would think this an abstruse question; it was not. It was a question which, he thought, every ringer was capable of deciding for himself. It was a question whether they should restrict themselves, as he thought they ought, to natural place making in a method, or whether they should allow extra places to be made; whether they were, in fact, to regard it as optional whether they upset the order of the in and out of course of the changes or not. In Doubles their rows were in course until they called a single; in Triples they were alternately in course and out of course, because in Doubles there was an even number of pairs of bells, and in Triples

there was an odd number of pairs. When they came to ring on even numbers of bells there was a very simple rule, which was that they changed all the pairs at one row, and then they made two places at the next row. That was what he contended the law was, and it was his argument that that law should be retained.

#### CONFUSION OF TERMS.

Proceeding, Mr. Davies dealt with some of the terms used in the definitions. In the extracts he had quoted there was the term "coursing order," and it was well that they should make the meaning clear. Nowhere, so far as he could find in the committee's report, was there any real explanation of "coursing order," but it was really used in two senses quite different from one another. One use of the expression was that in which it meant the order in which the bells moved up and down within the lead following one another. Then there was another sense in which the committee had used it, and which was the very opposite of the other. It was used in the sense of the order in which throughout a plain course the different bells fell into any given position, such, for instance, as the order in which the bells in Bob Major made second's place, which was quite the reverse to the order in which they followed one another up and down within the lead. Mr. James had used the term "coursing circle" for the order in which the bells fell into any given position. Part of his (the speaker's) position was this, that it was all very well to talk of coursing order when they were ringing plain methods; in Grandsire and Plain Bob there was a very palpable coursing order, but when they came to anything like intricate methods, he contended that coursing in the sense in which the bells follow one another up and down within the lead practically vanished. Therefore, he held, "coursing order" had no signification when they came to complicated methods, but when it came to "coursing circles" every method must have its coursing circle. The Legitimate Methods Committee wished to tie them down to one single coursing circle. They said that all legitimate methods were to have Plain Bob lead ends, which meant that they were to have one coursing circle and one alone. He objected to being tied to that as obligatory. He did not object to it as an alternative one, he did not wish to rule it out of order at all; but he did not see why it should be the only one. He wanted a little more freedom, and he thought they would gain by that freedom. In change ringing, continued Mr. Davies, they had agreed to ring changes in certain ways; they were not the only possible ways, but still they had been agreed to. First of all there were two rules which neither Mr. James nor Mr. Trollope nor anyone else had attempted to throw over, one was the rule of pairs, which was that bells changed places in pairs, and no bell moved more than one place at a time; the other was the rule that no bell should strike more than two consecutive blows in the same place. That they called the law of places. Then there came, as he thought, naturally from that, the law, which the Legitimate Methods Committee wanted more or less to overthrow and to treat as absolutely optional and which he called the law of succession. This meant that when they were ringing changes on an odd number of bells they should never have more than one bell lying still, and, when they came to even methods, no places made in one row and two, and two only, in the next row. All the rules were perfectly arbitrary in one sense, viz., that they need not have made them, but they had taken certain rules arbitrarily chosen and, having taken them, they had no right to throw them over and, from being arbitrary, they had now become fundamental. The committee had taken one of those rules which change ringers had chosen and, having chosen, were now forced to obey, and in place of it they had put in another which, instead of being a rule at all was a mere resulting phenomenon. It just happened that when they started from rounds and wrote out a lead with all the bells plain hunting that the bells fell into a certain row, and why they should be forced to take that row as a binding obligation in all methods he failed to see. It was not necessary, and it led to the overthrow of that rule which he regarded as fundamental, the law of succession.

#### HOW METHODS HAD GROWN.

He contended that the Plain Bob lead ends were arrived at by the inventor of the method in a merely haphazard way, for many things, including the Grandsire Single, which was the most unscientific single they could have, showed that people at the start did not begin with a scientific theory, but simply went from stage to stage seeing how far they could get. That was how methods had grown, one being a little improvement on another. It was only in later days that they had been able to sit down, as Mr. James had done, and work them out by wonderful theories. Therefore, he said, Bob Major lead ends were merely haphazard. The plain lead ends failed to keep the bells in coursing order in the more complicated methods, and they were consequently needless, because there were others they could use and use with advantage. Then, too, these Plain Bob lead ends did not secure, as of necessity, the points on which the Legitimate Methods Committee had set their hearts, for there were many methods which would be included in the forthcoming book by the Legitimate Methods Committee, which had got the bells out behind out of coursing order. Therefore, not only were the Plain Bob lead ends needless, they were futile. He objected to being tied to the Plain Bob lead ends, because there were other good methods which did not possess them, and which were beautiful methods. He need cite only two, one was Duffield and another was the well-known method of Union Triples, which was one of the most beautiful methods to ring that they could possibly have. But Union Triples did not fall in with the Legitimate

