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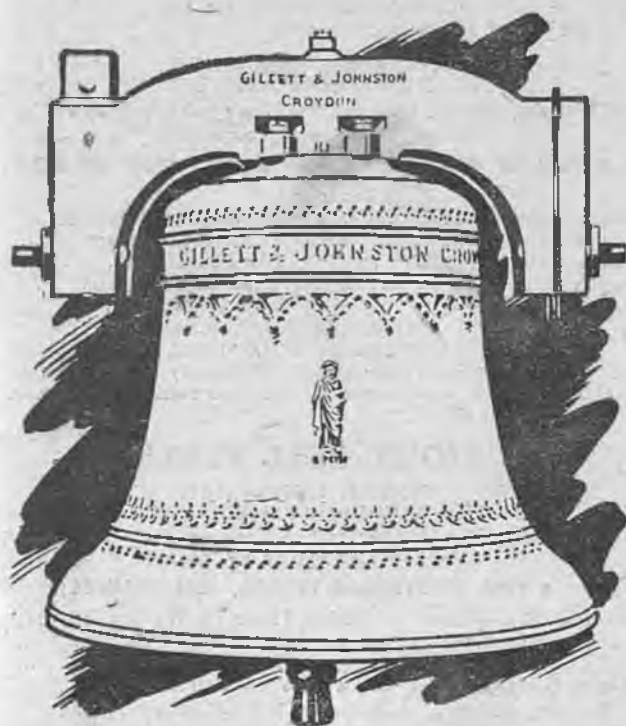
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THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The last of the war-time peals analyses has appeared, and, covering as it does the first weeks of peace, the figures show the initial signs of the upward movement in peal ringing. Nearly a half of the 229 tower bell peals were rung after the Armistice, in the last seven weeks of the year, and must be taken as a satisfactory beginning in re-establishing ringing, because, whatever else may be said of them, peals mark the advance or decline of the art, and are a very true index of the virility of the Exercise. With the advantage gained by the 114 tower bell peals in November and December, 1918 rises above the performances in any of the three preceding years, and the indications are of a steady increase since the close of the period which the analysis covers.

Little can, of course, be said of the statistics which the Committee have published. They are an interesting record of what was done in 1918, but beyond that, comment is really superfluous in view of the great difficulties that beset the art during the last year of the war. Lancashire and Yorkshire, each with 31 peals on tower bells, and the latter with one handbell peal in addition, were easily the first in number of peals rung; but the College Youths, with eight peals on handbells and five on tower bells, had the best average, calculated on points. The Committee have recorded, with their customary diligence, all the matters of interest in the peals, but there is one feature in the statistics which shows that ringing during the war not only declined tremendously in quantity, but also in the quality of the methods rung. In 1913, the record year of peal ringing, Surprise methods on eight bells and upwards made up nine per cent. of the peals rung; last year the Surprise peals, limited to three of Superlative, formed only a trifle over one per cent.

Everyone, of course, is looking forward to a great revival of peal ringing, and there is not much doubt that the Committee's desire for more arduous duties in the years to come will be gratified. The statistics which they compile can never be other than interesting, but there are many ringers who deprecate the use of the analysis as a competitive incentive to associations to carry peal ringing to excess. The Council are asked this year to express an opinion upon one aspect of the preparation of the tabulated figures, perhaps they may be asked also to consider whether the present method of alphabetical order for the associations should be retained, or whether there should be a return to the form by which the association, which has the best aggregate or the best average of points, should be placed at the top, with the others in order of precedence by the same method of calculation.

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There is a great deal to be said on both sides, which brings us back to the old argument as to whether competitive points should be allotted to peals or not, and it opens up a big question which there is not room in this article to deal with. But now that ringing, as we all hope, is on the road to the status which existed before the war, the Central Council might well consider afresh what their attitude on the matter will be, that is to say whether by the form of the analysis they will officially countenance the competitive side of peal ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
JOHN HOLMAN 2	SAMUEL WESLEY 7
GEORGE HOLLIS 3	*EDWIN C. CHASTY 8
FRANK JACOBS 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN 9
EDWARD C. GOBEY 5	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES HOULDSWORTH Treble	*ALFRED HOULDSWORTH 6
*TOM WILSON 2	EMMANUEL DETESON 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	TOM REDMAN 8
HARRY ENTWISTLE 4	WILLIAM E. WILSON 9
RENNIE HARTLEY 5	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the men in the Blackburn Branch, who have made the great sacrifice in the war.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES W. WASHBROOK Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 5
EDWARD OLDFIELD 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
C. W. CLARK 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SENR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Greenhalgh and Trippier. R. F. Deal hails from London, the ringer of the 2nd belongs to the local band, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor are members of St. Thomas', Pendleton.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY LEA Treble	WILLIAM COLEY 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
GEORGE N. COCKIN 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB 7
EDWARD BRETTLE 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by W. H. WEBB.

