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BELLS,

CLOCKS,

CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church,
Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of
Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes)
was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by
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In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were
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The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record
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James George,
April 18th, 1911.

AN INJUSTICE TO RINGERS.

In looking back upon the Central Council meeting at Leicester and calmly surveying the business transacted, one cannot help thinking how little was really done. Nearly every matter upon the agenda was either referred back to committee, postponed or shelved, and the Council finished up by permitting a step to be taken which they will probably recognise, now that they have had time to consider it, is sadly against their own interests. In the space of this short article there is not room to review all that transpired at Leicester, and for that reason we shall have to return to the subject more than once.

We feel, however, that our first duty must be to draw attention to the matter which affects thousands of ringers who are readers of this journal. The Council were asked to give equal official recognition to "The Ringing World" as to the paper which has hitherto been devoted to the interests of the Exercise. As we mentioned, when the resolution was first published in the Council's agenda, the motion was not viewed by us in a personal light, but in the interests of that very large section of ringers who have shown their appreciation of our efforts by according us support. The Council are a body elected by the ringers themselves, and the ringers are entitled to the fullest information as to the Council's doings. Indeed, as is pointed out by a correspondent on another page, unless the Council can bring its discussions and its resolutions to the notice of ringers, its whole being is useless and a mere farce.

Let us say at once that we do not for a moment believe that the result of the discussion reflects the true opinion of the Council as a body. Just a very few gentlemen are obviously indignant that a new paper should dare to show its face in ringing journalism, and at the Central Council meeting they could not refrain from showing their hands. A modification of the original motion had been put forward and would have been carried by an overwhelming majority, but the president, holding, as it were, a pistol at the heads of the members said, in effect, "Choose between me and the resolution," and in a moment of vacillation, and failing to grasp immediately what the result would be, they permitted "the previous question" to be put and carried by, mark you, a majority of about twelve to six in a meeting of 60 members. Some 40 of those present, therefore, did not vote at all, and it is certainly no reflection upon their intelligence to say that, at the moment, many of them did not exactly appreciate what was happening. The adroit move of those in opposition to the proposed recognition was made to avoid a direct vote on the subject, and to the attitude which they took up we shall return again

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910.
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
Bell and Brassfounders,
Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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subsequently. What we want now to impress upon our readers is this, that they have been denied by the Central Council the right to know the decisions and resolutions passed by the body which they elect and which their funds support. We quite admit that it was only a small minority which managed to do this, and that, by the courtesy of the hon. secretary, our readers may still have the advantage of the reports, etc., but at the same time, officially, they are suffering an injustice which, at the proper time, they will doubtless instruct their Central Council representatives to remedy.

There are other phases of the question which we intend to deal with, and there is only space now to refer briefly to the question of the analysis. To some members of the Council, the analysis, interesting as it is and incentive that it must be to many bands and associations, seems almost the be-all and end-all of the Council, and yet these very members, by their attitude at Leicester, wrecked the value of the whole thing by declining to admit peals which may happen to be published only in "The Ringing World." Already there are a great many that have not appeared elsewhere, and, if they exclude them, the Analysis Committee may as well save themselves the whole of the labour of getting out the analysis, for all the good it will be.

"With all their many and weighty qualifications, many of the men who direct and lead the Council, do not and cannot know the feelings and sentiments of the average ringers. . . . There is a large body of good ringers, a minority perhaps, but a powerful minority, who will deeply resent the action of the Council. You stand a risk of throwing them into the ranks of those who care nothing for the Council, and who despise its decrees. And if you are not careful you will find yourselves committed to a faction, and the Council, instead of being the greatest force of union, will be a force of disunion and disintegration." These are not our words, but the words of one whose views carry weight with ringers throughout the country—Mr. J. Armiger Trollope. Mr. Trollope moved the resolution to give "The Ringing World" official recognition, and he did it in a most temperate and well reasoned speech. We commend to the notice of our readers both Mr. Trollope's letter, from which the above is taken, and the report of the discussion on the motion. Although the president frequently harped upon the string that owing to the labour that would be involved, it was impossible to supply the official report of the proceedings to "The Ringing World," our readers will be furnished with an accurate account of what took place at Leicester, for in this matter we are not dependent upon the Central Council. We were able to send our own competent representative to report the meeting.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY ... ..	...Treble	*CHARLES PERRY	6
CHARLES DOWNING	2	SAMUEL PHILLIPS	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	8
FRED W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
HENRY HOWELL	5	URIAH BRAVEN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal in any method. The peal was rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who was leaving England on the 9th June for Australia. See note elsewhere.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS GORE ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
GEORGE HOLLIS	2	JOHN HOLMAN	7
JOHN FLINT	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	8
THOMAS BETTISON	4	SAM THOMAS	9
WILLIAM LAMBERT	5	JOHN B. TARLTON	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This was the first peal of Caters in the method by the above Societies, by all the band, and on the bells. Rung with 7ths place bobs.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

The four following peals were rung on a week-end tour of Leicester and district:—

ANSTEY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS BOTTRILL ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr.	3	WILLIAM WILLSON	7
WM. H. INGLESANT	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 4, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT MASON ... ..	...Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM WILLSON	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	EDWARD READER	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S ABBREVIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON ... ..	...Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES HOUGHTON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Cambridge rung in the county of Leicester and quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday tribute to Mr. Prewett, senr., father of the conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 2	ERNEST PYE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	JAMES HARRIS ... 7
JAMES HOUGHTON ... 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

First attempt for a peal of Stedman by the ringers of treble and 7th.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... Treble	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 5
HARRY PRICE ... 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
REV. E. V. COX ... 4	JOSEPH FAULKNER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled by the wish of the Rector, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Chapman of this parish.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOHN OLDHAM ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 5
JAMES ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	*JAMES HUTCHBY ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	*ERNEST W. ABBOTT ... 7
DANIEL RICHARDS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 5
ALBERT STAFF ... 2	JOHN J. CREASY ... 6
ERNEST E. LANGHAM ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM T. LAST ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE WELLER ... Treble	EDWARD EDE ... 5
HARRY EVANS ... 2	CHARLES BLACKMAN ... 6
EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... 7
JOHN NETLEY ... 4	*GEORGE SWAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 5, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	JOHN H. BENSTEAD ... 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	EDWARD I. STONE ... 6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

The above peal, together with that at Ashby-de-la-Zouch published last week, was arranged for Miss Parker and friends. The band heartily congratulated Miss Parker on her successful performance. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th desire to express their indebtedness to the ringers at St. Modwen's and St. Paul's for the splendid arrangements made for their visit to Burton.

RAUNDS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1911, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN ... Treble	HORACE COPPERWHEAT ... 5
FRANK KIRK ... 2	JOHN B. MARTIN ... 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 3	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 7
WALTER GILBERT ... 4	WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Messrs. J. & A. Martin hail from Higham Ferrers, Chapman from Rushden, Perkins from Irthlingboro.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 6, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

*BERTRAM MILLER ... Treble	SAMUEL HILL ... 5
CHAS. BOWER ... 2	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 6
JAMES WOOD ... 3	JOSEPH MELLOR ... 7
BENJAMIN THORP ... 4	HERBERT STANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

* First peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN HAYNES ... Treble	JOHN GLEN ... 5
WILLIAM POYSER ... 2	LEWIS LOMAS ... 6
JOSEPH DAVIES ... 3	ROBERT G. BASSON ... 7
GEORGE TOMLINSON ... 4	†FREDERICK FOSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH DAVIES.

* First peal away from Tenor. † First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. E. Moul (sidesman of St. Peter's) and Miss C. A. Moore.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Wednesday, June 7, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' No. 1 VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	GEORGE CLAYBROOK... .. 5
BERNARD V. SMITH... .. 2	WILLIAM LAWLEY 6
DANIEL JONES 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
ANDREW JONES 4	ARTHUR EVERSON Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Edward Lisle, the donor of the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	ERNEST GOWER... .. 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
ROBERT J. DAWE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This composition contains the 6th her full extent at home.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	*WILLIAM PEARSON, Junr. 5
WILLIAM P. BROOK 2	WILLIAM PEARSON, Senr. 6
FREDERICK MOODY 3	THOMAS M. BARKER 7
HARRY WALTERS 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM ANDREWS, Junr. Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
HENRY NORMAN 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS... 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 7
EDWIN CHAPMAN 4	ROBERT CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. V. COX.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY DICKENS Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
CHARLES DICKENS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
*FRANK WITHERS 3	JAMES DOWLER 7
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	JOHN WITHERS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method in the county of Warwickshire.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmunds,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ALFRED T. BAKER Treble	HENRY FLETCHER 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	†HENRY HARRISON 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	BART MITCHELL 7
JOSEPH DAVIES 4	†JAMES F. GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡ First peal.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

*THOMAS TURNER Treble	E. HOBART SMITH 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2	WILLIAM FLORY 6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	JAMES CROWE... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

HENSTRIDGE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 3, 1911, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

FRED BRINE Treble	HENRY MILBORNE 4
GEORGE CREED 2	ERNEST CREED... .. 5
T. G. VINCENT 3	GEORGE GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CREED.

All the above ringers belong to Castle Cary.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 9, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON ... Treble	C. WILLIAM SMITH 4
REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 2	GEORGE LADD 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the Rev. J. M. Coates, a vice-president of this branch.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.
CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1911, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

JOHN GUESS Treble	GEORGE LINES 4
ALFRED MARTIN 2	RICHARD DUNKLEY 5
FRED WILFORD 3	CHARLES CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CLARKE.

HARBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 960 each of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, and Plain Bob and 1200 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT W. MOULDS ... Treble	JAMES JACKSON 3
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2	THOMAS DICKMAN 4
WALTER WHITE Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung on the 12th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. James Jackson, and of a peal rung on the same bells June 12th, 1899, in which Messrs. W. E. and W. White and T. Dickman took part, to celebrate the wedding.

HANDBELL PEAL.

DERBY.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 12, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. VICKERS, 81, NOTTINGHAM ROAD,
DERBY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAYWELL VICKERS 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6
ARTHUR BRAINES 3-4	JOHN VICKERS, JUNR. ... 7-8

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Umpires, JOHN VICKERS, SENR., and BART MITCHELL.

The ringers of 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, are aged 17, 16, and 15 respectively.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, June 24th, at St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale, commencing at 7 a.m., eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will attempt to ring Mr. E. Timbrell's 17,120 of Kent Treble Bob Major.

APPLEDORE, NORTH DEVON.

The charming little fishing village of Appledore, situated on the north coast of Devon, between Westward Ho and Bideford, has at once a stirring and romantic past. It was this place that was the home of those hardy "Men of Devon" who sailed with Sir Francis Drake in search of adventure upon the Spanish Main. Appledore is now to possess a ring of eight bells, the gift of one who has spent many happy days in this delightful spot. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London, bell founders to H.M. King George V.

