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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Reviewing the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Northampton as a whole, there will be, among the members, at any rate, a feeling that the gathering was more productive of results than any meeting for many years past. The debates were not upon subjects introduced merely for the sake of discussion, but the Council had before them a series of practical proposals, they dealt with them in a businesslike way, and we hope the meeting is the first step in a new career of usefulness and enterprising effort. The causes which have led to this revived activity are mainly, we think, to be found in a general recognition of the fact that the Council had to do something to justify its existence in the eyes of the rising generation of ringers, and also that it has received a new impetus from the new President, who has brought freshness of mind to bear upon the work, and has been able to view the possibilities of the Council from the perspective of one who is actively in touch with ringers of to-day.

We shall have further opportunity of dealing with the various matters discussed by the Council, but there is no question as to the soundness of the decision to establish a library for the reception of books and manuscripts relating to bells and ringing for the general use of the Exercise. Such a central library has long been wanted, but hitherto the difficulty has been to find the nucleus round which to build it up. The disposal of the late President's ringing books and papers has now made the project possible, through the kindness of the Cambridge University Guild, to whom the volumes and MSS. were bequeathed. Various small libraries for ringers exist in the country, but these are available only to a limited circle, while there are other ancient books and papers in some of the great public libraries. There is, however, no collection of works, large or small, readily available to the general body of ringers, and by setting up such a library the Council will be rendering a great service to future generations of the Exercise, for in it can be placed documents and records which may be of much interest to future students of the art, but which, at present, have no place of deposit where they can be readily accessible.

In this connection would it not be possible to have suitably enscrolled and deposited in the library that sad but striking list of names of the men who went out from the Exercise and fell on the field of honour? The long list of nearly a thousand ringers was read at the meeting at Northampton, and is a list which deserves preservation in the archives of the Exercise. What better place for it than the new library?

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HAROLD J. WALTON Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS LANGDON 8
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
HARRY R. PASMORE 5	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES H. HORTON Treble	WILLIAM A. ALPS 6
WILLIAM TANNER 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	HERBERT LANGDON 8
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	THOMAS LANGDON 9
JAMES SCHOLDS 5	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (Rev. B. F. Simpson, M.A., B.D., M.C.).

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5399 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
JOHN FLINT 2	FREDERICK E. SMITH 7
SAM THOMAS 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 8
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 9
FRANK JACOBS 5	WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung on the centenary of the opening of the bells, which took place on May 22nd, 1820.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANDISH LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* ROBERT URMSTON Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
THOMAS GROUNDS 2	ERNEST BIRCHALL 6
JOSEPH GRAY 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS 7
JAMES WORTHINGTON 4	* ROBERT TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BIRCHALL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, all being regular service ringers.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 7, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. R. F. WILKINSON Treble	THOMAS BETTISON 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	CHARLES MASON 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 3	THOMAS RILEY 7
WILLIAM LAMBERT 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY HALL Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.
Conducted by W. T. LAST.

The ringers of 1, 4 and 6 hail from Earl Soham, of 2 and 3 from Cretingham, 5 from Debenham and 7 and 8 from Helmingham.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM THEOBALD Treble	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6
FRANK SMITH 3	GEORGE CARD 7
JOHN W. CORNFORD 4	WALTER AYRES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM ETHERINGTON Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
ALBERT BECKENSALE 2	JOSEPH MILNER 6
THOMAS BEADLE 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7
EDWARD F. COLE 4	ALBERT SHEARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. T. Beadle, Vice-President of the Association.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S IRREGULAR FIVE-PART NO. 1. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE COWLEY Treble	FREDERICK A. BARNETT 5
WILLIAM D. WASE 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
EDWARD V. RODENHORST 4	GEORGE MOORE Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. It is 22 years since the tenor man rang a peal. The treble, 5th and tenor ringers are the first local Wem ringers to ring a peal. F. A. Barnett is late of Farnham, Surrey.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK 5
THOMAS H. KIRKBY 2	SAMUEL WESLEY 6
RICHARD DRAGE 3	JAMES F. GEORGE 7
*JOSEPH BAILEY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* 50th peal. This peal is now rung for the first time. It contains 'Queens' and 'Whittingtons' and has all the 8-6's. It is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob rung containing these qualities in 14 courses.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	ARTHUR DEAN 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
JOHN H. WHITE 4	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

ASHTAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BULWAR'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
CHARLES BURDOCK 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
FREDERICK GODDARD 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	ALFRED WATSON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 6
*WALTER MEDLAR 3	BERTIE WHITESIDE 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 100th peal for the Norwich Association.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Treble	ALFRED B. PECK 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
*ARTHUR G. COOPER 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal in the method.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 9, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM DUNCAN Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
ALFRED WATSON 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
CHARLES E. NEWLAND 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. William E. Bason's 50th peal.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4	JAMES PRATT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble	HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 5
*FRANK ELLIS ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
JOHN WHEADON ... 3	WALTER SMITH ... 7
†ALBERT BATES ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wives of H. Warnett, sen., and W. Smith.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
*JAMES W. BELL ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 3	JAMES MARTIN ... 7
REGINALD O. STREET ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 150th peal and the tenor ringer's 100th peal for the Association. Rung primarily as a Peace peal for the parish.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E.

*JOHN WALDEN ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
ARCHIE C. STOKES ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 7
GEORGE CHESTER ... 4	F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Treble	ROBERT CONGREVE PRIDGEO ... 5
ALFRED CRIPPS ... 2	KEITH HART ... 6
WILLIAM WATTS, SEN. ... 3	MAJOR J. H. B. HESS ... 7
ROBERT J. DAW ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HORACE COOPER ... Treble	*SIDNEY HALE ... 5
LEWIS WISEMAN ... 2	BERNARD PETTITT ... 6
OLAVE BROYD ... 3	*STANLEY WILDING ... 7
*ARTHUR WASH ... 4	*CECIL BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by T. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HORACE COOPER.

