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### THE COUNCIL.

As ringers follow the discussion which took place at the Central Council meeting on the subject of the Council's own future, it will be apparent that there is at least a determination among the members to inquire whether the utility of this body cannot be increased. The resolutions that were carried will show the Exercise that, at any rate, the Council is desirous of making its proceedings as interesting and valuable as possible, and if that is the determination, good will certainly come of it. We have been criticised for the line we have persistently taken in urging the Council to show more vitality in the interests of ringers, but we feel that all that we have said has been justified, and if our endeavours to stir the Council into action are in any way responsible for the results at Gloucester, we feel that we have been of service not only to the Exercise but to the Council itself.

We have never hesitated to point out that the Council is a most essential body to the Exercise; that without some such organisation the ringing fraternity would be like a ship without a rudder; but it was obvious to those really in touch with the feelings of the rank and file of the Exercise that many ringers were losing not only their respect for the Council's authority, but treating it in a spirit which in the long run must have resulted in the decline, and perhaps end of the Council. In proof of this one has only to turn to the fact that such associations as the Gloucester and Bristol and the Sussex County send only one member each when they are entitled to four. It was to stop this falling away, due rightly or wrongly to the feeling that the Council was not doing sufficient to justify its existence, that we continually urged the Council to take steps to retrieve the position which it once held in the Exercise.

The action which has now been decided upon will at any rate set the wheels in motion, and if only the existing prejudice against even an attempt to improve the recent state of things is removed, much will have been accomplished. Space does not permit of examining in this article the proposal to ask the Associations whether they will give the Council power to enforce their decisions—it is a very thorny subject upon which much may be said—but all those who follow the Council's doings, whether from inside or outside the meetings, will, we feel sure, approve of the proposal to overhaul the methods of procedure, so that the general interest of the meetings may be extended, both for the members and those who have to be content to read of the doings of the Council through the columns of their journal. There are ways to be found of making the proceedings more interesting to ringers generally, and we hope the Standing Committee will get to work on the subject in time for definite proposals to be put into effect next year.

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## PEACE PEALS.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN, 4th York & Lancs Regt. <i>Treble</i>	*2/Lt. W. C. DUFFIELD, 3rd Norfolk Regt. ... .. 6
LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS, R.E. ... .. 2	*LIEUT. YORK BRAMBLE, R.A.F. ... .. 7
LIEUT. F. WHITE, 3rd The King's (Liverpool Regt.) 3	MAJOR THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN, M.C., S.C.F. ... 8
2/Lt. E. P. DUFFIELD, R.A.F. ... .. 4	LIEUT. C. F. JOHNSTON, 3rd Grenadier Guards ... 9
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE, R.A.S.C., M.T. ... .. 5	†CAPT. THE REV. B. H. T. DRAKE, C.F. ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by LIEUT. E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on Tower bells. The band are all now demobilised, except the ringers of Treble and 9th, but hold honorary rank as stated above. They desire to convey their congratulations to the band of ringers of 'other ranks' who recently in Bristol rang a peal of Stedman Caters.

This peal was rung to celebrate the signing of Peace after the Great War, and also takes the place in the Peal Book of the College Youths of that rung in the same tower by the same band save one, on May 3, 1919, and subsequently found to be false.

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE TOWER OF ST. LAWRENCE AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
HENRY MIDDLETON ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 8
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 9
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

Rung in honour of the ratification of Peace. This peal contains the extent with the 6th at home and is now rung for the first time.

\* First peal of Royal.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM LRESON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 6
WILLIAM KENT ... .. 2	ROLAND BRAGG ... .. 7
STANLEY BRAGG ... .. 3	JOHN EATON ... .. 8
GEORGE WALKER ... .. 4	SAMUEL BRAGG ... .. 9
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 5	JOHN BRAGG ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty. Five of the band have been demobilised from the army.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

PERRY BAR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, June 30, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

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

J. E. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED A. JONES... .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WEBB ... .. 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 6
OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. 3	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 7
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... .. 4	CHARLES F. WARREN... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace. The peal was attempted on June 28th, 1919, but was lost 7 leads from home through a change course, the band being the same except the ringer of the 5th. First peal since demobilisation by the ringers of the Treble and 6th. Thanks are extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Mr. George Mitchison for getting them in order. The ringers of 1, 4 and 8 were made members of the above Guild.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5th, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE HEWITT... .. Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON ... .. 5
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 2	JAMES GARRATT... .. 6
CLIFTON NEWMAN ... .. 3	JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 7
ALPHEUS PERKINS ... .. 4	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