Methods Committee's requirements; the lead ends were not the lead ends which the committee had declared to be necessary, and so, he said, tying themselves down to the Plain Bob lead ends was mischievous, because they debarred themselves from using many methods most beautiful and most useful. Then he objected also because it was a perfectly now-fangled idea.

#### SUGGESTED NEW DEFINITIONS.

Proceeding, Mr. Davies said that, as he was trying to overthrow the definitions which had been laid down, it was only fair and right that he should propose something in their place. Before, however, they could attempt to define a plain lead or a bob lead, they must define "treble lead." It was a very unfortunate phrase, for it was used in at least four different senses. First of all they might mean by "treble's lead," the two blows at which the treble was leading, and he thought that was the best sense in which they could use it. The next sense in which it was used was to represent the whole number of rows between the times when the treble left one lead and came to lead the next time. In that sense he proposed to use the word "section." There was a difficulty about that, as the treble lead was not always the same, for, if they had a bob at the end of the lead in plain Bob Major, the last row was different, and in Grandsire Triples the last two rows were different to what they would be if they had no call. They must, therefore, have words to show which they meant, and one he called a "plain section" and the other a "bob section." But they wanted also a word to express the set of rows which were always the same, and which could not be cut up in the way he had just described. In Plain Bob Major, if they started with the back-stroke lead of the treble and wrote out the hunting lead until the treble led at hand-stroke, they got a set of sixteen rows which never could be altered; in Grandsire the division occurred a row earlier. The real and practical division was at what they knew was the bob change.

Mr. Trollope: What about singles?

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was not talking about singles; the Grandsire single was a most hideous thing. These sets of rows, which could not be altered, he would call a "block." When they had got a block, it could be followed or preceded by only one of two others, either by a plain lead or a bob lead. There was one other sense in which they used the term "treble's lead," and they meant by it the back-stroke lead of the treble. It was immutably tied, in Grandsire, to 13 other rows; he called it the characteristic of that block, because when they used that row they had to use all the other rows that must go with it.

#### BOB MAKING AND COURSING ORDER.

Next, continued the speaker, they must come to a definition of "plain lead" and "bob lead" in the sense in which he had always understood the words. The blocks were immutable, and when they passed from one block to another, they did so by what he called a "link." If it was a plain lead, he called it a "plain link," which, in Grandsire, was 7th's place. If it was a bob lead he called it a "bob link" and, in Grandsire, it was 3rd's. These links were the mode of passage from one block to the other. Now they came to the effect of a bob. The Legitimate Methods Committee said that a bob altered the relative position among the working bells, leaving three of their number in a different coursing order. He had always regarded a bob as a simple alteration in the paths of three of the bells. It did not matter what the method was or how the bob was made, they must have at least three bells, but in Grandsire and Treble Bob they had more bells because they had a mixed bob. In Plain Bob the bob was made two places from the place made at the plain lead. He did not see that a bob had anything to do with the coursing order at all, it was simply an interchange of work between three bells, which might have been coursing one another or might not. In the course of further argument, Mr. Davies said the committee had made themselves slaves not only to a particular coursing order, but to a particular coursing circle, and it was because Stedman, which consisted of two kinds of sixes, did not fall in with this view that Mr. James had told them that Stedman Triples, as it was now rung, was not real Stedman Triples, and maintained that the quick six was a bob.

The President: We as a Council have never assented to Mr. James's theory on Stedman, and I think you should confine yourself to what we have decided in print.

Mr. Davies then proceeded at length to answer certain statements made elsewhere by Mr. James, and was eventually asked by the President if he thought it worth while to go on controverting Mr. James's statements when he (Mr. James) was not there.

Mr. Davies: I wish he had been here.

The President: But is it worth while spending much time over them?

