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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE COUNCIL MOVING.

The letter which appears in another column from the honorary secretary of the Central Council will be read with interest. In the first place the general body of the Council will probably find themselves in full agreement with the Standing Committee in changing the place of meeting next year from Plymouth to Gloucester. In normal times the former place would have been a pleasant venue, but a centre within easier reach of the great majority of the members is certainly advisable under existing circumstances, and specially in view of the fact that a large attendance of members is specially desirable at the next meeting, in fact is really essential for the satisfactory transaction of the business.

We are glad to see it thus early announced that the agenda is to include a motion which will enable a discussion to take place "on the subject of the Council's work and any means that may be suggested for increasing its utility and influence." There may be members of the Council who feel that its activities, as at present carried on, need no improvement, but those who are in touch with the real feeling of ringers know that there is in many quarters a sense of dissatisfaction. When the Council gets to the business of discussing its own position it will have the opportunity either of showing that this feeling is without foundation or of demonstrating that it is ready not only to continue upon the principles upon which it was founded, but to adapt itself to meet the changing conditions. Now that it is definitely known that the question of increasing the Council's utility and the scope of its work will be discussed, it is for the ringers themselves, at their own association meetings, to ventilate their ideas and put them in concrete form. Matters will not progress very far by expressions of satisfaction, or otherwise, with what has been done in the past, and of platitudes, as to the future. The members of the Council should have some definite ideas before them, and the discontented should be the first to show the way to improvement.

Whatever shortcomings the Council may have had in the past may, we think, be largely traced to the absence of interest which the mass of the Exercise has shown in the Council's work, and this apathy has got to be overcome if the best results are to be obtained in the future. The Council, be it remembered, is, or should be, representative of the ringers, and it is futile to complain that the Council is useless if no steps are taken to remedy the situation. But for those who are not satisfied the opportunity is coming next year. Among the whole Exercise there ought to be no lack of suggestions which should provide the Council with ample material for consideration, but there seems a strange disinclination on the part of most associations to bother themselves about the subject.

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EIGHT BELL PEAL.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 24, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WALTER PERKINS... .. Treble	MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 5
JOHN J. MAWBY 2	ALFRED H. MARTIN ... 6
EDWARD J. CHAPMAN... .. 3	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7
GEORGE LINES 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

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HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, June 22, 1916, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 Size, in B flat.

FRANK W. PERRINS ... 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3-4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5-6	JAMES GEORGE ... 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: MR. JOHN NEAL.

A peal of Bob Minor, rung at Woodston, Peterborough, has been sent us without date. Will our correspondent kindly send on this information.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The latter part of the footnote to the peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells rung at Birmingham, on June 15th, should read: "This is the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung on handbells 'retained in hand,' in the City of Birmingham; also the ringer of 5-6 was Albert Walker not Waker."—Yours, J. E. GROVES.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following are serving with H.M. Forces:—

Pte A. D. Aldham, of St. Mary's, Barwell, Leicestershire, 10th Batt. South Staffordshire Regiment, now at Rugeley.

Pte B. Herbert, R.A.M.C., now at Colchester.

Pte J. Armstrong, Christ Church, Southgate, 19th (R) Batt., King's Royal Rifles (Churchman's Battalion), now at Wimbledon.

Gunner J. Garlick, of Holy Trinity, Skipton, 21st Company R.G.A., Braefoot Battery, Aberdour, Fife, N.B.

Seaman Edwin Ogden, Holy Trinity, Burnley, now on H.M.S. Dublin.

From Goole Parish Church:—

Spr. M. Tate, of the Parish Church, Goole, I.W.T., Royal Engineers, now at Sandwich, Kent.

Pte A. Ingleby, Royal Fusiliers, now at Edinburgh.

Pte Ernest J. Goldstone, of St. Peter's, Portishead, Somerset, 3rd Somerset L.I., now at Plymouth.

From St. Mary's, Beighton, near Sheffield:—

Pte J. Willows, York and Lancs Regt., now in France.

Gunner W. Winn, R.F.A., at Forest Row Camp, Sussex.