**ABERAVON, GLAM.**

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*F. STONE ... .. Treble	A. J. PITMAN ... .. 5
J. A. HOARE ... .. 2	*E. STITCH ... .. 6
W. NURTON ... .. 3	F. STEDMAN ... .. 7
*S. PERRY ... .. 4	J. WETHERSBY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. This composition was published in the 'Ringing World,' Aug. 9th, 1918. Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace.

**STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of Michael,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHAS. HENRY WEBB... .. Treble	CHAS. HENRY BRIGGS ... .. 5
ERNEST STONE ... .. 2	*CHARLES BROWN ... .. 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 4	*JOHN F. VERNON ... .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First of Triples. Rung as a welcome on the return to civil life of Ex-Sergt. E. Morris, also in connection with the thanksgiving in celebration of Peace.

**WESTMINSTER, LONDON.**

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 5th, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Peter at Westminster,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... .. Treble	HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM D. SMITH ... .. 2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 6
CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 3	ALFRED B. PECK... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

This peal, the first on the bells, was rung as a Magnificat for Victory and Peace.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

† FRANCIS HEDGES ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
† WILLIAM MEAD... .. 2	WALTER SEAR ... .. 6
*FREDERICK J. STONTON ... .. 3	HARRY SEAR ... .. 7
*HARRY F. MORRIS ... .. 4	VALENTINE SEAR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples in the North Bucks Branch by a local band, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and in honour of the signing of the Peace Treaty.

**COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES I**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED H. FLETCHER ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
*LEONARD BARNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
SAMUEL PEARCE ... .. 4	ALBERT E. LAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\* First peal. Rung as a special act of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the restoration of Peace.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER ... .. Treble	ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5
OWEN H. GILES ... .. 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung for evening service on Thanksgiving Sunday to celebrate the signing of Peace.

**DITCHLING, SUSSEX.**

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

MAURICE KILLICK ... .. Treble	ERNEST E. BISH ... .. 5
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH... .. 2	HENRY J. GRAVETT ... .. 6
JOHN FEIST ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... .. 7
WILLIAM HORNEY ... .. 4	JAMES PARSONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

The peal was rung in honour of the signing of the Treaty of Peace.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.**

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF VICTORY MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
CHARLES WINNER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
RICKS PAINE... .. 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

First peal ever rung in the method. Arranged especially as a thanksgiving for peace.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. Treble	*ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
FRANK J. HAIRS... .. 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ... .. 8
HERBERT RANN... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 9
ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 5	*THOMAS H. DEADMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Dawe, senr., and Mr. R. J. Dawe, also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. F. I. Hairs.  
 \* First peal on ten bells.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... Treble	WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 5
SYDNEY PROCTOR... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HARRY THORPE ... .. 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM WEBB ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung to welcome home E. BARTRAM, who has been demobilised.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... .. 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 7
*BERT HORTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

\* First peal in the method.

CORSTON, BATH.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

§WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Treble	JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 5
*ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
†MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS 3	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal, and is the first resident lady member of this Association to ring a peal. It is also the first peal in which father, mother and son have rung.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 2,190 lb. in E.

FRANK STONELEY... .. Treble	A. C. WRIGHT ... .. 5
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
TOM WILDE ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
FRED PAGE ... .. 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

A. C. Wright bails from Darley Dale, Derby.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD J. ILOTT ... Treble	SIDNEY ANSTEAD ... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
ARTHUR J. MORTON ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SENR. ... 7
HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 4	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SENR.

First peal of Union Triples by all the band except ringers of 2 and 7.

CLAPHAM, LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX ... Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON... .. 3	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

First peal on the bells.

**SIX BELL PEAL.**

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb.

*ELSIE BRANDON... .. Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4
*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	FRANK ROWLINSON ... .. 5
GEORGE BARKER ... .. 3	SIG. A. H. PULLING, R.G.A. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a congratulatory peal to Geoffrey Neely, son of the Vicar, on his winning an open scholarship for Marlborough College; also as a compliment to A. H. Pulling on being demobilised.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, July 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

In the Cathedral Belfry,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 size in D.