Mr. Davies said he had nearly finished, and after further challenging some of Mr. James's arguments formally moved his motion, having spoken exactly an hour and twelve minutes.

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter seconded the motion. He had hoped, he said, to have been able to say something more about the word "Legitimate," but he would not do so at that hour of the afternoon.

The President drew the attention of the Council to the position they were in with regard to the resolution. It was entirely within the rights of any member to draw attention to the desirability of reconsidering a matter which they had printed as the outcome of the careful opinion of the Council. He had listened with very great interest to Mr. Davies as he set forth his objections to some of the

definitions that had previously been come to by the Council and printed, but he would like to point out that it was quite useless to enter upon a discussion of what Mr. Davies had advanced in that Council. There was only a limited number of gentlemen in the Council who had been at pains to acquaint themselves with the principles that underlay what Mr. Davies had been talking about, and their usual course had always been to refer such matters to their expert committees, who were carefully selected in order to deal with specific points, to let them sift the matter out and then bring it before the Council. If they carried the resolution, and he thought himself that Mr. Davies had made out a case for reconsideration, it seemed to him that the proper thing was to refer the matter to the committee. Mr. Davies would then be in communication with the committee, and they could argue the matter among themselves. If they came to a decision that certain alterations were desirable, they would put those alterations before the Council, who would or would not confirm them. He submitted, however, that it would be quite useless and a great waste of time to enter into an argument on the great many points which Mr. Davies had raised that afternoon (applause).

The suggestion to refer the matter to committee was carried by acclamation. (To be continued).

#### A BELL OPENING A CENTURY AGO.

The following somewhat quaint account of the opening of the ring of twelve at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, appears in the Peal Book of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham:—

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— Gresson .....	2	Thos. Chapman .....	8
— Hudson .....	3	— Dagley .....	9
Thos. Worrall .....	4	— Rowen .....	10
Alex. Sanders .....	5	S. Lawrence & G. Harrison	11
Wm. Booth .....	6	Bills and Hudson .....	Tenor

On the following day a complete peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung by members of the same Society, and is duly recorded in the peal book.

Unfortunately the cup "disappeared," or it would be a very highly prized possession of the St. Martin's "Youths" of to-day.

It will be noted that on this occasion the ringing was not a matter of a few hours, but extended over several days; truly it must have been "some" opening.

#### "A NOTABLE PEAL OF 100 YEARS AGO."

On June 12th, 1815, what is believed to have been the first peal of Grandsire Maximus rung out of London was accomplished at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

The peal consisted of 5040 changes, and was rung in three hours and 30 minutes by the following members of the Society of St. Martin's Youths:—

James Jarvis .....	Treble	Wm. Hassall .....	7
Robt. Farmer .....	2	Geo. Harrison .....	8
Jno. Edmunds .....	3	Wm. Newman, junr. ....	9
Thos. Worrall .....	4	Alex. Sanders .....	10
Henry Cooper .....	5	T. Thurstans & W. Marsh	11
Thos. Chapman .....	6	Benj. Pugh & H. Turley...Tenor	

Composed and called by Wm. Hassall.

It is interesting to call to mind the fact that England was at that time in the midst of a life and death struggle as serious as the present great war, only, of course on a smaller scale. And both cataclysms were brought about in very much the same way—by the devilish greed and unbridled lust for power of one man. A century ago the man was Napoleon, and six days after this peal was rung, the Battle of Waterloo was fought.

A period of ninety-five years elapsed before the next peal of Grandsire Maximus was rung on these bells.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Chippenham, Wilts, on Saturday week, when, in addition to members of the local towers of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, ringers attended from Bath, Marshfield, Swindon, Trowbridge and Wootton Bassett. Ringing was confined to St. Paul's, where the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. A plain course of Kent Treble Bob and another of Superlative Surprise Major were also excellently rung. A substantial tea was provided in capital style by Mr. A. W. Hunt, of the New Inn. A short business meeting followed, at which Mr. J. Tazewell presided. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Grittleton.

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## THE PASSING OF TWO OLD RINGERS.

### THE LATE MR. ARTHUR BREARLEY, SHEFFIELD.



We recorded the death of Mr. Arthur Brearley last week. He had been connected with the Sheffield Cathedral Society for over 30 years, and a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1878.