* First peal in the method.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE. — On May 22nd, at the Parish Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grausire Doubles (1260 changes): H. Smith 1, C. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3, G. A. Martineau 4, H. Bragg 5, R. Phillips (first quarter-peal) 6.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION
On Sunday, May 16, 1920, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Treble	*THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 2	†HARRY HALL ... 6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 3	THOMAS WM. LAST ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

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

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*LEONARD A. COOK ... Treble	*GEORGE CRISP ... 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
*CHARLES W. COOK ... 3	JAMES BUTLER ... 7
*FRED J. COOK ... 4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. First as conductor on tower bells. The ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members before starting for the peal.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM STENNING ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JOHN FEIST ... 2	WILLIAM WATTS ... 6
*GEORGE LUCAS ... 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 7
HERBERT RANN ... 4	HENRY STALEHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Major.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	ALBERT ROUGHT ... 5
ALFRED WATSON ... 2	JOHN E. BURTON ... 6
*MISS HELEN BILL ... 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
*THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST LINCOLN ... Treble	ROBERT RAYNOR ... 5
ROBERT RICHES ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	WALTER RICHES ... 7
JOHN ETHERIDGE ... 4	ALBERT RICHES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The ringer of the treble hails from Bungay, 3rd and 6th from Earl Soham, the remainder belong to the local company. First peal as conductor. Rung as a Peace peal for the parish, and as a welcome to the Rev. Shaw, who has just taken the living.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GAYWOOD.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Kent, two of Oxford, two of St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob

FRED MITCHELL Treble	TOM GREENACRE 4
WILL MITCHELL 2	B. M. TARGETT, SEN. ... 5
ROBERT GREENACRE 3	GEO. HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HAWES.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Beverley, Surfleet, York, London, Wells and Cambridge.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
HORACE H. SMITH 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR KNAPP Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
JOHN RICE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung with the bells muffled, on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial cross and window erected to the memory of the men of the parish who laid down their lives in the Great War.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY W. GAVTON ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	HORACE H. SMITH 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

First peal of London Surprise Minor rung in Beds, and rung at the first attempt.

COTHELSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN WYATT Treble	FRED C. ESSEX 4
FRED POLE 2	WALTER SEALY 5
EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER ... 3	WILLIAM SEALY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SEALY.

First peal on the bells. The ringers of treble and 2nd are from Fitzhead, the 3rd and 5th from Ash Prior, 4th from Cotelstone and tenor from Bishop's Lydeard.

WOLLASTON.—At St. James' Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. Cooper 1, W. Potter 2, J. Bass 3, H. Masters (first 720) 4, R. Matthews (conductor) 5, J. Lloyd 6. 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: *W. Cooper 1, *W. Potter 2, J. Bass 3, *J. Lloyd 4, W. J. Bretherton 5, *R. Matthews (conductor) 6. * First in the method.

GAYWOOD.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

FRED MITCHELL Treble	ROBERT GREENACRE ... 4
WILL MITCHELL 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
TOM GREENACRE 3	GEO. HAWES Tenor

Each of the first five ringers conducted one 720 and the tenor ringer two 720's.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. SPEARMAN Treble	A. SPEARMAN 4
T. MASTERS 2	J. MASTERS 5
S. H. ROBINSON 3	R. PARKINSON Tenor

Conducted by R. PARKINSON.

This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells, which were hung in 1830, and first peal by a local band. First peal by all except the conductor.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN R. JACKSON ... Treble	STEPHEN LOACH 4
MARK BEND 2	ARTHUR W. WARD 5
JOHN W. KIRTON 3	FRANK SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SPENCER.

* First peal of Minor.

GRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and three 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JAMES GARDINER ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN SPENCER 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
JOHN LARTER 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the treble was re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Naunton, of Wrentham, father of the 4th and tenor ringers, who celebrated his 76th birthday on the day previous. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. T. S. England) for his kindness in providing tea after the peal.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... Treble	†HENRY COLLIER 4
CHARLES MINTON 2	†WILLIAM MEAD 5
†FRANK EVANS 3	WILLIAM R. NASH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MINTON.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Doubles. † First peal away from tenor. Treble and tenor men are from Ludlow, 2nd from Bishop's Castle, 3rd and 4th from Knighton and 5th from Clun. Rung as a 'Peace Peal' for the parish of Stokesay and Craven Arms, and is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, May 16th, at St. Mary's a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: A. C. V. Gasson 1, T. H. Taffander (conductor) 2, H. Skelt 3, A. J. Perkins 4, J. Trappitt 5, A. J. Ploymann 6, W. H. Pickcott 7, A. J. Trappitt 8, R. Brough 9, G. E. W. Wakefield 10.

MINCHINHAMPTON.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK PONTING.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman by all the band. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Noel Playne and Mr. Kenneth Woolcombe-Boyce, both of Minchinhampton.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(FROME AND MIDSOMER NORTON DEANERY.)

On Wednesday, May 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

BERTIE EVANS Treble	*STANLEY CARTER 4
GILBERT DANDO 2	HERBERT BOWDEN 5
WALTER EVANS 3	ERIC PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY CARTER.

First peal by all except conductor. * First peal of Doubles, and first peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, May 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY (Trin.) 3-4	REV. E. B. JAMES (Caius) ... 7-8
*B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 9-10	

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 9, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

ON THE LAWN AT GLEN CARTU,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
F/S. F. A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 3-4	*JOHN W. WOOD ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Witness: MRS. RICHARDSON (mother of the ringer of 5-6).

* First peal in the method on handbells.

FRISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. BAILEY, BLACKHEATH, FRISTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	JAMES M. BAILEY 7-8
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 9-10	

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

Umpire: G. BAILEY.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

ON THE LAWN AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	GEORGE W. STEERE 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Several visitors to the school heard part of this peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1920, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE NETTLE'S ROOM AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2	MADRICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 16, 1920, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. BARBER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

BERTIE DANIELS Treble	WALTER FORD 5
ALBERT NEALE 2	HORACE BEAN 6
F. J. BARBER 3	W. B. DURCAN 7
J. W. WASEY 4	W. C. MEDLER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

Witness: MRS. W. C. MEDLER.

CHELSEA, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 16, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

IN THE MUSIC ROOM AT ST MARK'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2	*WALTER AYRE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MISS JEFSON, MISS and MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Caters in hand and first attempt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

IN THE MANUAL ROOM AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 14 in D.

CHARLES HAZELDEN 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	MRS. C. HAZELDEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

IN THE NETTLE'S ROOM AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

*GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal away from 7-8. The above two peals were rung as a farewell to L. W. Wiffen who has left Guildford.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY (Trin.) 3-4	*J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 7-8

Composed by J. R. FLEMING.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEETING.**

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Edenbridge on May 15th, and was attended by upwards of 40 members, including Messrs. I. Emery (Bromley), W. Hewett (Camberwell), D. Wright (Croydon). Ringing took place during the afternoon, Stedman being the principal order of the day. The members attended a special service, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Edwards) officiating. The Association form was used and the Vicar gave a short address. After service the members adjourned to the Church House, where an excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.—The District Secretary reported that a young band of ringers had been formed at Staplehurst, the members of which were to be elected as probationers that day. They had applied for an instructor, and Mr. C. H. Sone, of Linton, had undertaken the task.—Sixteen new members (including the Staplehurst Band) were elected and the election of Mr. W. C. Hart, of Brighton, as a non-resident life member, was confirmed.

