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PROPAGANDA.

When the Central Council are looking round for directions in which they might increase their usefulness, they might do worse than consider whether they could not set out, with advantage to the Exercise, upon a campaign of propaganda. This is a phase of work which has never been undertaken. We often deplore that the general public knows practically nothing of the varied interests and the fascination of our pursuit; but it must be admitted that the fault lies with the ringing fraternity itself, which has done little or nothing to remove the ignorance which prevails. Although there have been ringing societies in existence for nearly three hundred years and the country has been covered with a complete network of organisations in the last forty years, it is surprising how little the lore, the science and the art has permeated the multitudes. To the average man in the street the bells are just the bells; of their history, of their mechanism, of the skill that is necessary to the making of the good ringer, to say nothing of the intricacies of change-ringing, he knows nothing. Of necessity ringers have had to practise their art in the seclusion of the belltowers, but it has been their habit, also, to discuss it only in their own circles. It is not a spectacular pastime like football or racing, but there is not another pursuit which surpasses it in interest, or which possesses, in combination with a fascinating mental exercise, a physical occupation of a more healthy type. Yet all its advantages are unknown to the public. If they were, it could only be for the good of the Exercise, and fewer people would look upon ringers as being sent for their special annoyance.

Now, a great deal by way of educating the public can and should be done through local societies and the larger county and diocesan associations. But it should certainly be within the province of the Central Council to organise these efforts, to concert the measures which might best be taken, to provide the material by way of lectures and even lecturers, and generally to stimulate and encourage the extension of knowledge concerning the art and all that appertains to bells. The idea opens up a big field, and a committee of energy and enthusiasm, with a secretary specially appointed for the purpose, who would put his heart and his time into the work, might do wonders in a few years. To get the whole machine moving would require no little effort, for associations and local companies of ringers must be stirred to movement, and to move some of these from their lethargy would in itself be an achievement. But there is the work to do and the Central Council is the body to do it. Even apart from enlightening the public, there are many opportunities for useful service

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among ringers by lectures on various phases of the art—something which would increase their interest in bells and in ringing and raise their aspirations in the field of performance to a higher plane. In this alone there is great scope for valuable work. At any rate, we believe that on the lines sketched out in this article the Council could quickly and effectively adopt at least one means likely to conduce to its greater utility

PEACE PEALS.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, July 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*WILLIAM STORY Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 7
C. L. ROUTLEDGE 2	BERT HORTON 8
*JOSEPH ROWELL 3	A. F. HILLIER 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	J. E. R. KEEN 10
W. W. SINCLAIR 5	ROBERT RICHARDS 11
JOSEPH McKEAG 6	B. C. DIXON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung to celebrate the signing of Peace.

* First peal on twelve bells. J. Foreman's first peal inside on twelve bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CRANBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES.

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

†JOHN GOULD Treble	JOHN BISHOP 5
EDGAR GUISE 2	*HENRY WINDSOR 6
ARTHUR E. SEVIER 3	JOHN WINDSOR 7
*SAMUEL BUTCHERS 4	W. JOHN EVERED Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal with a working bell. † First peal. This is believed to be the first peal accomplished on Peace Day, 'go' being called at 5.10 a.m. and 'that's all' at 8.8 a.m.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE 2	WILLIAM C. JONES 6
GORDON W. CHECKETTS 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the Peace Celebrations. This Peal contains the 24 5-7-8's with the 24 7-5-8's at handstroke and is now rung for the first time.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS IDA E. CHARMAN ... Treble	CECIL A. CHARMAN ... 5
HORACE S. CHARMAN ... 2	THOMAS WORSFOLD ... 6
WILLIAM CHARMAN ... 3	†ALWYN CHARMAN ... 7
HENRY W. TIDY ... 4	*ERNEST WARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALWYN CHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This peal was rung on Peace Celebration Day, starting at 5.30 a.m. It was also a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and a welcome home to the tower of the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who are now demobilised from H.M. Forces.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, DEPTFORD.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

JOSEPH LAW ... Treble	THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ... 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung to commemorate the proclamation of Peace.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.

JOHN R. FRYIRS ... Treble	HENRY FERGUSON ... 5
HERBERT MILLNER ... 2	HARRY GIBSON ... 6
ALFRED W. DITCHBURN ... 3	JOHN R. BARTON ... 7
TOM WARDMAN ... 4	FRANK DAVISON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. BARTON.