Rung as a compliment to Elijah White on his 75th birthday.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 22, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM NUDDS 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6
*FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
FRANK SMITH 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise with an inside bell.

KILSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON <i>Treble</i>	JAMES G. RUMSAY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	GEORGE HARDY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
Conducted by GEORGE WILSON.

KILDWICK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ELLIS LAMBERT <i>Treble</i>	*DR. WALES 5
CHRISTOPHER BROWN 2	HENRY HORNER 6
HARRY ROE 3	WILLIAM BILLOWS 7
JOHN MCKELL 4	WILLIAM D. H. LLARY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by W. BILLOWS.
* First peal. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 belong to local company; 4 and 5 are from Gargrave; 6, 7, and 8 from Skipton.

CUBITT TOWN.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES T. CLARKE <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. DAYNES 5
HAROLD W. CLARKE 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
*ALBERT J. FORD 3	THOMAS JAKEMAN 7
THOMAS H. HAWKINS 4	DALBY HODGSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

This peal was rung in honour of Empire Day, and also as a welcome home to Messrs. A. J. Ford and W. H. Daynes, on their return to civilian life from active service.

* Elected a member previous to starting for peal.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb.

*HERBERT FAIRHEAD <i>Treble</i>	JAMES FLEUTY 5
WALTER BURST 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
†JOHN TURNER 3	†JAMES FRENCH 7
*ROBERT FLEUTY 4	WILLIAM SCILLITOE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by B. ANNABLE and conducted by J. FRENCH.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, and was the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. *First peal. †First on 8 bells. †First on 8 bells as conductor. These bells are rung for every Sunday service throughout the year.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOODSTON.

On Saturday, May 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

H. HOARE, SEN. <i>Treble</i>	MISS F. A. CULPEN 4
MISS P. HARE 2	S. H. HOARE 5
MISS A. PARKENS 3	H. HOARE, JUN. ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. HOARE, JUNR.

First peal by all except the conductor, and it was his first peal in that capacity. First peal on the bells by a Woodston band. The three ladies took their first lesson in handling a bell 16 months ago.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being three 720's of Kent, and two each of Oxford and Woodbine.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*STANLEY FINCH <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST TURNER 4
HARRY W. CATTERWELL 2	OLAVE E. BROYD 5
HARRY CANSSELL 3	GEORGE E. PANNELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

* First peal.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GNR. C. SINFIELD, R.F.A. <i>Treble</i>	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
*WILLIAM JAMES 2	MARK LANE 5
CYRIL HERBERT 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

The peal was arranged for Gnr. Sinfield, on leave from Germany.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, May 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PRO-CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 5-6
JAMES E. GROVES 3-4	WILLIAM KENT 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10.	

Composed and conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has 1-2 and 2-1 in alternate blocks of three courses in 1-2 at each and every one of the 48 course ends with the 5th and 6th in 5th's place in alternate blocks of 12 courses, 24 in the tittums and 24 in the handstroke.

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

On Friday, May 30th, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES BRAGG 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5-6
HARRY BRAGG 3-4	*HUBERT SHEPHERD 7-8

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Witness: J. MARTIN.

* First peal on handbells. First peal of Triples by all, and first handbell peal of Triples rung in Solihull.

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL.

Representatives from practically all parts of the diocese, and numbering 105, attended the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne on Saturday, May 17th. The service in the Minster was conducted by the Hon. Secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the Vicar (Canon J. Fletcher) also taking part. The Rev. A. D. H. Allan (headmaster of Wimborne Grammar School and an hon. member of Wimborne Guild) gave the address.

Luncheon was served in the Victoria Hall, the Master (the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett) presiding. At the conclusion of the meal,

Mr. M. J. Raymond, one of the churchwardens of Wimborne Minster, in proposing 'The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers,' mentioned that of about 800 members 500 served in the war, and at least 50 had made the supreme sacrifice. That was a record, he was sure, of which any Guild or other organisation could be very proud (hear, hear). It was an excellent sign to see so many young ringers present that afternoon. They could not be too young to begin to take an interest in the art of bell ringing. Mr. Raymond wished the Guild long life and the prosperity which it was entitled to (applause).—The Master, in reply, observed that he felt sure that the Guild, so long as it had the support of the ringers and good guidance of the officers, would continue to prosper (hear, hear).

