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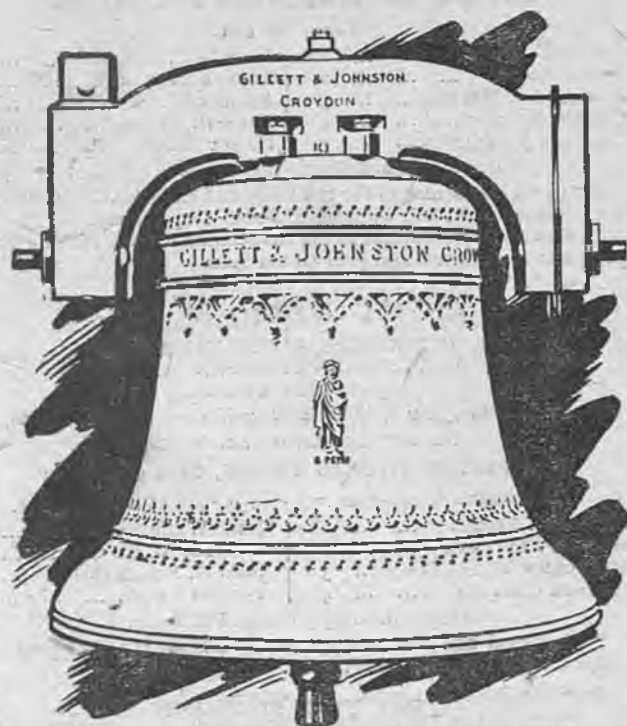
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### THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

From a ringer's point of view some of the most valuable work done in the past by the Central Council has been the issue of various publications by its Committees, and not least those which have been compiled at considerable cost of time and labour by the Peal Collection and Methods Committees. Partly, of course, owing to the war, it is some years since any addition has been made to the published works of the Council, but at Gloucester one of the most important things which the Council decided on was the issue of the Treble Bob Collection, and, subject to the funds of the Council permitting it, a selection of the Plain methods, which will be a 'big brother' as it were of the existing volume of Minor methods. This announcement will give a good deal of satisfaction to the Exercise, and will carry one step nearer completion a work already well begun.

To complete the sequence of their works it was necessary that the Council should include Treble Bob, but we wonder whether it has been really worth while to spend so much time and energy upon a collection of peals in a method which is scarcely more than a stepping-stone in the progress of a ringer. It certainly is not to be considered a stage in ringing at which a man should be content to rest, and while the collection will doubtless be of considerable interest, a task of ten or twelve years' duration does seem a long undertaking, when, to be in keeping with the progress of the art, it is peals in the Surprise methods that the Council ought to be thinking of publishing, in order to encourage ringers to aspire to higher things. But matters being as they are, everyone will agree with the remark of Mr. Johnson, of Leeds, when he urged the Council to get the Treble Bob peals out of the way.

The Methods Committee's report with regard to the Plain Major methods—in this case the report is really the collection of all the plain eight bell methods—is in a somewhat different category. Anything that gives ringers as a whole wider scope for their activities, enlarges their opportunities of practice, and thus advances the art, is heartily to be welcomed, and for this reason we should like to see the Methods Committee not only publish their plain methods without delay, but go on with their investigations at an accelerated speed. The publication of their work is, with the Treble Bob collection ahead of them, a question of finance, and though there may be funds enough in hand to meet the expense of printing, it must not be forgotten that it has taken the Council some years to accumulate the capital which they have got, and the publication of two volumes now will mean that some years must elapse, even if the Committee could do the work, before anything further can be done—unless other steps are taken.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 39½ cwt.	
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	* WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 8
† FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	* EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... 10
* ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 11
* HAROLD P. BURTON ... 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

† First peal on 12 bells. \* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells and in the County of Essex.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE OATERS 5094 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.	
HARRY F. BROWNJOHN ... Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 6
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	ALFRED PEARCE ... 7
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 3	ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR ... 8
ALFRED KING ... 4	JESSE B. TYLER ... 9
CHARLES J. WALTON ... 5	HENRY WAY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 6th who hail from Luton, Beds, and Dunstable, Beds, respectively. They were both elected Life Members of the Association before starting for the peal, and it was their first peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
ARCHIE C. STOKES ... Treble	* JOHN WALDEN ... 5
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 2	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON ... 6
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
GEORGE CHESTER ... 4	THOMAS BAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal and first attempt in the method. First peal in the method since the bells were recast.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Tuesday, June 10, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble	FRED HOPPER ... 5
WILLIAM FAREY ... 2	TOM TEBBUTT ... 6
THOMAS LAW ... 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... 7
* WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY ... 4	JOSEPH C. DEAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal of Triples. 100th peal of Mr. F. Hopper. The peal was rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of his father and as a birthday compliment to the conductor. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Andrews, whose late husband was an enthusiastic member of Daventry belfry and the above Association.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, June 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANCIS T. HOAD ... .. Treble	F. BENNETT ... .. 5
JOHN RICE ... .. 2	RICHARD STREDWICK ... .. 6
†ALFRED CRIPPS ... .. 3	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.  
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. | First peal in the method with an inside bell.