Rung to commemorate the National Peace Celebrations. First peal in the method by an entirely local band.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Treble	*WALTER STEED ... 5
WILLIAM J. E. JONES ... 2	*OLIVER TWIST ... 6
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT F. HULL ... 7
CHAS. A. HUGHES ... 4	GEO. B. LUCAS, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. B. LUCAS, SEN.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the Peace celebrations.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 19th, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GIBBS ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 2	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 6
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH ... 5
FREDERICK MORGAN ... 2	EDWARD MILLS ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 7
JOHN BLAKE ... 4	THOMAS HOAD ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung to celebrate Peace, go being called at 5.10 a.m.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS I. KNIGHT ... Treble	PERCY J. SPICE ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	GEORGE HUXLEY ... 6
ALFRED E. JAMES ... 3	GEORGE DURLING ... 7
GEORGE F. JAMES ... 4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on Peace Celebration Day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN THORNTON RICKMAN ... Treble	ALBERT D. STONE ... 5
WILLIAM PALMER ... 2	JOHN JAY ... 6
ALFRED CRIPPS ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
CHARLES PALMER ... 4	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR G. H. HEMDS ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	GEORGE HITCHMAN ... 6
ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	ALBERT BEACHAM ... 7
HARRY GROSVENOR ... 4	GEORGE PIGOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

Rung as a Peace Peal for Harborne. The band wish to thank the Vicar for so kindly entertaining them after the Peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*BERNARD ALLSOP ... Treble	EDWIN BLACKWALL ... 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 2	JOHN SIDDAL ... 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	FRED W. HILL ... 7
THOMAS WHITE ... 4	*MAURICE FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. HILL.

* First Peal in the method. † 50th Peal.

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

On Saturday, July 19th, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROERTON'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15½ cwt.	
GEORGE H. GIBBS	Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS	5
JONATHAN PRESTON	2	WILLIAM G. ANKER	6
HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	GEORGE F. GARRISON	7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	4	JOHN E. PYWELL	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of Peace, and rung by
he local band.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD
DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW	Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY	5
*ALBERT HELLIWELL	2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH	6
DR. S. HARRISON, R.G.A.	3	DAVID BREARLEY	7
PT. A. BREARLEY, R.E.	4	WILLIAM HARRISON	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HILL.

Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of Peace celebrations. This peal
commenced the day's proceedings, going off into changes at 7.30 a.m.

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

On Thursday, July 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL RADDON	Treble	HAROLD P. BURTON	5
BENJAMIN FOSKETT	2	HARRY KILBY	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	THOMAS LANGDON	7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

†G. SINGLETON	Treble	*H. HARPER	4
†P. ALERIGHTON	2	†W. J. TIGWELL	5
E. TIGWELL, JUN.	3	E. TIGWELL, SEN.	Tenor

Conducted by E. TIGWELL, SEN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung in connection with the
Peace rejoicings. First peal on the bells by a local band, and rung at
the first attempt. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5 were elected members of
the Warwickshire Guild before starting for the peal.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARK LANE	Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL	2	EDMUND J. HOBBS	5
LEONARD HARLOW	3	HORACE H. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

Rung to commemorate the signing of Peace. Quickest peal on the
bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob,
Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire Minor and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS	Treble	GEORGE MORRAD	4
*HARRY ARGENT	2	FREDERICK HAYES	5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	3	GUY R. AMBROSE	Tenor

Conducted by GUY R. AMBROSE.

* First peal in 6 methods, and first attempt at Oxford Treble Bob.
First peal as conductor by G. R. Ambrose. T. M. Mitchell's 25th
peal. Rung as a 'start off' for the local Peace Celebrations, 'go'
being called at 7 a.m.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grand-
sire Minor, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS	Treble	GEORGE A. JONES	4
HARRY ARGENT	2	GEORGE MORRAD	5
GUY R. AMBROSE	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

This peal was rung in the afternoon, and the band were kindly
entertained to tea by the Peace Celebration Committee.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, three 720's of Oxford Bob and three
720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS IDA B. THOMPSON	Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE	4
WALTER WHITE	2	FRANK SPENCER	5
ARTHUR MACKEARS	3	THOMAS SQUIRES	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the great Peace. First peal by ringer of the
treble and first peal on these bells by ringer of the 3rd.

MINCHINHAMPTON.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*VICTOR HATHAWAY	Treble	FRANK PONTING	4
EDWARD JEFFERIES	2	HARRY BARRATT	5
HARRY NEWMAN	3	GEORGE PACKER	Tenor

Conducted by H. NEWMAN.

First peal of Doubles by all the band, with the exception of the
ringer of the tenor; also the first peal of Doubles on these bells since
the year 1868. Rung as part of the Peace celebrations. * First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On St. Margaret's Day, July 20, 1919, in Three Hours,

AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of ten different callings of Grandsire, four of Canterbury,
and four of Plain Bob.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN.	4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT	2	JAMES WAGHORN	5
GEORGE FULLER	3	FREDERICK FOREMAN	Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.

A peal of Minor was unfortunately lost on the previous day for
Peace celebrations when 4000 changes had been rung, through the
illness of one of the band. * First peal.

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford held recently at Lichfield proved to be a very successful one. The return to the Cathedral city for the chief meeting of the year is a move in the right direction, as was evidenced by the number of members who attended. At 3 o'clock the Cathedral bells were raised in peal, and were kept on the go till nearly 4, and again from 5 to 6 o'clock. The bells at St. Mary's were also made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The customary service was held in St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Preb. Paice (Vicar) delivering a most interesting address. A bountiful tea was provided at Seagrave's Restaurant, at which 75 ringers and friends sat down.