The same firm has also in hand the new ring of six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) for the Harrison Memorial Church, Wal-lasey, near Liverpool, a set of clock bells (hour bell 2½ tons) for Cawnpore, India, and the ring of six bells for Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, besides a large amount of rehang-ing work, etc. It is curious to note that the bells at Appledore in Kent were cast in the same foundry.

IPSWICH RINGERS AT YARMOUTH.

On Whit-Monday twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, availed themselves of the opportunity of travelling by G.E.R. excursion to Great Yarmouth, to attempt, by kind permission of Canon Willink, the Vicar, a peal of Stedman Cinques upon the ring of twelve bells, which the beautiful Church of St. Nicholas' contains. The obliging steeple-keeper, Mr. Denison Hayward, had all the bells in readiness for the attempt for the peal, and the ringers, upon their arrival at the belfry, had a most cordial reception by the Vicar, who wished them success. After ringing 2904 changes, however, the peal was abandoned, and the ringers then adjourned to the meeting-house, where they were kindly supplied with refreshments by the church-warden, Mr. Bunn. A most enjoyable day was spent.

MEETING AT TONG.

There was a numerous attendance of members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, at the beautiful little village of Tong recently. No peal was attempted in connection with the event—a rather extraordinary omission for Tong, but the hot weather, no doubt, had something to do with it.

The business meeting took place at the Greyhound Inn, the President being in the chair. Arrangements were made for the Shipley meeting on June 24th, and the question of a peal attempt was left in the hands of the hon. secretary.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their excellent arrangements, was carried upon the motion of Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. Baxendale.—Mr. G. Bolland, genial as ever, responded, and offered a welcome to the society at all times.—The President announced, with regret, that, owing to ill-health, the hon. secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, was compelled to resign office at once. He paid a tribute to the zealous way in which Mr. Mitchell had carried out his duties, and the interest he took in the society, and expressed the hope that he would soon recover.

After the meeting, the evening was spent in social intercourse. The new secretary is Mr. F. Cundale, of 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY AT NORTON.

The usual monthly meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield, was held at Norton on Whit-Monday. Only a fair attendance of ringers was present, doubtless owing to the extreme heat, 80 degrees being registered in the shade. The journey is somewhat trying to most people under ordinary conditions, but when one has to labour uphill under a broiling sun, perhaps there was an excuse for some of the absentees. However, those that did brave "Old Sol" in all his glory, were rewarded with a cool tower and very pleasant ringing conditions. The bells were kept going in various methods until the evening, when an adjournment was made to the Mount Pleasant Inn, where refreshments were partaken of on the open lawn, in the midst of a beautiful garden, with cooling zephyrs playing around, which, together with a glorious sunset made one rejoice to be free for a time from the cares of the world. A short business meeting was quickly disposed of under the chairmanship of Mr. G. O. Dixon. Two new members were elected. The remainder of the evening was devoted to open-air handbell ringing, much to the delight of the ringers and the visitors.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND "THE RINGING WORLD."

President's Strange Attitude.

MOTION FOR RECOGNITION SHELVED.

Notice had been given by Mr. J. Parker, of the Royal Cumberland Youths, to move at the Central Council Meeting at Leicester on Whit-Tuesday: "That the Central Council give to 'The Ringing World' recognition equal to that accorded to the 'Bell News' for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in 'The Ringing World' shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis." Mr. Parker was unable to attend the meeting, as was also Mr. F. Bennett, to whom the charge of the motion had been handed over, and the moving of the resolution was, therefore, undertaken by Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Mr. Trollope, in proposing the motion, said he wanted to say first that the resolution was not directed against the "Bell News." He had no public opinion at all on the subject as between the two papers. He strongly felt that the Council, as a Council, should hold the scales evenly as between the two rival papers. It was interesting to look back upon the extraordinary increase and improvement in ringing, not only in peal ringing, but also in organisation and everything which they called belfry reform. He supposed the Associations were responsible in the first place, and that Council, too, as the head of the Associations, but unless they had got a paper, the Associations were crippled, and the Council was, practically speaking, "done." It was no good passing resolutions until they could get into touch with the ringers, therefore a good paper was a necessity. Mr. King had had something to say about the Analysis Committee. He (Mr. Trollope) had nothing to say on that subject, but they should remember that the Council existed by the support and for the benefit of every ringer. They did not meet once a year in order that they should have a pleasant holiday, although, he supposed, no one underrated their opportunity in that respect, but they met for the sake and for the good of ringers generally. Now, if they were to do that they must get into contact with and bring their decisions to every ringer, for every ringer had a right to the resolutions of the Council. If the Council confined themselves to one paper they were practically saying that a man must take one paper, or, if he preferred to take the other, then, although he paid his share toward the Council, he was not to get the advantage. It was simply because they as a Council ought to take every step possible to bring all their rules and decisions for the good of ringers to the ringers as much as they could, that he moved the resolution.

Mr. R. J. Dawe seconded the motion, and endorsed what Mr. Trollope had said. The various Associations and Guilds throughout the country, he added, had recognised "The Ringing World," and he thought the Council ought to do so.

Mr. G. P. Burton asked what was meant by the expression "official recognition." Was it proposed that they should have two official gazettes, and was the "Bell News" official?

The President (Sir A. P. Heywood) said the "Bell News" had been the only means they had had hitherto of making their reports and decisions known.

THE QUESTION OF THE ANALYSIS.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter moved the omission of all the words in the resolution after "communication," because of the additional labour which would be cast upon the Peals Analysis Committee. During the time the two papers had been in circulation together there had been 41 peals published in one not published in the other, and 30 published in the other and not published in the one. That sort of thing would give an immense amount of work to the Analysis Committee, and if the Council required them to analyse the reports in both papers, they would have seriously to consider their position. He thought the least that conductors could do was to send the account of the same peal to the two papers, and it ought to be left to the same person to do it. Even now, how were the committee to get to work with 41 peals in one paper and not in the other, and 30 in the other and not in the one?

Mr. J. Griffin, who seconded the amendment, said he would very seriously have to consider his position on the Analysis Committee, if the Council passed the original motion. If they left it until next year they might find a committee willing to undertake the work of analysis in both papers.

Replying to a question as to whether the report of the meeting would be supplied to "The Ringing World," the President replied that that would be out of the question. It would mean an immense amount of labour to correct the proofs and copy it out a second time, and it could not really be done.

Mr. Burton said that any rule that conductors should send to one paper or the other could not be enforced. Conductors were most uncertain people.

Mr. A. T. King said there was more in the resolution than met the eye, and unless they could all work together and work for the common good, they would get into a dreadful muddle. If they got

one person saying, "I prefer this paper," and another one, "I am determined to have that," it would make an end to the analysis and everything else. He did not like the words "official reports and communications," and he thought if people thought their peals worth recording they might take the trouble to send them to each paper. If they got people making a stand for this or that paper it went at the foundation of everything, and there would be no analysis. Let them do their best to support both papers and give them all the information they could, and write articles for both and not play up one against the other, otherwise they would be much worse off than they had ever been.

AN INSINUATION DENIED.

Mr. Trollope said that having been a member of the Analysis Committee for a year or two, he was not likely to underrate the difficulties they had to contend with, but if they were going to have an analysis, which was an analysis of only half the peals, what was the use of it? They might as well have no analysis at all. As to the suggestion that there was something behind the resolution, so far as he personally was concerned, there was nothing behind it more than was on the face of it.

Mr. J. Griffin: Well, we know there is.

Mr. Trollope: When I take a resolution over and move it, I do not think you ought to read anything else into it.

Mr. G. Watson said in the part of the country he came from the new paper had made extremely good headway. There were five or six "Ringing Worlds" sold to one "Bell News." He did not think they ought to read into the resolution anything that was not there, and as far as they, as a Central Council, were concerned, they ought to give the same recognition to both.

A member said in Macclesfield there were ten who were taking "The Ringing World," and only three who took the old paper, but the seven did not see the analysis, because it was only published in one paper.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said it was not merely the representatives who had to be considered. Ringing members outside had the right to be considered, and those who wanted to see their own names in touches and peals would get the best paper. He held no brief for either, but the majority of men would take the most popular paper.

The amendment on being put, was carried, and the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, who did not like the term "official recognition," moved, "that the Central Council send their official reports and communications for publication both to 'The Ringing World' and to 'Bell News.'" —Mr. Bolland seconded.

THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE.

In the course of a somewhat heated speech, the President said he agreed that they could not say that ringers should not take in this or that paper, but he was quite sure one of the two would go bankrupt within twelve months, and until one of them went bankrupt the analysis would have to fall through, for it made it impossible that, without superhuman labour, their analysis, which was so interesting, should be carried on. "The very moment," continued the President, "that I saw certain peals published in the new paper and not in 'Bell News' I knew the analysis would be wrecked. The fact of the matter is I wish that paper had never been started. I tell you frankly I don't care one atom whether the official communications are sent or not, and whether the report of this meeting goes in or not. I am not going to do that work twice over. I have done it for 21 years, and it takes a tremendous amount of time."

Mr. T. J. Salter: I don't think we ought to have an Analysis Committee.

The President: You won't have.

Mr. Salter: I think the people responsible for the paper should see to that. I have thought so for years.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn asked if the members of the Analysis Committee liked to have peals sent to them direct. He asked that question because there had been two peals which he knew of, and which had been sent to "Bell News," but had not appeared.

Mr. Griffin said the committee could not consider them unless they had been published.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee asked whether it would not be possible to send a copy of the final minutes of the Council and the notices to both papers, if both were existing when the next Council met.

The Hon. Secretary said when he received notice of the resolution, he wrote and told the proposer that, so far as he (Mr. Davies) was concerned, it was not necessary because "The Ringing World" already was being treated exactly in the same way as "Bell News." He sent every notice to "The Ringing World," except the analysis, which related to peals published before the paper came into existence.

The President said he did not see why they should give equal facilities to a new paper as to one who had been there so long.

Mr. Trollope said unless they gave them equal treatment they were setting themselves against that class of men who preferred the new paper to the old. He did not see why they should confine themselves to the "Bell News." It was not a question of rivalry between the two papers, it was a question of how the Council could best get into touch with ringers. How could they say that the Council was fulfilling its function of bringing ringers under one body if they were going to penalise the man who took "The Ringing World?" They would be doing a lot of harm.

The amendment on being put was carried, and the President declared: I tell you frankly, if you wish to carry it out I refuse to do it.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said he would move "the previous question."

The President: I am glad to hear it.