Pte A. Whelpton, Highland Light Infantry, now at Maldon, Kent.

Pte T. Billingham, A.S.C. (M.T.), now on Salisbury Plain.

From St. Michael's, Maidstone:—

Corpl. J. A. Elmslie, R.A.M.C.

Pte W. Elmslie, The Buffs.

Lance-Corpl. P. Hassock, D.C.M., 1/6th City of London Rifles.

Pte W. Skinner, R.A.M.C.

Pte G. Wheeler, 4th Batt. Royal West Kent Regt.

Pte F. Skinner, A.S.C. (Mechanical Transport).

GOOLE'S RECORD.

The two names included above make a total of ten ringers who have gone from Goole Parish Church. Five of these are now at the front, and one has been invalided home.

Ringers stationed in Aldershot and district will be welcomed to the practices at the Parish Church, Farnham, which will take place during the summer months, on Saturdays 7 to 8 p.m.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

VENUE OF NEW YEAR'S MEETING CHANGED.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Council (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) writes:—

The Standing Committee of the Central Council held a meeting on Whitsun Tuesday.

The following resolution was passed unanimously: "The Standing Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers on their own behalf, and on that of the Central Council, desire to place on record their deep sense of the unspeakable loss which they and the whole Exercise have sustained by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the founder of the Council, and its President for a quarter of a century, and to tender to Lady Heywood and her family their deep sympathy in their bereavement."

This has been transmitted to Lady Heywood, and a copy of her reply is appended.

The Committee felt that in view of the very important business before the next Council meeting in various matters, chiefly in the election of a new President, it is desirable to ensure as large and representative an attendance as possible. They, therefore, unanimously decided to hold next year's meeting, not, as arranged, at Plymouth, in the remote S.W. of England, but at Gloucester, which is very centrally situated and enjoys exceptional railway facilities for communication with all parts of the country. It is hoped that members of the Council will feel that, in thus endeavouring to meet their convenience, their committee has acted wisely, and that we may look forward to a warm welcome at Plymouth on some future occasion.

CRITICS CRITICISED.

Thus far I have written officially. That which follows is an expression of one or two of my own personal thoughts. In the course of a brief general conversation which followed the committee's business, I remarked that I had for some time past been thinking that it might be well to initiate a discussion at the next meeting of the Council on the subject of the Council's work, and any means that might be suggested for increasing its utility and influence. I was glad to find that the idea commended itself to everyone, and I, therefore, propose, unless the subject should be crowded out by pressure of other matter, to enter it on the agenda.

Now that I am writing, I should like to say a word as to the criticisms of the Council to which we have of late become more or less accustomed. So far as I can recollect they are all characterised by one and the same failing. They all appear to be oblivious of the principal and predominant function of the Council, a function, too, in which so far from having failed of its purpose, it has been singularly and eminently successful. The Council has been freely and frequently criticised on the ground that it has failed to do any good to ringers. In my opinion, however, the first and primary object of the Council was to advance not ringers, but ringing—not necessarily quite the same thing. It is the art and science that we all love which we wish to see recognised and honoured.

There are two main means of achieving this: First, by raising the science, the art, and ourselves to the highest possible level, so as to render it worthy of honour and recognition; and secondly, by endeavouring to secure for it from the world outside, and in particular from the ecclesiastical world, that honour and recognition which will thus have become its due. In this last object, which is the very essence of its existence, the Council has been eminently successful. Any tendency, therefore, which leads in the direction of diminishing the representative character of the Council or the status of its members is to be deplored. That the result of some of the criticisms recently levelled at the Council has been a tendency—so far very limited, I am thankful to say—towards diminishing its representative character cannot be denied.

A SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY.