ROTHWELL, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE COPLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. ABBISHAW ... .. 5
ALFRED CHAPMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 6
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW ... .. 3	STEPHEN STACEY ... .. 7
*THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS ... .. 4	WALTER CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield.  
Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

\* First peal. Rung by the Rothwell Branch.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. ... .. 5
PERCY W. CAVE ... .. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Treble	†HENRY G. REYNOLDS ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 2	*WILLIAM TATE ... .. 6
*L. PERCY COOK ... .. 3	JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 7
*CHARLES A. J. AITKEN ... .. 4	RICHARD STONE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. A. BURNETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in method.

LEICESTER.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mark.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT W. NERHAM ... .. Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM WEBB ... .. 3	ALFRED MARTIN ... .. 7
HAROLD J. JENNEY ... .. 4	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, President of the Association and founder of the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Hilda.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

S. TUNNELL ... .. Treble	W. A. BRECKON ... .. 5
C. POLLARD ... .. 2	T. LANCASTER ... .. 6
T. R. HENSHER ... .. 3	J. W. PASSMAN ... .. 7
J. G. HALL ... .. 4	T. METCALFE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

This peal was rung to commemorate the inauguration of the Joy Loan Campaign. First peal on the bells since they were rehung, quarter turned and thoroughly repaired by Messrs. Mears and Stain bank, Whitechapel Foundry, London.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, June 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being four 720's Kent Treble Bob and 3 of Plain Bob,  
720 of each being rung alternately.

EDMUND WEBB ... .. Treble	*CHARLES HALL ... .. 4
WILLIAM SCOTCHER ... .. 2	JOSEPH PAGE ... .. 5
JOHN STALLEY ... .. 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deepest sympathy for the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Nurses of our Forces, especially those of the Parish, who number 34, who have fallen during the Great War.

\* First peal and first attempt, also first 720 of Kent.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HUBERT SUMMERS ... .. Treble	JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 4
OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

\* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new oak reredos, also as a compliment to Mr. W. Pryce who was married on the previous Saturday.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of Michael and All Angels.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... .. Treble	FRED BRADLEY ... .. 4
*JOHN BLACKSHAW ... .. 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 5
ESAO WALMSLEY ... .. 3	†ARTHUR MITCHELL ... .. 6

\*FRED RAMSHOTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. TOMLINSON.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to L/Cpl. Robert Bradley, Pte. Percy Gray, Pte. George Stancliffe, who were killed in the War and were members of the above tower.

\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

comprising 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

HARRY PRICE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK FOREMAN ... .. 4
GEORGE FULLER ... .. 2	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... .. 5
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 3	JAMES WAGHORN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Hammond. It was also his first peal.

Other Peal are unavoidably held over.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

### DISCUSSION ON REPORTS.

#### TREBLE BOB PEAL COLLECTION TO BE PRINTED.

(Continued from Page 241.)

The first report for the consideration of the Council was that of the Peal Collection Committee, on behalf of which the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson wrote: 'The Peal Collection Committee repeat their report of last year, that they will begin printing the Treble Bob Collection when authorised to do so by the Council. There being no longer any patriotic reasons for delay, it is now solely a question of cost.'

The Hon. Secretary said, if his memory served him rightly, the committee were instructed, before printing, to consult him as to whether the funds of the Council would bear it.

Mr. H. W. Wilde said the committee were prepared to print the first section of the Treble Bob peals if the Council authorised the expenditure. Mr. Richardson had unfortunately broken down in health, and had not been able to do anything for some months. There had been a certain amount of criticism of the work of the committee from time to time, but those who criticised did not quite understand what those committees were doing. Some years ago, Mr. Richardson pressed that all peals for the Treble Bob Collection, before being printed, should be proved, and it was involving a tremendous amount of work. They had found some of the peals sent in with the number of changes not correctly given, others with the course-ends incorrect, and some with the calling wrongly given. All had to be checked, and then there was the proof of the peals, and the internal proof. He (the speaker) had devoted himself to checking the proof of the peals, and he believed there was now a section ready for printing.

Replying to a question, the President said he understood the expense of printing the collection would probably be between £30 and £40. The only point for the Council was whether they wished the collection to be printed at the cost of the amount mentioned. He added that the Council owed a debt of gratitude to the Peal Collection Committee for the enormous amount of work they had done, a very troublesome work requiring great accuracy.

Mr. Wilde proposed that the Council authorise incurring the expense of printing.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston asked how many sections the committee proposed there should be. Could there not be a selection of the compositions combined in one section?

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the question of making a selection for these peal collections was discussed some time ago, and it was decided that it was not possible. They must print them practically all. That was the unanimous opinion of the committee at that time, and of the Council.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston seconded Mr. Wilde's motion.