CHANGE OF PRESIDENT AND MASTER.

The Hon. Secretary regretted that the report for last year was not yet to hand owing to unavoidable delays. The balance in hand at the end of the last financial year was £52 6s. 0d. With receipts the total income for the year was £77 14s. 7d., compared to expenditure of £15 16s. 2d., leaving a balance of £61 18s. 5d. (hear, hear).—The accounts as presented were adopted.

Captain J. E. Acland (Dorchester) having resigned the post of President of the Guild, recommended as his successor the Earl of Shaftesbury, a vice-president for many years, who had consented to accept the position.—It was pointed out that it was not an annual office, it being retained during the President's pleasure.—The election was unanimously agreed to, and it was resolved a cordial vote of thanks should be written by the Secretary to Captain Acland for his past service.

The Rev. Tilney Bassett, who had filled the office for the past six years, intimated he did not wish to be re-elected Master. Captain Acland had found a successor well known in Dorset, a Dorset ringer, and, until called up for war service, a great worker on behalf of the Guild, Major Hughes D'Aeth (Gillingham).

Major D'Aeth, acknowledging a unanimous election, said he considered it was not only a great honour to himself, but to those ringers of the Guild who had been out with him serving His Majesty, and to those who had laid down their lives for the great cause. He believed that one of his own battalions was one of the first of the Guild members to make the supreme sacrifice—Sam Davey, of Netherbury, who died on his journey to India. Speaking as a layman to the clergy, Major D'Aeth stated that on service one heard a good deal against what they called the padre. He came from Bagdad, where he was the first churchwarden, and where he started a branch of the Church of England Men's Society. The general complaint amongst the men was that the parsons in England were too sad about everything—(laughter)—in the pulpit they were too sad on Sundays, which should be a day of rejoicing, praise, and thanksgiving. He had also heard it said by very many men they did not want to be continually told they were sinners (laughter and hear, hear). There were other things to teach men (hear, hear). He had heard it said by the men so very often in the field that every time they had a church parade they were told they were wicked men. They did their best not to be, and naturally got rather tired of being told every Sunday (hear, hear). Incidentally, Major D'Aeth mentioned that he had been ringing, with the exception of the time during the war, ever since he was six years old, and he believed their secretary, too, learnt his first scientific ringing at the same time as he (the speaker) did.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, an office which, it was remarked, he had excellently held for eight or nine years.

SCHEMES TO PERPETUATE MEMORY OF THE FALLEN.

A committee had been deputed to consider what steps should be taken regarding a memorial to ringers of the diocese who had fallen in the war.—Mr. T. H. Beams (Bradpole), honorary assistant-secretary, explained that he was deputed to have a conversation with the Archdeacon of Sarum, who was acting as deputy to the Dean, with a view to ascertaining what form of memorial would be acceptable to the Dean and Chapter in the Cathedral. They had doubtless seen by the report of the Synod that the Archdeacon made a public statement to the effect that they did not want a series of memorials in the Cathedral differing very much in character, but they had formed a scheme by which the whole of the windows in the north aisle of the Cathedral should, as funds permitted, be glazed with appropriate designs. Each window consisted of two huge lights, and the Archdeacon said to glaze one of these windows would cost somewhere in the neighbourhood of £1,000, or one light would be about £500. When the committee were informed of the cost, it caused them to hold their

hands, because they felt that it was such an enormous expense. Unless they had the full sanction of the Guild as a body they could not attempt to go forward with the scheme. They had, therefore, not done anything further, and they would like a free expression of opinion as to what the members thought.

On the secretary's proposition, those present agreed to the appointment of a small committee, consisting of the President, the Master, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, and Mr. M. Stewart, with power to add to their number if they thought fit, to arrange for a memorial peal as suggested if possible, and also make definite arrangements for a permanent memorial.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox (West Moors), in seconding, suggested as an alternative memorial to that mentioned the placing of a brass or bronze on the north wall of the Cathedral.

The Secretary, recalling the fact that a bell had been rung daily in the diocese during the war as a call for prayer for those on active service, proposed that the Guild respectfully request the Bishop to restore an ancient custom in that diocese, as a perpetual memorial to their fellow-countrymen who had sacrificed their lives in the Great War, by directing that at all churches in the diocese a bell should be rung every Friday at noon, at the sound whereof prayers should be offered for the peace of the realm.—Major D'Aeth seconded the proposition, which was carried.