To put it briefly, by adopting Lady Heywood's words the tendency of late has been towards "ending" rather than "mending" the Council. Nothing could be more short-sighted or fatal. Those who remember the old days before the Council's existence know only too well how ringing lay at the mercy of one or two self-constituted authorities, such, for instance, as the late Lord Grimthorpe or Mr. Haweis. Not many know all that the Council has been enabled to do, and no one can tell how far its influence has extended. Though for the time being the war has stopped the negotiations, it is hoping to accomplish still more in this direction through, for instance, its Towers and Belfries Committee. In all that it has accomplished by providing the Exercise with a tangible organisation to voice its opinion, its judgment, and its interests, we cannot yet gauge what we owe to our good fortune in having had through all these years such a President as Sir Arthur Heywood. By everything that he was and did he was a tower of strength. By the ripeness and soundness of his judgment, by the position which he had deservedly won for himself in the counsels of the Church and in other assemblies, by his architectural knowledge, by his mechanical training, and by his many gifts, among them his rank and wealth, he was an ideal President, whose worth and prestige have accomplished more for ringing than we as yet can tell. I can only trust and hope that a spirit of sound and temperate judgment and of far-seeing wisdom will guide the Council in the grave business of choosing his successor.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

LADY HEYWOOD'S LETTER.

"Dear Mr. Davies,—Will you convey my warm thanks and that of my family for the message of sympathy that the Committee of the Central Council have forwarded through you? I know how genuine their feeling is at his great loss. Yours sincerely,

"M. G. HEYWOOD."

Doveleys, Rocester, June 17th.

WOUNDED SHEFFIELD RINGER.

Pte. J. E. L. Cockey, of Sheffield, late secretary of the Sheffield District Society, is in the Patterson Ward, East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich, suffering from a shell wound in the hip, but, we are glad to say, he is making fair progress. He has been serving with the Sheffield City Battalion (12th York and Lancaster Regiment) since its formation, and was wounded at the end of May while in charge of a Lewis gun in the front line in France.

"It may interest you," writes the wounded soldier, "to know that I have had 'The Ringing World' sent to me regularly since I have been on active service, and I have always found time to glance through it, and to note the doings of the Sheffield District Society. The paper has reached me and been read in some queer places—on the banks of the Suez, in a lonely camp on the Sinai Peninsula, on the deck of a crowded transport, in billets, and a dirty, damp dug-out in the British line in France."

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT RIPPONDEN.

The June meeting of the Western District was held at Ripponden, near Halifax. Favoured with a lovely day, a good number of members and friends attended, 20 towers being represented. The nice light peal of eight was well utilised during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob.

A committee meeting was held during the afternoon, and at 5 p.m., 60 members and friends sat down to a good substantial tea in the schools.

The general business meeting followed, and in the absence of Mr. G. B. Bolland (due to an injury to his foot, the result of an accident) the Rev. C. C. Marshall (Master of the Association) took the chair, supported by the Rev. E. W. Easton (Vicar of Ripponden), Mr. P. J. Johnson (Ringing Master), Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer), etc. Thirteen new members were elected, including two from Ripponden, other members of the local company promising to join shortly.

The Chairman announced that in the event of the tablet being completed which the Association is erecting to the memory of the late Mr. William Snowdon, in Ilkley Parish Church, the next meeting would be a combined one of the whole of the Association at Ilkley in September, when the tablet will be unveiled.

It was decided to hold a practice meeting shortly, and members are requested to look out for an announcement of this in "The Ringing World."

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. H. Williams, seconded by Mr. G. H. Simon, and supported by the Chairman.—The Vicar, in responding, said it had given him great pleasure to welcome the visitors to Ripponden, and hoped the time would often come when the ringers would pay this nice valley a visit. He remarked that Mrs. Ayre had kindly thrown open the grounds of Brigroid Hall for the ringers to look round. The local members would accompany any of the visitors round the grounds after the meeting.—Mr. J. Lawson proposed, and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the local company, and to the ladies who presided at the tea-tables, also to Mrs. Ayre for kindly opening the grounds of Brigroid Hall.—Mr. Allen Carter, of the local company, in responding, said that two of them had joined the Association that day, and hoped before long that they would all be members.

Mr. H. Williams then gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that ladies be admitted to the Association at half the usual fee.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business. Handbell ringing in a variety of methods brought a most successful meeting to a close.

VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH.