During the interval which followed, Messrs. F. Perrens, W. Kent, A. Walker, J. E. Groves and J. F. Smallwood, rang a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters on handbells, which delighted those within earshot. The subsequent meeting took place out of doors, under the patronage of Mr. J. J. Bradney.

The committee, in the annual report, said they hoped soon to issue a roll of honour suitably printed on card-board, containing the names of all the members of the society who have served in the Forces, and it is hoped that a copy of this will be hung in every affiliated belfry. Three more of the members had won decorations (the Military Medal): Mr. Frank Ward, of Willenhall; Mr. William Wall, of Rushall; and Mr. Leonard Bate, of Kingswinford, and heartiest congratulations were extended to them. During the year twelve peals had been rung, of which six were since the Armistice was signed:—Grandsire Triples, 1: Stedman Triples, 7; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2. Last year, 20 new members joined the society, making a total membership of 423. The accounts for the year showed a small reduction in the balance in hand. This was partly due to the large number of members on active service, who, of course, were not asked for their subscriptions. It is hoped that the return of so many to the bands, together with an increase of new members, would render unnecessary the raising of the annual subscription. The committee were very anxious to avoid that step, though the cost of printing and other expenses had tremendously increased. The committee added that the Society were grateful to the Dean and Chapter for allowing them to return to the pre-war custom of holding the annual meeting at Lichfield. It was right and fitting that they should meet together thus as the Mother Church of the Diocese and the hope was expressed that in future years the time limit of less than two hours for the use of the Cathedral bells might be extended. Congratulations were extended to the band at All Saints', West Bromwich, on their new ring, recast by Taylor and Co. The bells at St. Michael's, Lichfield, are being rehung, two being recast. The Society regretted the loss, through death, of two honorary members the Rev. Canon Boddington and the Rev. C. H. Johnson, both of whom have been connected with the society for many years; of Mr. Herbert Jones, of St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton; and Mr. John G. Rowley, of Tipton, whose names appear in the roll of honour; also of Mr. E. Eccleshall, of Cannock, and Mr. T. Verry of Handsworth.

The officers were re-elected on bloc. Some discussion ensued with regard to a memorial to the late Mr. Roland Cartwright, who had for many years been a means of promoting change ringing in various parts of the Archdeaconry, and had also been one of the Society's representatives at the Central Council meetings for about 23 years. It was eventually decided to ask for subscriptions with the object of placing a headstone at his grave in Wombourne Churchyard subject to the family's approval.

The roll of honour—though not complete—includes the names of over 100 members, nine of whom will never return; they are: Rev. A. M. Pratt (chaplain—hon. member), Willenhall; Messrs. William Brown, Aldridge; Howard Burton, Rushall; Bert Hand, Penn; Herbert Jones, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; William J. Jones, Wombourne; Francis J. Keen, Tamworth; Herbert Pagett, All Saints', West Bromwich; and John G. Rowley, Tipton.

The following places were selected for the forthcoming meetings: Wombourne in September, Wood Green in January, Wolverhampton in April and Lichfield (annual) in June. The monthly practices will be: Brewood, July 26th, and Penkridge, Aug. 23rd, both at 4 o'clock.

Votes of thanks were accorded those who had helped to make the day a happy one.

FILLING HER BROTHERS' PLACE.

Having lost three brothers in the war, two of them having been ringers at St. Giles', Desborough, Miss Ada Deacon, joined the local company to help fill the gap. She has developed into a capable and promising ringer, and on Peace Day, July 19th, rang her first 720 of Bob Minor, acquitting herself admirably. The band was: Miss Adeline 1, Fred Kilborn 2, Frederick Kilborn 3, A. Tailby 4, Bert Kilborn 5, S. Burdett (conductor) 6.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

ENJOYABLE TRIP TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, June 6th, the following members of the Yorkshire Association met in Leeds Station, en route for Gloucester and district, viz., Messrs. J. W. Moorhouse and his two sons, Gerald and Malcolm, A. C. Fearnley, of York; P. J. Johnson, of Leeds; Mr. and Mrs. T. Maude, of Pudsey; W. Idle, of Earlsheaton; H. B. Kendall, of Shipley; G. Naylor, of Lightcliffe, together with Mr. and Mrs. F. Salmons and C. Salmons, of Halifax, and the 'Father of the Flock,' the esteemed Mr. George B. Bolland, of Tong, along with Mr. J. Ambler, of Halifax. After a seven hours' journey in a packed train, Gloucester was duly reached at 5 a.m. on the Saturday, and found the genial Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, awaiting them. An hour or so was beguiled in ringing courses of Grandsire Cinques, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major on handbells, and also, to the delight of friend Austin, clinking courses of Oxford Minor were rung. The natives passing through the park seemed highly diverted at being roused to their labours in this musical fashion, but time called a halt to the handbell ringing, and a move was made to the Bristol Hotel, which was to be the headquarters of the visit.