The Hon. Secretary said it would be necessary to sell out some of their stock. They had something like £100 invested.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said the Council ought to know what they were committing themselves to financially. What would the total cost be? By publishing one part they were practically committing themselves to publishing the remainder.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he believed it was seven years ago at Westminster that they decided to prove these peals of Treble Bob, and if it was going to take another seven years to prove the next section they would have time to accumulate another £30 for publishing it (laughter). If they did not get this Treble Bob section out of the way they would bar the road to publishing the Surprise peals which ringers were anxious to see published. Let them get the Treble Bob out of the way at once.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

#### SUGGESTED LACK OF APPRECIATION.

Mr. J. A. Trollope asked the Council to accept his resignation from the committee.

The President said, except in the case of absolute necessity, he hoped members would not resign from the committees. Other reports spoke of resignations, and he thought it would be best if they did not accept any resignations until they had heard all the reports, because there were difficulties in the way. The Council would suffer very severely if members resigned from committees unless it was absolutely necessary.

Mr. Trollope said he could not withdraw his resignation because the reasons for it, which he did not want to go into still stood, but he would fall in with the suggestion of the President. He could not, however, act on the committee again. It was not a question of pique, or anything of that sort, but anyone who had had anything at all to do with the committees knew that there was a very large amount of work to do done, for which there was nothing to show.

The work must be done, but for that sort of thing they must have a certain amount of incentive. He supposed the real reason why they spent so much time on committee work was that they liked it, but there was another reason, and that was that they had in the back of their mind the idea that the work was going to be appreciated, and that those who did it were going to be considered as authorities upon it. For a long time past he had been of opinion, and now, he was sorry to say, it was a certainty, that the Council and the Exercise as a whole, did not appreciate the work that was done. They might pass resolutions if they liked, and they might say very nice things, but when it came to the point, committee work was not appreciated. Then, too, he could not possibly do the work he had done in the past, and he would not be of any use to the Council on the committee.

The President: Mr. Trollope speaks of want of appreciation, is there any way the Council can show it more than it has?

Mr. Trollope: If you appoint a committee on any subject, you appoint them as experts, and treat them as experts, and their views should be accepted, unless a thing is proved to the contrary by someone who knows something about the subject. That is not the case in the Exercise. A man's opinions are more dogmatic in proportion as he knows less about the subject.

Mr. Johnson: Profound ignorance never prevented a man from giving advice.

The President: I should have thought the most clear sign of appreciation was the fact of a person being put on a committee. If the Council puts anyone on a committee it certainly desires to show its full and complete confidence in his ability to carry out the purpose of that committee. It can afterwards thank him for the labour, as well as for the knowledge which he has shown in carrying out the work. For myself I feel particularly strongly that for the work of such a committee as this on the Peal Collection—I know the enormous amount of work which Mr. Richardson has given to the proving of the peals—there is no lack of appreciation. I cannot see any other way in which the Council can show it than first of all, and chiefly by putting a member on the committee; and, secondly, by thanking him afterwards for what he has done.

Mr. Trollope: You cannot define an atmosphere, but you can feel it.

The Rev. H. Drake said he would propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Trollope, and ask him to withdraw his resignation.

Mr. Trollope: That is not wanted.

#### THE PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

As only a few minutes were left before the luncheon interval, the President invited the members to consider the question of the place of the next meeting.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed Northampton, and this was seconded by Canon Baker.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston suggested Chester.

Mr. G. B. Bolland proposed Leeds, and Lincoln was named by the Rev. H. Law James.

At the opening of the afternoon session, the Rev. H. L. James withdrew Lincoln and supported Northampton, on the ground that the latter place was about the middle of England, so that it would be possible for everyone to get there at about the same expense.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston withdrew his nomination of Chester, remarking that after the next meeting in London it would be the turn of the North of England, and perhaps Chester might then have first choice.

This left only Northampton and Leeds, and, on being put to the vote, Northampton was chosen almost unanimously.

#### LEADS—PLAIN AND OTHERWISE.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, said the report was the same as presented last year. It was ready for printing, but he must refer to the attack which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies had made on the original Legitimate Methods Report, for the simple reason it was no good going on building the chimney if the foundation stone was coming out. He must go back to the committee's report and justify it, and he did so on two grounds: first, theoretical; secondly, practical. As to the theoretical, if anyone would write out a course of Triples with two hunting trebles they would find at the end of the lead that the result was one of three things, either they had got a lead end which came up in Grandsire Triples, in which all the working bells were in the same coursing order; or else they had got three working bells shifted, or two working bells shifted. Those were facts. The committee did not make those facts, they found them, and no power on earth could ever alter them. There were thus three kinds of leads. The first was Grandsire Triples, and it had been called a plain lead. Mr. Davies told them in his pamphlet that it had been the common custom of the Exercise to call anything a plain lead where a bob was not called. He (the speaker) was aware that that was the colloquial use of the belfry, but Mr. Davies had never given them any authority for it. They could not find it in any of the old authors. He had searched the Clavis, Shipway, Banister, Reeves and Hubbard. That brought him down to 1864. Not one of these books said anything

about a plain lead in any sense whatever. In its colloquial use in the belfry it was quite modern. It was, Mr. Davies told them, most unscientific and most confusing, and he agreed with him. He (Mr. James) wrote the definitions of a plain lead, a bob lead, and a single lead, and he wrote them because he found those three kinds of lead, which were, in their way absolutely different. They all agreed that Grandsire Triples was a plain lead; if they called one of the others a plain lead they had Mr. Davies' word for it that it was unscientific and confusing. Unless they had a real basis on which they could work, they could do nothing at all, and if they took Mr. Davies' pamphlet on leads, and proceeded to work on that, well—so far as the committee was concerned he was prepared to give up and not do any more, for the foundation was gone, and it was no use going on with the work.