Four members of the Bottesford branch of the Framling Society (the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Messrs. A. Mackears, M. Bend and S. Baker) recently paid a visit to Peterborough, where they were met by Mr. Jutson. After looking round the city, they made their way to St. Mary's Church, where they met other friends, including Miss Milton, and ringing took place on the peal of six. A 720 Bob Minor was tapped off by J. Vaughan 1, Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, T. Tebbutt 3, M. Bend 4, A. Mackears (conductor) 5, S. Baker 6. Touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Stedman Doubles were also rung. After inspecting the Cathedral, the party took taxi to Woodstone, where there is another peal of six, and here, with other friends, further ringing was indulged in. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, and thanks are due to Mr. Jutson for the arrangements he made, and to the friends who kindly met the visitors.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING OF THE NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held on Saturday week at Hartlebury when the weather was all that could be desired. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock. The service, which was taken by Archdeacon H. J. Greig, and commenced with the singing of the first two verses of the National Anthem, was attended by over 50 members. The address by the Archdeacon dealt with the duty of all churchworkers, and was much to the point. He was sure nothing but good could come from the work of such Associations as theirs for the benefit of the Church as a whole.

After the service a splendid tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, about 60 sitting down. The Archdeacon, who unfortunately had another meeting to attend, could not stay to the business meeting, but before going he apologised for the absence of the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Worcester (Patron of the Association), who had charged him to say how sorry he was he could not be amongst the ringers on account of a prior engagement at Upton-on-Severn, especially as the meeting was so close to his home. Speaking for himself, the Archdeacon said that as the meeting was held in his own particular parish, he was very grateful for having had the pleasure of addressing them, and he trusted that in due course the bells would ring out the joy of victory. People might differ with regard to the ringing of bells during this terrible war, but personally he was delighted to hear them rung that afternoon, for they sounded the joy of victory, as he had no doubt that when the truth was fully known it would be found we had won the greatest naval victory of all time. He personally thanked his churchwarden, Miss F. Gibbons, for the splendid manner in which she had arranged the tea for him, in his absence. Miss Gibbons had asked him to say she would be delighted to conduct the members round her gardens and grounds.—This announcement was received with applause.

In reply to a vote of thanks for his address and arranging the service, the Archdeacon said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to invite the Association to Hartlebury, and he hoped on some future occasion to welcome them there again.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. T. L. Chavasse was voted to the chair. It was decided to hold the September meeting at Stone, near Kidderminster.—Miss Gibbons was elected an hon. member, and is the first lady to be elected an honorary member of the Association.

The Master of the Association (Mr. A. E. Parsons) reported that a few friends had had printed in pamphlet form the address given by the hon. clerical secretary (the Rev. James F. Hastings, M.A.) in Worcester Cathedral at the annual meeting at Easter, and he trusted that every member would avail himself of the opportunity of securing one.

In reply to a vote of thanks, Miss Gibbons said she was very pleased if she had been the means of adding to the enjoyment of the members, and she was delighted to hear the bells. She wished the Association every success, and was very pleased to become a member.

It was brought to notice that one of the members of the Association was ill and in distress, and a sum of £1 2s. was collected in the room for him.

A further visit was made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and London Surprise brought another enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

PRESENTATION AT PORTISHEAD.

The band at Portishead have sustained a loss by the departure of Mr. Ernest J. Goldstone to join the Somerset Light Infantry. He has been a member of the band for the past sixteen years, and during that time has rendered invaluable assistance in helping beginners. Before he left Portishead, the captain of the local band (Mr. William Gillingham) presented Mr. Goldstone, on behalf of the band, with a dressing case, thanking him for his splendid service to the belfry, and wishing him a safe return.

Among the touches rung recently at St. Peter's Church, Portishead, where, as is well known, ladies make up the majority of the band, have been the following: On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): Miss B. Mitchell 1, Miss D. Sage 2, Ernest Goldstone 3, Miss M. Hudleston (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 4, Miss M. Gillingham 5, Miss E. M. Hole (conductor) 6, William Gillingham 7, Albert Colbourn 8.