A member inquired if there was any prospect of getting Sherborne affiliated with the Guild.—The Secretary promised he would do what he could towards the desired end.—Those present agreed that the collection taken at the service should be divided between the memorial fund which was being raised for that diocese and the fund opened towards the cost of rehanging the ten bells of St. Clement Danes Church (London), where a central memorial service for ringers was held in February last, and Mr. Stewart, who attended as the Guild's representative, gave his impressions of the unique occasion.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, secretary of the Dorchester Branch, mentioned that at Charminster it was proposed to add a bell to the peal of five to the memory of the fallen in the parish, and he asked for a sum of £2 towards the cost from the Guild funds.—The grant was sanctioned, and the secretary promised he would do his best in an effort to get the old peal improved.—The meeting also voted a sum not exceeding £4 for the expenses of the Guild's representatives at the Central Council this year.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Wimborne Minster, and also the clergy who had lent their towers in neighbouring places for the visits of the ringers, the Rev. A. D. Allan for his sermon, and Mr. G. F. Score for playing the organ at the service.—Canon Fletcher made reply.

A vote of condolence was also passed with the parents and relatives of ringers who had laid down their lives, coupled with it being a sympathetic reference to the death of the Rev. H. C. Coote, Vicar of St. Peter's, Dorchester, an hon. member.

Bands of ringers afterwards visited the towers of the Minster, St. James's Church, Poole, St. Giles, Cranborne, and Sturminster Marshall Parish Churches, and the methods rung during the day included Grandairs and Stedman Caters and Triples, Double Norwich Major and Treble Bob Royal.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING DISTRICT.

On Saturday, May 17th, a most successful meeting of the Kettering District was held at Burton Latimer, when, thanks to a lovely day, a very large number of ringers attended.

The bells were set going at an early hour, and at 4.30 a service was held in the beautiful church, at which an address was given by the Rector, which was very much appreciated by all who attended. A splendid tea was provided and soon demolished, and it was discovered that the attendance came to as many as 45, the following belfries being noticed as being represented, viz.: Burton Seagrave, Burton Latimer, Cranford, Desborough, Geddington, Isham, Kettering, Finedon, Rothwell, Raunds, Kingstead, Thrapston and Wellingborough.

The meeting was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the District Vice-President, the Rev. B. J. Atkins; the District Secretary, Mr. W. T. Wilson; the foreman of the local ringers, Mr. G. Lines; Lieut. E. M. Atkins, Mr. R. Turner, etc.

Several new members were elected, including the three ladies from Geddington.—It was agreed to hold the annual district meeting at Kettering on the first Saturday in July, and a special meeting to visit Arthingworth, Harrington, Kilmarsall on a date to be arranged by the secretary.—After some votes of thanks, a return was made to the tower, where the bells were set going again.

RHYL RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Bell, one of the oldest members of St. Thomas's Society, Rhyl. As a token of respect to his memory a muffled 720 Bob Minor was rung at St. Thomas's Church before morning service on Sunday, May 25th, by: F. Homan 1, B. R. Collis 2, J. Evans 3, T. Evans 4, C. Egerton 5, J. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bailey tenor (covering).

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article this week will be appreciated by all who wish to see the Council occupy the useful position that it ought. What is to be its future? Is it likely to be mended or ended? You state that it should be foremost with proposals to advance the art and that it should realise its true position. True! that is the point—but what is its true position? We have been told that it is merely an advisory, non-administrative institution, quite powerless to carry out or enforce any of its decrees. Surely there must be something peculiar and unsatisfactory in such an arrangement.

With its organisation of President, Secretary, Standing Committee, and duly appointed delegates from Associations, meeting in solemn conclave merely to discuss, advise, report, but without necessary powers to carry out or enforce their decisions—what an anomaly!

The idea of the national muffled ringing for our departed sailors and soldiers was apparently carried out by a few associations and not by the central body, and so, in my humble opinion, did not attain to the dignity it deserved. It was the work of 'Constituents' not 'Parliament.'

At one time it was suggested that no meetings should be held during the war, and that meeting once in three years would be sufficient. But surely if meetings are unnecessary in the days we are now passing through, they are not required at any time. I would respectfully suggest that in addition to the annual meeting, quarterly meetings be also held even if a few members only could find it possible to attend; and also that the president and secretary have the power to call a special meeting when anything of a special nature is required; and, above all, that the Council should have full power to administer and not only be advisory; and, I believe, that the majority of ringers would loyally abide by the wishes of those they have chosen to represent them.