The District Secretary also reported that the combined practice for Double Norwich which was arranged at Tonbridge recently proved a failure, only six members turning up, although he had sent post cards announcing the meeting to all the surrounding towers. After some discussion as to the desirability of arranging another practice, it was decided to hold one at Tonbridge for Wednesday June 9th, at 6 p.m., when it is hoped that members will make an effort to attend and thus prepare the way for other united practices in the higher methods. This District Secretary also announced that a short explanatory pamphlet on the method had been prepared by Mr. F. White, of Tunbridge Wells, for sale at 6d. each, the proceeds to be devoted to the Association War Memorial.

The District Secretary also announced that the next meeting of the district would be held (by kind invitation of the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, Vicar) at East Peckham, in July.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells for arranging and officiating at the service and for generously entertaining the members to tea, to Mrs. J. W. Steddy, and the other ladies who so kindly waited upon them at tea, and to Mr. J. W. Steddy for making the arrangements for such an enjoyable meeting, concluded the business, and the members again adjourned to the tower when touches in various methods, including several touches of Double Norwich, were rung.

A collection at the meeting for St. Dunstan's Hostel realised 15s.

WINCHESTER GUILD.**YORKTOWN DISTRICT MEETING.**

Ottershaw Church, Surrey, standing high on one of the pine-clad hills which abound in the district, was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District of the Winchester Guild on Saturday, May 22nd. The tower contains a capital peal of six, with a 16½ cwt. tenor, but owing to the distance from town or railway, those who visit Ottershaw for ringing are mostly cyclists. The attendance was smaller than the usual number who pedal to the village, but no doubt the Whitsun holiday had a lot to do with this. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the Guild form of service was held in the Church, conducted by the Vicar, while Mr. W. Shepherd presided at the organ.

After service, a move was made for tea at the Parish Hall, and full justice was done to an excellent repast. While the tables were being cleared, the Vicar conducted the visitors round his garden, which was much enjoyed.

The business meeting was not a long one, but it is interesting to learn that the district is performing good work in the shape of instruction and combined practices, as well as in other ways.—The next meeting is fixed for August Bank Holiday, when it is hoped to visit Yorktown, Hawley, Sandhurst, Finchampstead and Yateley.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his many kindnesses, after which further ringing took place in various methods.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Leatherhead, on Saturday, May 22nd, but owing to the holidays, only about 30 ringers put in an appearance.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Hobson), who apologised for the heavy 'go' of the bells, but said he saw no immediate prospect of their being rehung, although he lived in hopes.

The Ringing Master's report showed that good progress was being made, and it was resolved to leave arrangements for the next district peal in his hands.

The Secretary was directed to make arrangements for a meeting at Merrow and Oclandon in July, and to revive the pre-war summer outing at Ranmore Common, Mr. Dobinson assuring the meeting that they would meet with a hearty welcome.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the new bells at Cullompton, Devon by the Archdeacon of Exeter, will take place on Saturday, but the hour has been altered from 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.

The peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal at Surfleet was not the first in the method. The first was rung at Wednesbury by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford on January 2nd, 1909, conducted by Joseph Pigott.

Mr. John Thomas has removed to 24, Suffolk Road, Ponder's End, Middlesex.

The first 5024 of Cambridge Surprise Major ever produced was rung at St. Stephen's, Westminster, in August, 1902. It was composed and conducted by Mr. Fred Dench, who, however, has lost all trace of the figures. For historical reasons he would like to recover them, and if any ringer who has the figures will send them to Mr. Dench, at 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden, his action will be appreciated.

THE SIX-BELL TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The remarks in your leader of May 28 are very true, and it is a certain fact that in the majority of instances, the six-bell towers are very much ignored by those fortunate enough to possess a full octave and over. I can vouch for this in and around Leicester, where not only are five and six bell ringers ignored by eight and ten bell ringers, but practically shunned. Some twenty years ago Mr. Wm. Willson did a great deal of good in this district, among the five and six bell towers, teaching and getting many hands through a variety of methods and peals. This however, was not supported, and consequently many members have been lost to our Association. I know in a number of instances where such members have been welcomed to the Association with open arms, principally for the sake of funds, and then left entirely to their own resources and ultimately forgotten. They have never received either help or encouragement, and have therefore, lost interest in an Association which is to them a mere figurehead and nothing more. Before the war I undertook to teach one or two six-bell bands, and had the satisfaction of getting them from one to seven method peals before I left. In this instance I had only the help or support of one solitary friend, and my six-bell peals with these bands were openly scoffed at by the Leicester ringers of higher numbers, who were very glad of my help to them in scoring their peals on eight and ten.

I think this case is but an example of many other districts, and it certainly is up to the Associations (as you say in your leader) to give more attention to their six-bell towers. Not only would they find support, but their individual strength of membership and funds too, would be definitely and materially increased.—Yours

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

WHAT ALDERSHOT HAS DONE.

Several members of the Central Council spoke with emphasis at the meeting at Northampton upon the fact that the ringers' only journal, 'The Ringing World,' was not supported as it ought to be.—The Rev. H. Law James said it was a scandal that so many towers took only one copy for the whole band.

Needless to say, we endorse this view, and much more could be done in the interests of readers if every reader were a subscriber.

In connection with this matter, an interesting point was made by Mr. J. Mann, speaking at a Winchester Guild gathering at Aldershot the other day. He said they could only expect to see an improvement in 'The Ringing World' if there was a greater sale for it. Ringing Masters had, from time to time, impressed on the members the necessity of increasing the circulation, but that did not appear to have had sufficient effect. He saw no reason, however, why the Church authorities should not be asked to assist in the matter. They paid their organist and choir, and even the boy who pumped wind into the organ, but very little was done for the ringers. He had asked his own Vicar if he could see his way to subscribe for eight copies of 'The Ringing World' weekly, and he (the Vicar) had consented to do so. By gaining that point he considered he had got in the 'thin end of the wedge,' and he thought it was up to all ringers to assist in driving it home, because if Aldershot Church authorities could subscribe for as many copies as there were bells in the tower, all other Church authorities could do the same, and ringers would then get a paper which would be interesting to learners as well as to advanced ringers.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S PROGRESS.