### GLOUCESTER BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

The bells of the ancient Church of St. Mary de Lode (formerly known as St. Mary Ante Portam) in the fine old cathedral city of Gloucester, are about to undergo restoration. The work has been entrusted to the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who will erect one of their patent vertical cantilever bell frames, which are ideal for weak towers. The bells are a ring of six, and provision will be made for the completion of the octave at some future date.

St. Mary de Lode Church seems to have been the only parish church in the City of Gloucester from Roman times, until after the Conquest. St. Lucius, a British Christian king, was founder of the original Church, and much interest is attached to the site, which, on the rebuilding of the nave in 1826, was found to have been previously occupied by a Roman temple.

All the bells, with the exception of the 4th and 5th, dated (1636), were cast by Rudhall in his foundry at Gloucester.

### OFF TO CANADA.

#### KETTERING LOSES A VALUED MEMBER.

The Kettering, Northants, band, is losing a very valued member, in the person of Mr. William R. Hensher, who sails for Canada on the 18th inst. by the s.s. "Grampian." Mr. Hensher was for many years a very prominent member of the Northants Association, and the very highly esteemed leader of the Kettering ringers. Some few years ago he went out to Canada, and in July last returned to spend a holiday with his friends in Kettering. Within two days of reaching home he took part in a peal of Double Norwich, which was followed by Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples, and peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Royal on handbells. During his visit he has completed his 100 peals for the Northants Association. A keen and enthusiastic ringer, who is able to ring any method from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, his presence in the Kettering belfry will be greatly missed. Needless to say, the Kettering ringers are sorry to lose him, but desire to take this opportunity of wishing both him and his wife a safe and pleasant journey across the ocean.

A farewell peal is recorded in another column.

### THE LATE MR. JOHN CRANE, KIDDERMINSTER.



Many ringers in the Midlands will hear with regret of the death of Mr. John Crane, of Kidderminster, who passed away on Whit-Sunday in his 66th year, and was buried on Wednesday, May 26th.

Mr. Crane's health had been failing for a long time, so that the end was not unexpected. The chief mourners at the funeral were Mr. G. Crane (brother), Mr. F. Tandy (son-in-law), Messrs. G. and F. Tandy (grandsons), Mr. R. E. Grove and Councillor Fred Tandy. The following local ringers carried out his wish that they should act as bearers: Messrs. N. Davis, J. Woodberry, J. Broad and T. J. Salter. A beautiful wreath, "with deep sympathy," was sent by his fellow members of St. Mary's Society. Previous to the funeral the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells fully muffled, was rung, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), with the bells half-muffled, was brought round: J. Smith, C. H. Woodberry, G. Davis, N. Davis, W. Smith, J. Broad, T. J. Salter (conductor), W. H. Smith and J. Woodberry taking part in the ringing.

John Crane had been a ringer at the Parish Church for forty-five years, having commenced a decade before any of the present band learnt to ring. He had seen and participated in the rise of the company from "stone" to London Surprise, and many a young ringer on joining the band received his fatherly care and advice. To him, in some measure, may be credited the first fruits of change ringing at Kidderminster by the present society, of which he was secretary for many years. He was a trustee of the Worcestershire Association.

It was he who rang the tenor at Kidderminster to the first peal of Major on the bells, but in the great majority of his peals he rang the seventh bell, for which he had a particular liking, no matter how it went or what the method was. His first peal was Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) at Kidderminster on January 8th, 1837, conducted by J. W. Washbrook, his last peal was Stedman Triples at Hartlebury on April 23rd, 1903, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson—a strange coincidence that these two distinguished Oxford ringers should conduct his first and last peals. His total number was about 74. He rang the seventh bell in the first peal of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Shipway and Cambridge Surprise by the Association, conducted by R. E. Grove. He was of a courteous disposition, kind and genial, but his burly form and familiar figure well known locally, has now gone from amongst us.

### MR. BROUGH'S 50 PEALS.

In 4 Minor Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9; Union Triples, 1; Erin Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 12; Bob Major, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 10; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cambridge Major, 1; total, 50. Rung in 20 towers.



## CLEVELAND AND N. YORKS ASSOCIATION. NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Whit-Monday, when members from the following towers attended: Leeds, Northallerton, Darlington (St. John's), Shildon, Whitby, Middleham, West Tanfield, Thirsk, Ripon, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Sharow, Wath, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Felixkirk and Hemingbrough.

