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AN ENDLESS CONTROVERSY.

The 'lead ends' controversy seems perennial, it springs up, is debated and appears to die a natural death, only to pop up again later with new vigour. Settled, apparently, many years ago by the report of the Central Council's Methods Committee, it was revived some six or seven years since by the Hon. Secretary of the Council, when he endeavoured to get the Council to upset its previously adopted decision. Through the war period it led to a lengthy newspaper debate; Mr. Davies produced a pamphlet on the subject, and at the Council meeting at Gloucester it resulted in some strong speeches. There for a year it rested so far as the Exercise was concerned, but, as our readers will see, the question cropped up again at the Northampton Council meeting. The Hon. Secretary crowded into ten minutes the outcome of twelve months' thought in his efforts to prove the error of the Committee's ways, and there came a brief response from the Rev. H. Law James, as the champion of the other side. No vote was asked for or taken, nor could there well be any decision. A discussion, as the President pointed out, was a matter of days, if not weeks and months, and the Council passed on to the next business. Indeed, such a technical matter could not be settled by a debate in the Council, and, as it has now been definitely decided that the Council's resolutions are to be binding on nobody it would be as well if this question were now left alone for everybody to enjoy their own opinion.

If, however, its settlement on lines other than those laid down in the Committee's report is really essential, we think Mr. Davies should take some action to bring the matter to a head. How this can best be done there is no one better qualified than the Hon. Secretary of the Council to decide. If the Committee decline to reconsider their findings, it would be equivalent to a vote of want of confidence to set up another tribunal to investigate the matter afresh; and yet, without the considered conclusions of a body of experts to guide them, the Council could not be expected to throw over their own 'decisions' as set out in a report which they have accepted and published. It is a difficult position for Mr. Davies, whose sincerity of purpose in this discussion is in itself almost enough to convince 'the man in the street'; but the recrudescence of the topic is beginning to get wearisome, and it should be carried to a conclusion or dropped. The Exercise does not want to see public debate of this question carried on without finality. It is, in fact, rather indifferent to the whole subject, and the general opinion certainly is that it is useless to continue the argument unless something is done to bring the question to a head, and get the Council to revise or confirm its 'decision.' To bring about an alteration, Mr. Davies will need the weight of the 'experts,' but at present they do not appear to be on his side.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

A. YORK BRAMBLE Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 6
ROBERT J. DAVE... .. 2	GEORGE PIPER 7
THOMAS E. SONE... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 8
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART... .. 9
ALFRED CRIPPS 5	ALBERT D. STONE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. ORGILL Treble	JOHN HAYNES 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	FREDERICK FOSTER 6
JOHN W. GLEW 3	ARTHUR B. STONE 7
JOSEPH LORD 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GLEW.

* First peal. Rung as part of the Borough of Derby Empire Day celebrations.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	WILLIAM SPICE... .. 5
*RICKS PAINE 2	†SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. Mr. J. E. Davis hails from London, the remainder of the band are from the Rochester district.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	*ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
ALFRED KING 4	*WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to two Kings, His Majesty King George and Alfred King, of Luton.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A REAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HENRY DANIELS Treble	Ex-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 5
WILLIAM HARRIS 2	A. G. HANNIS 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 7
CHARLES DYSON 4	WILLIAM DRINKWATER Tenor

Conducted by C. H. AUSTIN.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	THOMAS H. VALLENCE 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	D. HAROLD ARGYLE 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band with the exception of the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for his kindness in placing the bells at their disposal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

OLAVE BROYD Treble	CECIL BARKER 5
HORACE COOPER 2	*FRED WILKIN 6
LEWIS WISEMAN 3	*BERNARD PETTIT 7
ARTHUR WASH 4	*GEORGE PANNELL ... Tenor

Composed by P. O. BIRBY.

Conducted by OLIVE BROYD.

First peal in the method as conductor. * First in the method. This was rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Sidney Hale who is a member of this tower.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	ALFRED WATSON 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
ERNEST LINCOLN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SADLER Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
JAMES FLEURY 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 7, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
FRED WILFORD Treble	WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
WILLIAM FAREY 2	*WILLIAM STURGES 6
*WALTER H. AUSTIN 3	ALFRED J. MAWBY 7
WILLIAM J. ALLEN 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. MAWBY.