#### THE PRACTICAL SIDE.

The practical side of the question was the most important from the ordinary ringer's point of view. Beginning with five bells, they could do one of two things. They could change two pairs of bells, or one pair of bells. Consider what happened if they changed only one pair of bells! Three bells would stand still, which was more than half the bells, and the result to the outside public—and they must not forget the outside public—was a horrible noise. Coming to six bell methods, Mr. James said there were two groups, those that obeyed the rule and had Bob Minor lead ends, and those that broke it. Let them call a 720 according to the old rule of 'home,' 'wrong' and 'home,' or 'in,' 'out' and 'in,' and with the Legitimate methods in 19 cases out of 20 it brought the tenors up the right way at the back; with the illegitimate methods in 19 cases out of 20 it brought the tenors up the wrong way, and they got a horrible noise. With regard to Triples, he would give Mr. Davies his Union Triples. As long as they rang triple changes they could not make a horrible noise. He had no objection to ringing Union Triples, but he had the greatest objection to calling it a plain lead. It was a 5th's place bob in Grandsire Triples. Mr. Davies said there was no call made. That was quite true. Suppose a band went into a tower and rang Holt's Original silent; there was no call made from beginning to end, but was that one plain course? (laughter). It was just the same thing; there was no getting away from it. Then as to the Plain Major methods. 'They are all here,' said Mr. James, holding up the ponderous report of the committee. 'No one can get another; there is not another in existence. What about them? They divide into two groups—pure Major methods and mixed Major methods. In pure Major methods you get two odd and two even rows alternately. In mixed Major methods you get them in various orders. Is there any practical difference? Musically there is none; so far as the outside public is concerned we can leave it alone. Practically there is a very considerable difference. The mixed Major methods are far more interesting for the ringer to ring. What do the Bob Major lead ends do? They keep the tenors together. Any other lead ends will part the tenors, and sooner or later, be the composer as careful as he may, the tenor and second will dodge at the back, and every ringer knows what a painful noise that is.' Continuing, Mr. James said the Treble Bob Major methods could be divided into pure and mixed methods, but the pure methods were not fit to ring. They parted the tenors all over the place, witness the much-belauded Superlative. There were just twelve courses of Superlative musically fit to ring, and that was all. If they got the second in 4th, 5th's or 6th's place she would dodge with the tenor behind and make a horrible noise, and the sooner ringers realised that Superlative, which was a beautiful thing on paper, was out of place in the tower, the better.

(To be continued.)

#### WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

The first occasion on which the Abbey bells have been rung since their dedication was on Thursday of last week, when the marriage took place of Mr. Cuthbert Gow, youngest son of the Rev. Dr. Gow, headmaster of Westminster School, and Miss Katherine Wood, in the Henry VII. Chapel of the Abbey.

Before the ceremony the bells were rung to Stedman Triples by the following band from the neighbouring church of St. Margaret: W. H. Hewlett (conductor) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, E. Gibbs 3, H. Ellis 4, E. Brett 5, W. Alps 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Pettit 8.

After the signing of the register the bells were again sent off, then fired as the bride and bridegroom left the building, and opened into 'queens' and more changes until just before the three o'clock service.

It is not generally known that there is a small parish, 'the Close of St. Peter's,' within the Abbey precincts, and when a resident is to be married the banns are published in the Abbey.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for the evening service, a quarter-past of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. E. Judd 3, P. L. Miles 4, Geo. Hes 5, J. Driver 6, W. Lawrence 7, C. Charge 8.

#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### ANNUAL MEETING AND MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday. In view of the increased cost of travelling, the committee voted by a majority of two to one to change the venue from Canterbury, the place originally fixed, to Maidstone, as being more central. Curiously enough, the alteration caused some disappointment in quarters expected most to welcome the change. The attendance, between 70 and 80, was better than last year, but nothing like so large as in pre-war days. A travelling allowance up to 2s. 6d. was granted instead of a general dinner or tea.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Old College opposite All Saints' Church, at 11.15 a.m.