A committee meeting was held in the early part of the day, at which several items of special business were disposed of, to relieve the business at the annual meeting. A special service had been arranged in the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Vicar of Thirsk (the Rev. H. P. H. Austin), Mr. Todd, the organist, and the choir boys being in attendance, and adding greatly to the pleasure of the service. The thanks of the Association is accorded to Mr. Todd for making these arrangements and giving his valuable time. The address was delivered by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vicar of Felixkirk, and Rural Dean. He spoke of the very serious disasters that had occurred during the month of May, and the great gloom that it had cast on the Whitsuntide. Generally speaking, people looked on Whitsuntide as a great holiday, and a time for enjoyment, but these disasters and the great war that was raging made it impossible for people to enjoy themselves as they would like. He also referred to the war and the destruction of the beautiful cathedrals and the towns and villages of Belgium. Speaking of that meeting, he said they were not in such large numbers that day as last year, but considering the times, and the railway facilities that were at the disposal of the working men, it was very gratifying to see so many present, and it went to show the great interest that was taken in bell ringing by those who were attending the meeting. He thought that by holding those meetings, and especially the annual meeting, they were doing a great amount of good. He hoped the ringers when at home would not forget to "do their bit" on Sundays by making their appearance at the church, being punctual to time and ringing the bells to call worshippers to church, and to be a comfort to those who were not in so happy a position as they were that day.

The service concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

Dinner was provided at the Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk, and was presided over by the Rev. J. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton-in-Cleveland (in the absence of the Rev. W. P. Wright), who was supported by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, Vice-presidents W. Pick, J. Stott and A. MacFarlane, and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). After dinner the loyal toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm, and the National Anthem sung.

A telegram was read from the Rev. W. P. Wright wishing the Cleveland Association and its new President every success. An apology for absence was also received from the Rev. H. P. H. Austin (Vicar of Thirsk).

### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary's report referred at great length to the present condition of the country through the war, and to the way in which all classes had come forward prepared to make one great sacrifice for King and country. The report asked the tower secretaries to keep a list of the names of ringers who had joined the colours, so that at some future date these could be shown in a special page in the annual report. The peal list was very small compared with previous years, but ringers were congratulated upon the way they had sacrificed their great hobby and had occupied their minds with a greater work than peal ringing.

The balance sheet showed a small deficit on the year's working, this being attributed to the extra cost of the annual report which had been creeping up in amount for the last five years. The Association has held two meetings during the year, viz., at Aysgarth and Scarborough, which were well attended, and proved very enjoyable gatherings. The Association commenced the year with a membership of 288, and closed with 300, having lost one member by death, in the person of Mr. E. C. Hunt, a native of Kildermister, but who came to Darlington about fourteen years ago, joined the Association as a life member, and rang several peals for the Association. In conclusion, the report referred to the resignation of the genial President (the Rev. W. P. Wright), who had removed to a very large parish in Sheffield, which would take up his time on the days of the two most important meetings of the year. Mr. Wright had held office since the formation of the Association, eighteen years ago, and he relinquished his official connection with it with very great regret, but they hoped their friendship with Mr. Wright would be everlasting, and stronger than ever, and they hoped that his life would be spared for many years to come.

Mr. W. H. Porter (Darlington) proposed that the best thanks of the Association be given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Thirsk for the use of the church and bells, to the Rev. W. R. Hannam for his most able address at the service. Mr. Todd (the organist) and the choir, and also to Vice-President J. Stott for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Pick, and, having been carried with applause, was responded to by the Rev. W. R. Hannam, who said it was a real pleasure to be amongst them, and hoped it would not be the last time. He was pleased that his part in the service had been appreciated, and he thanked their most enthusiastic secretary for giving them the opportunity of addressing them that day. After the kind letter which the secretary sent to him, he could not possibly get out of it. It was a very good thing for an

Association like theirs to have a secretary who took such a great interest in the work (applause).

### THE NEW PRESIDENT.

The Hon. Secretary next read the letter from the Rev. W. P. Wright, conveying his resignation as President of the Association. It was received with the deepest regret, and a most hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wright for the good and great services and assistance that had always been willingly given to the Association during the whole eighteen years of its life. As he was not giving up his membership, it was hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting old friends at meetings as time would permit.