Mr. Pritchett said he moved it partly in obedience to the view the President had expressed as to the difficulty of carrying the motion into effect, and partly that he thought the amendment just carried merely meant that of the two the Council would prefer the amendment to the original. It did not follow that the Council disapproved of both, but he moved "the previous question" to get rid of the difficulty.

The President said he did not want to be misunderstood. He was a very busy man, and was anxious to carry on the work of the Council. If they carried the resolution and forced upon him such an amount of labour, which took days and days to do, he should have to give it up.

"The previous question" was then put, and carried by about 12 votes to six, the rest of the members present not voting.—The matter was, therefore, shelved.

MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S WARNING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was very much surprised and very much disappointed, but more, I think, surprised than disappointed at the Central Council's debate on No. 8 of its agenda. The proposal was that the Council should treat the "Bell News" and "The Ringing World" on terms of equality, and I thought that a reasonable request, temperately preferred, would have met with a reasonable and temperate discussion, and a reasonable and temperate acceptance or rejection. I certainly did not anticipate so much heat as was shown, or such a lame and impotent ending. I came into the matter only at the last moment, and as third hand. Mr. James Parker should have moved the resolution, but he could not attend the meeting, and asked Mr. Frank Bennett to move for him. Mr. Bennett was peal ringing with myself and others at Loughborough during the week end, but he, too, was called back to business on the Monday night, to my regret, and in his turn handed the matter over to me. It was simply that we are all three Cumberlands and so bound to assist each other that the task fell first to Mr. Bennett and then to myself. I approached the matter with a perfectly open mind, and neither prejudice nor interest had anything to do with making my opinions. In my opening speech I said, and I say now, that hostility to the "Bell News" had nothing to do with the question. If it had I should not have acted. Why should I? I have had too long a connection with that paper as an occasional contributor to turn against it now. As long as I have any interest in ringing I shall continue to take it in, and as long as they are willing to print my articles I shall write for them. But people refused to believe this. They would persist in taking the matter as one of "Bell News" against "The Ringing World," and even the president, after my repeated disclaimer, used such an expression as this:—"If you want us to send our reports to 'The Ringing World' instead of the 'Bell News,'" a suggestion that no one dreamt of making, and which would perpetuate in another form the injustice we were seeking to remove, and wrong the readers of the "Bell News" in the same way in which we think the readers of "The Ringing World" are at present wronged. Others, in spite of my denial, said that "there is more in this than meets the eye," and "We know what's behind all this." So far as I was concerned there was nothing, and, having taken over and moved the resolution, I alone was responsible, and there was nothing. But if the original authors had other aims in view than I had what then? What did this something beyond what met the eye amount to? To one or both of two things. Either that a man who had started a new paper, as he most decidedly had a perfect right to do, was trying by honourable and legitimate means to extend his circulation; or that a number of ringers thought they were not getting what they wanted in one quarter, and were

determined to try and get it in another. Suppose these were frankly put as reasons for the resolution, can anyone say that they would have been unworthy or dishonourable reasons, and that the Council ought not to listen to them?

But I had other things in my mind, and neither private interest nor private pique entered into my calculations. I was thinking of the general good of the Exercise and of the Council, for I feel strongly that it is not the duty nor the interest of the Council to take sides as between the two papers, but to hold the scales evenly and to let the rivals fight out their own battles.

The Council exists by the support and for the good of the whole body of ringers. Without the support, financial and moral, of the Exercise, it could not last a day, and unless it has means of getting in touch and keeping in touch with the individual ringer in town and country its acts and deliberations are so much beating the air. Unless it can bring its discussions and its resolutions to the notice of ringers its whole being is useless and a mere farce. Consequently one would have thought that anything which would increase and broaden the channels of communication between the Council and ringers would have been welcomed gladly. And, on the other hand, since every ringer supports the Council, he has a right to its decisions, the readers of "The Ringing World" equally with the readers of the "Bell News," and the readers of the "Bell News" equally with the readers of "The Ringing World."

I urged this view on the Council's notice, but not one of those who spoke against the resolution condescended to notice it. The burden of all their replies was the same: "If you pass this resolution you give us extra work and we will not do it." I have done quite enough committee work to know how much shere drudgery there is, and I quite sympathise with the resentment which a committee feels when their already heavy task is lightly and wantonly increased. But I cannot quite understand the position the Analysis Committee took up. They threatened to resign unless the Council let things go on as they were. But that is just what no body can do. Whether you like it or not, the advent of "The Ringing World" has altered the situation. I could have understood it if they had come to the Council and said that the altered circumstances had put a strain on them greater than they could bear. Then the Council could either have given them more assistance—and willing workers have never yet been lacking when they were needed—or the Council could have decided that the analysis was not worth the extra trouble, and dropped the whole thing.

But to go on as at present is to have an incomplete, and, therefore, a worthless analysis; to have all the labour as in past years and to have all the labour in vain. This was pointed out, and the opponents of my resolution acknowledged that to reject it meant the death of the analysis. The Council spent the greater part of its last session in discussing points for peals, and points depend on the analysis. In the last few minutes it killed the analysis, and so made practically the whole of the deliberations of one meeting into empty air. Could anything well be more futile? Could anything well be more ridiculous? The last meeting was the Council's twenty-first, and it went very near celebrating it by making a fool of itself.

With all their many and weighty qualifications, many of the men who direct and lead the Council do not and cannot know the feelings and sentiments of the average ringers. We, who are ourselves average ringers, and who mix with the rest in the tower, and in the meeting place on terms of social and professional equality, we do know, and I give

this warning: There is a large body of good ringers, a minority, perhaps, but a powerful minority, who will deeply resent the action of the Council. You stand a risk of throwing them into the ranks of those who care nothing for the Council, and who despise its decrees. And if you are not careful you will find yourselves committed to a faction, and the Council, instead of being the greatest force of union, will be a force of disunion and disintegration.—I remain, yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

"AN UNJUST DECISION."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space to express my astonishment at the decision come to by the Central Council against "The Ringing World." The report says that "After a lengthy discussion, in the course of which opposition was actively led by the president, the 'previous question' was carried by about twelve votes to six in the meeting of 60 representatives, and was, therefore, shelved." Now, sir, I do not wish to make use of personal remarks, but are we to be entirely led away by the views of the president as to whether we shall have another paper besides "Bell News," which shall be devoted entirely to bells and bellringing, or not? I believe I am right in saying that it is generally known what the president's views are upon the matter, and that he and several other influential gentlemen have refused on previous occasions to countenance any other paper. Again, what were the views of the other 42 Council members who did not vote? I should say that these gentlemen were in favour of the motion being carried. I fail to see of what use it is for the various associations to send representatives to these meetings if they are going to remain neutral upon vital subjects which are under discussion. Whatever these gentlemen's views were (those who did not vote and also those who voted against the motion being carried), it is a very unjust decision, and one that should not be countenanced by any broad-minded ringer.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES EDWARDS.

Ridgway Road, Farnham.

MOUNTSORREL'S PEAL OF EIGHT.

On January 30th, 1883, the new ring of bells in St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, was dedicated after being enlarged from three to six. In the opening touch, among veterans still with us, there stood Messrs. W. J. and E. D. Taylor and the Rev. W. C. Pearson (now Vicar of Henley, Suffolk).

The Rev. Thomas Drake, who was at the time Vicar of Mountsorrel, attempted to learn change ringing on handbells, and to instruct a band; and his eldest son (now Rector of Braisworth, Suffolk) made repeated attempts to carry on his father's work on handbells and in the tower. It was not, however, till some twenty years later that a local band was at length permanently established, some of the ringers having stuck to their work through the many disappointments of so long a period. At the beginning of this year it was decided to rehang the bells and tune them on modern principles. The proposal was so warmly supported by all the inhabitants that it has been possible to add two trebles; and the beautiful little ring of eight (tenor nine and a half cwt.) now hangs in the tiny Perpendicular tower of this ancient church.

On Empire Day the new ring was dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester, the new bells being rung first by Mrs.

Martin (who has always taken a great interest in the church). With the collections at the service over £200 out of £260 has been raised. The work, including the new bells and recasting all the old bells, and additions to the clock, has been executed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Of especial interest to ringers is the fact that the names of two of them are cast on the tenor: "In mem. ED. VII. R. and I. Peacemaker. Rev. W. J. Lewis, Vicar; R. W. L. Diggle, W. Simpson, Wardens; W. Smith, Secretary; T. Collins, G. Bowler." Mr. Collins is the instructor, who has been so successful in teaching the band; and Mr. Bowler is one of the original ringers in the tower. It is largely owing to the persistent efforts of these two gentlemen that another ring of eight has been added to the Midland counties.

WEDDING BELLS.

A wedding of more than ordinary interest took place at King's Norton Parish Church, Worcestershire, on June 1st, when Mr. William Beale Pritchett, youngest son of Mr. Alfred Pritchett, of Eagle House, King's Norton, was married to Miss Evelyn Mary Hasell, also of King's Norton. Various circumstances preventing an attempt for a peal, the following ringing took place during the day:—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, and short touches in various methods, rung by T. Russam, T. Miller, J. Betterton, W. Palmer, A. Walker, S. Grove, H. Withers, and F. Sumner. The ringers were afterwards lavishly entertained at Ye Olde Saracen's Head, said to be the oldest licensed house in England. The ringers desire, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to wish the bride and bridegroom much happiness, and to thank Mr. A. Pritchett for his generosity during the day.

AN UNVEILING CEREMONY AT SEALE.

A combined practice was held at the pretty village of Seale on Saturday, when about twenty ringers put in an appearance from Shalford, Blackmoor, Frensham, Farnham and Guildford. The nice little peal of six were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. During an interval in the ringing an interesting ceremony took place, a peal board, recording a peal of Minor rung by the Farnham men on January 21st of this year, being unveiled by Mrs. Kitchin, wife of Mr. J. M. Kitchin, churchwarden. Mrs. Kitchin congratulated the Farnham men on ringing the peal, and the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Wiseman) also paid his tribute to the ringers.—Mr. C. Edwards, the conductor of the peal, thanked Mrs. Kitchin for so kindly coming there to unveil the board, and he also thanked the churchwardens for presenting it. He also thanked the Rector and ringers of Seale for the welcome given to the visitors on the occasion of the peal.—The Rector and Mr. Kitchin having responded, by a special request of Mrs. Kitchin, five of the peal band present and Mr. Pulling rang a touch of Bob Minor. The board, which is written in gold, is the work of Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford, and was much admired.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me the use of your columns to call the attention of members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to the last page in our report, and to say that I shall be pleased to receive contributions until the 20th of July?—Yours truly,

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OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council.