On Whitsun Day, for the 7 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, a quarter-peal in the same method: Miss M. Hudleston 1, Ernest Goldstone 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss M. C. Jukes 4, Miss N. Gillingham 5, Miss E. M. Hole (conductor) 6, William Gillingham 7, Albert Colbourn 8.

On June 13th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Earl Kitchener, an attempt was made for Thurstons' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but unfortunately it came to grief after 2 hrs. 50 mins. good striking, owing to the tenor rope breaking: Miss M. Hudleston 1, Miss D. Sage 2, Ernest Goldstone 3, Miss M. C. Jukes 4, Miss E. M. Hole 5, Miss N. Gillingham (conductor) 6, William Gillingham 7, Albert Colbourn 8.

On Sunday, June 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hudleston 1, Miss D. Sage 2, Miss N. Gillingham 3, Miss M. C. Jukes 4, F. S. Wilson (Tewkesbury) 5, Miss E. M. Hole (conductor) 6, William Gillingham 7, Albert Colbourn 8.

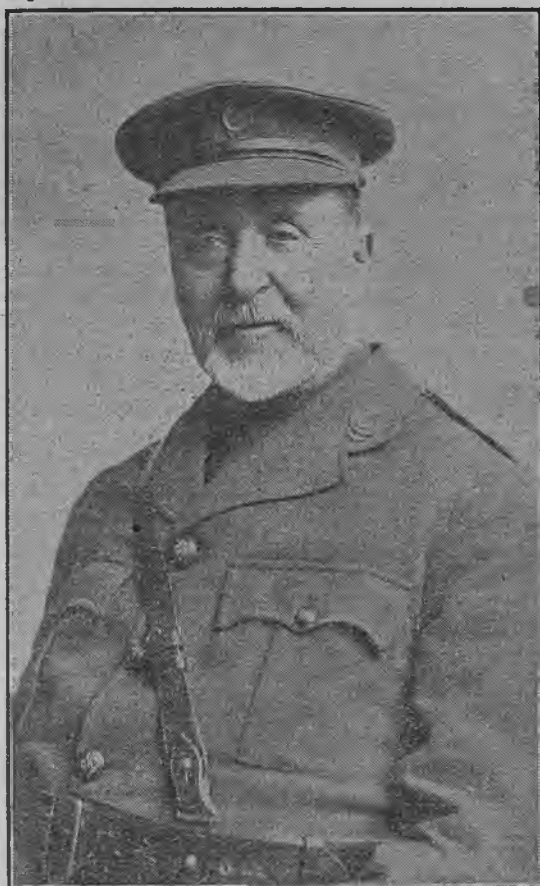
MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MR. JOHN W. TAYLOR ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The principal business before the adjourned annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Derby on Saturday, when between 30 and 40 members and friends were present, was the election of a president to succeed the late Sir Arthur Heywood. The meeting was held in St. Andrew's Schools, the chair being taken by Mr. John W. Taylor (vice-president). Amongst those supporting him were representatives from Alfreton, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton-on-Trent, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Darley Dale, Duffield, Hinckley, Ilkeston, Loughborough, Nottingham, Orston and Swanwick.

The Secretary (Mr. W. E. White) read the nominations for the presidency, three having been received for Mr. J. W. Taylor, and one for Mr. W. W. Worthington. The former was unanimously elected.

On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Stone, seconded by Mr. F. Cotton, it was agreed to leave the election of a vice-president, rendered necessary by the election of Mr. Taylor to the presidency, to the next annual meeting.



MR. JOHN W. TAYLOR.

The peal of handbells presented to the Association by Lady Heywood, in memory of Sir Arthur, were on view, and the Hon. Secretary read a letter received with the bells. He was asked to send a letter of appreciation and thanks.

One new life and six new ringing members were elected.

The President said the question of holding quarterly meetings, which have been suspended during the war, had been discussed in committee, and it was thought advisable that these meetings should be resumed.—On the proposition of Mr. B. Mitchell, seconded by Lance-Corpl. A. P. Wakley, it was decided that they should be held as usual. The next meeting will be at Chesterfield in September.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, on the motion of Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. A. H. Ward.