Mr. A. MacFarlane proposed the election of a new President, and said the name that he had to bring before the members was one which he was sure would meet with the approval of all—the name of the Rev. J. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton-in-Cleveland. The committee had gone very fully into the matter, and it was their unanimous wish that the secretary should write to Mr. Kyle to ask him to allow his name to be brought forward as president. The reply which the secretary received from him was as follows:—

"As you have been kind enough to say you all agreed to appoint me President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, I must not refuse the post. It was very kind of you to write such a kind letter, and I appreciate it more than I can express. I'll do my best."

He (Mr. MacFarlane), therefore, had the very greatest pleasure in proposing that the Rev. J. L. Kyle become President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for the next twelve months.—Mr. T. Stephenson seconded, and the motion was carried most enthusiastically.

The new President acknowledged his election in a felicitous speech. He said that that seemed to be the day of his life, and he thanked them most heartily for the position they had placed him in. He did not know a great deal about change ringing, but, by what he had seen, there seemed to be a great deal of art in it, and it appeared to require much perseverance and patience. Furthermore, it required men to turn up regularly at the tower, in order to obtain the required practice. There was one thing, however, that he could tell them, and that was how to build a church and obtain a peal of bells, because when he went into the parish he now held there was neither church nor bells, while now they possessed both. When he took up the work of that parish his first duty was to find ways and means. He set to work with an architect, told him what he would like, and when the plans were ready they were sent to the Archbishop, who asked him if he were going to build a cathedral. He said "No," but he was going to build a church large enough to hold all his parishioners, and this he did, and added a good substantial tower able to hold a peal of bells. They now possessed a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.), by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. When he set about obtaining these bells he thought to himself that the little village found lots of room for visitors, and if he could get the strangers to find so much he might obtain sufficient funds to call one bell a "strangers' or visitors' bell." Then if the farmers would give so much corn he could call another the "wheat bell," while, if children would gather funds they could call one a "children's bell." And so he went on in this way until he got the whole peal of eight and sufficient money to give the order, which amounted to something like £800, and clear the debt (applause). Continuing, he said he was delighted to hear in the secretary's report that a good number of the ringers of the Association had joined the colours, and that he had appealed to tower secretaries to keep some record of their joining, so that it might be included in the report. He wished the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association all the good wishes it deserved for the great and good work that it had done, was doing, and would do in time to come.

The vice-presidents, hon. secretary and treasurer were re-elected.

Mr. F. Leigh proposed, and Mr. G. J. Hall seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their past year's work, and this was replied to by Mr. A. MacFarlane.

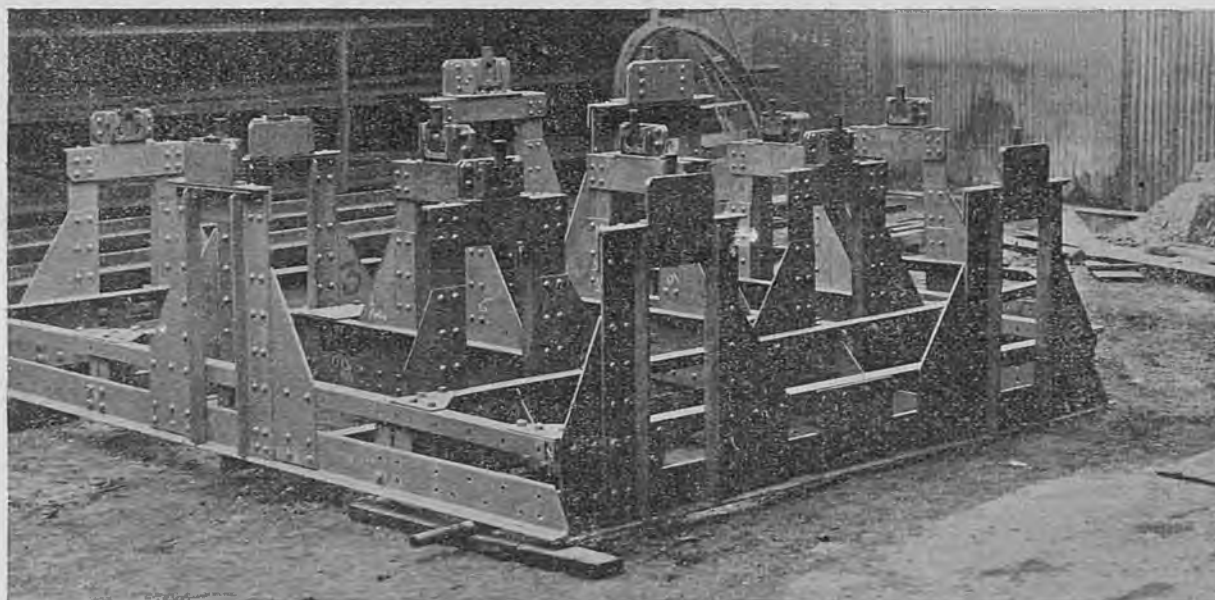
Several new members were elected from Robin Hood's Bay, Richmond, Thirsk, Darlington, etc.