An interesting record marking the progress of ex-Service men comes from Chippenham, Wilts. On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung: A. Dale 1, F. Pearce 2, R. Pearce 3, P. Lambeth 4, E. Perry 5, L. Ambrose 6, W. Hulbert 7, S. Wiltshire (conductor) 8. All these men are regular Sunday service ringers at the church, and learned to handle and ring a bell in the same tower. The ringers of 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are ex-service men, and have learned the method since Christmas. We look for a peal shortly.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

INTERESTING MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.

The third session of the tenth Council, actually the 28th annual meeting, was held in the Town Hall, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday. There was an attendance of sixty members, a number well up to the average of provincial gatherings. The President (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy) was in the chair, and the following representatives were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. T. Faulkner.
 Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.
 Bedfordshire Association: Canon W. W. C. Baker.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. H. S. Brocklebank and R. T. Holding.
 Central Northants Association: Messrs. F. Wilford and W. Perkins.
 Devonshire Guild: Rev. Maitland Kelly.
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. W. Rock Small.
 Essex Association: Mr. W. J. Novard.
 Hertford County Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
 Kent County Association: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. T. Groombridge, M. Burnett.
 Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.
 Lancashire Association: Canon Elsee, Messrs. J. H. Banks, W. E. Wilson and J. R. Taylor.
 Leeds and District: Mr. P. J. Johnson.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. G. Chester, J. W. Seamer and R. Richardson.
 London County Association: Mr. E. A. Young.
 Middlesex County Association: Messrs. A. T. King, I.S.O., and J. R. Sharrman.
 Midland Counties: Mr. W. E. White.
 Norwich and Ipswich Association: Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. G. P. Burton and A. L. Coleman.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hoppood and J. Evans.
 Peterborough and District Association: Mr. R. Narborough.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.
 St. Martin's Guild for Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. W. H. Godden.
 Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. H. Knight and W. Fisher.
 Surrey Association: Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean.
 Warwickshire Association: Messrs. H. Argyll and A. Roberts.
 Winchester Guild: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Messrs. G. Williams, A. H. Pulling and W. Shepherd.
 Worcestershire Association: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. Short and T. J. Salter.
 Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Bolland and J. Cotterell.
 Hon. Members: Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, H. W. Wilde and J. George, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (hon. secretary and treasurer).

A MAYORAL WELCOME.

An official welcome was given to the members by the Mayor of Northampton (Councillor F. Kilby), who, in an interesting speech, referred to Northampton's historic past and its importance in the present as an industrial centre. Northampton, he pointed out, had been the meeting-place of Parliaments and the residence of kings and the scene of many stirring events in history. They were also proud of their municipal record for he was the 731st Mayor in direct succession. He mentioned that his first recollection of bells was seeing the great bell of St. Paul's Cathedral pass through the streets of Northampton on its way from the foundry at Loughborough to London. He was not sufficiently well versed in bells to know whether they had particularly good bells in Northampton, but he knew they had peals of bells, and they heard them frequently, and with a great deal of pleasure (hear, hear). He hoped the visit of the Council would be a pleasure to the members, and that their deliberations would be profitable (applause).

The President said, although a formal vote would come later they could not let the Mayor depart without expressing to him how highly they appreciated his kindness, and the honour he had done them in allowing them to meet in that chamber, and in gracing their meeting with his presence. They felt the great dignity of meeting in such a town as Northampton. He was not born in Northampton himself—but he did the next best thing, and when he wanted a wife he selected one from Northampton (applause).

The Mayor then left, and the business of the agenda was commenced.

The minutes of the meeting at Gloucester, having been published in the 'Ringing World,' were taken as read, and confirmed. Arising out of them the Hon. Secretary said he had received a very nice letter from Mrs. J. W. Taylor, in reply to a vote of condolence with her passed at the last meeting.

The President said the Council's address to the King on the termination of the war, was first of all formally acknowledged, and later came a most gracious reply that the King was much touched by it, was glad to receive it, and returned his thanks for it (applause).

The President also said in reference to the roll of honour of fallen ringers which secretaries had been requested to send in, they had received the names from all the affiliated societies except the Surrey, the North Notts and the North Wales Associations. It was proposed to read the roll at 12 o'clock noon, at which hour, by the kindness of the hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association, it had been arranged that bells should be tolled for a short space at some of the principal churches of the town.

The Secretary announced that apologies for absence had been received from the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. John Carter, the secretary of the Bath and Wells Association on behalf of all their representatives Mr. C. Edwards, Miss Gillingham, Mr. J. Griffin, Major Hesse, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. W. Jones, Rev. C. C. Marshall, Canon Papillon, Mr. F. Willey, and Mr. Harry Chapman.

INCREASED SALE OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the statement of accounts which showed the total receipts to be £66 12s. 3d., including £12 10s. from affiliation fees, and £16 12s. 3d. from sale of publications. The expenditure had been £2 16s. 8d., which left a balance to carry forward of £63 15s. 7d. Referring to the amount received from the sale of publications, the Secretary said when they realised that previous sales had been about £2 per year—in one year they did receive as much as £4—they would see what progress had been made in the hands of the hon. librarian (applause).

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn presented his report as hon. librarian. He said that last year the Council adopted two proposals: first, that the Council's publications should be advertised regularly in the columns of the 'Ringing World,' and secondly, that parcels of books should be sent out to Associations on sale or return. He thought the Council would agree that in assenting to these proposals they did wisely when he reported that whereas since he had been librarian, the sale of books in any one year had never realised more than £3 10s., this year he had been able to hand to the treasurer a cheque for £16 13s. 2d. It appeared, therefore, that it would be wise to continue this policy, but at the same time he would point out that the fact that so many companies and associations throughout the country were starting afresh after the war would account for a large demand for the books, and should prevent their expecting the librarian always to be able to show as good a profit on the year's sales even if the policy were continued. The gross receipts had been £24 3s. 4d. (£14 13s. 8d. by direct sales and £9 9s. 8d. through the associations), and the advertising and other expenses £7 10s. 2d. The free value of the publications left in stock was £153 10s. 6d.

On the motion of Canon Coleridge, who had audited the accounts, seconded by Canon Baker the accounts were adopted, with thanks to the librarian for his excellent services.

The following honorary members were re-elected for a term of three years, on the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. Beams, Miss Nellie Gillingham, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. James George, and Mr. H. W. Wilde.