JOSEPH FIGOTT ... .. 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM KENT ... .. 9-10
THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed by CHARLES HATTERSLRY.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee: JAMES GEORGE.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—Winchester Guild.—For thanksgiving services for peace, on Sunday, July 6th, the following was rung: For Choral Communion, 1,295 Grandsire Caters; for the official service in the afternoon, 630 Grandsire Triples and 504 Stedman Triples; for evensong, 575 Grandsire Caters; and after service, 504 Stedman Triples by: L. Stone, Miss O. Sparshott, A. Woolf, S. Best, G. Stone, E. Hinton, F. Sparshott, A. Best, G. Preston (conductor), H. Preston and H. Bagshott. First quarter-peal by L. Stone (age 15), and first quarter by Miss Sparshott with an inside bell.



## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

A special general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ilkley, on Saturday last, for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a brass memorial tablet to the memory of the late William Snowden, who was President of the Association from the year 1885 for a period of 25 years. About 80 ringers assembled at the dedication service, at which the preacher (the Rev. Harold Gibson) delivered an eloquent sermon from the text: 'Go! Tell the disciples I am risen.' He besought his hearers to let the example of their late president and his brother be inspirations to them, and remember that the sound of the bells carried God's message to the failures of life, as well as to those whose way in the world was easy. When the ringers were tried in paths of life he asked them to remember the steadfast example set them and take fresh encouragement.

Tea was served in the Church Institute immediately after service, and the meeting was then held in the same building, with the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. H. Higson (Vicar of Ilkley) and a numerous body of ringers.

The election of Mr. P. J. Johnson as secretary of the Association proper, in place of Mr. H. Williams, was confirmed, and a vote of thanks to the latter was passed for his many services to the Association.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. H. Gibson and the Vicar of Ilkley were also accorded, and the latter gentleman, in reply, gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Ilkley.

The President next proposed the Vicar of Ilkley as an honorary member, and this was carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting, if possible, at York, or failing York, at Selby.

So the day finished, the visitors carrying away with them pleasant memories of the delightful old town, which being the birthplace of the greatest authority on ringing, the late Jasper W. Snowden, and his brother, William Snowden, has special claims to the affections of all ringers.

## ST. CLEMENT DANES' BELLS.

The bells of St. Clement Danes were to be dedicated at a special service yesterday.

On Thursday week, before being rehung in the tower, they were blessed at a most beautiful and impressive service, arranged by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford), at which the Archdeacon of London officiated. The proceedings began with the National Anthem, and selected sentences, followed by Psalms 67 and 98. The lesson was from 1 Cor. xiv. 10, and was read by the Rev. John Darlington, of St. Mark's, Kensington. During the singing of the hymn 'We love the place, O God,' the Archdeacon, with the clergy and choir, proceeded to the west entrance of the church, where the bell-decorated with orange blossom and lemons, were solemnly blessed in special prayers. After this ceremony, 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,' was sung, and the Archdeacon gave an address. He said the bells were historic bells, and they were being rehung in an historic church on an historic occasion. The words on the bells 'Oranges and lemons, say the bells of St. Clement's,' carried them back to a phase in English history with which they were familiar. The site of the church was historic. Certainly it could tell how it had seen an old English enemy, the Dane, conquered by a Fleet which had grown until it had thrashed the Germans. Again, it could tell how it had seen a King's daughter from over the sea listen to the bells when Denmark gave her beautiful daughter to England's wonderful King, and she passed that way on her wedding day. And it was an historic occasion in between the signing of peace and peace itself. The bells of St. Clement would take their part with all the other bells of London in ringing a welcome to the end of the war.

The concluding portion of the service included a special hymn written for the occasion by Mrs. Pennington-Bickford, and set to music by the Rector.

## PEACE RINGING.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.**—Gloucestershire.—On Sunday, July 6th, for Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 45 minutes: H. E. Gillett 1, T. Running 2, H. Packer 3, J. Collett 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Stratford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

**WOKINGHAM.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, July 6th, at All Saints', Wokingham, prior to thanksgiving service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: \*F. Clark 1, W. James 2, \*H. Lee 3, N. Lawrence 4, S. Paice 5, W. Brooks 6, W. J. Paice (composer and conductor) 7, G. Green 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, July 6th, in honour of the peace thanksgiving services, at St. Margaret's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1258 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Lock 1, E. Morris 2, E. E. Smith 3, J. Morris 4, T. H. Hardy 5, H. Peach 6. Called by T. H. Hardy and E. Morris alternatively.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SUMMER FESTIVAL AT BIGGLESWADE.