Cannot the Council (as a body) take up the question of railway fares, raising funds for special purposes, receive a small annual subscription from every member through the associations, represented, take over the ownership of ringing publications (which appear to be at present, left to private enterprise), appoint and pay the Editor, see that all ringers subscribe, and not, as is too often the case at present have one copy, one company?

Council meetings have been very useful in the past for experts' discussions on Lead ends, Surprises, and other equally entertaining subjects, but they have seldom achieved their purpose. Why? Because we are told that the Council has no powers! Let the Council be invested with authority to carry out what is decided upon for the benefit of ringers and ringing in general, or it is useless.

Should anything of a national character be desired, it is far more likely to be successful if undertaken by a national body, than by individual Associations or private members. We have in our president a gentleman of experience, an enthusiast in ringing, united in a most genial disposition; in our secretary a treasure of undoubted ability; a Council selected from the most prominent exponents of the art—chosen by ourselves from ourselves, and many subjects awaiting solution, many objects demanding attention—certainly there is no lack of business, and with a constitution as far as possible perfect, the Council should have a long and useful life before it. But it is essential that it should have powers as well as opinions, and that it and ringers generally must realise their true position.—Yours faithfully,

Saffron Walden.

J. F. PENNING.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A VETERAN RINGER'S ANCIENT TRADE.

A meeting of this association was held at King's Cliffe on Saturday week. Members, to the number of 24, attended from Stamford, Woodston and St. Mary's, Peterborough, while Miss Orlebar, of Mersham, was also present. The peal of five was kept going during the afternoon and evening to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The Rector (the Rev. J. W. Marsh) kindly entertained the visitors, together with the local band, to tea at the Cross Keys.

King's Cliffe, an old-world village, right in the heart of Rockingham Forest, is interesting as the birthplace and home of William Law, Nonjuror and author of the 'Serious Call.' His tomb is in the east end of the churchyard in front of the old house where he dwelt. Fifty years ago King's Cliffe was the centre of the wood turning industry. To-day there are still two or three left who carry on the trade of their fathers. The writer had the pleasure of visiting one of these ancient workshops, and saw its old occupant turning out the various articles including beer taps, egg cups, spoons, etc., in the same old-fashioned way that they had been made for centuries. The old turner, who, by-the-by, was a ringer, said that when he was a boy there were upwards of 80 wood turners in Cliffe. Now there are only three of them left. They had plenty of orders more than they could fulfil, and plenty of money for the work. He had lost his two sons in the war, so there is no one left to carry on the business when he is gone.

J. J.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT RETFORD.

The 32nd annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford, the committee choosing a most fitting and appropriate day for the occasion, viz., Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th. Ringers were present from Anston, Harthill, Rotherham, Mansfield Woodhouse, Gainsbrough, Lincoln, Lancham, Workson and East Retford. Good touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung during the afternoon, in the course of which a junior from Workson made his debut on ten bells, and performed very creditably. The Vicar of East Retford (the Rev. C. Bailey) visited the ringing chamber, and gave a most inspiring and interesting address to the members. He said what a pleasure it was to welcome the ringers to East Retford, and referred to the appropriateness of the day they had chosen, and the delight of the people of Retford and district at hearing the bells rung once more on that festive occasion. At present, through the exigencies of the war, his own band of ringers was very much depleted and disorganised, but he sincerely hoped the result of that gathering would be to give an impetus to uniting them again so that the people of Retford would have the pleasure of hearing the bells for Sunday service, Church Festivals, and National Anniversaries. There was nothing more beautiful in his opinion than a peal of good bells when skilfully rung, and he sincerely hoped that gathering would be the means of bringing them together, and the bells being regularly rung in the future.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to Howard's Restaurant to partake of a substantial tea which was served in a style reminiscent of pre-war days. The Vicar of East Retford presided, supported by Messrs. H. Haigh and A. Beck, joint secretaries, ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C., and others.—Mr. A. Johnson, of Workson, occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar having to leave early.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with one or two minor alterations, and Messrs. R. Wright, H. Jordan and H. Simpson, all of Workson, were elected performing members of the Association. Messrs. Colin Ryder, Arthur Hague and Sidney Briggs, of Rotherham, were elected non-resident life members.

The balance sheet presented showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £17 13s. 11d. to £22 16s. 10d. during 1918.