The Hon. Secretary said he had to announce with pleasure that the Irish Association had again become affiliated to the Council, the representatives being Canon Scott and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff.

A CENTRAL LIBRARY TO BE ESTABLISHED.

The President said the Standing Committee had met that morning, and there were one or two things that they wished to propose to the Council. The first was the question of a library for the Council. The idea of that started largely with himself owing to the fact that their late honoured president, Sir Arthur Heywood, left all his ringing books and manuscripts where he thought they would be appreciated, namely, to ringers, and he left them to one of the Guilds with which he was connected, the Cambridge University Guild, a bequest which was particularly touching to him (the President) as Sir Arthur entered the same College at Cambridge at the same time as he did. The bequest, however, was perfectly free, so that the Cambridge University Guild could do exactly what they liked with any or all of the ringing books and manuscripts. As the Guild already possessed copies of several, it seemed to them to be a good thing if the others could be used more widely than for their own necessarily small Guild at Cambridge, and the idea occurred that with the books of Sir Arthur Heywood they might begin a library for the Central Council (applause). They could start with a considerable number of his books and manuscripts and there were others who were prepared to add ringing books at once, and others again who were prepared to follow Sir Arthur's example and leave their ringing books to the library when they were called away. He had consulted their splendid librarian, Mr. Jenkyn, as to possible details, and he had kindly said that he would do anything that seemed to be required to carry out the scheme (applause). The Standing Committee, therefore, made to the Council the definite suggestion that a library of the Central Council be started and be kept up, that it be begun with the books he had mentioned of Sir Arthur Heywood and any others that might be given to it, that it be, at any rate for the time being, in the possession and keeping of the honorary librarian. The details of course would have to be left to somebody to work out, but the idea was that as many of the books were of very great value, especially to those

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who followed the more scientific side of ringing—would be composers, for instance—it should be possible for any ringer of an association affiliated with the Council to borrow these books. He thought in time the library would be very valuable indeed, and he hoped ringers would make good use of it. But if it did not turn out to be of such use as they anticipated it would be of some use, however little, and it could not do any harm (hear, hear). The President then proposed a formal resolution, embodying the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly seconded.

Mr. T. H. Beams said the suggestion was an admirable one. Recently he happened to get hold of a copy of one or two books belonging to Mr. Ellacombe and judge of his surprise when he came across in them two letters of Mr. Hubbard's pasted in the books. They were most interesting letters, and it struck him they ought to be preserved, and it would be a good thing if there was a place where such things as this could be deposited for the benefit of the whole of the members of the Exercise.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews asked if it was proposed to add the various county histories of bells.

The President: The answer to that is 'Certainly.' There are some in Sir Arthur Heywood's collection, and some I am prepared to give myself at once, and others will come. I think it would add much to the value of the library if all books on ringing and church bells were included.

Mr. G. P. Burton asked whether the fundamental idea was to have a reference library or a circulating library. If they were to have these manuscripts, it would not be the safest thing to circulate valuable works as had been suggested.

The President thought the most valuable manuscripts and books would seldom be wanted to be sent out, but if they were required by any scientific student he thought precautions could be taken to safeguard them.

Mr. Burton said the reason he asked was that he loaned his copy of 'The Clavis' a year ago to one of his oldest ringing friends on the strength of his promise to return it in a few days, but he had not seen it yet (laughter).

Mr. Pritchett said it would be interesting to know how many books there were in Sir Arthur Heywood's collection. With regard to the loan of valuable books, there was a scheme among public libraries for sending valuable books from one library to another, and it could easily be arranged that any book that could not be replaced could be sent to a public library to be read there by the ringer who wanted it (hear, hear).

The resolution was carried, and the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn said that if this scheme was to become a working reality he hoped that ringers who wished to consult these valuable books and manuscripts would make his house the library and consult them there so that they would not have to go out at all (applause).

The President said he was sorry he was not then in a position to say how many books there were in Sir Arthur's collection. Some were at Trinity College, Cambridge, and some in the possession of Mr. Law James.

It was resolved that the details of the scheme be left in the hands of the President, the Secretary and the Librarian.

The President said the Standing Committee suggested to the Council that a circular letter should be sent to some of the clergy in order to encourage them, and to get them to encourage others, to be bell ringers and efficient bell ringers. The President read the proposed draft of the circular, which laid emphasis upon the importance of the bells being well rung even if only in rounds or call changes, and pointing out that ringing afforded an excellent way of getting hold of and of improving lads and young men, both in the country and town.

NEARLY 1,000 FALLEN RINGERS.

At this point the proceedings were interrupted for the reading of the roll of honour it being exactly the hour of noon, and as the members rose in their places came the sound of the distant tolling of a church bell. The President read the list while the members remained standing, and so lengthy was it that it occupied almost half an hour in the reading. It contained over 950 names of those who had made the supreme sacrifice, many of them intimately known to those present, and the long list was proof of the great losses which the Exercise sustained by the war.

(To be continued.)

'CASTLETON.'

A 720 of No. 17 of the 3rd's Place Delight Methods from the collection of Legitimate Methods was rung on Tuesday, May 11th, at St. Anne's Church, Denton, by: O. Claxton 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, Rev. A. T. Beeston 4, W. Wilde 5, J. Heekingbottom 6. If the above has not been rung previously the band wish it to be called 'Castleton.'

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT REVIVED DINNER.

The holding of the annual dinner of the Royal Cumberland Youths Society was resuscitated after a lapse of some twenty-five years, and a happy gathering of ringers with their wives and daughters, clergy, and Mr. Robert Warner of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, met at the Old Bell Restaurant, Colburn.—Mr. J. D. Matthews (master) presided, and after dinner summed the loyal toast.

It fell to Mr. Warner's lot (appropriately—for church and bell are surely allied!) to 'toast' the Church, and in a few well-chosen words Mr. Warner showed what we owed to the Church. His speech aptly illustrated by the quotations, 'Prosperity to the Church' and 'Peace and Good Neighbourhood'—mottos taken from old bells—affirmed that a Church which could send out the type of Padre as its representative, which rank and file had met at the front, stood in no need of appreciative speeches.—The Rev. A. Taylor, of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, in response, stated that never more than at the present time was the need of the Church felt. He referred to the extremely pleasant people whose acquaintance he was continually making in the belfries and expressed the hope that ringers would consider themselves Church workers.—The Rev. Preb. F. W. Isaacs, of Cripplegate, also responded, and informed his hearers that, being new, he had not had sufficient time to discover everything in his parish, but he had realised that the parish had once possessed a bell foundry in its precincts, when Messrs. J. Warner's Foundry was in Jewin Crescent (since removed to Spitalfields). Mr. Isaacs spoke of the high opinion in which he held ringers generally, and mentioned several pleasant experiences he had had in their company.