The name of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Central Council and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, is a household word among ringers of to-day, not, perhaps, for performances in the belfry, but on account of his investigations and writings upon the art of change ringing. Next to Jasper Whitfield Snowden, Mr. Davies has probably done more for the young ringer than any other writer. His exposition of the principles involved in the production of Bob and Single peals of Grandsire, and his investigation



REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

into five and ten part peals of the same method, as well as his book upon Stedman have become standard works and established him as a leading authority upon Grandsire and Stedman, still the two most extensively practised methods.

The Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies was born at Tewkesbury Vicarage on September 12th, 1856, the eldest son of Canon C. G. Davies, who was Vicar of Tewkesbury from 1846 until his death in 1877. He began his ringing in Tewkesbury tower, but progress was slow. By dint of great perseverance, however, the company taught themselves to ring first Grandsire Doubles and then Grandsire Triples, and Mr. Davies had the satisfaction of ringing a peal with the band on their own bells. After his father's death, the family removed to Cheltenham, and here, in vacation time, Mr. Davies rang with the Cheltenham company. In term time he rang regularly with the University Society, of which he was successively honorary secretary

and then Master. On being ordained in 1880 at Lichfield Cathedral to the curacy of Whitechurch, Salop, he worked up the local company to ring Stedman Triples, and then, early in 1883, he removed to Chaceley, in Worcestershire. While there he published his work on Grandsire, which has since been incorporated in Snowden's standard work upon the method. After curacies at Redmarley, Worcester; and Whiteshill, Gloucester, Mr. Davies went, in 1888, to Ringmer, in Sussex, where there is a beautiful ring of eight bells. Here for a time he was able to bring along a band, and here, too, he met the lady who subsequently became his wife. Afterwards he was offered the living of the country parish of East Marden, a tiny village among the South Downs, but, although isolated from ringing, Mr. Davies kept in close touch with the Sussex Association, of which he has been, since his departure from the county, one of the vice-presidents. In 1902 he accepted the living of Fretherne, in his native county of Gloucester, and here he has remained ever since, although, with the customary experience of the "ringing parson," his church is without a peal of bells, and he is somewhat cut off from the active pursuit of his favourite hobby. During his residence at East Marden Mr. Davies was appointed to the honorary secretaryship of the Central Council, rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. This post, with which is combined the treasurership, he has held ever since, and has brought to the performance of the duties an energy and tact that have added to his own popularity and to the strength of the Council. Within a month of his taking up his residence at Fretherne he was elected to the mastership of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, an office which he had filled during his curacy at Chaceley, and which he still continues to occupy. Unfortunately Mr. Davies has never kept a list of his peals, and, therefore, has no idea of their number. They include Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Double Oxford and Superlative Major, Union Triples and a peal of Minor. One of the peals of Stedman Caters was the 13,054 at Cheltenham on Whit-Monday, 1888.

AMONG WESTERN WORCESTERSHIRE TOWERS.

One of the objects of the recent division of the Worcestershire Association into branches was to stimulate local enthusiasm and effort. With this in view, a few members of the Western branch, on Sunday fortnight, carried out a most successful tour amongst some of the outlying parishes of the county. Meeting at St. Gabriel's Church, Hanley Swan, the bells were set going to Oxford Bob, which came round in 23 minutes, while a six-score or two of Stedman was afterwards rung. This peal of six are in good going order, but form a very peculiar musical combination. The tenor is about 9 cwt.

St. James', Welland, was next visited, and sundry attempts were made. After mastering the conditions and immense ropes, a 720 each of Kent and Canterbury were brought round. This very musical ring, with tenor about 12 cwt., goes well, but the ropes would suggest to the uninitiated great feats of strength and daring. The ringing chamber has not received the attention of the builder as much as other parts of the church. A ride across the common, in full view of the whole range of the "Majestic Malverns" in their stately grandeur, down lanes with many turns and twists, brought the company to St. Gregory's Church, Castlemorton. The long draught of rope and lightness of metal required the ringers' entire attention, but the veterans having tacked on to the front end, a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was accomplished. A six-score of Grandsire, with a few of the local band, brought time for evensong. After tea, at the Joyfield, thirty minutes riding brought the party to Hanley Castle Old Church. Here a fine ring of six were soon set going to a 360 of College Single, which, with a touch of Grandsire, concluded the day's ringing. Some of the towers brought back to the visitors happy recollections of bygone days. The company, which included Messrs. W. Page (Master), H. T. Knowles (secretary), R. G. Knowles, E. E. Barber, G. Checketts, and A. Sadler, have mapped out another excursion for a future date.

RINGERS' DAY AT FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

Already we have received communications welcoming the idea of a Ringers' Day at the Crystal Palace during the progress of the great pageant at the Festival of Empire. The suggestion offers a splendid opportunity for a reunion of ringers from all parts of the country, with facilities for participating in an event of unique and historic interest. The Pageant of London is the greatest thing of its kind ever performed in this country. Everything is on a gigantic scale, and for picturesqueness of setting and reality of acting nothing in the pageant line has yet come up to it.

The opportunity of witnessing it, and the other attractions which the Festival of Empire offers, is doubtless one which a large number of ringers will be eager to avail themselves of, and we are making an effort to secure special travelling and other facilities for those who desire to join in this event. Ringers have never before had the opportunity of meeting in large numbers upon such an occasion as this, and we hope to make this first gathering a huge success.

The date suggested for the event is Saturday, July 15th, and we shall be glad to hear, at the earliest opportunity, from those companies, or individuals, who would like to attend the Festival upon this "Ringers' Day." As soon as possible all information and details as to arrangements will be prepared, and published, but it will facilitate matters if we can be informed as to those who may desire to visit the Palace on that day.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Our arrangements for the publication of performances on Coronation Day have been completed, and we hope to be able satisfactorily to meet the demand upon our space. All the peals will be published in the usual form, but we feel, if there is to be no delay, that touches will only be able to appear in abbreviated form. In any case we cannot guarantee to publish full details of performances of less than 720 upon six and five bells or less than quarter-peals on seven bells and upwards. In any event, both for peals and touches, it is absolutely essential that they should be despatched to us at once.

Mr. Bart Mitchell, of Derby, writes to make the suggestion that a supplement should be published, and that a charge of twopence should be made for it, as it would be much more preferable to have the peals published together than by weekly instalments spread over about three months. Mr. Mitchell says this view meets with favour in the Derby district, and asks for the opinions of others.

We are afraid it is rather late to get general views upon the subject. As, however, we are in the field to do our utmost in the interests of ringers, we shall make an endeavour to publish the Coronation peals before they are forgotten about by those who have taken part in them. *Verb. sap.*

Our suggestion that, like coming events which cast their shadows before, the 9056 of Treble Bob from E. Timbrell's 17,120 rung at Mottram on May 20th, was but

a prelude to the full length itself, was not far off the mark. Notice is now given that the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will attempt the long peal on the same bells on June 24th.

While in the 37th annual report of the Devonshire Guild just issued, the committee "regard with satisfaction the state of efficiency of the bands in union and the efforts that are being made in order to advance the objects of the Guild in the diocese and promote change ringing," the honorary secretary (the Rev. F. Molineux), at the annual meeting on Whit-Monday, expressed regret that there had not been satisfactory progress in the Guild. This is a rather striking divergence of view, and there certainly seems ground for the secretary's lament when one reads the figures which he quoted. It cannot be considered altogether satisfactory when an association loses three towers in one year and gains only two, while it can claim in affiliation only 30 or 40 towers out of some 300 in the diocese which have peals of bells.

At the same time are the committee going on the right lines to encourage the six bell ringers—there are a great many six bell towers in Devon—when they recommend that six bell peals, which are recognised by the Central Council, shall be treated merely as "performances," and only rank really as long touches? It is not surprising that the general meeting referred this particular matter back to the committee for reconsideration.

An unfortunate mishap occurred on Whit-Monday at the Parish Church, Folkestone, where the Kent County Association held their annual meeting. Ringing had been in progress in the tower, and the bells, apparently, left up, but the belfry door was locked. The Rev. C. M. S. Playfair, the senior curate, went to the belfry, to which he gained admission by a duplicate key, to toll a bell for service. Not knowing that the bell was up he was caught by the rope, and thrown violently to the ground, breaking his collar bone and being rendered unconscious. As Mr. Playfair did not attend service the Vicar sent the Rev. W. S. Parker to discover the whereabouts of his colleague. Some ringers also went to the belfry, and they found Mr. Parker lying on the floor.

It is curious what a little the average individual seems to know about bell ringing. In describing the accident one of the London daily papers says:—

Bell ringing is a somewhat tricky art. In the raising, setting, and falling of a bell the ringer must stand perfectly straight, and pull from the shoulder. If he bend his head he is liable to be caught by the rope as the bell swings over, the rope giving a little twist and forming a loop a few inches below the "sally" every time "she" swings over.

Numbers of young ringers have been caught unawares by the rope, and have been dragged to the belfry chamber floor, sometimes by the neck, with rather disastrous consequences to their skin. The possibility is that the reverend gentleman, in pulling the bell off the stay, where she had been set—that is, placed in an upright position for the night—bent his head in pulling "her" off, and got caught by the rope under the arms.

Nine ringers of St. Mary's, Clapham, paid a visit to Arundel on Sunday, and visited St. Michael's Church tower, where they rang some very good touches for both morning and evening service with the local band, which was greatly appreciated by them all.

Despite the fact that we have enlarged "The Ringing World" to 20 pages for this week, the pressure on our space has made it necessary to hold over several reports, etc.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

FULL REPORT OF THE LEICESTER MEETING.

By "THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

Following the summary of the Central Council's proceedings at Leicester, which we gave last week, we begin in this issue the full report of the meeting. From the list of attendances given on page 187, the names of the Surrey Association representatives (Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. C. Dean) were inadvertently omitted.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL FUND.

After the minutes had been read, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn referred to the position of the Robinson Memorial Fund. They had, he said, a matter of £185 in hand out of £300 required to carry out the scheme of putting a screen in Drayton Church, a screen, the design of which was accepted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and which he had intended to execute with his own hands. Of the amount subscribed, the Oxford Diocesan Guild had contributed about one-half and the other half had come from the other Associations, but not nearly so many had sent contributions as had been hoped. The committee would be very glad to know as soon as possible what further amounts they were likely to receive, because they felt it was not right to go on through another year without taking some steps to put up the memorial. If all the Societies had done as certain others had done, the committee would have had the money long ago. If they could not look forward to securing the remainder of the £300 within, at least, the next two or three months, he thought the only thing was that the committee should reconsider the scheme altogether, and he would like an expression of the Council's opinion as to what course should be followed.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Robinson, thanking the Council for the vote of sympathy sent to her from the previous Council meeting, and adding her appreciation of the kindness and generosity of all those who so readily responded to the idea of the memorial, which she was glad had been opened to all ringers.