The ringing throughout the day was instructive and interesting, the methods rung including Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

### A HERTFORDSHIRE AUGMENTATION.

Recently, Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, has rehung in new steel frames the six old bells at Barkway, Hertfordshire, cast by Briant, of Hertford, in 1809. New steel headstocks have also been fitted, and Mr. Bowell has also added two new treble bells to complete the octave. The tenor, weighing 16 cwt., a nice and handy ring of eight bells, is thus provided. Recently members of the Hertford County Association were invited to try the new bells, and touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the "go" of the bells was splendid, and great credit is due to Mr. Bowell and his staff on the way the work has been carried out. Those present included the Vicar (the Rev. Stubbs), Mr. J. W. Sworder and Mr. A. Hall (churchwardens), Messrs. Bowell and H. Wellam (Ipswich), W. H. Lawrence, E. Overall and A. Wolstan (Little Munden), B. Patmore (Great Munden), W. L. Darlow, W. B. Manning, R. G. King, S. E. Roberts and F. G. Griffen (Royston), W. Machon (Barley), A. Bysouth, W. Bysouth, C. Bysouth, and the Church Army captain of the local company.





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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Preston Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. Members and others cordially invited.—A. E. Woodhouse, Hon. Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in schools. — P. L. Cooper, Honorary District Secretary, 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available till 9 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited, and a good attendance is hoped for. Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rossendale Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (Late the St. James' Society.)—Established 1824. Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Tuesday, June 15th, 1915. The tower will be open for ringing at 8 p.m. The business meeting will take place immediately after the ringing.—Arthur D. Barker, N. Dis. Master, 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ross, Hereford, on Thursday, June 17th. Divine Service in the Parish Church, 11 a.m. Business in Upper Schoolroom, 12. Dinner in Lower School (2/-), 1 p.m.—Hon. Sec., Rev. J. S. Roper, Quatt Rectory, Bridgnorth, Salop.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for handbell practice on June 17th, for business on the 22nd, all at 8 p.m. At St. John's, Hackney, for practice, on June 15th, at 8 p.m., and for service on Sunday the 20th, at 6 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays for practice at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—The next monthly meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Bristol Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Marshfield (8) on June 19th. Bells open at 3.30 p.m. Service, 5 p.m. Brake leaves Kingswood Tram Depot at 2.30. Tea free to members. Visitors heartily welcomed. Please notify by June 14th.—Geo. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., 5, Chelsea Park, Easton.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, N.E., on Saturday, June 19th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Short service, 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting, 5.45. Will all those who intend being present kindly notify me on or before June 16th.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting in the schools at 5.30 p.m. Tea kindly provided for all members who let me know by Wednesday, June 16th. Annual reports and certificates can be had at the meeting.—E. J. Dowler, Honorary Secretary, 11, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight-bell contest will be held at Elland on Saturday, June 19th, 1915. Ballot for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Mexboro Arms. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those sending in their names not later than Monday, June 14th. F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The bells will be at the disposal of ringers from 1.30 till 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 19th.—A. Symonds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Martley, on Saturday, June 19th. Service at 4 o'clock. The Rector is kindly providing tea, but notice must be sent to me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 21st. General meeting at 2 p.m. in St. Maurice's Hall. Service, 4 p.m. at St. Maurice's Church; preacher, Rev. E. Bankes-James. Tea, 5 p.m. at St. Maurice's Hall.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will take place at Tettenhall on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in Church, with an address at 5. Tea and general meeting at the Rock Hotel at 5.45. Tea, 6d. to fully paid-up members, to others 1/-. Bells at St. Peter's from 7.30 to 9. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 22nd inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The anniversary of Great Ringing will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available all day. Service at 1 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Will those members who intend to be present kindly let me know by June 21st?—H. Kettle, Hon. Secretary, Allesley, Coventry.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Sible-Hedingham, June 26th. Short service, with address, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present kindly inform me not later than June 23rd.—B. Redgwell, District Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