The annual service took the form of a special memorial for members fallen in the war. It was on similar lines to the many memorial services held throughout the country. The hymn, 'Brief life is here our portion,' was followed by the reading of special sentences, and Psalm cxxi. The lesson, Rev. xxi. 1-7, was read by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Harcastle). This was followed by the Te Deum and Creed. Then the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), standing at the church gate, read the 'roll of honour' containing the names of sixty fallen members, prefacing the reading of the names with the solemn invitation:—'Let us now remember with thanksgiving and with all honour before God and men the members of our Association who have died, giving their lives to the service of their country.' Special prayers were then offered, and after the grace was sung the hymn, 'Fight the good fight.' The preacher was the Rev. J. R. Hale, Vicar of Boxley, ex-C.F., who took as his text the familiar words of one of the opening sentences: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.' Thankfulness and thanksgiving were the special notes struck by the preacher for the bright example of those who had given their lives for the victorious conclusion of hostilities, for the hope of a righteous and abiding peace. During the singing of the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' a collection was made for the Association War Memorial, and amounted to £1 15s. 1d. A most impressive service closed with the National Anthem and the Blessing. The Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, Vicar of East Peckham, presided at the organ, with his accustomed ability.

Ringings were carried on both before and after service at All Saints' (10). Other towers open for ringing were: St. Michael's (6), East Farleigh (6), Barming (6), Aylesford (8), and West Malling (8).

The business meeting was held in the Old College in the afternoon, the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley being voted to the chair. The various officers, vice-presidents, committee, secretary, treasurer and auditor were re-elected, the names of the Rev. H. R. Hughes, Vicar of Leeds, and the Rev. G. Brocklehurst, Rector of Mersham, being added to the committee.

The Hon. Secretary read the report and balance sheets, from which it appeared that the Association was still in a flourishing condition, and preparing to enter upon a course of renewed activity, after the long suspension of progress during the years of war.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Maidstone for the use of the church bells, and the Old College room, to the preacher, the organist, and the incumbents of the other churches open for ringing.

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S 29 NEW MEMBERS.

The annual district meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Lyvinge. The Association service was conducted by the general secretary, as there was no Rector of Lyvinge at the time. A few words of welcome were addressed by him to those returning to civil life after their service in the forces. After service, 31 members sat down to tea in Mrs. Ketchell's Tea Gardens, and tea was followed by the business meeting. Twenty-nine new members were elected.

There were members present from ten towers, and the bells at both Lyvinge and Elham were kept going both before and after the service and meeting.

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In reference to my motion which was carried at the Central Council meeting to the effect that I should be empowered to send to secretaries of associations parcels of Central Council Publications on sale or return, may I, through your columns, invite all secretaries who may be willing to accept such parcels to communicate with me as soon as convenient?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. JENKYN.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new peal at Clapham Park are proving a magnet to ringers, who have turned up in considerable numbers to ring for evening services. We understand the first peal on the bells is to be attempted to-morrow by a College Yonths company.

The two trebles at Arksey, near Doncaster, erected by public subscription one in celebration of peace, the other in memory of Arksey men fallen in the war, have been dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield.

Pickering, Yorks, and not Clapham, must, we think, be given the honour of the first complete post-war peal of bells. The three old bells were taken out and a new peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) installed and dedicated on April 7th.

The bells at Whitechurch, Hants, are to be augmented to eight, by the addition of two trebles, in memory of the ringers and others of Whitechurch who have fallen in the war. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

A new peal of six bells, with a tenor of 6 cwt., is to be installed at Hitcham, Bucks, and these also will come from the Whitechapel Foundry.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

On Saturday week, a district meeting for the Archdeaconry of Ely was held at Stapleford. The bells, a peal of six, with a 7 cwt. tenor, were raised soon after two o'clock, and were made good use of until about 9 p.m. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Hawes, followed by tea and business meeting in the Sunday Schoolroom, sixteen being present. Four new members were elected, and Cottenham was selected as the place of the next district meeting, to be held early in September.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the tea and meeting; and to the District Secretary, Mr. A. E. Austin.

Ringers were present during the afternoon and evening from Royston, Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Whittlesford, and Dry Drayton. The methods rung were Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent, and Cambridge Surprise. The ringing concluded with 720 Oxford Bob, by: E. Burman (Stapleford), 1st 720. 1, A. E. Austin (conductor) 2, E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge) 3, R. G. King (Royston) 4, E. Finch (Great Shelford), 1st 20 Oxford Bob, 5, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 6.

## BRISTOL SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Tuesday, June 3rd, a party of about 40 ringers dined together at the Swan Hotel, Midland Road, Bristol, on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Woodland Road, Clifton. As already reported in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins celebrated their silver wedding on May 6th, 1918, but owing to the war (and food control) it was impossible to arrange for a suitable celebration of the event at that time.

The gathering was a very representative one, comprising ringers from the following towers: St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Thomas', St. Nicholas', St. Philips', St. Stephen's, Clifton Parish Church, St. Michael's, St. James', Emmanuel, St. Peter's, Henbury, St. George and St. Mark's.

An excellent dinner was served by Mr. Jesse Tyler (himself a ringer, and son of a ringer), and, needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed. It is usual to say that 'the good things disappeared as if by magic,' but this would not be true on this occasion, for after everyone had dined well, there was a joint left that would have been the subject of inquiries by the Food Controller had that official still been actively in business.