* First peal in the method away from tenor. First peal in the method as conductor.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES. — On Monday, May 24th, at All Saints Church, to celebrate Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. G. Naish 1, Mrs. C. H. Dobbie (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, P. G. Goddard 3, C. H. Dobbie 4, J. Howes (conductor) 5, G. B. Naish 6, J. N. Frossell 7, J. Chandler 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT Treble	BERT CHALLEN 5
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN AVIS Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2	GEORGE E. WILSON 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	SGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M. 7
FREDERICK HAYES 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

The band wish to thank Canon Gedge, Rector of Gravesend, for the use of the bells, Mr. E. Hadlow for having everything ready and Mr. J. Avis for filling a vacancy at the last minute. Messrs. Dudley, H. and G. Wilson and W. H. Judd came from Prittlewell, Essex; this was the first peal by W. J. Judd as conductor in the County of Kent for 34 years.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CECIL J. BAKER Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 5
WALTER WHITE 2	RICHARD H. BARTRAM 6
THOMAS H. KIRKBY 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
JAMES F. GEORGE 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	ALBERT FLEMING 6
GEORGE FLEMING 3	*FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 7
WILLIAM BURGESS 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

Central Council Collection, No. 81. * First peal in the method.

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 6
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
ALFRED MEARS 4	RICHARD STONE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

STEBBING, ESSEX. — On May 22nd, at St. Mary's Stebbing, a 720 of London Surprise Minor, being the 2nd in that method rung on the bells: W. Claydon (Reigate) 1, A. Shufflebotham (Braintree) 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, W. Smith (Dunmow) 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. Also on Sunday May 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Young 1, G. Schlueter (London) 2, W. Clayton 3, H. P. Emery 4, E. Claydon 5, A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 6. Also on Monday morning, May 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, G. Schlueter 3, H. P. Emery 4, E. Claydon (conductor) 5, W. Claydon 6.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
WALTER MALINS... .. 4	FRANK E. PERVIN... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

Rung for the festival of St. Barnabas, also to celebrate the 50th birthday of Mr. Joseph B. Fenton, of Rugby. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

GEORGE WARNER Treble	BERT WAKELAM 4
NORMAN WAKELAM 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 5
JOHN PERRY... .. 3	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. TAYLOR.

FLITTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Bob Minor. Tenor 6 cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble	*WILLIAM PEACOCK 4
*ALBERT FLEET, JUN... .. 2	MISS EVELYN STEEL 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal in three methods. This peal was arranged for the conductor during his stay in the above parish, it being his native village.

IDEN, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS 4
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
CHARLES TRIBE 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

Rung as a wedding peal for Miss Freda Winifred Lockington Bates, third daughter of the Vicar of Iden, to Mr. Alfred Kenward Holmes of Udintore, which took place at Iden on June 1st.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qf.

*BASIL BUTLER Treble	*JOHN SADDINGTON 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	†CECIL CHAPMAN... .. 4

THOMAS BUTLER... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday. * First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble for the way in which he rang his bell, he being only 12 years of age. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. T. Butler.

CLIFTON REYNER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholar's Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. PALMER ... Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4
WILLIAM JACQUES 2	FREDERICK J. MYNARD 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	EDWIN S. MYNARD Tenor

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Arranged for ringer of the treble, who nails from Staveley, Derbyshire, and was elected a member previous to starting.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER ... Treble	FRED C. ESSEX 4
FRED POLE 2	WILLIAM SEALEY 5
ALBERT TOUT 3	WALTER SEALEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;

W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen s) 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3-4	B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: H. G. BENSON (King's).

This is the first spliced peal of Major ever rung. The composition contains 117 courses, each consisting of one lead of Plain Bob, one of Little Bob, and one of Plain Bob, with three courses of Plain Bob added, thereby giving the 120 course-ends.

CLAPHAM, S.W.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, June 4, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6016 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON 7-8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 9-10
HARRY R. PASMORE 5-6	ALFRED B. PECK 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Umpire: EDWIN HORREX.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 6, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

ON THE LAWN AT GLEN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
2nd WTR. C. GLENN, R.N. 3-4	JOHN W. WOOD 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Witness: MRS. GLENN.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 13, 1920, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

MATTHEW TIMBERS 1	FREDERICK J. BARBER 3
ALBERT J. NEAL 2	JAMES W. WASEY 4

WALTER C. MEDLER 5-6

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

Witness: MRS. W. C. MEDLER.