On Saturday, June 28th, the Bedfordshire Association held its annual summer meeting at Biggleswade. The musical peal of bells was kept going during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. Rolfe), who gave a brief but forceful address from the text, 'Do all for the glory of God.' The Rev. N. C. Woods presided at the organ, and his assistance in this direction was much appreciated. Tea provided and served by willing ladies was then partaken of, through the kindness of the Vicar, in the Vicarage gardens, amidst pleasant surroundings. This was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, three leads of Treble Ten and a touch of Stedman Triples 'in hand' on the lawn, and a short business meeting was afterwards held. At the last moment, the President (Canon W. W. C. Baker) wired that he was unable to be present, and his absence was regretted. Mr. A. King also wrote apologising for absence.

Miss Evelyn Steel (vice-president) took the chair, supported by Mr. E. P. Duffield, hon. secretary, Messrs. H. L. Harlow and C. A. Pratt (hon. district secs.) and Messrs. C. W. Clarke, E. Herbert, Cyril Herbert, and others. The Chairman and the Hon. Secretary spoke of the loss to the Exercise caused by the death of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, and this meeting expressed its sincere regret.

The Rev. E. L. Holmes, R.D., of Milton Ernest, was elected an hon. member, and two non-resident life members and one performing member were also elected.

It was proposed by Miss Steel, and seconded, on behalf of the 'visitors' present, by Mr. A. H. Pulling, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the Vicar the curate, and the ladies, for giving the ringers such a splendid reception.

In addition to Mr. A. H. Pulling, who has just been 'demobbed,' the visitors included Mrs. Pulling, Mr. C. Dean, Croydon; Mr. J. Hare, Hitchin; Mr. G. Billinness, Hawkhurst, Kent; and Corpl. Arnell, M.F.P., Worthing, Sussex. Close on 20 towers were represented and undoubtedly the number would have been larger but for the call of the hay crops.

The methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise Major, interspersed with rounds, etc., for the learners.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Northampton District was held at Colintree on Saturday week, when about 50 ringers were present from St. Peter's All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Edmund's, Northampton; Moulton Boughton, Kinsthorpe, Cogenhoe, Hardingstone, Wootton, Weston Favell, Harpole and the local band. Tea was served in the Institute the Rev. Canon Dodson presiding until the arrival of the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Frend). There were also present Mr. F. Hopper, president; Mr. F. Wilford, general secretary; Mr. T. Law, district secretary.

Before the business of the meeting was transacted a vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor was passed by the members rising in silence.

The Rev. J. P. Frend was unanimously elected vice-president; Messrs. B. O. Soden and H. Clarke, members of the Central Committee; S. J. Lawrence, H. England and W. Atterbury, district committee; T. Law, district sec. Nine ringing members and one life member were elected, and Moulton was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Cretton for a special meeting.

The District Secretary, in his report of the past year, said that ringers were in great demand on Armistice day, but owing to the fortnight of the committee, who met and made arrangements beforehand, a letter had been sent to each belfry, asking if they would require help, and where they were short, volunteered to take enough to make up a band. All the bells in the district were, therefore, rung during the day. Another event was a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Weston Favell on February 8th, it being the first peal in which a lady member—Miss Lily Law—had taken part for the Northampton district. The most recent event was the honour conferred on one of the district members—Mr. F. Hopper—by his election as President of the Association, an honour which he richly deserved, he being always ready and eager to help beginners in the art, and having probably piloted more ringers through their first peal than any other man in the Northampton District.

The General Secretary gave a report of the Central Council meeting, and said next year the Council would meet at Northampton, when he hoped as many as possible would attend and judge for themselves as to the work of the Council.

The Association's certificate was presented by the President to Miss Lily Law for ringing her first peal on a working bell.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Canon Dodson and both suitably replied.

A short service, conducted by the Rector, was held after the meeting, when 9s. 9ld. was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund. The bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m., the beginners being well looked after.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from page 277.)

### MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES.

The Hon. Secretary read the following letter which he had received from Mr. E. H. Lewis: 'You will remember that at the Council meeting last year, I suggested that the Council should select a chairman for each committee, and hold him responsible for the work of the committee, and that he should present a written report to the annual meeting. This was turned down, and it was decided that each committee should elect its own chairman. As far as the committees in which I am interested are concerned this has led to the inevitable result; it has been no one's business to take the initiative, and I have heard of no proposal to elect a chairman. Last year I was called upon to report in two cases. This year I hope you will find other members to do so. Personally I have been unable to give any time at all to ringing matters in the past twelve months. Nor do I see any prospect of leisure for anyone connected with industrial management for many months to come. For that reason I think it would be best for me to resign from all committees of the Council except the Standing Committee. I believe the work of the committees to be the most important work of the Council, and that that work should be undertaken by those whose circumstances allow them to give much time to the purpose. My responsibilities have very much increased in the past four years, and I feel that I should not undertake any work for the Council, which I see no prospect of carrying out until the industrial position of the country is much more settled.'

The Hon. Secretary said the moment he read that letter he felt it was one of the strongest arguments for asking not only Mr. Lewis but any other committeemen they had, not to resign. When they got a letter like that it showed they had got the very best man they possibly could have (hear, hear) and if they allowed Mr. Lewis to resign they would allow one of their best men to resign. It appeared to him to be a very excellent answer to the criticisms that the Council was doing nothing. It was doing nothing because the men had other things to do, and the Council's work could wait while the work of the country could not wait. It would be a thousand pities to allow Mr. Lewis to resign, and his letter was one of the strongest arguments in favour of committeemen retaining their places.

Major Hesse said he did not know how much time he would have in the future to give to the Towers and Belfries Committee's research work, and he felt he ought to stand down.

Mr. C. P. Johnston said for the information of the Council and for the gratification of the Towers and Belfries Committee he would like to say that he had noticed a marked change in the attitude of architects in general, as compared with their attitude before the war. He had come into contact with a great many of them, and he had found them all open to reason, and in many cases they had talked about the committee which the Council sent to meet the Architects' Committee. He thought the results of the committee's work and of what Mr. Lewis had done were being felt all over the country to the good of ringers (hear, hear).

Mr. E. A. Young (member of the committee) said he had not done anything particular this year, but they were standing ready as a technical committee to answer questions, and the fact that they had not had these questions put to them did not show that they had been idle. They were ready to work when required. They were a technical committee, and it did not follow that they were always to be looking for something to do. They waited for the references to come from the members or the officers.

Mr. Lewis said he would like the Council to understand that he could not do any work for the Council until the industrial position was very much changed.

The Rev. H. Law James: At the same time we must not let Mr. Lewis resign. For the next few years we have got to go slowly, and we have got to make up by teaching young ringers. There is plenty to do without expecting committees to do too much.

The President: We have got splendid men on our committees, but they are tremendously occupied by other work. We must be content to go slowly, waiting and watching but I do hope that those we have got on our committees will not at this juncture resign. If in the course of the year we can only get five minutes of the time of such men it is immeasurably better than having nothing at all. I hope, therefore, that no resignations will be insisted upon. If it would lighten their work I see no reason why we should not increase their numbers by adding to them, but I should be grieved if the numbers were lessened. I take it the Council is not accepting any resignations at present, and is hoping to have something, however small, of the services of the men who are now on the committees. I should like to add our very great thanks for what they have done (hear, hear).

### EDUCATION, NOT LEGISLATION.

The Council next came to the item on the agenda: 'To continue the adjourned discussion on the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council, and, if thought desirable to move a resolution thereon.'

The Rev. H. Law James thought the matter had been settled by what had been said about the committees. Everybody was so busy, they could leave it alone. The Council was all right.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said what they had to face was not a question whether the Council was a good Council or not—he thought the Council was quite a good Council, and was doing good work, but that was not the point. The ordinary ringer outside—the man in the tower—did not look upon the Council as he should do.