Replying to the Rev. H. J. Elsee, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he thought it would be invidious to state what the individual Societies had contributed, but the highest sum received from any Society was £15, and the lowest 12s. He thought the committee must take it that, if they did not hear anything further within the next two months, they had received all they would receive, and that they must then reconsider the scheme. He supposed those who had already contributed would not object to their money going to some other means of perpetuating the memorial to Mr. Robinson—such as a stained glass window, or something which the committee, with the Vicar of the Parish, might agree upon.

Eventually Mr. Jenkyn moved that in the event of the required amount of £300 not being in the hands of the Robinson Memorial Committee by the end of August, 1911, the Council see no objection to the committee reconsidering what form the memorial shall take.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, and remarked that it had been a great disappointment to him to find that many of the large Associations had absolutely taken no notice at all. In one of the Associations, where the secretary had worked the matter, 79 towers had sent in £15. If all the Societies had done that there would have been money enough and to spare. One Association with over a thousand members had sent two individual contributions of 5s., but absolutely nothing from the Association.

Mr. W. Snowdon suggested that the committee should not take the result as final, but that they should make a further appeal.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said they were quite prepared to send any further amount of circulars, if they only had some notification where they were to be sent to.

The motion was carried.

THE LATE MR. R. S. STORY.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said it would be within the memory of all that since their meeting last year, they had lost a very distinguished member of the Central Council, one who did an enormous amount of work in the North for ringing generally, and whose work upon the Standing Committee and the other committees of that Council was simply invaluable. He need hardly remind them that he spoke of the late Mr. Robert Story, and he moved "that the Council, having grateful recollection of the many and great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Mr. R. S. Story, instruct the secretary to send their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Story and family in their bereavement."—The Rev. H. A. Cockey seconded the resolution, which was endorsed by the President, and carried by the members rising in their places.

COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Hon. Secretary presented the financial statement. He reported that the Council started at the last meeting with a balance in hand of £52 18s. 1d. Affiliation fees received were £12, and profits on sale of publications £2 6s. 1d., making a total of £67 4s. 2d. The expenditure was £3 8s. 6d., including £2 7s. expenses of the last meeting, and reporting thereof, leaving a balance in hand of £63 15s. 8d. (applause). He thought they might congratulate themselves that their balance was growing, but they must bear in mind that they had done no printing.

When they began to publish, then their funds began to feel it. The Hon. Secretary then presented the publishers' statement, showing the number of books sold during the year, and the number remaining in hand.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed the adoption of the financial statement, and it was seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins.

The President said he considered the Exercise supported the publications by the Central Council exceedingly ill. He conceived that no ringers other than conductors ever took in any of the Council's publications, and he should think a very small number of conductors did so, according to the number of sales. He thought the Exercise ought to encourage this work of the Council a little more, and the members of the Council might go back and inform the members of the Associations of the value of the publications.—The balance sheet was adopted.

THE HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President said two hon. members dropped out this year automatically, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. Thomas Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood had been incapacitated from doing any work for a long time, and their Yorkshire friends had informed the Standing Committee that it was really useless to continue to elect him. Mr. Lockwood had done very good work for the Council in the past, but he (the President) was sorry he was not likely to do any work for them again. Mr. Carpenter was a valued member of the committee, and a most regular attendant. The Standing Committee did not at the moment know they were in need of any help they had not already got, but it was open to the Council to propose another member or two. With the re-election of Mr. Carpenter they would have twelve, and that would leave them with three vacancies. They always liked to have a few vacancies in case they required them at some time.

On the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. H. White, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was re-elected, amid applause.

Mr. E. H. Lewis suggested the election of Mr. H. W. Wilde, who, he said, would be of great service to the Collection of Peals Committee in helping to check the proof of Treble Bob peals.—Mr. W. E. White seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, that the work was going on, and he hoped they might be able to publish an instalment soon. The difficulty was that members of the committee were busy men, and lived long distances apart, which made it awkward to meet, and they felt it was necessary to meet to discuss one or two things before they could publish. The work of proving was going on, and it was abundantly necessary. He did not want to exaggerate, but he thought he could say that out of every 30 or 40 peals he found one false. In a great many cases a note was appended that the alternative calling might be used to shorten or lengthen a peal, but he had found that if the note were carried out the peal became false. That brought the proportion of false peals up still higher. He was keeping steadily on with the work, but there were a great number to be got through. He hoped the committee would be able to meet fairly soon, and that before very long they would see one instalment brought out (applause).

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. Wilde's name was added to the committee.

NO REPORT FROM CHURCH PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said he believed he was the only member of the Church Press Committee present. Mr. Daniell had been doing most of the work, and he (Mr. Cockey) had received no notification from him. He could give the Council no information on the matter.

The Rev. M. Kelly said he was in the same position. They had all been trying to get the Press to take more notice of ringing matters, and members must have been pleased to see that the newspapers gave some recognition to Mr. Robert Haworth, when he died. The Press was beginning to recognise the ringing world more than it had done.

The President said he was quite certain Mr. Daniell was very keen about the work, and that if he were present he would be able to report progress.

Subsequently a message was received from Mr. Daniell that he was not well enough to attend the meeting.

SEVEN HUNDRED PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

The report of the Legitimate Methods Committee was made by the Rev. H. Law James. He said they were dealing with the Plain Major Methods, and there were, roughly speaking, 700 of them. He hoped the result would be that they would see no more rubbish published. When folk wanted to compose new methods, he should recommend them to get the Rules and Decisions of the Committee and study the question as to what a method was. "Plain Methods are worked out, gentlemen," said Mr. James, "and it is no use anyone going any further." "Here they are," he added, holding up a book of considerable size, "and the secretary will receive them when we have done with them. We are going carefully through them, to select from them those methods which we consider are worth printing. We shall ask you to print all the old Standards and a certain number of new methods which contain either points of real interest or look like being of real use from a practical point of view, and it will make a small book." Mr. James added that he was glad to hear that the sale of the volume of Minor Methods was gradually increasing. In the course of another ten years, he believed, the increase of sales

would be by leaps and bounds, because as people got hold of that book and studied it they would find there was something in it worth knowing (applause).

Mr. J. A. Trollope said if ringers who had got or knew of methods rung and published in years gone by—whether they were good ones or bad ones they could leave to the committee—would send the names to Mr. James it would be helpful. In the book, when it came out, the majority of methods, of course, would be unnamed, but they wanted as far as possible to print the title to the methods.

Replying to Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. James said a corrected copy of the Minor Methods was being kept, and the names were being added as they were rung.

A USEFUL SUGGESTION.

Mr. J. W. Parker said since the publication of Legitimate Methods, it had always struck him there was a certain danger with regard to Superlative Minor. It stated in the preface that the method would not produce 720. The book might get into the hands of a company who would not trouble to read the preface, and they might ring it in a peal of seven methods, not noticing the false rows coming up. If they did, when the falseness of the peal was pointed out to them, they would certainly blame the committee of the Central Council responsible for the publication of the book. Mr. Parker also suggested that for the benefit of ringers whose knowledge might be limited, the book should point out how bobs should be made in the methods.

The Rev. H. Law James said the laws for making bobs were in the report on bobs, and for that reason the committee left them out of the Legitimate Methods volume, because they felt they were interfering with other folks' work.

The President: You mean you want them together?

Mr. Parker: Certainly, sir. A band might purchase the book and know nothing of the former publication.

The President: Your point is that it may get into the hands of someone who may think it is self-contained, whereas it is not. You want more information so as to make it more useful all round.

Mr. Parker: That is so.

The Rev. H. L. James: I take it in the Major Methods we should include bobs in the publication?

Mr. Parker: Certainly, I think so.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said, from his own experience in Cheshire, he was sure the fact that the book was not self-contained had seriously interfered with its sale.

The President said he had no doubt the committee would take the matter into consideration. It had been pointed out with considerable force, he thought, that the next issue should be self-contained. He proceeded to issue a word of warning to those who would rush into print with new methods. With regard to the composition of peals, said the President, any ringer thought he was good enough to start into print. No mathematician or astronomer would go into print with figures which were the results of an untutored brain. If he did he would be laughed at, but a man who was a ringer thought he could make a fool of himself as much as he liked (laughter). He thought it was extremely desirable there should be a dignity about entering into the columns of the papers, and that they ought not to publish all this nonsense which actually went to show them up as a parcel of idiots (laughter and applause).

PEAL VALUES.

The report of the Peal Values Committee, which has been published in these columns, was moved by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, who said the object of the committee had been to draw up a schedule which would give a higher scale of points to the higher number of bells without unduly depressing the points for peals on seven bells. As to the schedule for six bell peals it would need a little alteration, for taking as an example a peal of six Surprise Methods and one broken-lead method, the points would be 26 plus 5, which was one more point than a peal in seven Surprise Methods. The schedules recommended by the committee were as follow:—

A.—For peals on seven bells and upwards:—

CLASS	VALUE	TRIPLES	MAJOR	CATERS	ROYAL	CINQUES	MAXIMUS
I.	8	6	8	10	12	15	18
II.	10	8	10	13	16	19	22
III.	11	—	11	—	17	—	25
IV.	14	11	14	18	22	26	31
V.	20	—	20	—	31	—	45
VI.	24	18	24	30	38	45	54
VII.	32	—	32	—	50	—	72
VIII.	40	—	40	—	62	—	90
IX.	50	—	50	—	78	—	112

The foregoing schedule is calculated by the formula $\frac{VN^2}{64}$, i.e., multiply the number found in the column headed "Value" by the number of bells, and the product by the number of bells once more, and divide the last product by 64.

B.—For peals on six bells:—

NUMBER OF METHODS RUNG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plain methods	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Treble Bob methods	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Methods with "broken leads" ...	5	8	11	14	17	20	23
Surprise methods	6	10	14	18	22	26	30

For 42 six scores of Doubles your committee recommend three points.

The Hon. Secretary, who seconded, pointed out that Schedule A was drawn up in obedience to the discussion which took place at the meeting last year, at which it was felt very strongly by some speakers that there was not sufficient points given for peals on the higher number of bells.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he had never yet grasped why it was really necessary to have a formula.

The Hon. Secretary replied that if they did not have a formula they were thrown back on the hopeless confusion of the old system, by which every method was given a perfectly and absolutely haphazard number of points. If anyone could suggest a better system for a formula, the committee would be only too thankful to adopt it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said it would be impossible to give satisfaction to everybody, because different methods appealed to different people differently. What was an easy method to one man was not easy to another, and another thing was that a method which was structurally complex, was not necessarily a complex method to ring. The only thing they could get was something like a fairly round system of points, which would give approximately the value. The difficulty in ringing consisted of two things. First of all they had to know what to do; and, secondly, they had to know how to do it. The first, of course, was to know the method; the second was what they called ropesight. When they could ring Stedman Doubles they knew what to do in Stedman Cinques, but the ropesight was another matter entirely (hear, hear). That was where people who judged methods from paper or from having rung a plain course went hopelessly wrong, because they got an erroneous idea of what it took to ring the method.