DEVON'S NEW PEAL OF TEN. DEDICATION OF CULLOMPTON BELLS.

An interesting and important restoration has taken place in Devon, where Cullompton bells have been rehanging, three of the peal recast, and two new trebles added to make a ring of ten. The work has been



CULLOMPTON CHURCH.

carried out at a cost of over £1,100 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the reopening and dedication took place on Saturday week.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. N. F. Phillips) conducted the service and

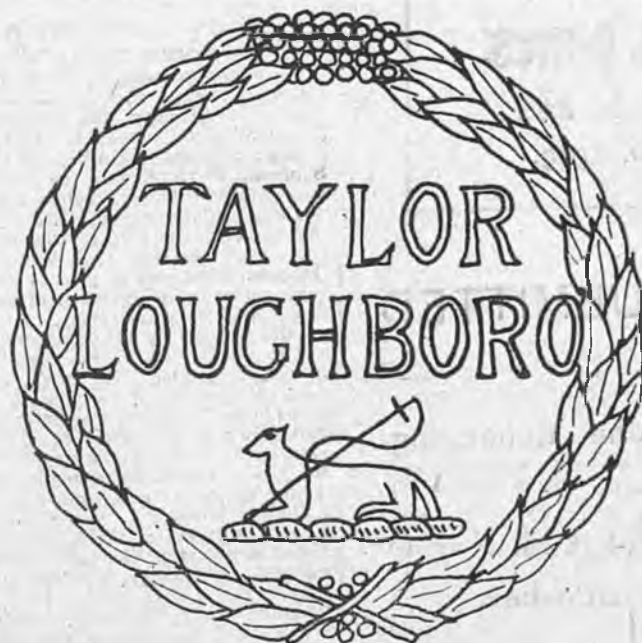
the lesson was read by the Rev. E. J. Barton, chairman of the N.E. branch of the Devon Guild. The Archdeacon of Exeter performed the dedication, and preached from the text, 'Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel.' The local ringers rang a few rounds on the bells immediately after the dedication. The ringers from St. Sidwell's, Exeter, under the leadership of Mr. Edwin Shepherd, had been invited to open the bells and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. All the ringers in the neighbourhood were also invited, and ringing was indulged in until late in the evening by bands, or individual members from St. Mary's and St. James' (Taunton), Tiverton, Halberton, Uffculme, Holcombe Rogus, Cyst Hydon, Kentisbeare, Thorverton, Bradninch, Plymtree, Ottery St. Mary, Huntsham and Bampton. Mr. Denison Taylor represented the Loughborough foundry, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also present. All the ringers were very kindly entertained at a public tea in the Vicarage Grounds.

The restoration has included the rehanging of the bells in a new iron frame carried on steel girders, and the recasting of the old treble, second and sixth. The new treble, inscribed 'Thanks be to God for Victory and Peace, 1918,' is the gift of the Vicar, and the second is a 'memorial' bell. It has been given by Mr. A. Burrow, and is inscribed 'To the glory of God and in memory of the men of Cullompton who died for their country in the Great War, 1914-1918.'

The bells are hung on ball bearings, but it is necessary that there should be no confusion, especially in Devonshire, between this principle and that adopted by Messrs. Aggett, of Chagford, whose system is really that of roller bearings. The peal was much admired, and the 'go' was perfect, it being possible to ring the tenor with one hand quite easily. Cullompton is much to be congratulated on now possessing a fine peal of ten, the fifth in the county. The local ringers are taking up change ringing, and have applied to the Devon Guild for an instructor through the local branch secretary.

It is interesting to note that the original peal was cast in 1746 by Thomas Bilbie of Chewstoke, and the tenor (19 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs.) bears an unusual inscription: 'Me resonare Jubent—pietis mori—Atque Voluptas. Richard Bevis, Esq., Richard Harvard, Richard Wills, Thomas Hone, Franc. Webb, G. H. Wards, Bilbie the Founder, Bush the Hanger, Heathfield the man that rings the tenor, 1746.'