In Mr. J. McMaster, churchwarden of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, who gave the toast of the Society, the company felt they were listening to an authority on bell ringers' lore. In racy language, he poured forth a wealth of detail of past ringers of London, much of which was very amusing and all most interesting. He gave proof of Queen Elizabeth's delight in having bells rung on each and every occasion, quoting the actual sums paid to the ringers on various festivals. Mr. McMaster dispelled any lingering doubts ringers might still entertain with regard to the 'Nell Gwynne' suppers, and showed that the 1s. suppers mentioned in the annals of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields referred to the sumptuous suppers of mutton that ringers were supposed to obtain for that modest sum, after their arduous labours were over, at the 'Nell Gwynne' Inn. Mr. McMaster rather reproved the society for altering the spelling of the word 'scholar.' As the Society was the child of the old 'London Schollers,' Mr. McMaster thought that the parents' honourable and distinctive name might have been retained.

The honour of replying to the toast was given to Mr. Ben Foskett, as the oldest member of the Society present, but Mr. Foskett said that he was in his position on rather false pretences, an older member than he being present in Mr. Chapman. In a speech of delightful simplicity, Mr. Foskett recounted his initiation into the mysteries of bell ringing. He related an adventurous prowl over somewhat bogey-like graves one dark night and the trepidation with which he opened the church door to be shot into the midst of ogres who turned out kindly sympathetic ringers.

The toast of the 'Fallen Ringers' was proposed by the Master, and everyone sympathised with him when he remarked that though a short one, he had to accomplish the most difficult toast of the evening.

Mr. Frank Smith warmly greeted the 'Kindred Societies,' and spoke of the benefit and pleasure derived, not only individually, but also by the Societies themselves, through the interchange of the members of the various Societies.

To this toast Mr. Young of the London County Association, replied, referring to the many pleasant visits he had paid to the various Societies up and down the country, where invariably a kindly and sympathetic welcome was extended to him.—Mr. F. E. Dawe also replied, and mentioned the halo which surrounded the names of Cox and Haley, and recounted that a would-be or new ringer's position was always judged by his acquaintance with these names. Those to whom they held no meaning were beyond the pale of ringers' estimation. Mr. Dawe stated that Haley had originally belonged to one Cumberlands and had changed to the College Youths, whilst Cox, first a member of the College Youths, had afterwards gone to the Cumberland Society. Mr. Dawe suggested that the reason for the change lay in the fact that no one society could contain two such stars at the same time.

Mr. W. Ayre very cordially welcomed the visitors, whilst the Rev. Palmer, in reply, entertained the company with illuminating stories from the trenches.

The toasts were interspersed by several musical items which were thoroughly appreciated, whilst the courses of Grandshire Caters and of Royal on the handbells were followed with great interest.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths can be congratulated on the success of this initial dinner after the 'Interregnum,' and all present hope that the dinner is an augury of future happy meetings.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT COLCHESTER.

The 41st annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit-Monday at Colchester, and was attended by representative bands of ringers from all parts of the county. This was the first annual meeting the Association had held at Colchester, and it proved one of the most enthusiastic in the history of the Association, ample proof being afforded that now the war is over and normal ringing conditions are being reached there is a great revival coming in the county. During the morning the eight bells at St. Peter's Church were kept in constant use by several bands, and other towers in the town and surrounding villages were also visited. Service was held at St. Peter's Church in the afternoon, the ringers' form of service being used. Canon Triffit Ward (the Vicar) officiated, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary of the Essex Association, read the lesson, and a suitable address was given by the Rev. J. Evans, M.A., Rector of St. Giles', Colchester, in the course of which he dwelt upon the art of ringing as being a service to the glory of God, and urged ringers ever to remember the object for which church bells are rung.

RECOVERING FROM WAR'S EFFECTS.

The annual business meeting followed at the Old Schoolroom, Crispin Court, which was crowded. Mr. G. H. Howard, Master of the Association presented his report for the year 1919, as follows:—

'My first duty is to refer to the marked progress which has been shown by our association in the first completed year of peace. My anticipations last year of a revival of interest in our proceedings have been more than fulfilled. The greater interest and attendance at our meetings has been very gratifying. Our membership shows an increase of 93, of whom no less than 14 are honorary members, including three ladies. In matters of finance our expenditure for the year exceeds our income by £5 15s. 4d., due very largely to the increased cost of printing and postages. We shall have to seriously consider means of adjusting our income to meet current expenditure. The subscription of 1s. a member can hardly be expected to meet our needs at present-day prices. Our reserve fund stands at £101 12s. 9d., but we ought to aim at meeting our general expenses each year and hold the reserve for propaganda and extraordinary expenditure. After a practical cessation of peal ringing during the war, I am pleased to record that 27 peals have been rung in methods varying from Minor to Stedman Cinques which gives proof of the return of pre-war enthusiasm. In belfry improvements I am glad to state the work which was held up during the war is now being put in hand. Already a new ring of six has been erected at Wormingford and a new treble added at Fryerning, and other improvements are in contemplation. Most of our members have now come back from the war, and they have showed such a spirit of enthusiasm that the revival in the work of the association is largely due to them. It is a great pleasure to be able to welcome their return, and we are grateful to know that the interest they are showing is having this effect. During their absence it was the great endeavour of those older members who remained at home to maintain the association intact pending the time when the younger members should come home, and in this the ladies who joined the association rendered invaluable assistance. Now we are glad to have the fighting members with us again, and their enthusiasm is most acceptable to those who kept the association going in their absence. I cannot conclude my report without reference to the untiring energy displayed by the honorary secretary, auditors and district officers in carrying out their respective duties. The large increase in members is a result of their efforts to restore the association to its pre-war position.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted, and the Master quitted the chair during the election of Master which followed. Mr. G. A. Black, Woodford, being appointed chairman pro tem.

THE MASTER'S RE-ELECTION.

For the office of Master in the ensuing year there was only one nomination, the re-election of Mr. G. H. Howard, Braintree, being proposed and seconded in several parts of the room, and, upon being put to the meeting, the motion was carried with acclamation, there being a marked testimony to the great popularity of the Master among the Essex ringers. Mr. Black announced Mr. Howard to be unanimously re-elected, and vacated the chair in his favour.