The bells at St. Andrew's were at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening, and the bells at St. Peter's and All Saints were also available for a few hours.

THE ASSOCIATION'S NEW PRESIDENT.

There is no one more familiar to ringers throughout the country than Mr. John William Taylor, of Loughborough, and no one is more esteemed and respected throughout the Exercise. As the head of one of the most famous bell foundries in the world, Mr. Taylor has been, of

course, in an almost unique position in making the acquaintance of ringers in every corner of the country, and his genial nature and his enthusiasm for ringing—an enthusiasm extending, even beyond the dictates of interest in a concern so intimately locked up in the progress of the art—have made him as popular among ringers generally as he is among those of the Midland Counties Association in particular. One often reads of a ringer's interest in bells being life-long, but such a statement was never more true of any man than of Mr. Taylor. He was cradled among the bells, they have been his life-long study, scientifically and mechanically, as well as being his principal hobby. In his younger days Mr. Taylor was very keen on a good peal, and he has a fine total to his credit, more than 160 having been rung for the Midland Counties Association alone. These peals for the M.C.A. include 8,800 Superlative Surprise at All Saints', Loughborough, on May 15th, 1894, occupying 6 hrs. 16 mins., in which Mr. Taylor rang the tenor. At that time it was the longest length composed and rung in the method.

In the counsels of the Midland Counties Association, which he joined in 1883, Mr. Taylor has long held an honoured place, and his unanimous election last Saturday to the office of President to succeed the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was only to be expected. Mr. Taylor's interest in the Association has been manifested in many ways, and he seldom missed a meeting. For many years he has been vice-president, and, we believe, for the past 25 years has represented the Association on the Central Council.

Since the war broke out, Mr. Taylor and his family have set a remarkable example of patriotism. His two sons who were in the business at Loughborough have commissions in the Leicestershire Regiment, and are at the front, two others who were in Canada enlisted in the Forces of the Dominion, and Miss Taylor took up Red Cross nursing, and is now serving in France. Mr. Taylor himself, as a member of the Royal Automobile Club, placed himself and his car at the disposal of the military, and has rendered great service by acting as a staff driver to one of the important home commands, a function which he still fills.

THE LEYTONSTONE SOCIETY.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD.

The Church of All Saints', Chigwell Row, was on Saturday, June 24th, the scene of jubilation, when the ringers of Leytonstone, widely renowned for their skill in Surprise Minor ringing, assembled for the purpose of unveiling the first peal board to commemorate the first peal on these delightful bells, hung in 1910 by the Whitechapel Foundry. The peal was rung on March 11th, 1911, consisting of 5040 changes, in seven different Surprise Methods, namely, Ipswich, Cambridge, Lincoln, London, Wells, York, and Durham, occupying 2 hrs. 38 mins. by the following members of the Essex Association: G. F. Margetson treble, W. Theobald 2, G. Black 3, H. Torble 4, W. Miller 5, J. Moule tenor. Conducted by W. Miller.

Owing to the war, the bells at Chigwell Row had not been rung for some considerable time, and though every attention had been previously paid them by the steeplekeeper, they refused to start so suddenly into Surprise Minor without attesting their weight and sluggishness. But such men of muscle and strength as J. Moule and W. Miller, proved too much for the big bells, and they had to obey the demand made upon them. We were pleased to see the veterans turn up with renewed vigour, such as J. Waghorn, W. Doran, and G. F. Margetson. Messrs. T. Faulkner, R. Sanders, A. C. Hardy, Andrews, A. Prior, H. Torble, G. Hayden, W. Theobald and others also attended.

Mr. W. Miller, in a few words, congratulated those whose names were inscribed on the handsome board, and thanked those present. His thanks were due also to the Rector, churchwardens and tower keeper for the use of the bells under the stress of present war conditions, and he trusted that in the near future the ringers would again unite as in the happy days gone by, for though the war was proving a great deterrent to the Exercise, the fraternity of ringers would not perish; science and art must endure for ever.—The company, having enjoyed the ringing until 8 o'clock, separated well pleased with their reception at Chigwell Row.