After a most welcome and substantial breakfast, Stroud was declared to be the next objective, and a journey by rail through delightful scenery brought the town into view. Here a hearty welcome was received from Mr. H. Scriven, one of the local band, and the Rector (the Rev. Canon H. Proctor (who by the way, is a nephew of the famous Squire Leonard Proctor, of Bennington) kindly paid a visit to the tower, and placed the bells, a fine peal of ten, tenor 20 cwt. in E, at the disposal of the visitors. Touches of Treble Ten, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, after which a return was made to Gloucester, one of the junior members having to be carefully decoyed away from the very fine organ in the church. A visit to the Church of St. Lawrence, at Sandhurst, some four miles distant, was next paid, the party being joined there by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilkins and Mr. A. Wilkins, of St. Nicholas', Bristol. The bells are a nice running peal, with a tenor 14 cwt., the three 'back' bells being of the early 16th century, but the others are more modern, the two trebles being by Messrs. Barwell. Mr. W. Pugh gave the party a hearty welcome and the bells were soon set going to touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire Stedman and Double Norwich, the delightful cool of the old church being much appreciated by the visitors, who subsequently paid the penalty usually exacted from the great, by being photographed by W. Pugh, junr.

After tea, in Gloucester, a visit was paid to the Church of St. Lawrence, Barnwood, the bells, a delightful little peal of eight, tenor 10 cwt., being much enjoyed in touches in the standard methods. The back six bells are by the famous Gloucester founders, Messrs. Rudhall, but the trebles, again, are by Messrs. Barwell.

On Sunday, the party met for ringing at St. Michael's and St. Mary de Crypt, and they were joined at both churches by various members of the Central Council, who were beginning to congregate in the town.

Monday saw the party en route by steamer up the beautiful River Severn for a three hours' journey to Tewkesbury, the trip being enlivened by touches of all descriptions on handbells. A peal of Treble Ten was attempted on the bells of the magnificent Abbey Church of St. Mary, Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, ringing the ninth. The peal, alas! came to an abrupt conclusion, but the band, having been augmented by Messrs. J. B. Sykes, F. Barker, J. A. Trollope, J. S. Goldsmith and G. Dean touches were rung of Forward Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

The interior of this church is truly magnificent in its splendid proportions, here being the tallest Norman arches ever erected in England, while the great tower is a revelation for size and architecture. Some of the party returned to Gloucester by train while others performed a memorable journey by motor lorry, which will live in their memories, long after most other things are forgotten.

Tuesday saw some of the party attending the Central Council meeting, while others were kindly escorted through the Cathedral by the Dean of Gloucester, whose description of the magnificent choir, the east window, said to be the largest in England, and the beautiful cloisters, were much appreciated by his hearers.

Various members of the party left early on Tuesday for home while others performed the homeward journey on Wednesday. The party would like to take this opportunity of thanking their good friend, Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, for his untiring efforts on their behalf, and also to the various clergy and steeplekeepers for their kindly offices, the warm welcome extended to the visitors on every hand being much appreciated by all, the only regret being that the long journey will prevent the band paying very frequent visits to such lovely scenery, nice going bells, and genial hosts.

P. J. J.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

Just too late last week, a request reached us to withdraw the record of the peal rung at Bath Abbey. The report appeared in our columns, but the claim to the performance is withdrawn.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers contemplate a tour in the Midlands, commencing Saturday, August 2nd, at Sheffield, followed by visits to Birmingham (which they will make their headquarters, staying at the Cobden Hotel), Wolverhampton, Stratford-on-Avon, King's Norton, Clent, Wednesbury, etc.

The bells of the ancient Church of Barthomley, Cheshire, have fulfilled their mission to a remarkable degree within the last few days, for within the space of a week they rang not only for divine service, but for national rejoicings, a wedding and a funeral.

Canon Coleridge, who for 25 years has been Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, has been presented by the parishioners with a cheque for £150 and an album containing the names of 500 subscribers.

Some 315 acres of the well known East Kent estate, Quex Park including the tower and twelve bells, were recently offered for sale by public auction, but the properties failed to reach the reserve.

THE OLD BRIGADE.

On Saturday last, at St. Mary's, Reigate, 520 Grandsire Triples was rung by: G. Barrington (Streatham) 1, J. D. Drewitt (Mitcham) 2, E. Dewey (Reigate) 3, W. Shepherd (Streatham) 4, W. Argent (Reigate) 5, W. States conductor (Croydon), 6, F. W. Rice (Reigate) 7, A. Lorkin (Reigate) 8. The age of the eight ringers totalled 540 years.

Other good touches were rung by Reigate ringers and friends after which the company adjourned to Somersfield Cottage for tea. Afterwards the eight veterans were photographed, as well as the whole of the company. Mr. Lorkin's handbell, were brought into use, and during the evening the President of the Surrey Association (Mr. Drewitt) made a humorous speech, and Mr. Temple Newell (churchwarden) also spoke, after which Mr. Lorkin thanked them for their kind remarks.

Mr. Lorkin first began pulling the ropes at the age of 14 at St. Michael's Church, Witham, Essex. Eight other youngsters started with him, but the majority have now passed away. The late Mr. Henry Sayer was conductor. Should any ringer of that time recognise his name, Mr. Lorkin would be very pleased to communicate with him.