Mr. H. Haigh took the opportunity of impressing upon the members the importance of supporting the 'Ringing World' by each taking a copy every week. Without the paper they would have no source of information as to what was going on in ringing circles in other parts of the country. If they lost their paper it would be a terrible blow to the real enthusiasts. Another reason why they should support the paper was it saved the secretary a lot of time and the Association much expense in not having to notify the meetings to every tower by post. Their meetings were always advertised in the 'Ringing World.' The Workson company started in 1911 with twelve copies a week, and had never taken less than ten during the war, while now they were taking thirteen. He hoped other towers would do even better than Workson.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Harthill, in July, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Darley.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall respectively for the use of the bells were unanimously accorded, and the bellies of East and West Retford were again visited, and touches of Minor and Caters rung in various methods until 8.0 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The May meeting was held at Eccles, when a goodly company assembled. Ringing started about 4 p.m., and continued until after 8 p.m., touches in Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major being practised by mixed bands from most of the local towers, as well as Stockport and other Cheshire districts. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. E. Ryder, who was congratulated upon having 'grown younger' again, and being able to do some more work, after retiring through ill-health.

One new member was elected, and the next meeting was arranged for Whitefield on June 21st, providing the necessary permission can be obtained.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar and wardens for permission to use the bells, and to the local ringers for getting everything ready and welcoming the members to the ancient church of Eccles.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton Ernest on Saturday last, members being present from Bedford, Biggleswade, Elstow, Bromham and Sharnbrook. Mr. C. W. Clarke was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Mr. E. P. Duffield) and Mr. C. A. Pratt, the Biggleswade District Secretary. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Rleisce and Riseley on June 21st. Three new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for providing tea.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY'S PEACE BELLS.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The consummation of one of the most interesting events in modern bell history was witnessed on Tuesday when the new 'Peace' bells at Westminster Abbey were solemnly dedicated and rung for the first time, the service taking place in the morning and being performed by Dr. Ryle, Dean of Westminster.

As a work of restoration, this task of providing the Abbey with a peal of bells worthy of its antiquity and national importance has never had its equal, at any rate since the birth of the Ringing Exercise, and the events associated with it have made it unique. The completion of an octave of bells at the first ecclesiastical building in the land is of itself an historic event, but coupled to this are the facts that the restoration is to mark the conclusion of the greatest war of all ages, and that the casting of the



bells was performed in the presence of the King and Queen. Further, it is of particular interest to recall that the firm that placed one of the bells in the tower in 1583 is the firm that has carried out the work in the year 1919, and which has placed in the famous Abbey all the bells that have from time to time been added since the days of Robert Mot. Such a chain of events is indeed remarkable, and the completion of this scheme stands out as one of the most famous and important in the annals of bell founding.

Before the restoration was undertaken there were six bells in the massive and stately north-west tower of the Abbey, the tenor weighing a little under 30 cwt. The dates and makers were as follows:—

Tenor.	Cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.	1738.
5th.	Ditto.	1598.
4th.	Ditto.	1743.
3rd.	Ditto.	1583.
2nd.	Ditto.	1743.

Treble. Cast by Richard de Wymbish, about 1310.

The 2nd was cracked in the crown, and has been recast, the treble has been replaced by a new bell, the old one, a wonderful early 14th century relic, being happily preserved in the Abbey. Two new trebles have been added to complete the octave, with the result that the four back bells are old, and the four front ones new.

The old six were hung in a timber frame which was built on four trussed beams, supported by four main beams. All the old timber work has been taken out with the exception of the four main beams, and a new steel frame erected, which takes its bearings in the tower walls, thus making a perfectly rigid structure. All the bells are mounted with modern fittings, including iron headstocks, and the bearings are of hard gun-metal fitted into cast-iron housings, with new dust proof covers.

The two trebles are to be known as the 'Two Sisters,' the whole cost of the work having been defrayed by two sisters, who at present remain anonymous.

The inscriptions on the four new bells are as follow:—

4th:

PAX.

Deus canticum novum cantabo tibi.

1919.

3rd:

The Lord of Hosts is with us.

1919.

2nd:

RUTH.

There is none other that fighteth for us.

1919.

Treble:

FAITH.

Thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory.

1919.

All the capital letters are in the 'Somercoates' type, and the smalls in old English.

The 3rd, which is recast from the old 2nd, is the bell the casting of which was witnessed by the King, Queen and Princess Mary.

Everything that has been done in the tower bears the stamp of that excellent workmanship always associated with the ancient Whitechapel Foundry, and Mr. Albert A. Hughes, the principal of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, is to be heartily congratulated not only upon the fact that his firm, after the lapse of so many centuries has retained its association with the bells of the Abbey, but also upon the splendid result, from a technical point of view, which has been achieved.