PEALS ON TWELVE BELLS.

The Rev. H. L. James said he was going straight back to what he said last year, that when they came to ring Royal, Cinques and Maximus, to a great extent, it was like ringing changes learned by heart ("No, no"). Take Treble Bob Maximus, 8, 10, 12, 11, 9, 7, coursing carried them right through a peal, the ropesight beyond 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, meant but one more figure. Mr. James went on to show how, in his own experience, attempts for peals on the higher number of bells had been more successful than on the lower numbers. From this experience he drew the conclusion that extra points for ten and twelve bell ringing were not necessary, and he, therefore, strongly disagreed with the formula. If they were going to cut the bells "all over the show," it would be a different matter: then, by all means, give extra points, but they did not want to do that, because it would be bad music.

Mr. Burton asked the Council not to pay too much attention to Mr. James' experiences, because he was such an exceptional individual. These schemes were drawn up for performances by ordinary people. As a member of a twelve bell band, he knew the bitter disappointments there were, and the trouble they had, and it was not quite as easy as it was for an extraordinary ringer like Mr. James. The point he wanted to bring before the Council was that, having to look after twelve bells and having to keep abreast of the times in learning the every-day Major methods, the twelve bell ringer was terribly handicapped, and it put twelve bell companies at a disadvantage. Therefore, he claimed, when a peal was rung on twelve bells the company did really deserve all the points for the higher numbers as had been proposed. They ought to remember also that the difficulty was increased by the extra number of men that had to be kept together, and kept in practice, and the extra difficulty of ringing twelve bells. Most of those present would agree, he thought, that there was a vast extra difficulty in ringing twelve as compared with ringing eight, or even as compared with ringing ten. The twelve bell ringer was looked upon as a sort of plutocrat, but he was really a very hardy dealt with individual. He was like those unfortunate individuals who had a lot of money and did not know what to do with it (laughter).

Mr. A. T. King said he would like to see an end put to ringing a six-bell peal with six methods of one class and one of an inferior class to make up the seven 720's such as six 720's of Treble Bob and one of a plain method. In such cases he would reduce the value of the peal to that of seven plain methods, for there was no earthly reason why one of the Treble Bob methods could not be repeated to make the seven.

The Rev. H. L. James: Suppose the one plain method to make up happens to be a good deal harder than the Treble Bob methods, what then? I could give you seven plain methods which will take a vast deal more ringing than seven Surprise Methods (laughter).

Mr. King: Then, perhaps, those experienced in six-bell ringing will say what they have to say about it.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter thought the committee's proposal of three points for 42 six-scores of Doubles, if rung on five bells without a

cover, was rather hard on the five-bell ringers, because it must be a difficult thing, if rung in a variety of methods.

The Rev. H. L. James said he considered the six-bell ringer was very badly treated in the schedule. The points allowed for six-bell peals were put down a great deal too low, compared with eight-bell peals. Cambridge Surprise Minor distinctly took more ringing than Major ("No," and laughter). All he could say was that with six of the best of their ringers in South Lincolnshire they had had a great many starts for a peal of seven 720's of Cambridge Minor, but the peal had not yet been rung. Eight of them, however, had rung Cambridge Major.

(To be Continued).

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. RINGERS' MUNIFICENT GIFT AT WHITLEY BAY.

The Whit-Monday meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association took place at Whitley Bay and North Shields, when ringers assembled from Newcastle, Morpeth, Gateshead, West Hartlepool, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, Wylam, Sunderland and Darlington, and the bells at both places were kept going during the greater part of the day in London, Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob.

Dinner was partaken of at the Station Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. C. L. Routledge (president), who was supported by Mr. J. Keen, Mr. J. Stuart and Mr. Adam Pigg (vice-presidents), and the Rev. E. Jealous. After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the interesting announcement was made by the president that the Whitley Bay bells were to be augmented to the full octave, chiefly owing to the generosity of that prince of ringers—Mr. Tom Gofton—who is giving two new Trebles in memory of his father. The other ringers attached to the tower are giving £72 towards the cost of re-casting and re-hanging the other bells, and it is hoped that the members of the Association will show their appreciation of the work accomplished by the late Mr. R. S. Story for ringing in the North of England by contributing a sum sufficient to re-cast the present Treble in his memory. The total cost of the scheme is about £180 (excluding the two Trebles), so there does not remain a very large sum to be raised.

The next meeting of the Association takes place at Bamburgh on the 22nd July, and as this is a well-known pleasure resort, an enjoyable day may be looked for. Perhaps the example of the Morpeth ringers, who have decided to hold their annual excursion there that day, may be followed by other bands, and thus make a successful meeting.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting took place at Ledbury on Thursday, June 8th, when there was an unusually large gathering of ringers from all parts. Choral service was held in the Parish Church, an eloquent sermon being preached by the Venerable Archdeacon of Hereford, who took as his text Corinthians xii., 4 and 6. The business meeting was held immediately after service in the Churchroom.—The Master, Mr. J. G. Buchanan, having vacated the chair, said he hoped they would elect a new Master, as he wished to retire. The members, however, would not hear it, and he was unanimously re-elected, amid applause. The Master having thanked the members for his election, said he very much regretted to say that their hon. secretary (the Rev. A. C. Lee) was going to resign that post (cries of "No"), he having been appointed Rural Dean.—All efforts to get him to withdraw his resignation, however, failed, much to the regret of the members.—The Rev. J. S. Roper, Quatt Rectory, Bridgnorth, decided to take the post of hon. secretary.

The Rev. A. C. Lee was unanimously elected vice-president of the Guild. The old committee was elected en bloc, with Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, added.—Mr. John Clark gave a short account of the Central Council meeting at Leicester, and advised members to take in "The Ringing World." He also urged them to follow Mr. Law James' plan of Minor peal ringing.

After the business meeting, the members adjourned to the Royal Oak Hotel for dinner, which was served up in splendid style. After the repast, the toasts of "The King" and "The President" were enthusiastically honoured, the Ven. Archdeacon of Hereford being thanked for his address.—The President and Archdeacon having responded, the rest of the day was spent in ringing, while some preferred to visit the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Agricultural Show, which was in progress. Altogether it was one of the most successful meetings of the Guild. Two places were mentioned for next year's visit, viz., Church Stretton and Kington, but the final decision was left to the committee.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks branch of the above Guild was held in beautiful summer weather, at Shenley, on Saturday, June 3rd. Nearly 100 members took advantage of the kind invitation of the Rev. J. R. Vincent (Rector of the parish and president of the branch) to be present. The reverend gentleman did everything to promote the enjoyment of his guests. The beautiful gardens were thrown open, and during the afternoon a capital tea was served on the lawn. At 3.30 o'clock, service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector intoning the service. The hymns sung were: "Let them nobly in the steeple," "Come, thou Holy Spirit, come," and "The God of Abraham praise," sung as a recessional, following a very appropriate

sermon by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks. The Blessing was pronounced by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), and the National Anthem was afterwards sung. During the service the solo, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was beautifully rendered by Mr. J. Daniells, a member of the Shenley choir.

The business meeting of the branch was held after tea, the Rev. J. R. Vincent was unanimously re-elected president and chairman for the ensuing year.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Booth) presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £11 9s., as against £10 19s. 5d. at the end of last year.—The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. F. W. Booth for his valuable services as hon. secretary. This was heartily endorsed, and Mr. Booth was again elected to the office.—The Hon. Secretary proposed that £5 from the branch funds be given to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's Memorial Fund, and the motion was carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings at Emberton in September, Cheddington in December, and Newport Pagnell in March.—The Rev. J. R. Vincent extended a cordial invitation to the members to again hold the annual meeting at Shenley in June, and the offer was accepted with thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and the Hon. Mrs. Vincent for their kindness in entertaining the branch to tea, for the use of the church and bells, and for arranging such a beautiful service; also to the choir, organist and soloist.—The Rev. J. R. Vincent responded.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Master for his attendance during the past year, and to the Rev. G. F. Coleridge for preaching such an excellent sermon.—Both gentlemen suitably responded.—A similar compliment to the chairman for his services during the past year concluded the meeting.

PRESENTATION AT BRISTOL.

A meeting of the Guild of St. Nicholas' ringers was summoned on Tuesday, May 30th, to meet one of their members, Mr. C. Downing, who was leaving England to seek his fortune in Australia. It was hoped that the Vicar (the Rev. Vernon Holt), who is president of the Ringers' Guild, would have been present, but at the last moment he found himself unavoidably detained some distance from home, and he wired his inability to be with them. This was regretted, and the duty of making a presentation to Mr. Downing devolved upon the Master of the Guild, Mr. F. G. May, who apologised for the Vicar's absence. He remarked that Mr. Downing was one of the original members of the Guild, which was formed in 1900. During the period of ten years which had elapsed it could truthfully, and with much credit be said he was one of the most regular members of the Guild in his attendances on all occasions when the bells were required to be rung. From that point of view, he would be greatly missed: but his loss as a member of the Guild would be felt in another way, for, as secretary for some years, he did good work, and it was in connection with his official capacity that his brother ringers recognised his services to the Guild, by asking him to accept a small present from them in the shape of a silver-mounted silk umbrella, inscribed as follows: "St. Nicholas Guild of Ringers, Bristol, May, 1911. Presented to C. Downing by his brother ringers on his leaving England for Australia." Mr. May asked the recipient to accept the gift as a token of their esteem and regard for him, and, on behalf of the Guild, he tendered the heartiest good wishes to his family and himself for their future happiness and welfare.—Mr. Downing feelingly thanked his colleagues for their kindness, mentioning that the gift was acceptable, and one that would always remind him of the pleasant and happy days he had spent with the members of the Guild.

A farewell peal of Stedman Caters was successfully rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' on the 6th June, and is recorded in its proper place. Regret was expressed that every member of the Guild did not share in a farewell peal with their departing comrade, but this could not be satisfactorily arranged, owing to urgent business claims upon some of his colleagues.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern branch was held at Halton Holgate, on Saturday last, when members attended from Boston Skirbeck, Stickney, Freiston, Friskney, Kirtton, Frampton, and Wrangle. Service was held in church at five o'clock, when an excellent address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Disbrow. Tea was afterwards provided at the Bell Inn, and, subsequently on the Vicarage lawn, a short meeting was held, the president, the Rev. J. P. Cheales, taking the chair. One new member was elected, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Freiston in October, at a date to be arranged by the secretary.—The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his valuable address, and the use of the bells. The bells were kept going from 3.30 until 9 p.m., in various methods.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Rishton, on Saturday last. There was only a moderate attendance, and the members quite appreciated the presence of Mr. Wallwork and his ringing colleague from Helmshore. The business meeting was held in the evening, Mr. Wm. Mallinson, of Colne, presiding, in the absence of Mr. Heaton. The next meeting was fixed to take place at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 26th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—After the meeting the bells went merrily to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A NEW PRESIDENT.