VICTIM OF COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

The remains of the late Mr. Henry Leslie Eden, who lost his life in the explosion at the 'Minnie' Pit, Halmerend, Staffs, on Saturday, January 12th, 1918, were interred in the burial ground attached to the Barthomley Parish Church, Cheshire, on Saturday last, the body having been recovered from the mine on the previous Tuesday. His comrades from the belfry carried him to his last resting-place, amid many signs of sympathy and regret, as he was organist as well as one of the ringers at the Parish Church, and was highly respected by all.

He lost his life at the early age of 23, but had made a host of friends.

The service was impressively conducted by the Rector who, with the writer, has lost a very valued friend.

The bells sent out their muffled tones before and after the funeral, and along the route of the procession blinds were lowered. The grave was lined with evergreens, and many beautiful wreaths were sent.

LINCOLN VETERAN'S UNIQUE RECORD.

In connection with the ringing of the Cathedral Bells upon the occasion of the Peace celebrations, a noteworthy fact was brought to light. Mr. William Henry Tilburn, a respected citizen residing in 'The Bail,' close under the Cathedral tower, who is near his 80th birthday, although not a regular ringer took part in the ringing at 7 a.m. in the morning and again at 7 p.m. in the evening. Mr. Tilburn rang the Cathedral bells at the close of the Crimean War in 1856. He also rang at the signing of the Armistice on the 11th November, 1918, at the signing of the Peace Treaty on the 28th June, 1919, and as mentioned above at the Peace celebrations on the 19th July, 1919.

Mr. Tilburn's father was the last surviving ringer who rang 'Great Tom' of Lincoln when it was first rung on Whit-Sunday, 1835.

Again Mr. W. H. Tilburn was amongst those who rang the splendid new peal put in by the well-known Loughborough firm, when they were reopened for Divine service on Whit-Sunday, 1913.

This is a fine record for one who had not the opportunity of acquiring the art of change ringing.

RINGING AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

The first change ringing for many years at Magdalen College, Oxford, took place on Sunday, June 22nd, in honour of the anniversary of the Coronation of King George V. The bells were placed at the disposal of the Oxford Society by the kind permission of Sir Herbert Warren, President of the College, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1299 changes) was rung by: S. Hounslow 1, T. Payne 2, W. I. Smith 3, W. Finch 4, W. B. Wilkins 5, H. Miles 6, V. Bennett 7, G. King 8, R. Congreve Pridgeon (conductor) 9, R. Plaister 10.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS IN SOMERSET.

THE STORY OF AN ENJOYABLE TRIP.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Some time ago a number of youths, ranging in age from 81 to 32 years, paid a visit to 'Zummerzet,' and rang the bells at a place called Wrington for longer than some of them cared about. I think you wasted some ink over that business at the time, about June 7th of this glorious year of peace (perhaps). Well, these good men put it on me to write to you about the ins and outs of this visit, as they thought you would like to hear about it, and maybe print it. It's a pity, isn't it, that I could not do the job a bit sooner, but what with one thing and another, I haven't had time. However, better late than never.

Looking back on that trip, the item which stands out most is not the ringing, though that was good, but the cider, and that was very good. Yes, very good indeed, Mr. Editor, and it's wonderful that the ringing was good, too, in spite of it. It was a sight for sore eyes to see the Major and Ted trying who could get outside a quart in the shortest time. But a quart's nothing, is it?

We wore a jolly party right enough. My friend the Major arranged it all, and gathered together one or two who know one rope's end from another, for he badly wanted to hear his beloved bells rung decently, and decently rung they were to suit their tones, which is hard to beat, and their 'go,' which is likewise; and their setting is almost ideal, a grand old church crowned with a noble tower, set in a neat churchyard.

But to get back to the personnel, as they say in the army. There was dear old Ted, as happy and young as a sandboy, and he won't forget that outing for many a day, I know. Then came that good fellow the Master, whose only fault is that he is too unselfish, and the Master's relative, by marriage, who contributed to the joy of nations that trip. Then that clever fellow Bert, who (the bells were a thought noisy in the ringing chamber) called Bo-o-obs just at the right moment, came along with Jack o' London (late of Bristol), and Tom o' Kent, a giant on the heavy end. Let me see, that accounts for seven of 'em. George, o' Shepherd's Bush, hardly recognisable for Somerset dust (the best in the Kingdom), rolled up on his 'Enfield' in time for a late lunch, and—oh yes—there was good old Mac from Bournemouth. As for me, I'm not used to the generous Zummerzet fare (I don't mean the cider, that has no terrors for me), and I had to take a short rest after lunch. Oh that beef, those pies, that noble cheese! I'm sure there are no food cards 'down in Zummerzet.' However, lunch must have made us strong, for we rang a very strong peal in very strong time. Afterwards we strangely ate more beef and pies and noble cheese, and suffered more golden cider to slip smoothly (and rapidly) down our parched throats. Subsequently those who were not incapacitated passed (as the 'Ringing World' so often says) (what a lot of brackets!) (oh that cider!) a pleasant hour with the handbells.