That might be the fault of the ringer, but it was up to the Council to try and alter it. They did not want so much legislation, but should try to do a little more education. Let them take themselves first. There were a great many things of interest to them, and he would suggest that the Standing Committee should ask two or three men who were more or less authorities on any subject, and preferably men with different points of view, to read short papers. The Council should not sit to judge which of them was right, but treat them as authorities and learn something from them. If the Council did that he believed they would do good to themselves and ultimately to the people outside. There were plenty of interesting subjects and plenty of men capable of reading them a paper. The papers might afterwards be published in book form, which he thought would be better than the masses of figures, which came from some of the committees.

The Rev. H. Law James formally moved 'that this Council feels that the important discussion which has taken place with regard to the committees has proved that the Council is doing good work, and will satisfy the needs of the Exercise for the time to come.'

### POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT.

Canon Baker said he thought the letter from Mr. Penning published in 'The Ringing World' hit the nail on the head. The real thing was that the Council should have some power to enforce its decisions. They wanted the Council to be looked upon by the Exercise as taking the same place as the Jockey Club with regard to racing, the M.C.C. with regard to cricket, or the Football Association with regard to football. And why did it not? The reason was that it had no power to enforce its decisions. It was quite clear the Council could not take power to itself. It could only exercise such power as was conferred upon it by the organisations that were represented. He hoped he would not be thought disrespectful to the views they so often heard from their late President that they were only a consultative and advisory body. When the Council started that was the only attitude possible for them to take up, but he thought the time had gone by now when the Council, which had existed for so many years, and in view of the criticism that was going on among the ordinary ringers should have no power. He thought they should ask the association whether the Council should have power, or remain as it was. If they wished it to remain a debating society then, surely, they must give up sniping at the Council for being futile and useless, but if they wished the Council to occupy the place which he thought the Council should occupy in regard to ringing, then they should be prepared to give the Council the power. He proposed as an amendment that the matter be referred to the societies and associations affiliated to the Council to consider the desirability of giving the Council the power to enforce its decisions and report to the hon. sec. of the Council not later than April 12th, 1920, no power to be considered to be conferred upon the Council except by a vote of three-fourths of the Council.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake said he thought the time had come when the Council should have power, and he agreed with Canon Baker that they could only get that power from the constituents they represented.

The Hon. Secretary said the difficulty that appeared to him was, how were the Associations going to give the Council power? Canon Baker had mentioned that the Jockey Club and the M.C.C. were able to make their power felt. He believed there were ways by which they could do that but was there anything in the Exercise to enable the Council to make its power felt? He knew of nothing, and he did not know what process Canon Baker had in mind which would enable that to be accomplished. If they once got a body which tried to enforce decisions which they could not and had not the power to enforce it made them look ridiculous at once. If the power could be given them, well and good; he should not be against it, but up to the present he had never been able to imagine any means by which it could be done.

Canon Helmore said the way to do it was to ask every Association and Guild in the country to take a vote on the subject, and if they gave their ready consent to the Council to have the power to enforce their decisions, he believed they would act loyally in the matter. Unless they tried to bring it before their associations they would never know their views. There was another point, and that was with regard to the Council taking any financial responsibility. He knew the hon. secretary was very much opposed to it but he thought the time had come when they ought to be considered able to take some responsibility in the matter of publications, etc.

Mr. F. Hopgood said there was no doubt a way to get over the matter, but it was quite probable that in a short time there would be no Council left. The Jockey Club had power to expel, and if the Council



# GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

## CROYDON, SURREY.



came to decisions which an Association would not carry out, they could expel the offenders, but if they put the powers into operation his theory was that in time there would be no Council. He reminded the Council that one part of their constitution was already compulsory - they did not admit any delegates unless they paid the fees.

The Rev. H. Drake said they could enforce their decisions in a way they had already done through the peals analysis.

The Rev. Maitland Ily said he found himself unable to agree with either the resolution or the amendment. Mr. James' resolution seemed to assume there need be nothing done with regard to improving the utility and efficiency of the Council, and Mr. Baker's resolution seemed to be impossible. He could not see how they were to enforce the resolutions of the Council, but they could, he believed, increase both its efficiency and utility. He thought Mr. Trollope's suggestion an excellent one, that papers should be read, with a time limit. Speakers for each subject could be selected by the Standing Committee. The selection might be made six months before the meeting so that there should be time to prepare the papers. With regard to the criticism upon the Council's utility, that was a thing that had been hurled at all conferences. Those who could look back for fifty years and more in the Ministry could see what an enormous amount of good the Church Congress and the Diocesan conferences had done. They could not pick out one particular thing, perhaps, but they must remember that before their existence there was no absolute organisation in the Church. Each parish was a unit to itself, and there was no co-operation whatever. In the same way the Central Council had brought about co-operation among associations, and had brought forward the science of change ringing in a way in which it had never been before. So he thought they could say it had been very useful, but to say they could not increase its utility was, he thought, a mistake. He had attended a great many of the meetings, and they had been meetings of great enjoyment, and one had seen how much real good had been done to the Exercise at large.