THE DEDICATION.

The dedication of the bells took place on Tuesday at a special service which followed the customary morning service in the Abbey. For the ceremony the Dean, with the other clergy and the choir, accompanied by the donors of the bells, proceeded to the base of the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were offered, including the following:—

In the faith of Jesus Christ and in the hope of the world's peace, we dedicate the bells now hung in this tower, as well those newly cast as those that being old have been renovated and hung afresh, to the glory of God and for the replenishing of this church of St. Peter in Westminster.

At a signal given by the Dean, the noble peal, in which the four old and four new bells have been magnificently 'spliced,' then rang out from above. It was an impressive moment. For those who waited below in the Abbey the music was as the deep diapason of a distant organ, while outside many a passer-by stopped to listen to the majestic roll of one of the grandest peals of eight in the kingdom. The special touch was a course of Stedman Triples rung by William D. Smith treble, Edwin Horrex 2, Edwin Gibbs 3, Challis F. Winney 4, Alfred B. Peck 5, Herbert Langdon 6, Charles Burden 7, Walter Prime tenor.

At the conclusion of the service, touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, the other ringers who were present and who took part being Messrs. A. A. Hughes (of the Whitechapel Foundry), W. T. Cockerill, Albert Walker (Birmingham), Major J. H. B. Hosse, Messrs. J. C. F. Bailey, W. Hewett, E. Fourn, etc.

Owing to the day and time of the ceremony, as well as to the short notice at which the opening was arranged, there were not a great many ringers present at the ceremony. It is interesting to note that Mr. F. Horrex was one of those who rang at the opening of the peal of bells at St. Paul's Cathedral in the year 1878, and of that band he is the sole survivor.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) both at Shenley and Loughton will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.15, tea and business meeting to follow. —W. Sear, Hon. Sec., 69, Windsor St., Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, June 7th. Eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) from 3 o'clock. Electric from Sheffield to Woodseats.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Beccles on Whit Monday, June 9th. The ring of ten bells in the Campanile of the Parish Church, by the kind permission of the Rector, will be open for the use of members from 11 to 1 o'clock and from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 'Gales Hotel' at 1 p.m. punctually, at 3/6 for honorary members, and 2/3 for company members, followed by general meeting at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Arrears and subscriptions for 1919 should be paid without delay.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, 'High Croft,' North Walsham, Norfolk.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Steeplekeepers are asked to make known to their members the following fixtures for combined practices during the month of June.

GREAT MARLOW.—Whit-Monday, at 3 p.m. Tea by notifying Mr. J. C. Truss, St. Peter's Street.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—Saturday, June 14th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea by notifying Mr. J. J. Parker, 'Ellismere.' The 42nd anniversary of the opening of the ring of six bells.

STOKE POGES and SLOUGH.—Saturday, June 21st, 3 to 5.30 and 7 till 9 p.m. respectively. The Leytonstone Society's day in Bucks. Tea at Mr. Lidstone's, High Street, Slough, at 6 o'clock (1s. each), by sending him notice direct.

COOKHAM-ON-THAMES.—Saturday, June 28th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30; tea, by invitation, at 6 o'clock. Social and ringing afterwards. The Master of the Guild is hoping to be present. Those attending will please inform the Hon. Secretary.

W. H. Fussell, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Fortieth annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday next. 3 p.m., service in the Cathedral with an address by Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree; 3.45 p.m., annual meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 5 p.m., Tea at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, 1s. 3d. each to members, 2s. 6d. non-members. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: The Cathedral (12 bells), Gallywood (8), Boreham (8), Gt. Waltham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6).—C. H. Howard, Master, H. T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., The Temples, Witham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General Meeting at Maidstone on Whit Monday, June 9th. Committee meeting in the Old College, 11.15 a.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE at All Saints', 12 noon. Offertory for the Association War Memorial. Business meeting in the Old College, 2 p.m. Travelling expenses up to 2s. 6d. will be paid to members after the service. Towers open for ringing: All Saints' (10), St. Michael's (6), Aylesford (8), West

Malling (8), East Farleigh (6), Barming (6).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual meeting at Exeter on Whit-Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral at 3 o'clock with memorial of fallen members. Address by the Dean. Tea and meeting at St. Sidwell's Institute at 4 o'clock.—Rev. E. S. Powell, Hon. Sec., Holbeton, Plymouth.