The morrow being Sunday, we drew lots who should represent us in church. I was not chosen. In company with some promising local material, we rang many changes for morning service, finishing up with three excellent leads of Treble Ten, standing as we had for our peal. I cannot report on the sermon, because I had to go to visit my great-uncle's grave at Winscombe, six miles off, hear the sermon there, and wheedle the Vicar into letting us ring there in the afternoon. By virtue of my great-uncle, my efforts succeeded.

So, after a most adequate lunch, that 'pub' ought to be transferred to Warwick Lane, E.C., the lot of us got into cars, or on the backs of motor bikes, and started off. We went first to the little church of Rowberrow, where the Major's grandfather was Vicar for 90 years, or 90 years ago. Although it was getting on for the time of the three o'clock service, by virtue of his grandfather, the Major persuaded the Rector to postpone his service for ten minutes—how useful these aged relatives are!—and we rang two touches of Kent Minor on the quite nice little six. I don't think we inconvenienced the congregation much.

Bidding good-bye to Rowberrow, we arrived in the fulness of time at Winscombe, whose church is delightfully perched seven-eighths of the way up a hill, and is second only to Wrington in that part of the world for beauty. The architecture is Early English, Decorated or Perpendicular—I'm not sure which, but perhaps a bit of three. Anyhow, it's beautiful, and so are its bells, though they are mostly doused false. However, we rang here also many changes, and returned to Wrington for tea, and to ring for evensong. And here came what I personally enjoyed most in a very delightful holiday, and that was three leads of Treble Ten absolutely perfectly struck, with Tom o' Kent ripping the 37 cwt. tenor along at just the right pace. He's some chap on a heavy bell, that Tom.

And here ended for most of us a trip we shall always remember for its unqualified success and enjoyment. The weather, the bells and their 'go,' the camaraderie of the party, the bountiful fare, the cider, the Somerset air, everything, combined with the Major's excellent organisation, made for pleasure.

And now, Mr. Editor, my ink's rung out—what's that you said?—and I'll dry up. If you've room, and enough ink, perhaps you'll be a nice kind man, and tell our ringing friends about how the College Youths went to Zummerzet in the glorious year of peace.—Yours fraternally,

Sutton, 10/7/19.

J. H. R. FREEBORN, Capt.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT ECLIPSES PREVIOUS RECORDS.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Brigg on Saturday week.

A large gathering of ringers and friends were present from Gainsborough, Stow, Corringham, Kirton, Lindsey, Bigby, Scunthorpe, Barton-on-Humber, Grimsby and Workson, in addition to the local company. The bells, a ring of six, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to the standard methods, some lady ringers from Barton-on-Humber taking part. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. F. Burgess, Vicar of Brigg, and afterwards the ringers and friends, to the number of 67, adjourned to the Church House, where, through the kind generosity of the local company and their friends, a most excellent tea was served. The business meeting followed. Mr. F. F. Finley presided, and was supported by the Rev. F. Burgess, Mr. E. J. Brown, churchwarden; and Mr. F. W. Atkinson, sear. Among those present were also Mr. J. Lowman (churchwarden), Mr. H. Haigh (Workson), and the Revs. Hunt and H. T. Parry, of Stow and Bigby respectively. Nine new members were elected, viz., Mr. J. E. Riding (Brigg), hon. member; Mr. G. F. Smithson (Corringham), and seven members (including six ladies) from Stow. Messingham was fixed as the place for the next meeting, the date to be left in the hands of the district secretary.

In response to a suggestion brought up by the Rev. Hunt, it was decided to revive the pre-war custom of arranging the meetings early in the year, so that the full list may be printed on cards, and a copy sent to each of the towers.

Interesting speeches were made by several of the gentlemen present, including the Rev. F. Burgess, who gave a most cordial welcome to the visitors.

A hearty send-off was given to the Rev. Hunt, who, to the regret of the members, is about to leave for New Zealand.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Brigg ringers and friends for their kind hospitality; Mr. F. W. Atkinson, junr., and others who had helped to make the necessary arrangements; and, last but not least, to the ladies who had so willingly and efficiently waited at the tables, were unanimously passed, and duly responded to.

Following the business meeting, further ringing took place, and a most successful meeting, which completely eclipsed all previous records, was brought to a close.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AT EDENHAM.

On Saturday week a very successful meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Edenham, when members attended from Bourne, Barkston, Grantham, Ingoldsby, Colsterworth, Orston, Surfleet, Market Deeping, West Deeping, Witham-on-the-Hill, and the local company.

During the afternoon and evening, touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor were rung. A short service was held, at which the Vicar of Edenham (the Rev. Arthur Galton) delivered a very interesting lecture on the history and weights of the heaviest bells throughout the world.

Tea was provided at the Five Bells Inn, at which 25 members sat down.—The Vicar occupied the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. H. Law James and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston. Several new members elected were from Bourne, Market Deeping, Ingoldsby and Grantham.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) announced to the meeting that the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral had accepted, with thanks, the Guild's offer to increase the present peal of 8 in the Cathedral to twelve in memory of the ringers, who had fallen in the war, and asked the members present to hurry up with their subscriptions, so that the work could be put in hand as soon as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Edenham concluded a very successful meeting.