Replying to a question, Mr. Trollope said his idea was not that the Council should have to listen so much to technical subjects, like papers on Bob Major Lead Ends, but on subjects such as ringing organisation, ringing history, the best methods to ring and so forth.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had been simply thirsting for that moment to hear, what had been dinned into their ears for a long time, of something that was for the good of ringers, but now they had come back to lectures. They had had too much of that sort of thing from the experts.

Mr. Trollope: I want to hear other people.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: But you are the experts.

#### THE RIDYARD FUND.

In connection with the fund organised by the Lancashire Association for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Ridyard, the prize-winning numbers are:—1, No. 14112, set of handbells; 2, No. 13087, timepiece; 3, No. 8043, sarat; 4, No. 4392, gent's umbrella; 5, No. 6487, lady's handbag; 6, No. 2914, box of cigars; 7, No. 15668, silk muffler; 8, No. 11976, wallet; 9, No. 14125, pipe and case; consolation prize, No. 4552, 'a bell rope.'

#### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### CENTRAL DIVISION ENTERTAINED.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, June 28th, and was very well attended, 33 ringers being present. A short service was held, at which an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Ogle), and a collection was taken for the Association's Benevolent Fund, 11s. being realised. Those present then assembled at the Vicar's room for tea, kindly provided by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry.

The usual business meeting followed, and several new members were elected, including Mr. Cyril F. Johnston as a life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his kindly welcome of the Association to Coleman's Hatch, and for his capital address at the service; to Mr. Johnston for his kindness in providing tea; and also the ladies who waited at table.

The tower was again visited until 8.30, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing to this pleasing little village in the heart of Ashdown Forest.

During the afternoon and evening, touches were rung in a variety of methods, including London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Angmering, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Crawley, Henfield, Lindfield, Rotherfield, Seaford, Uckfield, and independent members.

#### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Father, mother and son in the same peal, is, we believe, a new record, and congratulations will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, and their boy upon the accomplishment. It was Mrs. Wilkins' first peal, and the reward of perseverance after many disappointments.

#### PRESENTATIONS AT GUILDFORD.

Saturday, June 28th, will fix itself in the memories of all England, one might almost say of all the world, doubly so will it fix itself in the minds of all members of the Guildford district of the Winchester Guild; for it happened that on the day, and almost the hour of the signing of the Treaty, they had arranged to meet to do honour to their energetic hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones, who, exactly one month before had entered the bonds of matrimony, the occasion furnishing the members with an opportunity to show their appreciation of Mr. Jones' long and able service. The festivities began shortly after three, by ringing upon the bells of St. Nicolas' Church, a tower with which Mr. Jones was for many years associated, and from which he had a long struggle to spread change ringing to the surrounding district between 30 and 40 years ago; in fact, Mr. Jones may well be regarded as the father of the art in the district.

The service which followed at 4.30 began by ringing the National Anthem and thanksgiving for the gift of peace (probably the first in the Diocese), followed by the Winchester Guild form of service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler), with the Rev. Sir John Herschell at the organ; the Rev. C. E. Matthews gave a most interesting address on the dignity of service and the spirit of adventure. He said that it would seem almost superfluous to talk to ringers about service, as he knew quite well that many of his hearers, through good times and bad, had faithfully and humbly served the Church, yet he felt bound to speak of it, because there was never a time when the Church and the world stood in greater need of service. Therefore, to those who, as he knew, had grown grey in their work, he would say: 'Go on, while you are given the strength to do it.' To those who had, perhaps, grown slack he would appeal to make their service correspond with the Church's need. Speaking of the spirit of adventure, the preacher said that the time had arrived when the Church would have to offer its message in new forms, to correspond with the spirit of the new age. Let not those who had become accustomed to the old methods and the old forms, become discouraged or alarmed by the experiments which would have to be made.