Cullompton was for about 100 years (1715-1818) the home of a bell foundry carried on by the Bilbies, who also had the foundry at Chewstoke and they are believed to have cast 352 bells for Devonshire. The business was taken over by William Pannell, a tinman, who removed to Exeter. His business came to an end in 1855. He is buried in Cullompton Churchyard.



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Rehung, A.D. 1919.

St. Clement Danes

(10 bells) Tuned and
Rehung, A.D. 1919.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

for

Recasting, Retuning and Rehunging.

HANDBELLS

In Sets of any number.

BELL ROPES, MUFFLES, &c.

LABOUR TROUBLE.

A demand by workers in the printing trade for an increase of wages has produced a delicate situation. The Typographical Association (which includes compositors and machine minders) have asked for an increase of 20s. per week and have been offered 10s. The offer has been refused, and notices have been handed in, which will expire on Saturday, unless a settlement can be effected in the meantime. The threatened withdrawal of labour applies only to the provinces, but as it affects the office at which 'The Ringing World' is printed, we feel compelled to make this brief statement. It is hoped that a strike may be avoided, but the position is critical.

DEVON RESTORATIONS.

The fine peal of six bells at St. Gregory's, Seaton, have now been completed by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, two new bells having been added, and one of the old bells (the 4th) recast. The oldest bell in the tower dates from 1430. The bells have been hung in massive iron frames on steel girders and modern principles have been introduced into the hanging, including Messrs. Aggett's patent adjustable bearings. The bells were dedicated on Thursday, June 3rd, by the Archdeacon of Exeter, in the presence of a large congregation, and opened by the Colyton band of ringers, under the Rev. Molinoaux, captain. The bells were rung after the service; also by numerous sets of ringers, who all expressed great satisfaction at the tone and especially at the easy 'go' of the bells.

Messrs. Aggett hope to commence this year the fine peal of six at Botus Fleming (Cornwall), the peal of St. Mary's Abbey, Buckfast, and the peals of six at Poughill and Rockbeare.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the West Wales Association was held on Saturday, June 5th, at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, there being a good attendance of members from the surrounding towers. The bells had been set going to Grandsire Triples, owing to a very serious case of illness close to the church the bells had to be stopped. Service was held, conducted by the Rev. W. J. Thomas (Vicar), who gave a very practical address and Mrs. Williams presided at the organ. The service concluded with the hymn, 'Fight the good Fight.' The Vicar invited the members to tea at St. Catherine's Hall, and a vote of thanks was accorded him for arranging and officiating at the service, and for so generously entertaining the members to tea. The ladies who so kindly waited at tea were also warmly thanked.

The business meeting followed, at which the Ringing Master (Mr. J. A. Hoare) expressed regret at the absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Morse) who was unable to attend owing to the death of his daughter, who passed away at the early age of 18 years. The deepest sympathy of the meeting was extended to the bereaved family.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Raglan on Sept. 4th, when it was hoped that members will make a special effort to attend.

OXFORD GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH PROGRESSING.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, June 5th, when about 120 members attended, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Chicheley, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Great Horwood, Linslade, Maids Moreton, Milton, Keynes, Newport Pagnell, North Crawley, Olney, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Twyford, and the local ringers of both Shenley and Loughton. After an hour's ringing, a service fully choral, was held, and was much appreciated by all those who had the pleasure of attending, thanks to the splendid arrangements of the Rector and President of the branch (the Rev. J. R. Vincent) who had asked the Rev. Karney (Diocesan Missioner) to give an address. The preacher related several experiences whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, and while serving as chaplain to the prison camp.

After service an adjournment was made to the Rectory grounds, and tea was served on the lawn. The business meeting followed, the Rev. J. R. Vincent being in the chair. The balance sheet and report read by the secretary, showed the branch to be in a satisfactory condition. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was present much to the delight of all the members. At the request of the meeting he spoke of the progress of the Guild, and also referred to the proceedings of the Central Council at the Northampton meeting. A few kindly remarks were also passed in favour of supporting the 'Ringing World.'

The usual vote of thanks was extended to all who had so ably assisted in providing the tea, to the Rev. J. R. Vincent for so kindly making arrangements and placing the grounds at the disposal of the branch, to the Rev. Karney for his splendid address, and to the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) for his personal attendance.

After the meeting further ringing was indulged in until it was time to prepare for home. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The meeting generally was a complete success, and everyone who attended was well satisfied that the North Bucks branch was once more getting back to its pre-war state.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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LEAD ENDS.