Mr. Percy Came gave 'the King,' and afterwards proposed the health of the 'Host and Hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins.' He spoke of Mr. Wilkins' long connection with ringing in Bristol, and said that he (Mr. Came) rang his first peal with him at St. Mary Redcliffe. He also referred to Mrs. Wilkins' progress in the art of ringing, and to the fact that her first touch of Triples was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe Church.—The toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Wilkins had a rousing reception when he rose to respond. In a few well-chosen remarks, he thanked the company for the honour they had done him, and also for all the encouragement they had given Mrs. Wilkins in her pursuit of change ringing. He said it was always his pleasure and delight to be amongst ringers, and some of the happiest times of his life were spent in their company.

There were plenty of songs, change ringing and tune ringing on handbells, and pianoforte selections, the accompaniments being played by Miss Ray, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins and Mr. A. E. Wilkins.

ACTON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1260 changes): C. Brown 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, R. Holloway 3, C. Edwards 4, G. Vickery 5, H. Cook 6, A. Skevington 7, C. Hunt 8.



### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. RINGERS WAR MEMORIAL DECIDED.

Members of the Essex Association met in large numbers at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday for their fortieth annual festival, and once again the popularity of Chelmsford for ringers' gatherings was demonstrated. There were ringers present from all parts of the county, suburban as well as rural, and some excellent ringing was accomplished. The twelve bells at Chelmsford Cathedral, the treble of which was given by the Essex Association, came in for special attention, not a few ringing their first touch of Cinques. Beside the Cathedral bells, the following church towers were open for ringing during the day, and were visited by various bands: Galleywood (8), Roreham (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), and Broomfield (6), upon which touches in all the standard methods were rung.

In the afternoon service was held at Chelmsford Cathedral, Canon Lake, Rector, officiating. The lesson was read by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. secretary to the Association, and the address given by the Rev. Buxton Barclay, Vicar of Braintree.

#### THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting followed at the Vestry Hall, Chelmsford, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master, presiding, supported by the Rev. Canon Lake, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. sec., and the Rev. D. B. Barclay, Vicar of Braintree. A letter was read from the Bishop of Chelmsford, regretting his inability to attend the meeting, and expressing appreciation of the work of the ringers.

The Master, in his annual report, referred to the depressing effect upon ringing as a result of the four years' war, and was happy to announce that with the cessation of hostilities there were already signs of a revival of interest in ringing, as was shown by the increased attendances at local district meetings. It was a matter for congratulation that the Essex Association had been fully maintained during four years' war. The finances were actually stronger than in 1914, the balance sheet for the past year showing an increase of income over expenditure of £14 Os. 6d. After transferring £5 to reserve a balance remained in hand of £26 12s. 10½d. compared with £17 12s. 4½d. at the end of the previous year, and the reserve fund was £92 13s. 2d., making the total assets £119 6s. 0½d. The membership was 769, about the same as in the previous year. Members who had been away with the forces had never lost interest in the Association; they were coming back full of enthusiasm for ringing, and the Association was pleased to welcome them once more (applause). Upon such an occasion thoughts turned to the fallen ringers buried all over the world where the war had been waged. The members of the Essex Association who fell numbered 32, and the association would that day be asked to consider the question of erecting somewhere in the county a permanent memorial to those brave heroes, so that they, and what they did for the home land, might never be forgotten (applause).

They would desire a memorial worthy of the loss sustained (hear, hear). The Master, continuing, acknowledged with gratitude the help of older ringers who came forward to keep the work of the association going while so many young men were away serving with the Forces. The lady ringers also were instrumental in keeping several towers in Essex going towards the latter part of the war (hear, hear). Ringers recognised the good ringing by the ladies, and hoped they would continue, and their number in the Association grow (applause). The year had been uneventful in ringing. Three peals were rung in the county to celebrate the signing of the Armistice, but they looked to the future with hope and confidence and were expecting the greater peals which would proclaim victory, and the return to our land of the blessings of peace (applause).

The Master added that that was certainly the best financial report the association had ever had, but with regard to the 32 members killed in the war he was afraid there might be more.

#### FALLING OFF OF HON. MEMBERS.

Mr. T. Faulkner, one of the auditors, referred to the falling off in hon. members, probably due to the middle class, from whom the hon. members were drawn, being hit by the war. If the Association was to be kept in a sound financial condition those hon. members must be induced to join again. Several associations had raised their subscriptions, and if the Essex Association was to be kept going, it might have to do something in the same manner. The subscription of a shilling per year in 1914 only represented 6d. now.

Mr. J. F. Penning, Saffron Walden, appealed to ringers, to raise the standard of their calling, and to remember that ringing was part of the work of the church. Then he asked ringers not to be local or parochial in their outlook, but to look to the wider issue. He suggested that ringers should show a deeper interest in ringing affairs, and to do that they should regularly take their own paper, the 'Ringing World,' in order to keep in touch with happenings of interest to ringers all over the country (hear, hear).

The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard): You will see announced in the 'Ringing World' that one of our district secretaries has arranged

for a series of missionary meetings, and doubtless other secretaries will take it up.

The report and balance sheet were then unanimously adopted, and all the officers were re-elected en bloc.