At the conclusion of the service, the company, numbering about 60, sat down to tea at the Royal Arms Temperance Hotel. The tables had been prettily decorated by Miss Fisher, a lady ringer of Dorking. The Rector presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and ringers from Croydon, Dorking, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Worplesdon, Puttenham, Farnham, Aldershot, Shalford, Haslemere, Guildford, Merrow and Clandon.

The Rector mentioned that he might himself have been a ringer but for Mr. Jones, for some years ago he inquired of Mr. Jones what it meant to take up change ringing, and Mr. Jones' answer was 'Well, it's something like learning to ride a cycle, and playing a game of chess at the same time.' The Rector added, amid laughter, 'that finished me.'

The Guild Master, on behalf of the Guildford District, then handed to Mr. Jones the gift, which took the form of a handsome silver-plated teapot, cream jug, sugar basin, and hot-water jug; also a silver-mounted umbrella from the women ringers of the district. At the same time, Miss Jessie Melville, a daughter of ringing parents, handed to Mrs. Jones a lovely bouquet of crimson roses.

Mr. Jones thanked the district in a few suitable words, but he was later heard to remark in the ringing chamber that it would have been easier for him to have rung the tenor for a peal.

The silver was supplied and suitably engraved by Mr. J. Comber, of Woking.

#### ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Hillington, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Carrick). A goodly number of members attended, and a very enjoyable afternoon was passed. A splendid tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, thanks to Miss N. G. Williams, and her lady friends. A few items of business were discussed, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, Mr. Pratt, the steeplekeeper, and the ladies. Further ringing followed, in which several ladies took part.

The hon. secretary is still asking for names to be sent him of members who have served with H.M. Forces during the war. The roll of honour cannot be started until the list is complete, and at present very few have sent in their names, and a great difficulty is being experienced in compiling the list.

#### PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of this Association was held at Glinton on Saturday, July 12th. Members attended from Stamford, Maxey, West Deeping, Peterborough, with the local band, and Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford. After tea in the Rectory Garden, the Rector, the Rev. F. Almond, presided over the business meeting. Three new members were elected.—The Rector expressed a wish that the Association would soon pay another visit. He hoped to entertain them to a social evening, and, if possible, to create more enthusiasm among his own ringers.

During the afternoon and evening methods were rung from Grand-sire to Cambridge.

## NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 26th. Bells available from 2.30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those who require tea kindly notify me before the previous Thursday? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly advise me not later than July 23rd?—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the White Swan Hotel.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival.—Owing to Peace celebrations being held on the date fixed for the festival, this will now be held on Saturday, July 26th, at Oxford. Service in Christ Church Cathedral at 11 a.m. Business meeting at Chapter House immediately after service. A repast will be served in Christ Church dining hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 2/6 each to non-members, 2/- each to members. The 2/- will be refunded to all members who have served in Navy or Army during the War. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Secretary as early as possible. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available all day; New College (10) and Merton College (8) from 3 to 4 o'clock. Several six-bell towers will be available, and will be announced at meeting.—Richard T. Hibbert, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Northwich on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. H. N. Nowell, M.A., Vicar of Northwich. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham on Saturday July 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). Tea and business meeting at the George Inn to follow. Will those who require tea (1s. 6d. per head) let me know by Tuesday, July 22nd, the latest? Half-fares up to 2s. allowed.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. The Association will hold a committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided to all who send their names in to Mr. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow, on or before Thursday, July 24th. Nominations for Branch Secretary to be sent in for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, July 26th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. It is hoped that the Litton bells (6) will also be available. The Secretary would be glad if he could be advised not later than July 22nd as to the number of ringers who hope to be at the tea, in order that the necessary arrangements for catering may be made in good time.—I. B. Holmyard (Hon. Sec.), School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and available to 9 p.m. Members from kindred associations welcome.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Joint Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, July 26th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The district meeting proposed for Andover on the 19th inst. is unavoidably postponed to August 1st. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards. 6d. each for tea allowed those informing me not later than 19th inst.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 2nd. Eight bells. Deepcar Station, G.C.R.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Monthly practices will take place at Brewood on Saturday, August 2nd (instead of July 19th) and at Penkridge on August 30th, both at 4 p.m.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

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