The Hon. Secretary, with the consent of the President, read a lengthy statement which he had prepared on the 'Lead Ends' question, in which he set out arguments in support of his contention that 'bob leads are those only at which calls are made, and that no place made within the lead, which is part of the regular work of the lead, can be termed a bob. This contention he claimed, was supported by the Council's own 'Glossary' and by the Exercise at large, and he argued that the conclusions of the report of the Methods Committee were therefore, wrong, and that their contention that all methods must have either Grandsire or Plain Bob lead ends was equally wrong, because it was based on false premises. There might, added Mr. Davies, be some conceivable justification for their plea for the exclusive use of Grandsire and Plain Bob lead ends, if they achieved any real advantage, but they conspicuously failed to secure the one quality which it was their special mission to secure, viz., the maintenance of the same coursing order, which was conclusively proved by his method B in the pamphlet 'Lead Ends,' in which though the lead ends were Grandsire ones, the bells go down in a different coursing order in every lead. The true position might well be summed up in a few concise statements: (1) a bob is an alternative; (2) on the occurrence of the bob position there may be a bob, or there may not be a bob; (3) a bob is a substitution of one rule for another; (4) a bob is always a link; that which is not a link cannot be a bob; (5) no place which is invariably made is ever a bob; (6) any lead not containing a bob in the sense indicated above is a plain lead; (7) a plain lead may be of any form, provided always that its cycle of repetition produces as many leads as there are working bells. Mr. James, continued Mr. Davies, complained that he (the speaker) called any lead a plain lead in which a bob was not called. So did the 'Glossary.' Nor did Mr. James improve his case by objecting that the employment of the term 'plain lead' was only colloquial. So was nearly every other term in the science. The important thing was not the term itself but the sense in which it was used, and in this instance 'plain lead,' on the authority of the 'Glossary' (and of all ringers except Mr. James and his friends), meant a lead devoid of calls. This was not a fight about names, it was a fight for freedom. Were methods with non-Grandsire and non-Plain Bob lead ends to be banned and stigmatised, or were they to be acknowledged as 'regular' and to be esteemed as fit for use as the others? To stigmatise a method as 'irregular' involved a very clear attempt to get rid of it. The majority of ringers and conductors would have heard that such and such a method was 'contrary to the rules,' and would not trouble any further about it. Therefore, he would not rest until all criticism of methods not having Grandsire or Plain Bob lead ends was absolutely and finally withdrawn, so far at least as concerned their lead ends and coursing order.

DECIDED BY THE EXERCISE.

The Rev. H. Law James said the question raised by Mr. Davies had been settled by an authority they could not get away from, and that was the Exercise as a whole during the last 200 years. He had had the opportunity of reading in Sir Arthur Heywood's collection of books everything that had been written on the subject, and previous to Troyte (who disclaimed any idea of being scientific and simply published his book to teach beginners) no one had used plain lead, bob lead and single lead in the way in which Mr. Davies meant it. These terms were quite modern and, as Mr. Davies said, were the colloquial language of the belfry. That, however, was of no use for scientific purposes. In Banister's book was published a list of the peals rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths down to 1875. There were several hundred peals, and there were among them just six peals which broke the rule with regard to lead ends. They rang two peals of Union Triples in 200 years. The same was true of the Union Scholars. They rang one peal of Union Triples; all the rest kept the rule of Bob Major lead ends and if they examined the peal books of other societies they would find about the same average. The thing had been settled, to his mind, by the Exercise before any of those present were born.

There being no proposal before the meeting, the Council passed on to the next business, the President remarking, amid laughter, that any discussion upon the subject raised by Mr. Davies was obviously a matter of days and weeks and months.

PEALS ANALYSIS.

The report of the Peals Analysis Committee, already published, was moved by Mr. A. T. King, who also proposed that the Rev. A. T. Beeston be added to the committee.

The Rev. H. Law James asked that the analysis should be completed before it was deposited in the archives. With regard to the points, they were absolute rubbish. The committee were instructed last year not to publish them. He would suggest that they be crossed out. Secondly, there was one peal rung by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and one by somebody else which had not been included. The committee, in their report, made some strictures upon these peals; but it was not the fault of the conductor, as the peals were sent up for publication, but by some means failed to appear. He thought the

committee might have taken the trouble to put them in. Lastly, the committee had noticed two peals rung in new methods, but they had allocated no points to them.