CHARLES CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Owing to the majority of the members having joined His Majesty's forces, ringing latterly has been at a low ebb at Charles Church, Plymouth. With the kind help of members from St. Andrew's and Emmanuel Churches, however, those who are left have endeavoured during the war to ring every Sunday evening for divine service. On Sunday, 11th inst., only five bells could be rung, but Sunday, the 18th, brought about a very unique meeting of a scratch band. The local men were to have met for a quarter of Grandsire Triples to honour their conductor, Bomb. E. W. Marsh, R.G.A., who was home on leave. But the band met three short, the absent ones having to do Sunday work in the Dockyard. Just as those present were about to again ring five, there began a steady stream of men into the belfry, all clothed in khaki, and among them were ringers from London, Birmingham, Worcester, Avonmouth, etc., all stationed in the garrison for training. Time was short (would it had been longer), but a short touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round, and the following rang a well-struck touch of 252 Stedman Triples: Gunner T. W. Bond 1, Gunner W. Banister 2, W. G. Hiscott 3, Gunner F. Withers 4, Gunner F. Tegg 5, W. Richards 6, Bomb. E. W. Marsh (conductor) 7, H. Burner 8. Bomb. F. H. Elson and Gunner F. Haines took part in the Grandsire Triples.

LINCOLN GUILD.**GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very successful meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday week, ringers being present from Grimsby, Barrow, Barton, Scunthorpe, Gainsboro', Waltham, etc. During the afternoon and evening the following methods, viz., Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Messrs. N. Dale, G. Blanchard, A. Peart, S. Bromfield, F. S. Butler (conductor) and J. W. Seamer took part in a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and Messrs. T. H. Parkin, A. Hoodless, J. W. Seamer (conductor and Ringing Master), P. Hocknell, C. H. Bird and F. S. Butler rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Tea was provided by the Rev. H. T. Parry (Vicar) and Mrs. Parry, whose kindness was much appreciated, and who, upon the proposition of Mr. J. W. Seamer, seconded by Mr. F. S. Butler, received the very best thanks of the visitors.

The District Secretary (Mr. T. H. Parkin) read the following letter which he had written to Mr. Long: "Seeing a report of the death of Percy C. Long in the 'Hull News' last evening, I take it to be that of your brother. If so, I sorrowfully convey to you, his dear mother and all other family connections my heartfelt sympathy, and also do the same on behalf of the ringers in the Grimsby district. I have rung with the dear old boy several times, including one peal, and shall ever remember him for his kind and gentlemanly bearing. —Yours with the greatest sympathy.—T. H. Parkin, District Sec."

The communication was endorsed, and the Rev. H. T. Parry spoke of its excellence and appropriateness. He also expressed his individual sorrow and sympathy at the loss sustained by the death of Mr. Long. The District Secretary, Mr. Butler, Mr. Seamer, Mr. Bird and others also made suitable reference to the sad event.

The place of the next meeting was decided by vote, Scunthorpe receiving 16, Barrow 4 and Appleby 2, the meeting to be held, if possible, on the 5th or 19th August, preferably on the former date.—All who had kindly helped to make the meeting and tea such a great success were thanked for their services, as was also the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at New Romney on Whit-Monday, and, taking into consideration the postponement of the Bank Holiday and the state of the weather, it was very well attended. Ringing commenced soon after two o'clock, and continued till 4 p.m., at which time a special service was held—one of those services which by the homeliness of the preacher and the skill of the organist makes one feel "It is good for us to be here," and at which all the absent members who were on active service were especially remembered in the intercessory prayers.

The Vicar then piloted the visitors to the Vicarage, where they found an excellent tea awaiting them in the Parish Room, the Vicar's wife presiding at the tea table, and by her cheery welcome, making all feel perfectly at home. The disappearing egg trick was performed in fine style, and the bachelors' cake was in great demand.

A short business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. It was decided to hold the next interim meeting at Appledore on August Bank Holiday.

The Rev. V. L. Batson then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. South for the hospitable way in which they had entertained the members to tea, also for the permission to hold the meeting, and for holding the service. This was seconded by Mr. C. W. Player, and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar, in reply, thanked everybody for coming, and said he felt sure it did them all good to meet together in that way in these times of stress and anxiety. What Mrs. South and he had done was a pleasure indeed.