ARKSEY SOCIETY.—The dedication of two new bells (to complete octave), a brass memorial tablet, and Cambridge Chimes will take place in the Parish Church, Arksey, on Whit Monday, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Sheffield. A cordial invitation is given to all ringing friends. Bells available after service. Tea will be provided in the Hall grounds, 1s. each. New Village cars ran from Doncaster every fifteen minutes.—H. Woodhouse, Hon. Sec., Arksey, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Whit Monday. Bells ready at 2; service at 5. Poolstock bells from 2 to 4.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday June 9th. Ringing at All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Giles', St. Sepulchre's and St. Edmund's from 10 to 12. Service at All Saints Church at 12.30, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Hunt. Luncheon at the Peacock Hotel, Market Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Luncheon, 3s.; members half-price. The bells of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Edmund's, St. Sepulchre's and Kingsthorpe will be available after the meeting until 7 o'clock.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on June 9th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the bells of Parish Church (tenor 11½ cwt.) will be available all day. A committee meeting will be held in the Cockton Church Hall close to the Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided in the same place at 5 o'clock.—George T. Potter, Hon. Sec., 13, Park Parade, Whitley Bay.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 12th and 26th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury (8 bells) on Saturday, June 14th. Evensong 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Will intending visitors kindly notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 9th?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A "missionary" meeting will be held on Sunday, June 15th, starting from Kelvedon 9 a.m., via Inworth, Gt. Totham, Goldbanger, Tollesbury, and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. I shall be glad to hear from members who intend taking part as soon as possible, so that final arrangements can be made.—B. Redgwell, Dist. Sec., Rayne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells

available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who let me know on or before Wednesday, June 18th.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Olveston on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.; tea at 5 o'clock. Will members who intend being present at tea advise me not later than the 10th inst.?—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, on Saturday, June 14th. Service at 6 o'clock. Bells available afternoon and evening. Those requiring tea please let me know early.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar (Rev. H. South) for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than June 11th.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stapleford, Cambs (Shelford Station), on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 o'clock. Short Service at 5; tea at 5.30. Will those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, June 14th, at 4.30 p.m. Bells (8) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Hon. Secs., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—An evening meeting will be held at Acton on Wednesday June 18th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Hillingdon, both towers open. Will members who intend to be present please notify me by the 18th?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, 21st June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. in schools to those who notify Mr. Charles Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, not later than Monday, June 16th. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 21st. As this marks the resumption of the Southern District meetings, the officers and members are requested to attend, particularly the business meeting after the practice.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. each, those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than June 18th. Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. F. G. Scovell) the Rectory grounds will be open for the use of ringers and friends. Rotherham and Mexbro' cars pass the church.—Arthur Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 p.m., the Vicar will preside.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. Established 1623.—Great ringing day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. Visitors welcome. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Will those wishing to partake of dinner kindly let Secretary know? If visitors, wishing to make a week-end, will kindly inform the Secretary, he will arrange for ringing on the Saturday and Sunday.—R. A. Strong, West Road, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The tower of St. Mary, Islington, is open for practice every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m.—Hon. District Sec., F. G. Symonds.

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

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the North and East District, held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, was disappointing, so far as attendance was concerned. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and at the business meeting five new members were elected. The Vicar was thanked for allowing the meeting to be held at St. Andrew's, and the use of the bells, which unfortunately went very badly on that day.

HANDBELL PEAL AT SOLIHULL.

The first handbell peal of Triples in Solihull, Warwickshire, is recorded in another column. The band who rang this peal began practising together just 12 months ago, and they are entirely self-taught. Charles Bragg commenced ringing a year ago. He is 14 years of age, and he rang the peal practically without a mistake. The band have rung eight peals since last July, and had four attempts for the Triples. Perseverance has, however, now gained its reward. All the ringers are related to one another, and the ringers of 5-6 and 7-8 are discharged soldiers, the conductor being the holder of the Military Medal.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**PAST MASTER'S PEAL ATTEMPT.**

The first Master of the above Association, Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, attained his 60th birthday on Wednesday, May 28th, and to mark the occasion and to appreciate the services of one that has done so much for change ringing, and to whom the hon. secretary of the Association is indebted for his first instruction, a band of past masters from Newport, Cardiff and Llandaff journeyed to Caerleon and attempted a peal. All went well for an hour and a half, when at half-way the bells were stopped owing to a 'shift course,' much to the disappointment of all, it being the first time a past master's peal had been attempted to honour one of their number. The band were afterwards the guests of Mr. Davies to a bountiful supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the party wishing Mr. Davies many happy returns.

THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

To enable me to bring this successful and interesting scheme to a close, I shall be glad if those who still have lists and amounts in hand will kindly forward these to me with as little delay as possible.

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