For the first time during eleven years the annual meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell Ringers was held away from Northampton on Whit-Monday. Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough were the places visited, and with the weather glorious, a very successful day was spent. Through the kindness of the Vicars of Higham and Irthlingborough (the Rev. G. M. Davidson and the Rev. J. A. Taylor respectively), the bells of both churches were rung during the morning. At mid-day Divine service was attended by the ringers, the Rev. Gerard Davidson conducting the service. The lessons were read by Mr. Owen Parker, J.P. (Mayor of Higham). An excellent sermon was preached by the Vicar, and his words based upon the text, "What think ye of Christ," Matt. xxii., 42, were intently listened to.—A collection was taken for the funds of the Association.

Subsequently luncheon was taken at the Green Dragon Hotel, Higham Ferrers. The Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), president of the Association, presided, and supporting him were the Rev. G. M. Davidson, the Rev. Hugh Bryan (Stoke Doyle), the Rev. R. Copeman (Stoke Albany), Mr. A. I. King, of Southsea (late secretary of the Middlesex County Association of Church Bell Ringers), Mr. O. Parker, J.P. (Mayor), and Mr. F. Wilford (the assiduous hon. sec.).

THE REPORT.

The Secretary presented the accounts and reports, which were very satisfactory. The balance sheet up to Dec. 31st, 1910 (it having been carried at the last annual meeting that the financial year should end then) was presented first. The balance at the last annual meeting was £19 4s. 4d., and the total receipts to December 31st, £41 1s. 3d. This year's balance amounted to £23 12s. 8d. The report showed that during the past year twelve successful meetings had been held at Guilsborough, Boughton, Hardingstone, Thorpe, Kettering, Burton Latimer, Tichmarsh, Lowick, Raunds, Wilby, Irthlingborough, and Finedon. A large number of peals had been rung during the year, including several handbell peals by the Kettering company. Several members had joined during the year, which altogether had been most successful in every respect.

Mr. O. Parker added to the Secretary's report that there was 17s. 4d. to add to the balance in hand, which was actually £24 10s., but that amount was being carried on to this year. He congratulated the Association most warmly upon its financial position, and welcomed it to Higham. The report was accepted.—The Chairman then handed gold medals to Mr. J. H. Martin and Mr. A. B. Martin to record their 100 peals for the Association.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Chairman asked them to elect another president, as he felt obliged to resign. One of the first meetings he attended was at Higham Ferrers many years ago, and he never thought then that he would ever reach the position of president. It had been one of the greatest pleasures of his life to be among them, and he thanked them all for their kindnesses to him. After referring to the success of the Association which made it independent of individuals, he said that though a bitter word, he must say "farewell." It had been one of his greatest pleasures and a pride to be with them, but for family reasons, etc., he could not continue in the office. He hoped the Association would continue to be of advantage to the Church of England and be prosperous in itself.

The Rev. H. Bryan said that as one of the oldest members of the Association (he founded it, so there could not be a much older one—laughter)—he would like to pay a tribute to the work of their president, and he heard with regret his resignation.

Mr. Garrett proposed, and Mr. A. Martin seconded, that the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Islip (vice-president), be elected president, and this was carried.—The Rev. R. Copeman was chosen vice-president, Mr. Nicholls proposing his name and Mr. F. W. Sawford seconding.

The following were accepted as new members: Mr. A. Plowman, Mr. J. Seamark, and Mr. H. Lilley (Wellington), Mr. B. Morris (Rushden), and Mr. J. Brown and Mr. W. Brown (Higham Ferrers).

Kettering was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Thanks were heartily accorded the Rev. G. M. Davidson for his sermon, the churchwardens and the visitors for their presence, suitable acknowledgments being made by the Mayor and Mr. A. T. King.

THE RULES.

Some discussion took place upon the rules of the Association. One proposition, that members who had subscribed to the Association for 21 years should become free life members, was lost, while the position of the Association with regard to awarding gold medals to out-of-county members who might ring 100 peals was made clear.

The Rev. H. Bryan recalled a link with the past that had been broken by the death of Canon Paul, of Finedon. He was, the reverend gentleman said, a member of the Association from the very first, and they deeply regretted his death.

The meeting then concluded, and the members adjourned to Higham and Irthlingborough churches to ring on the handy peals of eight there.

A WEEK-END AT GREAT MARLOW.

Members of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, and the Ancient Society of College Youths spent an enjoyable week-end at Whitsun, with

Great Marlow as their headquarters. Arrangements had been made for the party to stay at the Two Brewers Hotel, kept by the well-known ringer, Mr. J. C. Truss, and the visitors found to their delight that Great Marlow is a most enjoyable spot at which to spend a holiday. The visitors from Bristol included Messrs. Gordon, Tomkins, Wilkins, Cave, Condie and Seward, while Messrs. E. P. O'Meara and Passmore, of London, were also there on a holiday. On Sunday morning the party took train to High Wycombe, and made a visit to the Church of All Saints, where there is a fine peal of twelve; tenor, 32 cwt. A touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, some of the local men making up the band. In the afternoon Shiplake was visited, and, upon the light peal of eight (tenor about 12 cwt.) which are in good going order, a 6/2 of Stedman Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major (conducted by Mr. W. A. Cave) was rung. Henley-on-Thames was the next place of call, and the good ring of eight, with tenor about a ton, were also found to go very well. Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The brake drive to Shiplake and Henley was much enjoyed, owing to the weather being beautifully fine and scenery charming.

On Monday morning Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and A. B. Peck, of London, and Hibbert, of Reading, joined the party. Marlow Parish Church, with its peal of eight, with tenor about 16 cwt., was visited, and a touch of London Surprise Major, conducted by Mr. W. A. Cave, was rung by Messrs. Seward, Wilkins, Tomkins, Gordon, Truss, Condie, Cave, and Cockerill. Courses of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were also brought round, in which Messrs. Passmore and Peck took part. Boating on the Thames was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, when Bisham and other places of interest were visited and much enjoyed. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various Vicars for the use of the bells, and Mr. J. C. Truss and Mr. E. P. O'Meara for doing so much to make the party so comfortable in every way.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN GLOUCESTER

A party of Yorkshire ringers spent a very enjoyable holiday in Gloucestershire at Whitsun. Leaving in good time on Saturday morning, Messrs. T. Maude (Pudsey), W. Pearson (Pontefract), G. B. Boland and H. Oddy (Tong), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley), T. B. Kendall (Shipley) and W. Idle (Dewsbury) made the journey to Banbury to the accompaniment of handbell touches of all descriptions. Having sampled the cakes, for which the town is famous, they were joined by Messrs. J. Cotterell, F. Salmons, J. Ambler and G. Naylor (Halifax), and P. J. Johnson (Leeds), who, despite a state of famine and drought after leaving Sheffield, had to continue the journey without pause to Gloucester, where the party were met by the genial Mr. John Austin, and Messrs. J. Gillot and E. Davis, and conducted to the Bristol Hotel, where Host Freeman soon made them feel at home, and provided a bountiful repast. The next order was a visit to St. Michael's Church, where the party were joined by Messrs. A. and F. Morgan, of Newport, Mon. After mastering the 85 feet draught of rope, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble ten were rung on the beautiful peal of ten, the tone and "go" being all that could be desired.

Next morning the party were rudely awakened at 4.30 by a youthful enthusiast with a handbell selection of Bob Major. Ringing took place at St. Michael's and St. Mary-le-Crypt, where the handy ring of eight in excellent order called forth the ringers' approbation. Dinner being over, a journey by brake through magnificent scenery, brought the visitors to the famous tower and bells of Painswick. Here they were met by Mr. W. Hale, and the grand peal were soon set going to Treble twelve, Treble ten, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Treble Bob Major. The beautiful churchyard with its hundred yew trees, presented a sight that will not easily be forgotten by the travellers, while the tone and "go" of the magnificent peal of twelve bells will remain a lasting and pleasant memory of a happy outing.

Gloucester Cathedral was explored on Monday morning, and as no ringing was to be had, owing to repairs to the tower being in progress, the visitors journeyed by train to Lydney, and, while some enthusiastic members attempted a peal of Treble Bob at that church, others, under the guidance of friend Austin, journeyed to Berkeley. Here is to be seen one of the rare examples of the campanile, built entirely away from the church, but, to the ringers' regret, they found yet another claim to distinction attached to the tower, for the tenor was found to be almost unringable; so after some short touches of Triples, the bells were lowered and left. On once more reaching Lydney they were met by the Sandhurst men, who were holding their annual excursion, and after an evening's social intercourse and enjoyment, arrived back in Gloucester tired, but happy.

Tuesday morning found the party en route for Cheltenham, where, after a brief survey, they went forward to Leicester. Here they found the bells of St. Mark's Church at their disposal, and were joined in a touch by the Rev. A. A. D. Mackenzie. After a brief view of the Central Council, the party began to depart to their various destinations. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the respective vicars and wardens of the various churches for the courtesy extended to them, and to their Gloucester friends, especially to Mr. John Austin, who spared no pains or time in order to make the outing a success, and to whom they feel deeply indebted for his kindness and consideration.—P.J.J.

NOTICES.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A special meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Unveiling of peal tablet at 5.30. Tea in schools at 6.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday next, June 17th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea can be obtained close to the church. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on the 24th inst. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Sun Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday next, June 17th, 1911. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held on Saturday, June 24th, 1911, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Rochester District, Frindsbury, Rochester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and eight bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, July 8th, 1911. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by July 3rd.—George Naylor, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 24th, at 6 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-dale on Saturday next, June 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at High Wycombe on Wednesday, July 12th. Special service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher, the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Bucks). Business meeting in the Guildhall at 12.20. Dinner in a marquee at the Swan Hotel 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. each will be forwarded to those members only who send the money with the order to me on or before Wednesday, July 5th. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. at the door, and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Festival Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. Wilford, honorary secretary of the Central Northants Association, has removed to 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.—Mr. W. Hart, secretary of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, has removed to 13, Albion Hill, Brighton.

THE LONG HANBBELL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate the band that rang the record handbell peal on their very fine performance. Our 11,200 had stood for so many years that I began to wonder if ever it would be beaten in my time, but now it is done, and by a band that was pretty much of the same ages that we were. I hope they will go on and give us more fine performances.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD.