The Hon. Secretary said there was only one instruction given to the committee last year, and that was that the associations should be entered in alphabetical order.

Mr. King said the committee waited until the close of February before they completed the analysis, and surely two months was quite enough to enable any association to get its peals printed. As regards his grievance, the Editor had confessed that these peals were mislaid. Were the committee to be blamed for that? He thought Mr. James should apologise.

The Rev. H. Law James said he only asked the committee to put the analysis right before it was laid by in the archives of the Council.

Mr. King warmly remarked that those who had not had the trouble did not appreciate the work the committee had to do. Let them scrap the whole thing if it was of no interest, but surely two months was quite sufficient time to give for the publication of peals.

The Rev. H. Law James said if it was put by as it was the analysis for 1919 would be worthless. He did not see why the committee should not take the trouble to complete it if it was to be of value for the future.

Mr. G. Williams (a member of the committee) supported what Mr. King had said. The committee had a tremendous lot of work to do, and he was surprised Mr. James had attacked it in the way he had.

The Rev. H. Law James said he was not attacking anybody, he only asked, for the sake of the future, that the analysis should be complete. He was not blaming anybody.

The President said he thought he saw a way out of the difficulty. He would ask their patient long-suffering, ever-ready, ever-genial librarian (applause) when he got this analysis to put into the newly-established library to make the corrections that Mr. James desired (applause).

The Rev. A. T. Beeston was added to the committee, and the report was adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

This committee's report by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was unavoidably absent, was read by Mr. E. A. Young as follows: At the meeting of the Central Council in 1919 this committee made a request that representatives would report to them any cases where harmful action was being taken by the societies or individuals to prevent bells being hung in the best modern manner. No such reports have been received by the committee during the year. As the result of work already done by the committee and the publication of 'Bell towers and bell hanging,' the members have been consulted individually with regard to the hanging of peals of bells (Major Hesse, Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. E. H. Lewis, each on four occasions). Advice has been given in these cases, but the committee do not consider it advisable to publish the details. The pressure of other work has been so great on members of the committee that they have not been able to initiate any further research work, but they hope to be able to give advice or assistance in any specific case which may be brought to their notice.

The report was adopted.

Canon Elsee reported for the Bells of Belgium Committee. He said their difficulty was that they had no reliable information as to the actual state of the towers and bells in Belgium. Mr. Lewis had hoped to get some definite information so as to put a proposal before the Council, but he had not yet been able to do so. He was hoping to go to Belgium in the near future and to get first-hand information on the spot.

The report was accepted.

(To be continued.)

UNIQUE PERFORMANCE RECORDED.

On Saturday, May 29th, a good number of ringers assembled in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Corston, near Bath, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board, erected to record a peal rung last year, and in which, for the first time, father, mother and son took part.

The Rector (the Rev. C. C. Parker), Master of the Bath and Wells Association, unveiled the tablet, and said how pleased he was to have it in his tower. He hoped it would be an incentive to his own ringers to persevere and be able to accomplish a similar performance. He thanked the donors of the board (Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins), and congratulated them on the unique record they had achieved.

Mr. Wilkins, in acknowledging the thanks and congratulations, said how pleased they always were in meeting the Rev. C. C. Parker, who, as Master of the Bath and Wells Association for many years, had done a lot of work on behalf of ringers and ringing.

The following is the inscription: 'Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—On Wednesday, July 9th 1919, in 2 hrs. and 50 mins., a peal of Stedman Triples (5040 changes): Sir A. P. Heywood's No. 1, Tenor, 9½ cwt: William A. Cave (treble), Arthur E. Wilkins 2, Mrs. Raymond H. Wilkins 3, Raymond J. Wilkins 4, Jesse B. Tyler 5, Gilbert H. Harding 6, Thomas F. King 7, Samuel J. Hector tenor; conducted by William A. Cave. This is the first peal in which father, mother and son have rung.—Rev. C. C. Parker, Rector.'

After the ceremony a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, and will be found recorded in its proper place.

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1920.