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#### CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

##### VICAR'S VALUATION OF RINGERS' SERVICES.

The spring quarterly meeting of this society was held at St. John of Jerusalem's Church, South Hackney, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. B. S. Batty). There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Superlative, Double Norwich, Bristol and London, were indulged in during the afternoon, and the members then attended a short service, conducted by the Rev. H. Johnson (curate). Following upon this came a very welcome tea, given by the Vicar. The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) read the following letter which had been sent by the Rev. B. S. Batty to Mr. Riley (the steeplekeeper): "Will you please express to the other ringers my deep regret that illness prevents my being with you this afternoon? I should like to have had the opportunity to express to the ringers the deep sense of gratitude which both the Church and nation owe to them. The services they render to the Church are so obvious that I need not dwell upon them, but it is not always recognised that in times of great national sorrow, or rejoicing, the nation expects our ringers to express their feelings upon the church bells of our land. I consider, therefore, that both Church and State are both deeply indebted to you all, and I hope it may not be long before it may be your proud duty to ring out peace with victory throughout our country."

At the business meeting which followed the tea, the Master said it was his painful duty to ask for a vote of condolence with Mr. Robert Warner on the death of his brother, Mr. Andrew Warner (a member of the society), who had been killed at Hill 60. He (the Master) had already written to Mr. Robert Warner, and he asked the members to confirm this action.—The motion was passed by silent consent.

The election of Mr. C. V. Hare and the ratification of Mr. Edgar G. Matthews (son of the master) as members, took place.—The fixing of the next place of meeting was left to the secretary (Mr. H. J. Bradley), and hearty votes of thanks were then passed to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Johnson and Mr. Riley.

After a few touches on handbells and a few airs by Mr. T. Scarlett, Mr. J. Barry and Mr. T. Stubbs, an adjournment was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going for the rest of the evening.

Among the visitors present were Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthingborough, and Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester.

#### A CAMBRIDGESHIRE TRIP.

On Whit-Monday some members of the Ely Diocesan Association from Fulbourn, Fen Ditton, Sawston, Whittlesford, and Stapleford spent a very enjoyable day. Meeting at Stapleford about ten o'clock in the morning touches of Plain Bob were rung for nearly an hour. Whittlesford was the next tower, and here a 360 of Oxford Bob and touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung; also a plain course of Cambridge Surprise. Leaving Whittlesford about 1.30 the party next visited Melbourn tower. Here a well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by: F. Nunn 1, A. E. Austin 2, F. Hurry 3, W. H. Carr 4, L. G. Mallion 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 Kent by F. Nunn, and the first as conductor by E. G. Hibbins. A 360 of Oxford Bob and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise were also rung. Five of the local ringers turned up to meet the visitors. The bells were rebung in September, 1913, and at that time none of the local men knew anything about change ringing, but since then they have done remarkably well, having rung 720's of Plain Bob and College Single.—The Vicar of Melbourn, the Rev. de Courcy Ireland, very kindly provided the visitors with a splendid tea, which they greatly appreciated. The next tower visited was Sawston, a peal of eight, on the back six of which a 720 Kent was rung by: F. White 1, A. E. Austin 2, L. G. Mallion 3, W. H. Carr 4, F. Hurry 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6. This was F. White's first 720 of Kent. Touches of Cambridge Surprise were also rung by the same band.

**LEICESTER.**—On April 30th. at St. Margaret's Church, two courses of Double Norwich: H. Aldridge 1, H. Broughton 2, T. Vallance 3, J. Morris 4, E. Norman 5, T. H. Hardy 6, F. H. Dexter 7, E. Morris (conductor) 8; also on May 1st, at St. Martin's, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. T. Grewcock, late churchwarden, 1040 Kent Royal, by: G. Cleal 1, S. Cotton 2, H. Broughton 3, P. O. H. Jenney 4, L. E. Allen 5, E. Morris 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, J. Morris 8.

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