The tower was again visited, and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were the order till sunset, when the bells were lowered in peal. The number attending was 25, representing the following towers: Appledore, Ashford, Biddenden, Benenden, Brookland, Mersham, Stone-in-Oxney, Headcorn and Tenterden, together with several of the local members. The visiting members included Mr. D. Hodgkin, of Marden, and Mr. Harrison Smith from Wickhambreau. Some of the members paid a visit to Brookland on their way down, and rang several 120's of Doubles. Mrs. Gatehouse, a lady member, had made arrangements to ring at Lydd, but on arrival the belfry door was found locked, and an hour's exercise at key-hunting proved fruitless, so ringing at Lydd had to be abandoned.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, to celebrate the birthday of King George V, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Herbert 1, Alf. Jones 2, Art. Jones 3, E. Cassell 4, C. Collis, junr., 5, T. Bolton 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8.

ACTON.—On June 18th, for the usual third Sunday afternoon ringing at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Wm. Lawrence 1, — Cook 2, Pte Meadows, A.S.C. 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, Staff-Sgt. Verralls (Tunbridge Wells) 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

NOTICES.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—Practice will be resumed at Farnham for summer months, commencing Saturday next, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., when we shall be pleased to welcome soldiers or other friends. There is an excellent 'bus service to and from Aldershot.—C. Edwards.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, July 1st. All ringers welcomed. Clay Cross Station, Midland Railway.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Secretary pro. tem., 29, Stanhope Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore Parish Church on Saturday, July 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Secretary, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Howarth, Saturday, July 1st, 1916. Weight of tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3.15 p.m. at the Black Bull Hotel.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Barlow Moor on Saturday, July 1st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering on July 1st. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (election of district representative).—Robert F. Turner, District Secretary, 160, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 8th, bells available 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 5th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles', Reading, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea (1s.) at 5.15 at the "Rising Sun" Institute. Will all who intend to be present kindly notify me before July 4th. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the Church of St. Anne, Highgate, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Ellershaw, on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available from 3 to 7, business meeting to follow. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry Station, G.N.) on Saturday, July 8th. Tea at 5 p.m. at "White Horse" Inn, 1/6 per head, half-price to members sending in number by July 3rd to S. W. Law, Willow House, Misson, Bawtry. —Signed, Herbert Haigh, Arnold Beck, Joint Secretaries.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held on July 8th, 1916, at Shifnal, Salop. Ringing at 3 p.m. Belfry prayers at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Please reply before July 3rd to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, July 8th. Meeting in the Church Hall at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Lifeboat Pavilion at 4.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m. Bells available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, July 8th. Bells available 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea, 7d. each, at Coffee Tavern, followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 5th.—F. W. Edwards, Clifton Villas, Writtle, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Boxley on Saturday, July 8th. The bells will be available for ringing at 3 o'clock; a short service at 5 o'clock; tea will be provided at 5.45. All those intending to be present please notify Mr. G. Pound, 7, Harbourland Cottages, Boxley, not later than Monday, July 3rd, and oblige Stephen Hazzelden, District Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 15th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rector of Shenley. Tea at 5 at King's Tea Rooms, Bedford Street. The bells (8) will be available at 2.30.—A. Rust, Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open 3 to 6; short service at 6 o'clock. Tea at King's Head to those who notify me by July 12th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.15. Service at 4.45. Tea will be provided by kind invitation of the President to all who notify me by July 9th. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Feckenham on Saturday, July 15th. Service, with an address, at 5 p.m., at which all possible are requested to attend. Tea will be provided, and it is important I should be notified by those intending to be present not later than the Wednesday previous. The bells (8) will be available. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Sudbury.—Owing to the resignation of the Rev. R. L. Gardner as secretary of the above Archdeaconry, Mr. Arthur Symonds, 41, Market Lane, Lavenham, has kindly agreed to act as temporary secretary. — A. E. Austin, Acting General Secretary, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

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