#### AN UNWIELDY DISTRICT.

Mr. B. Ridgwell, hon. secretary of the N.E.D.W. moved: 'To consider the question of dividing the N.E. District, and if found necessary the re-arranging of the other districts, and that a committee be appointed to deal with the same, with power to act.' He said the N.E. Division is 40 miles long, ten miles across, and had 35 towers. It was a rural district, with only nine or ten towers on the railway, and if four meetings were held a year it would take nine years to get round the division. After 5½ years in office as hon. secretary he found it practically impossible to work it as successfully as he wished.

Mr. H. F. Cooper, the District Master, seconded, and said he could not get round the N.E. District as at present. The district extended from Dunmow to Maldon and Harwich, and with present facilities they could not get round.

The Master said he considered the suggestion to appoint a committee was an excellent one, because the arrangement would involve alterations in other districts. They knew Mr. Ridgwell was devoted to his work, and wanted to do something better. It was a healthy sign when a secretary wanted an alteration made for such a purpose (hear, hear).—The resolution was carried, and the committee appointed.

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

#### THE ASSOCIATION'S WAR MEMORIAL.

The Master said the members had to consider the question of a memorial to be erected to their former brother members who had fallen in the war. He considered the best memorial would be a tablet, recording the names, to be erected at the west end, near the tower in the Cathedral at Chelmsford (hear, hear). Beside being the cathedral of the diocese, ringers looked upon Chelmsford as the most important ringing centre in Essex. With the permission of Canon Lake and the Cathedral authorities, the Master suggested the Chelmsford Cathedral the best place for the memorial.

Canon Lake said he wished to thank the ringers very much for their references to Chelmsford Cathedral. They would never forget the kindness of the Association in presenting the treble when the ring was augmented from ten to twelve. With reference to the project to place a ringers' memorial in the Cathedral as suggested by Mr. Howard, he thought it was excellent. On behalf of the authorities of the Cathedral, he could only say that the present requests for memorials in the Cathedral were a little bewildering. He had received requests from various regiments to place memorials in the Cathedral, and he could not say just how many such applications had been received from various regiments. He could, however, see no objection to the ringers' memorial in the Cathedral, and he was very grateful to them for the offer to put up a tablet to those Essex ringers who had made the supreme sacrifice. He suggested that a representative of the Cathedral should sit on the committee which considered this subject. The question of space in the Cathedral for the war memorials would have to be considered, but he accepted it as a great honour to have the ringers' names inscribed in the Cathedral at Chelmsford (applause).

The Master said it was suggested that the ringers' memorial should be placed on the tower above the entrance to the ringing loft, so that all who went there to ring should see it.

It was agreed, on the proposition of the Master, to erect a memorial tablet in Chelmsford Cathedral, subject to the approval of the authorities, and the meeting decided to pay for this memorial out of its own accumulated funds, so that all members should participate.

The company, numbering over a hundred, afterwards sat down to tea at Hicks' Restaurant.—A vote of thanks was passed to the preacher, Canon Lake, and the other church authorities for placing the bells at the disposal of the Association. The ringers afterwards dispersed to the various local towers till late in the evening. The meeting proved one of the most successful ever held by the Association, and gave proof of the members' desire to restore the Association to the position it occupied before the war.

#### PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at St. Andrew's Church, Whittlesey, on Saturday week, when about 30 members attended from Chatteris, March, Woodston and Peterborough. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Newman). After tea, the business meeting was presided over by Miss Annie Parkins. Eight new members were elected. The meeting received through the 'Ringing World' the news of the death of Mr. John W. Taylor, who was an honorary life member of the Association, and sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the deceased gentleman.

The bells of St. Andrew's and St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**VETERAN PETERBOROUGH RINGER'S DEATH**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Robert Rowell, captain of St. John's ringers, Peterboro'. The deceased was in his 72nd year, and was well known and respected in the city. For 30 years he was employed at Messrs. Colman's mill, and previously, for a long period, at Wadenhoe mills, near Oundle.

The funeral was conducted at the Parish Church by the Vicar of Peterborough (Canon Morse), the interment taking place at Fletton Cemetery. The body was borne to its last resting-place by Messrs. Cooke, Jarvis, Davis, Vaughan, Butler and Cross, his fellow-ringers who also rung a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside, besides the chief mourners, there were present Messrs. F. Dainty, S. Wright, George Baker, the oldest member, and a former leader of St. John's, who has been connected with the belfry for upwards of sixty years; and J. J. Jutson, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Association.

Floral tributes were sent from St. John's and St. Mary's ringers and the bells of the Parish Church were rung deeply muffled in the evening.

**RINGING REVIVAL AT SOUTHWOLD.**

A friendly meeting of the ringers of the East Suffolk district took place at the Parish Church, Southwold. Members attended from Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth, Henham, Wrentham, and the local company, Mr. T. King, the tower custodian, having made all the necessary arrangements, and having everything in readiness. The members were welcomed by Mr. E. A. Holmes, J.P., the Vicar's churchwarden, and a member of the well-known ringing family. Mr. Harry Barton, of Ventnor, an old member of the Southwold company, was present, and received a hearty welcome. He conducted the touches, and amongst them was a 574 Grandsire Triples from 'Itch's Original'; E. Lincoln 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, T. King 3, J. Jillings 4, J. Spencer 5, J. Larter 6, G. Baxter 7, G. Blowers 8. Touches on the beautifully toned handbells were also brought round.