The performance of 13,440 on handbells at Pudsey recorded last week makes it interesting to recall, at the present moment, the previous record. It was 11,200 Bob Major rung in five hours on April 26th, 1894, by J. A. Trollope (composer) (aged 18), 1-2; G. P. Burton (18½), 3-4; J. E. Burton (17½), 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor) (19), 7-8. If the 13,440 had been rung as intended it would have taken exactly six hours, against seven hours seven minutes for this last record. Mr. Trollope and Messrs. Burton started to learn ringing double handed Minor, and could ring 720's long before they could ring the treble in the tower. They rang their first peal on January 19th, 1893—seven 720's Bob Minor, which Mr. Trollope called, in 1 hour 38 minutes, the shortest time that a 5000 has ever been rung in. When Mr. Borrett was added to the band they quickly rang Bob Major, Triples and Royal; Grandsire Triples, Major and Caters and Canterbury Pleasure, and then it was suggested to beat Carter's 10,300 Grandsire Major by ringing 13,440 Bob Major. The band started first on March 15th, 1894, but as it was a cold and draughty day they decided to let the bells run round at the half-way, 6720. When they met again the umpires turned up late, and Mr. Trollope shortened the peal to 11,200 before they started. It was an excellently struck peal, with scarcely a bad blow throughout. Very soon after this they broke up as a handbell band, although only last year, after an interval of about fifteen years, the same company rang a 5056 Bob Major. It is interesting to notice that three out of the four are at present members of the Central Council.

A VISIT TO SCARBOROUGH.

On Whit-Monday the ringers of the Parish Church, Whitby, journeyed to Scarborough for a day's pleasure, their intention being to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples as a first item in the day's programme. This, however, was made impossible by the clapper of the tenor bell smashing the night before, whilst ringing for the evening service was proceeding. Mr. Frank Davison, a member of the local band, and a blacksmith by trade, very kindly repaired and replaced it, making it possible for the visitors to have a ring in the evening, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: G. F. Alexander (conductor) 1, Wm. Breckon 2, F. Hodgson 3, H. Ferguson (Scarboro') 4, T. Mottershead (Macclesfield) 5, J. T. Waters 6, W. Harland 7, A. Coates 8.—The sound of the bells soon enticed other ringers visiting the town from Ilkeston, Derbyshire, Hunslett, Leeds, Ilkley, etc., to the tower, with whom several other touches were brought round.—The company wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar of Scarborough for the use of his bells, and the local band for kindly making arrangements, the outing having proved most enjoyable to all.

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CHANGE RINGING IN DEVON.

GUILD SECRETARY LAMENTS LACK OF PROGRESS.

The Devonshire Guild held their annual meeting at Plymouth on Whit-Monday, when about 200 members attended from all parts of the county. Service was held at Charles' Church in the morning, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Guild, and the Rev. J. P. Baker, Vicar, officiating, the last-named also giving an appropriate address. The Rev. M. Kelly presided at the annual meeting which followed the luncheon at the Balfour Hall, and was supported by the Revs. J. P. Baker, E. G. Cocks and F. Molineux, hon. secretary.

In their report the committee regarded with satisfaction the state of efficiency of the bands in union, and the efforts that were being made in order to advance the objects of the Guild in the diocese and promote change ringing among the bands of ringers who devoted themselves to call or set changes. A very large number of the bands deplored a loss of members by reason of emigration and transfer to situations in towns, but against this loss of membership there had been elected 55 associates and performing members. Two new bands, Stoke Canon and Bampton, had become affiliated to the Guild. Both bands were reported to be making good progress in the art of change ringing. Among the more experienced bands, efforts had been made to acquire a thorough knowledge of the more intricate methods. One peal of Stedman Caters and three peals of Stedman Triples had been scored. The committee offered their congratulations to Mr. E. Marsh and Mr. A. W. Searle on their first peals as conductors of Stedman Caters and Triples respectively.

PEALS OF DOUBLES AND MINOR.

The committee were also glad to observe that increased interest was being shown in Major and Minor methods, and that a more systematic study of the latter had been made, with the result that 5,040 changes of Minor were rung at Holbeton, besides various long lengths by the Plymouth and other bands. They also noted that the performance of 5,040 changes of Grandsire Doubles had been accomplished by two bands, Clyst St. George, and Cockington. These performances, while being recognised as praiseworthy, were not to be placed on the same level as a peal in which the changes were never repeated throughout the whole extent. As regarded performances of Doubles and Minor, the following resolution was passed by the committee:—

That 5,040 changes of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles be recorded, provided that the 42 six-scores be rung in ten different callings, to be certified by the conductor; and likewise that 720's of Minor, rung in seven different ways, be also recorded; that these records be entered in the peal book at the end of the peals rung in any particular year under the heading of "performances."

A very satisfactory total of peals had been placed on the record of the Guild, and the committee offered their congratulations to those members whose efforts had been attended with success. The following was a summary of the peals: 1 Stedman Caters, 3 Stedman Triples, 4 Grandsire Caters, and 10 Grandsire Triples—18. The committee suggested that arrangements should be made that at least one band of change ringers should participate in the ringing on the occasion of a deanery festival.

HON. SECRETARY NOT SATISFIED.

Rev. F. Molineux, in moving the adoption of the report, remarked it was obvious there must be a distinction between peals of 5,040 changes, which were not repeated, and peals of 5,040 changes, of which some were repeated, and in order to make that distinction, the committee decided that the latter should be recorded as performances, but not reckoned among the peals. As secretary, he regretted that there had not been satisfactory progress in the Guild. Over and over again at the committee meetings the suggestion had been made that the members must be more active in their own neighbourhoods. Except in the Tiverton district, they were not doing all they could to extend the operations of the Guild. In the Tiverton district there was a little group of parishes all belonging to the Guild, but it was not the same in any other part of the diocese. At one of the committee meetings the president suggested that each band should take under its wing some adjoining parish, where they had a peal of bells, and instruct them in change ringing, and get them to join the Guild. During last year they lost three bands, and only gained two. That was not satisfactory. They had only from 30 to 40 bands in the Guild out of 300 peals of bells in the diocese. For the last ten years the number of bands affiliated to the Guild remained almost identically the same. He acknowledged they kept up their high standard of ringing. Eighteen peals were no mean performance. But what they wanted was to see the Guild extend throughout the whole of the county. They had taken one step forward during the past year in arranging for a series of archidiaconal meetings. One very successful archidiaconal meeting was held at Cornwood, but the meeting at Dawlish was miserably attended.

Rev. E. S. Powell complained that although the question of the Grandsire Doubles was raised on the initiative of the Holbeton band, no notice of the committee meeting at which it was discussed was received by the Holbeton representatives. He moved, as an amend-

ment to the report, that the resolution passed by the committee in reference to the Grandsire and Stedman Doubles be referred back for further consideration, with the request that they would study the rules and decisions of the Central Council. The Central Council had formulated a most elaborate schedule of six bell peals, and in loyalty to the Central Council they were bound to accept their decision. It was not for the Devon Guild to decide what was a peal.

Mr. Marsh seconded the amendment, which, after a somewhat animated discussion, was carried by a large majority.—Subject to the amendment, the report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Maitland Kelly was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-appointed. Rev. F. Molineux (Colyton) was re-elected hon. secretary, and Rev. H. L. Pigot (Ilfracombe), Mr. E. Shepherd (Exeter), and Mr. W. H. Marsh (Plymouth) were again elected assistant hon. secretaries. Revs. Preb. Bird, E. C. Powell, C. E. Burkitt, C. J. V. French, and T. B. Panther were elected members of the committee, and the instructors were re-appointed.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Holsworthy.

Both before and after the meeting bands of ringers visited the bell-tries of several of the principal churches in the Three Towns, and rang touches in various methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ARKLOW.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Irish Association was held on Whitsun Monday in the Marlborough Hall, Arklow. There were 60 members present, amongst whom were: The Right Hon. Lord Justice Cherry, Rev. Canon Hallows, Arklow; Rev. Canon Adderley, Limerick; Rev. Canon D. Scott, Bray; while the following centres of ringing were also represented:—Arklow, Bray, Dublin, Kilkenny, Limerick and Waterford.

After luncheon, to which the Association was kindly entertained by the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Hallows, the business meeting was held, the chair being taken by Mr. R. T. F. Greene, president. The Hon. Secretary read the report of the committee for the year 1910, in which mention was made of the efforts being put forth by a number of the Irish companies to organise change ringing bands, and to recoup the severe losses some of them had sustained through the departure of their members from Ireland.

Lord Justice Cherry moved the adoption of the report, and stated that he considered it a favourable one, in view of the difficulties encountered in promoting scientific ringing in Ireland. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many towers represented there that day, and especially that of his native city of Waterford. They were all pleased to come back to Arklow again, where they had always been received with a generous hospitality, unsurpassed in any of the ringing centres. He said that they met that day under the shadow of a great loss, as they were reminded on all sides of their kind and staunch friend, the late Earl of Carysfort, who had been their host on the two former occasions upon which they had met in Arklow. While they deeply regretted the loss they had sustained, they appreciated the untiring efforts and the kindly spirit in which Mr. and Mrs. Hallows had striven so successfully to take his place as their host and hostess.

The adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. G. A. Ruth, Dublin, and carried unanimously.

The following officers were elected for 1911: President, Mr. W. J. England, Kilkenny; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff, S. Patrick's, Dublin; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. J. Corrigan, S. George's, Dublin.

An invitation from the Very Rev. the Dean of Ossory, to the Association to hold the annual meeting, 1912, in Kilkenny was read, and it was decided unanimously to accept his invitation.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook proposed that Lady Carysfort and Colonel Proby be elected hon. members, and this was carried unanimously.

A number of members having been elected, and other matters disposed of, the Rev. Canon Scott (Bray) proposed that the hearty thanks of the Association be accorded to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Hallows, and to all their helpers, for their kind reception of the members that day.—The Rev. Canon Adderley seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation.—The Rev. Canon Hallows having replied, the proceedings terminated.

After the meeting the members adjourned to the tower, where ringing was in progress during the evening, and they were entertained to tea at 5 p.m., through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hallows.

AN OUTING IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Mildenhall ringers had their annual outing on Whit-Monday, and visited several towers in Cambridgeshire. At St. George's Church, Littleport, 1440 Bob Minor with 6—8 covering, was rung in 1 hour, by F. Rivett 1, H. Turner 2, Henry Turner 3, A. Turner 4, P. Fordham 5, A. Ashman 6, W. Stannard 7, A. King 8.—At St. Mary's, Ely, 720 Bob Minor, in which W. Horstead took part, and 360 with A. H. Pilgrim (Ely).—At St. Peter's, Fordham, 360 Grandsire Doubles, in which C. H. Fordham took part, and 360 Bob Minor, G. Lock standing in.

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