LADIES' GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT CHIDDINGFOLD.**

A meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, June 5th, when a very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent by over thirty ringers from Aldershot, Dorking, Bagshot, Cranleigh, Shalford, Guildford, Puttenham, Witley and Godalming. Owing to the station and village being nearly three miles apart, it was practically a cyclists' meeting. Many visiting Chiddingfold for the first time were charmed with the pretty village, the church and the easy-going little ring of eight bells, which were rung for the first time in rounds by ladies. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, in all of which methods ladies took part.

The Guild service was held at 4.30, the singing being led by the local lady ringers, who are also members of the church choir. One looks forward with confidence to the time when the performance of these young ladies in the belfry will equal their work in the choir.—The Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Lefroy) gave the address, and, with the organist sat down with the company to a substantial tea, provided in the Parish Hall.

After tea, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. Melville, Steere, Hazelden, and Mrs. Hazelden.—Miss Fisher (Dorking), in a happy little speech, thanked the Vicar and local ringers for the very hearty welcome and most enjoyable time they had given the visitors, and especially for the almost inspired words the Vicar had spoken to them in church.

At the short business meeting two ladies from Aldershot were elected members.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Chertsey, as the hon. secretary had ascertained that a meeting there would be much appreciated by the Chertsey members.

After further ringing, the bells were reluctantly lowered at 8 p.m., and the cycle ride homewards, through the beautiful pinewood scenery, was certainly a perfect end of a perfect day.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting was held at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, June 12th. Members were present from Bristol, Fortishead, Clapton-in-Gordano, Bridgwater, and Midsomer Norton, and were assisted by several local ringers. The bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were thoroughly appreciated. A short service was conducted by the Rector, who kindly gave a very interesting and helpful address, and was present at the tea which took place immediately after the service at Messrs. Brown's Cafe High Street. A short business meeting followed, at which Miss Gillingham presided and at which a vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Gillingham, and seconded by Mrs. Wilkins, to the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Norton Thompson) for his kindness in lending the bells, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Stubbins, for the trouble he had taken to have everything in readiness, was passed.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Bath in September, and if possible, to have an evening meeting for practice at Portbury early in July.

ENCOURAGING SIX-BELL RINGERS.**To the Editor.**

Sir.—Mr. Morris, in his letter to six bell towers, makes mention that the 8 and 10 bell ringers of Leicester were very glad of his help in scoring their 8 and 10 bell peals, while they openly scoffed at his peals on six. Let me inform Mr. Morris that for every peal he rang on 8 or 10 bells with our society, a first-class ringer of our band stood out to give him the opportunity. Let him also remember that our society got for him his first peals of Stedman Triples and Caters. Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich, Superlative and Treble Ten.

As regards ringers of 6 bells being shunned by the 8 and 10 bell ringers of Leicester, I ask the question, is there a ringer in existence who can truthfully say that they were never given a chance, or one who never received anything but assistance or encouragement to get on from our society? Often have we met for a special practice, a stranger turning up, who only rings 'so and so,' promptly our own aspirations have been turned down to give him a chance to ring his first touch of something or other.

As regards what Mr. Morris has done for the 6-bell ringers of Leicester, I say he has done it for the sake of self-glorification alone. It would be better if Mr. Morris realised that our society made him, not he, us. Mr. Morris says that he received the help or 'support' of one solitary friend, it was 'support' mainly in this case, I expect but we had his 'help.' We should be grateful, but I am afraid that we are not. I have written the above to correct a probably wrong impression abroad, that the 8 and 10 bell societies of Leicester owe their successes to Mr. Ernest Morris.—Yours faithfully,

FRED H. DEXTER,

St. Martin's Society, Leicester.

P.S.—On looking up our records I find that 40 ringers rang their first peal, and over 140 rang their first peal in a new method, from Triples to Royal, with this society. Mr. Morris figures largely in this.