On Sunday evening, June 1st, 672 Bob Major was rung by: J. Farrington 1, J. Jillings 2, E. Chatton 3, J. O'Neill 4, J. Spencer 5, J. Larter 6, T. King 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

**PRESENTATION AT GORSEINON.**

An interesting gathering of the Gorseinon ringers to honour and bid farewell to the Rev. J. T. Davies, who has rendered valuable service in the tower, was recently held.—Mr. W. Dabbling presided and the presentation was made by Mr. J. Williams. The gift consisted of a very handsome silver inkstand, designed in the shape of a bell, and inscribed: 'Presented to the Rev. J. T. Davies by the Gorseinon bell ringers, June, 1919.' In making the presentation, Mr. J. Williams spoke of the ringers' appreciation of Mr. Davies' services, and wished him happiness, prosperity and long life.—The gift was suitably acknowledged, and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

**FROM BURTON TO WOLVERHAMPTON.**

The induction of the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley, M.A., took place on Saturday, May 31st, in the presence of a large congregation, the Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Kempthorne) officiating at a very impressive service. The Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in civic state.

Before the service the bells of St. Peter's rang merrily, touches of Stedman Caters being successfully brought round. A touch of Grandsire Triples was also rung at the conclusion of the service.

Previous to being transferred to Wolverhampton the reverend gentleman held the living of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

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HILLINGDON.—For the evening service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Felham 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, Miss N. Williams 3, Miss Edith Jones 4, W. Honor 5, W. Lawrence 6, H. H. Chandler 7, J. E. Hughes 8.

**NOTICES.**

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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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Biggleswade (G.N.R. main line), on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m.; Service, 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Gardens, by kind permission of Rev. Rolf, at 5 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The next meeting will be held at Lymington, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station), on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (Cathedral) available from 3 till 3.55, and from 5 till 6 p.m., and at S. Mary's during the afternoon and evening. Service in S. Mary's Church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. Preb. Paice, M.A. (Vicar). Tea and general meeting at Seagrave's Restaurant at 6 o'clock. Tea, 1/- to fully paid members, to others 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Kettering, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and Business meeting 5.15. Anyone wishing to take tea must let me know as early as possible.—Walter T. Wilson, Dist. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Nr. Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—(Swindon Branch.)—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone (Shrivenham, G.W.R.), on Saturday, June 28th, where a fine ring of 8 by Mears and Stainbank will be available from 2 p.m. onward. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—H. W. Bishop, Church View, Wanborough, Swindon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—(Guildford District.)—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 1919, at St. Nicolas, Guildford, for the purpose of a presentation to Mr. J. J. Jones, the District Secretary.

on the occasion of his recent marriage. The Rev. C. E. Matthews is visiting Guildford specially for this meeting. The bells (10) will be available from 3, short service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting.—A. C. Hazelden, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and business at St. Audrey's. The Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus) has kindly offered to provide the tea, so, to give him some idea of number, will all ringers and ringing friends who think of attending, kindly drop me a P.C.—Wm Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield (District Sec.).

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Leeds, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at the Vicarage.—Steph'n Hayzelden Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Quarterly meeting will take place at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Business meetings will be held in the Schoolroom: Committee, 2.30; General, 3 o'clock. Tea will be served in the Schoolroom from 4 to 6. The belfry will be closed from 3 o'clock until the end of the General Meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at \*St. Giles. Cripplegate on July 1st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and \*St. Michael's, Corahill, on the 29th; 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.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, London, N., on July 5th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, followed by tea in the Church Hall. All who wish for tea should notify me before July 2nd.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Liversedge Parish Church on Saturday, July 5th. The draw will take place at the Albion Hotel, the headquarters for the day, at 2.45 prompt. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Monday, June 30th, tickets 1/- each.—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, July 5th, *not* Bolsterstone, as previously arranged. Six bells available from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shorne on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. in the belfry.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec., 77, Bill St. Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea (1/-) will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel, for those who advise me not later than July 1st, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Dunstan's, Hunsdon, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting, 5 p.m.—F. Dench, Hon. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late the St. James's Society, Est. 1824.—The Quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, July 7th, at 8.45 p.m., following the fortnightly practice at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Tower open 7.15 p.m. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a short service. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Glington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Ringers are asked to bring their own food. Hot tea will be provided in the Rectory garden; if wet, in Schoolroom.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary notice.—A special meeting will be held at Ilkley, Yorks, on Saturday, July 12th, for the purpose of unveiling the memorial brass to the late Wm. Snowdon, Esq. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Circulars later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at Reigate, on Saturday, the 12th July, further particulars later.—C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—As arrangements for the annual Festival at Oxford on Saturday, July 19th, are progressing, will any members who have business to bring forward please note that 'notice of motion' should be sent to General Sec. by June 30th? Further particulars will be announced in 'Ringing World' as soon as definite arrangements are made.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

**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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