The Master thanked the meeting for the renewal of confidence in him, and he took it as approval of the manner in which he had discharged the duties during the past eleven years. The Master added that he did not look upon that office as belonging to one man, and said it should be open to those members who aspired to it. He had now been Master of the Association for eleven years—that was the twelfth occasion upon which he had been elected to the office, and the time had now come for the association to consider the appointment of a successor. If it was decided next year to have a change in the Mastership, and it was thought a younger man with new ideas would

be beneficial to the association, then he (Mr. Howard) should be pleased to give his successor every support in his power (hear, hear). Mr. Howard said he had been a member of the Essex Association since 1885, and during his term of Mastership he had received unlimited support from them. He thanked them for the enthusiastic way he had been re-elected, and assured the members that he very much appreciated the confidence shown in him (applause).

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and in accepting the office, said if the Master retired next year he should retire with him, as they had an understanding to continue in office together. Mr. Eyre said he had held office for 30 years, and he was appreciative of the confidence shown in him.

INCREASING ENTHUSIASM.

The Peal Committee was re-elected, as were also the representatives to the Central Council and the auditors. Mr. F. Jacob (Felsted) was elected an hon. member and 20 new ringing members were elected, including 12 from Galleywood. The Master said it was very pleasing to see the revival of ringing interest at Galleywood, in the Chelmsford district, as shown by the nomination of new members. They had admitted more new members at that meeting than at any previous annual meeting he could remember. In the report, the membership was given at 878, but others had been elected since the report was printed, and with those now proposed the membership must be getting near to a thousand. It had always been his ambition to have a thousand members in the Essex Association, and he hoped to see that ambition fulfilled next year (applause). There was a wave of enthusiasm for ringing evident all over Essex, which was very gratifying, and spoke very highly for the future prospects of the association. The association was rapidly growing and increasing its usefulness; it had already more than recovered the ground lost during the war (applause).

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

Designs were submitted and approved for the white marble memorial tablet, with black marble border, which is to be placed in Chelmsford Cathedral, through the kind permission of Canon Lake and the Cathedral authorities, to the 45 members of the association who fell in the war. At the top of the tablet is to be a bell, followed by the inscription: 'To the glory of God and in memory of the members of the Essex Association of Change Ringers who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918.' After the names, which are to be in alphabetical order, without regard to military rank, will be carved the words: 'Erected by the Essex Association, 1920.'

In view of the greater expenses now incurred, it was decided to increase the present subscription of 1s. a year to 1s. 6d. commencing in 1921, and to ask non-resident members to pay 6d. each if they require a copy of the annual report. The subscriptions of hon. members is to remain as before. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Walthamstow on Whit-Monday, 1921.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Master for presiding. In closing the meeting, the Master said he should ever remember the pleasant gathering they had held at Colchester, and the enthusiasm which had prevailed (applause).

Tea was held at the Parish Room, the Master presiding. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed thanks to Canon Ward and his wife; Mr. H. T. Pyc, and the wife of the churchwarden for the splendid tea they had provided for the ringers on their first visit to Colchester. Mr. Eyre mentioned that before the siege of Colchester, 1643, there were 14 bells in the eleven churches of the borough, and of those seven were by Miles Gray, who was at that period one of the most successful bell founders in the country. — The Master seconded the vote, and said they often found catering a difficulty, but in no parish they had visited had ringers been better looked after than at Colchester. — Canon Ward and the Rev. J. Evans responded.

In the evening the bells of St. Peter's were rung again in all the Standard methods.

LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting of the Midland District for general practice was held at Evington on Saturday last, members being present from Solihull, Stirlley and Smethwick. Some good practice was obtained in Doubles and Triples and also a course of Major was rung. The thanks of the members are extended to the local company for their tuition; also to Mr. and Mrs. Preston for so kindly entertaining them to tea afterwards.

THREE GENERATIONS.

In a date touch of Grandsire Triples, rung in 1 hr. 8mins. at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on May 22nd, three generations of Briggs took part: W. Wright 1, H. Broughton 2, G. Wood 3, H. Briggs (conductor) 4, C. Brown 5, H. Webb 6, C. Briggs 7, W. Briggs 8. It was a birthday compliment to W. Briggs, and his longest length. The conductor has been a member of the belfry for over 50 years.

SOLDIERS' BELLS.**RED-LETTER DAY FOR ALDERSHOT.**

On Saturday, following the dedication of the new 'soldiers' bells' at Aldershot, there was a happy gathering of ringers at the Old Parish Church from all parts of the diocese to ring and pass an opinion on the completion of the octave. Visitors came from Sandhurst, Camberley, Bagshot, Chertsey, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Guildford, Godalming, Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Basingstoke, Farnham, Alton, Winchester, Binsted, Otlands Park, Hersham, Haslemere, Dorking, Puttenham, Hawley, Walton, and the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung during the afternoon, and the ringers attended a short service, and listened to an excellent address by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Garth Ireland), touching on the brotherhood and sisterhood of ringers as church workers, and on the use of bells. Afterwards in the Parish Hall, 65 sat down to a very nice tea prepared by the local lady ringers, who also waited on the gathering. Following tea, the Vicar extended a warm welcome to all, and explained that the two new bells were entirely due to the efforts of Mr. Mann, who conceived the idea and took upon himself the task of collecting funds for the purpose. The cost of the bells, together with the inscriptions, amounted to £148 15s. 4d. and Mr. Mann had handed him (the Vicar) the contractors' receipt for that amount.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

'SOLDIERS' BELLS 1920.

'These two trebles were erected by Soldiers in memory of their comrades who fell in the Great War.'

Mr. Mann, in reply, said that listening to the opening touch more than repaid him for the trouble he had taken in getting the bells. Expert ringers had informed him that the splice was an excellent one, and reflected great credit on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and that was all that need be said.

The company were then treated to a good touch on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Hazleden, and Mr. Melville, of Guildford, and Mr. William Shepherd, of Hersham.

Afterwards, the ringers returned to the tower, where touches of Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble, Bob and Stedman, were rung. At one period during the afternoon the whole eight bells were being rung by lady members, many of whom are to be thanked for the way in which they have kept the bells going, and kept bands together while the men folk were away on active service. It will be a very long day before those who were present will forget the Guild's opening day of the 'soldiers' bells' at Aldershot.

DEATH OF A YOUNG RINGER.