TRIP TO GOOLE.

On Saturday, July 12th, the Doncaster and Arksey ringers had an outing to Goole. Some good ringing was done, including a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. The following ringers took part: H. Peave, A. Ashe, J. Holmes, F. Clarke, C. Scott, F. Ashe, G. Halksworth, H. Birkwin, and F. Woodhouse; and wish to thank Mr. Drake for making the necessary arrangements and also the Vicar of Goole for the use of the bells.

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.

THE LATE MR. JOHN EACHUS. FIFTY YEARS AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Mr. John Eachus, who, from 1870 was a member of the Manchester Cathedral company, and whose death we have already briefly recorded, was interred at Bradford Cemetery, Manchester, on July 2nd. The mourners included the members of the family; Mr. and Mrs. Mather; Mr. and Mrs. Wolstenholme, the Misses A. E. F. and A. Wolstenholme, Mr. Edward and Mr. William Eachus, Mr. F. Johnson, Mr. Bail, Mr. and Mrs. Webber, Mr. W. Ryder and Mr. Horrocks. Floral tributes were sent by the mourners, Mr. Ryder, and members of the Cathedral bell ringers, who also acted as bearers. Preceding the cortege were ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne, Barlow Moor, Hyde, Flixton, Reddish, Pendleton and Manchester. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. G. Hillier, M.A., of the Cathedral, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. J. Chapman, S. Booth, A. Barnes and J. W. Washbrook. Half-muffled peals were attempted at the Cathedral and St. John's, Miles Platting, but unfortunately came to grief.

Mr. Eachus had reached his 77th year, and for several years served as one of the branch secretaries of the Lancashire Association, of which organisation he was formerly a vice-president. A bootmaker by trade he was a native of Sandbach, Cheshire. He rang his first peal when 18 years of age and his record at the time of his death was well over 200. For 48 years he was conductor of Manchester Cathedral band, and he took part in the opening of the bells at Manchester Town Hall in 1877. Mr. Eachus was highly respected through the Lancashire Association and in the adjoining counties, for he was ever active in advancing the art, and in his younger days was one of the most accomplished ringers in the North.

VICTORY MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It may interest your readers to know that 'Little Court' Bob Major is the father of all the 'Little' methods. It first materialised in my rooms in Cambridge in 1890. Little Bob is about half an hour younger. The prince of all the 'Little' methods is Little St. Lawrence, known to some of my friends as 'Hot Tom.'—Yours faithfully,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Little St. Lawrence.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A PEACE DAY MEETING.

A meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association at Brabourne coincided with the signing of peace, and just as the business proceedings were concluding, the guns were heard booming the signal that the treaty had been signed. The Vicar (the Rev. Lockyer) at once led the meeting in singing the Doxology and the National Anthem, and then a move was made to the tower, where 720 of Kent Treble Bob was tapped off in fine style, by: G. Jenking (Canterbury) 1, E. Cheesman (Brabourne) 2, E. S. Ruck (Ashford) 3, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 4, F. Hodgkin (Headcorn) 5, P. H. Peirce (Brabourne) 6. The Vicar suggested that this 720 be inscribed on a tablet, together with the names of all the ringers who had rung there that day and placed in the tower as a memento of such an auspicious occasion, and the proposal was gladly accepted.—The Vicar officiated at the service previously held, and kindly provided an excellent tea, which was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, the local ringers and their wives doing their best to see that the visitors' wants were well supplied.

In replying to a vote of thanks, the Vicar hoped the visit would become an annual one.

WELCOME HOME FROM RUSSIA.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on July 13th, for morning service, and as a 'welcome home' to Q.-M.-S. J. Champion, who has done 4 years' service, the last few months having been in Russia. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Bramham 1, H. Chamberlain 2, A. Panther (conductor) 3, Q.-M.-S. J. Champion (first 720) 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh 6. For evening service, 240 of Oxford and Plain Course of Violet, New London Piousive and London Scholars Piousive, by: R. J. Ricketta 1, J. Panther 2, H. Chamberlain 3, Q.-M.-S. J. Champion 4, A. Panther (conductor) 5, A. Gills 6.

PEACE CELEBRATION TOUCHES.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on the 19th July, in connection with the Peace celebrations, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins., was rung by members of St. Mary's Society: H. Russam 1, D. McKillop 2, W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor) 3, W. B. Sampson 4, A. F. Martin Stewart 5, A. G. Collinson 6, E. F. Price 7, J. Whitson 8. Tenor 42 cwt.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins. was rung at St. Bartholomew's Church: Thomas Herbert 1, John Martin 2, Alfred Burrows 3, William H. Inglesant (conductor) 4, Alfred Peach 5, George Horspool 6. The bells were also fired.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, at St. Maries, a quarter-peal of Kent Minor (consisting of one: 720 and a 600), in 50 mins.: J. J. Tune 1, G. C. Terry 2, W. A. Hudson 3 (conductor), Gus Hatfield 4, T. Barker 5, E. D. Tune 6. Rung for thanksgiving day for Peace; also as a welcome to John J. Tune, who only returned the day before after 3½ years' absence in the army.