NOTICES.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS (Established 1623).—The 297th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, June 26th (Great Ringing Day). Bells available all day. Service in the church at 12 noon. A meat tea will be arranged for at nominal cost at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 2 till 9. Tea at the Sussex Oak Inn at 5 o'clock. All ringers intending being present kindly notify me not later than June 22nd.—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 26th, to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of peace, at the express invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. K. Lockyear), who also kindly invites all members as his guests to tea. Bells will be available from 2 o'clock. A special Service will be held in the Church at 4 o'clock.—C. Tribe British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Erdington on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock, service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea at the Church House and the business meeting. All ringers welcome.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual District Meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available for ringing during the afternoon. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting after.—Rev. C. W. B. Cobbe, Hon. District Sec., Elmstead Vicarage, Ashford, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Annual meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 26th. Cathedral bells from 2.30 to 3.45 and 5.30 to 7. St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at 4.50 at Lloyd's (late Seagrave's) Restaurant, 1s. each to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 9d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Kettering on June 26th. Bells open from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—Robert F. Turner, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering, Hon. District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 26th, at All Saints', Edmonton. Bells available from 4 till 8 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. and onward. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Messrs. Curtis's Rooms, London Road, by kind invitation. Half railway fare (maximum 2/-).—A. D. Stone, Div. Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, June 26th.—Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting following.—G. Stacey, Local Hon. Sec., Minehead.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tong, on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester The Summer quarterly meeting will be held at Whetstone (Kibworth not available) on Saturday, June 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30.—H. E. Norman, Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, June 26th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A District meeting will be held at Bungay, Saturday, June 26th. Bells from 2.30.—R. J. Goate, District Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—A meeting will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 29th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Summer quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 3rd. Tea to those who notify me by June 30th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Christ Church Schools, Willesden Lane, N.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing at All Saints', Stanford, and the Bell Foundry. Tea will be provided for all members who send in their names on or before the 29th June to Mr. W. Pervin, 25, Ratcliffe Road, Loughborough. Committee meeting 4.30, tea 5, and general meeting after tea, in Fearon Hall, near All Saints' Church.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Secretary, Strathallan, Darley Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Newhey. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Whitchurch on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 followed by business meeting. 6d. allowed for tea to all members informing me not later than June 29th.—C. D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James's Society).—Estab. 1824.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Summer Festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 3rd. The fine peal of eight bells available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15; tea 5 o'clock.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The July meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, the 3rd. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. G. M. Thorpe, Church Street, Dore, not later than Tuesday, June 29th, at a charge of 1/6 per head.—Sam Thomas, 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 3rd. Tea 5.30; please notify me on or before June 26th of your intention to be present.—E. Steele, 12, Wedgewood Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Stoke-on-Trent, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Estab. 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Perry Barr on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Guild's Service in Church at 5. Tea (followed by business meeting) will be kindly provided by the Vicar in the Church Room, for all those who advise the undersigned, not later than June 29th, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Peterborough on Saturday, July 3rd. St. Mary's bells open afternoon and evening, and Woodston from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Meat tea at the Co-operative Society, Park Road, at 5 p.m., 2/4 each. All ringers are welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 29th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Eight bells. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Northaw on Wednesday, July 7th. Bells available from 7 to 9.30. Nearest stations Cuffley and Potters Bar, G.N.Rly. Trains from Kings Cross 5.59, 6.19, 6.42 and 6.57. from Broad Street at 5.50, 6.3 and 6.27. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will all those intending to be present advise me as soon as possible, or at latest by July 5th, in order that satisfactory arrangements for tea can be made?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, July 10th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells of the Priory Church (8) will be available all day; these bells are by Taylor, Loughborough (tenor 26½ cwt.). Service in Church at 4.30, with an address by the Rev. Canon Topham. Meat tea at 5, 2/6 per head. Business meeting to follow in the Parish Church Institute. All members requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Cowling, 62, St. John Street, Bridlington, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 5, Volta Street, Selby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 10th. Particulars next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on July

10th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 9 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, Lancs.

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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Finchingfield, July 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Address by A. W. Ruggles-Brise, Esq. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present should notify me not later than Wednesday, June 30th. — B. Redgwell, Hon. District Secretary, The Street, Rayne, Braintree.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CITY CHURCHES.

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A TRIPLE CELEBRATION.

The peal at Feering, Essex, on June 5th, was rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George V., also as a birthday compliment to Frank Claydon (one of the band) and in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Fisher (also a member of the local company), and Miss M. Reddick, which took place the previous Wednesday at All Saints' Church. The bells were fired at the conclusion of the peal, and the ringers were congratulated by the Vicar on the excellent striking throughout the peal. The band were afterwards entertained to an excellent repast by Mr. and Mrs. R. Fisher, to whom, as well as to the Vicar for the use of the bells, they tender their best thanks.

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