After only a few days' illness the death occurred on May 5th of Albert Martin, at the early age of 14 years. The deceased was one of the young band formed at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, where two of his brothers were also ringers. He began ringing with a number of lads last August. He was of a very happy disposition, and showed promise of making an excellent ringer. His death came as a great shock to his fellow members, whose sympathy is extended to the bereaved family. The funeral took place on May 8th, and Mr. Fred Walker, representing St. John's Sunday band, acted as one of the bearers. In the evening an attempt for a muffled peal came to grief, but a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung, together with the 'whole pull and stand' 14 times by: W. Robinson 1, J. Neal 2, T. Miller 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. T. Scriven 5, O. G. Norman (conductor) 6, A. E. Norman 7, G. Yendell 8.

MEMORIAL BELLS.

On Whit-Sunday afternoon, a ring of six new bells was dedicated at Troutbeck Church, near Windermere, by Canon Irving the Rural Dean. The bells are stationary, and played from a manual—the treble being 2 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb., and the tenor 5 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb. The church was full of parishioners and Whitsuntide visitors, and the service was very delightful. The Rev. W. G. Jones, who is in charge of the parish, in the regrettable absence of the Rev. W. S. Unwin (an old Oxford Blue), on account of ill-health, assisted. Mr. Stabler, the parish clerk, chimed the bells immediately after the dedicatory prayers.

Canon Irving, in the course of an interesting and impressive address, spoke of the earliest bells as being quadrilateral and not round. He commended the parish for having retained their old bell which bears the date 1631 and the inscription: 'Jesus be our speed.' He recalled some of the historic events concerning which it had tolled its sad or rung its cheerful note, and he spoke of the practical uses of bells, and of the messages which they carried into every house in the parish every week.

The bells are the gift of Mr. Arthur Brook Dunlop of The Hown, Troutbeck, and his daughter, in memory of William Eric B. Dunlop and Laurence Lindsay B. Dunlop, who gave their lives in the war.

NOTICES.

OLDHAM ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those sending in their names to J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual district meeting for the election of officers will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, June 5th. Arrangements as usual.—T. Law, District Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The June meeting will be held at Anston on Saturday, the 5th. Six bells. Kiveton Park Station, G.C.R.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, June 5th. Business: Division of Association; War Memorial.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chipping on June 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. Tea will be arranged at a nominal charge.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. W. Bishop, Hon. Sec., Church View, Wanboro, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. at Shenley (6) and Loughton (6). Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold (Witley Station) on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Guild Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Mrs. Hazelden, Hon. Sec., Joseph's Road, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for combined practice of Double Norwich will be held at Tonbridge on Wednesday, June 9th, 1920. Tower open at 6 o'clock. Will members of neighbouring towers please make an effort to attend?—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at headquarters and also on June 8th at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, June 12th. The bells of St. Mary's Church (a fine peal of eight) will be available all day. Tea will be provided at a small charge, all applications for the same to reach Mr. H. Ferguson, Mayville Avenue, Scarborough, not later than Tuesday, June 8th. A short service will be held in the Church at 4 p.m.; tea at 4.30, followed immediately by a business meeting. Scarborough being an ideal place for a day's outing, it is hoped all interested will make an effort to attend this meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mathew's, Stretford, June 12th. Bells at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—All Saints' Church, High Wycombe.—A cordial invitation is extended to ringers to a Ringing Festival on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 to 4.15 and 7 to 9. Service at 4.45, with sermon by Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Buckingham. Tea at the Church House at 5.30, to ringers who notify not later than June 10th, R. Coles, foreman, Priory Road, or George Twitchen, Hon. Sec., 17, Totteridge Road, Wycombe. Rev. F. Merivale Molyneux, the recently-appointed Vicar, will preside.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on June, 12th at St. Albans, Rochdale. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilborough District. A meeting will be held at Welford on June 12th. Bells available 3 p.m.—W. Bott, Guilborough, Northampton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Short service at 5, with address by the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea (1s. each) will be provided to those notifying Mr. George Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, not later than June 8th.—Arthur Hague, District Secretary, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District).—The next meeting will be held at Linslade on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, District Secretary, 278, High Street North, Dunstable.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, June 12th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, June 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury (station, Midgham) on Saturday, June 12th. Evenson, 4.30. Tea, 5. Preacher, Canon Coleridge. Will intending visitors kindly write to Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, on or before June 8th?—E. M. Thorp.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Brown's Café, High Street. Will those intending to be present please let me hear by June 7th, and will all members who have not already paid their subscriptions for the current year kindly do so as soon as possible? The new badges may now be obtained, price 5/9 post free.—Edith Smith, 12, Auburn Road, Redland, Bristol.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hagley on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be arranged for, of which further notice will be given.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-east Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bickleigh (six bells), three miles from Tiverton, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea (1/- each) in Rectory Grounds at 5.15. Names for tea must be sent to me by June 14th.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Stoke Bishop on Saturday, June 19th. Bells open from 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—Combined practice will be held on Tuesday, June 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Barnes, at 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

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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Tea at the Lytton Arms was followed by a business meeting at which two new members were elected, and a vote of condolence was passed with their old friend and steeplekeeper, Mr. John Dennis, upon the loss of his devoted daughter who was laid to rest only a few days previously.

Thanks were returned to the Rector for his stirring address, and for the use of the bells the ringers wishing him health and happiness in his new sphere of work, and regretting his removal from the list of honorary members.

Touques of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Steadman Triples and Double Norwich ended in a very pleasant afternoon.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Maldon, Essex, on Friday, May 7th, in one hour and seven minutes, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of 1920 changes, comprising 240 each of Plain Bob and Double Court, and 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob: A. J. Peake 1, Miss A. Waldoek 2, R. J. Orth 3, S. C. Card 4, A. South (conductor) 5, H. J. Mansfield 6. * Longest length.

At Aldershot, on Saturday, May 8th, a date touch of Minor (1920 changes), being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 120 Oxford Single Bob, was rung by: James Mann 1, Miss A. Mills 2, Miss B. Mills 3, Sam Petter 4, Ernest Newell 5, Sergt. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 6. This was the longest length by the ringers of 2 and 3. S. Petter was from Worpleston, E. Newell from Binsted, and the rest are of the local band.

At St. Edmund's Church, Northampton, on Sunday, May 9th, 1920, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 1 hr. 14 mins.: J. Mackey 1, S. J. Lawrence (composer and conductor) 2, J. W. Sharp 3, W. Rogers 4, J. W. Metherell 5, B. O. Soden 6, J. T. Hensman 7, W. J. Allen 8.

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