CLAPHAM.—At St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Horrex 1, Miss A. White 2, W. J. Kemp 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, J. Willsire 5, W. A. Alps 6, W. S. Langdon 7, Miss G. M. Adams 8. The following also took part in the ringing: J. Rumley, F. G. Symonds and H. Langdon.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Whit-Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at St. Edwards, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): A. Pye 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, A. Chapman 3, L. A. Pye 4, E. J. Butler 5, G. R. rye 6, H. Dawkins 7, W. Watson 8. This quarter is in five courses, with the 4th and 6th only in 6th's place.

MIDDLETON.—Lancashire.—On Sunday, July 6th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: F. Berry 1, W. Berry (conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Holt 5, T. Ogden 6, W. Hardman 7, S. Wellins 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stilwell 1, G. Butler 2, W. G. Bunch 3, A. Hearmon 4, H. Tice 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. J. Riddell (conductor) 7, C. Bunch 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 28th, to celebrate the signing of the Peace treaty, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): Miss K. Harrington 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, R. Rayner 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Hale (conductor) 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, C. Barker 8.—On Sunday, June 29th, for the festival of St. Peter, 504 of Grandsire Triples, L. Wiseman 1, S. Hale (conductor) 2, R. Rayner 3, H. Perkins 4, A. Wash 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, K. Harper 8.

DEBENHAM.—The Peace celebrations at Debenham, Suffolk, were opened with 1280 of Bob Major before 8 a.m., by: J. Hammond 1, E. E. Grimes 2, P. Laffin 3, W. J. Groom 4, T. H. Chapel 5, W. J. Rumsey 6, W. Grimes (conductor) 7, G. S. Rowe, junr., 8. Later, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung, G. Rowe, snr., and Sergt. Bennett (a visitor) also taking part. At the conclusion of every touch the bells were 'fired.'

BROXBORNE.—On July 19th, in honour of Peace, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 mins., by: W. Mumford 1, G. Maxim 3, F. Jelf 4, W. Saban 5, F. Saban 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, R. Smith 8.

LATE NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND OXFORD GUILD.—A friendly gathering will take place at Hillingdon on Monday, Aug. 4th. Ringing at St. Andrew's, 3 to 5; St. John's, 7 to 9. Tea can be provided at small fee on writing to Miss N. G. Williams, 5, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon. Cambridge Surprise by request.—W. H. Fussell.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Hereford District).—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. Tea, 6 p.m., free to members forwarding replies not later than Aug. 5th. Business meeting afterwards. It is earnestly requested that all members in union in the district will attend this meeting. Combined practice as follows: Allensmore, Aug. 23rd; Stoke Edith, Sept. 6th; Townhope, Sept. 20th, all at 6 p.m.—C. Edwards, Great Bampton, Madley, Hereford, Dist. Sec.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The district meeting at Andover on August 2nd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards.—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, and at Penkridge on August 30th, both at 4 p.m.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church to-morrow, Saturday, August 2nd, 1919. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6. Business important.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, August 4th. Bells available 1 o'clock; tea at 5 o'clock.—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth, District Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, when the following towers will be visited: Weybridge, 10 a.m., Oatlands Park, 12, Esher and Hersham in the afternoon. Service at Hersham at 5 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards in the Church Institute. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in Peterborough on Monday, August 4th (Bank Holiday). The Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and Woodston (6) available during the day. It is hoped to have the service in the Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Tea is at the Bedford Cafe at 4 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A District Meeting will be held at King's Lynn, on Monday, August 4th, 1919. The ring of ten bells at the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Rev. J. C. Vawdrey, will be open for the use of members, and also the ring of six bells at Tilney All Saints', Gaywood and Grimston. Dinner will be served at Mr. Ely's, Norfolk Street, King's Lynn, at 1 o'clock, followed by General Meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 4th, by kind permission of

the Vicar, Rev. T. K. Sopwith. Ringing from 2 till 4 o'clock. Tea at 4. Business Meeting to follow. Service in Church at 6 o'clock. Ringing again from 6.30 till 9. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, at once? The towers of Eastwell and Kennington will be available for ringing during the morning.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.—It is proposed to hold a reunion of the St. Michael's Juniors on Tuesday, August 5th, at Gloucester. Will those members likely to attend kindly communicate at their earliest with R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol?

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 7th and 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th, at 10 a.m.; and on the 11th and 25th, at 7.45 p.m.; * St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, and *St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, August 9th. Service at 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec., Burnham-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, August 9th. Ringing from 2.30 till dusk. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mr. H. R. Butcher (Gen. Hon. Sec.). Half railway fares. Members wishing to be present to tea must let me know by Tuesday, August 5th. The postponed Chiddingly meeting has been arranged for September 20th. Notice in due course.—George H. Howse, Div. Hon. Sec., "Kenilworth," Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824, Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth, tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 16th. Bells available at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Nominations for Vice-Presidents, Ringing Secretary, and two Auditors to be handed in at this meeting.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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