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THE COUNCIL'S POWERS.

As far as we are aware the Warwickshire Guild is the first association to vote officially upon the question referred from the last Central Council meeting as to whether the Council is to be given power to enforce its decisions, and the Warwickshire members have decided in favour of this power being conferred on the central body. Between this and next Whitsuntide, doubtless the majority of the other affiliated organisations will consider the proposition, and there are likely to be considerably diversified views on the subject. We admire the spirit of loyalty in which the Warwickshire Guild has pledged itself to support the authority of the Council, and it should provide a lead for others. In principle there is no doubt much to be said for placing the Council in a position to enforce its decisions, and we believe it is the opinion of many ringers that it is only by giving this power to the Council that the future of the central body can be made effectively useful.

When, however, it comes to practice, the effects are likely to be the opposite to those intended. All the while things go smoothly and there is nothing to enforce, or only minor matters in which obedience is sought, the support of the Associations would be easily maintained. But it can be foreseen that where any large question was involved, the loyalty of an Association in opposition to the majority might be severely strained, resulting perhaps in a complete breakaway. This could not be anything but a weakness instead of a strength to the Council, while there is also the other possibility of the Council's rulings being ignored by those who dissent from them, and the Council being in the unhappy position of being flouted without means of redress, simply because the powers of enforcement are actually non-existent.

Then, too, there is the question of how far the authority of the Council is to extend. Can it be extended to financial matters so far as they affect the general interests of ringing? Can it even go so far as to prohibit the ringing of methods which fail to come up to a prescribed standard? And beyond all this, there is an initial difficulty to be overcome. Assuming that the necessary three-fourths' majority of the Associations are in favour of powers being conferred, what is to become of the other one-fourth or less number who take the opposite view? They cannot be brought in against their will, and if they stay out, what becomes of the scheme? Further down the scale the various Associations will be confronted with the same difficulty. The majority of affiliated towers may be in favour of accepting the decisions of the Council, but there may be others who will not do so, and the Associations will then have to decide whether to break with their own towers or break with the Council.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs. in F.

E. MAURICE ATKINS Treble	JAMES OSBORN 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	JOHN W. WOOD 7
ARTHUR E. WILKINS 3	WALTER AYRE 8
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 9
JOHN W. LAKE 5	GEORGE LADD Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung half-muffled for the death of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 5
ALBERT D. COLLUM 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

MOUNTSORELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND ST. MARGARET'S GUILD, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb.

GEORGE BOWLER Treble	THOMAS COLLINS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ARTHUR J. BALLARD 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	FRED STANFORTH 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	*FREDERICK W. SHARMAN Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Ballard, by whom the band were kindly entertained after the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ARTHUR MASON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

R. GREGORY Treble	A. J. PITMAN 5
E. STITCH 2	W. J. SMITH 6
W. NURTON 3	D. R. JAMES 7
R. J. EVANS 4	B. J. TOBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in respectful memory of Richard Bunstone, John Cox and John Evans, whose recent deaths are a severe loss to the tower. The composition was a variation of that published in the 'Ringing World,' March 1st, 1918, and rung with 2 singles only.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT Treble	GEORGE ABLITT 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	ERNEST E. LANHAM 7
GEORGE FLEMING 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by T. Lockwood.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	JOSEPH MADDOCK 6
ALFRED WYATT 3	EDGAR E. BURGESS 7
EDWARD LLOYD 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by the late H. DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Arranged for Mr. Frank Bennett of Brighton.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
JAMES HEMMING 2	WILLIAM C. JONES 6
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition was now rung for the first time and contains the extent of the 5th and 6th in 5-6 and both five times right. It was Mr. Hemming's first peal of Treble Bob Major and Mr. Ranford's first peal in the method on a working bell and was the first peal in a Treble Bob method on these bells, cast in 1729.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
JOHN POTTER 2	PETER CROOK 6
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
HAROLD ODDY 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Titus Barlow, jun., and Miss Cissie Pennington, daughter of the tenor ringer.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 11, 1919, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT LOCK Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 5
MRS. A. LOCK 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Arranged for E. J. Pannett, who hails from St. John's, Deptford.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
OLIVER SIPPETIS 2	WILLIAM STEED 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	KEITH HART 7
CHARLES PALMER 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 15, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL ... Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 2	WILLIAM H. HOAD 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	THOMAS HOAD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Richardson of St. John's, Deptford, who was elected member of the Association previous to starting. Messrs. Tribe and Player hail from Tenderden and Stone respectively, the rest belong to the local band.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	EDWIN BREEZE 5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	*SYDNEY F. BARNES 7
*WILLIAM HUGHES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the first available opportunity after the signing of Peace to celebrate that great event.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GARRISON ... Treble	OLIVER G. NORMAN 5
WILLIAM KENT 2	CHARLES DICKENS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
*ALBERT E. NORMAN 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST W. DAY ... Treble	ERNEST J. NEWELL 5
THOS. BLACKBOURNE ... 2	WILLIAM J. CROFT 6
JOHN HARE 3	ALFRED KING 7
FRANCIS R. BACON 4	HERBERT ELSE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

Rung to commemorate Peace. The ringers of 2 and 7 hail from Luton. The rest are members of the local band. Thos. Blackburn was elected a member of the Association prior to starting for the peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

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

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
ERNEST BARTRAM 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
J. LESLIE WILLARS 4	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, NO. 6.

THOMAS T. GOFTON Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
BERT HORTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

John W. Jones, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Newport, Mon.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	GEORGE MORRAD 4
SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMERSON 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

This peal was arranged for Sergt. James Bennett, H.M.S. Phaeton, who was heartily welcomed by his Milton friends and congratulated on his safe return after 4½ years' hunting for and fighting the Germans.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM DALE Treble	THOMAS HOAD 4
TRAYTON BOOTH 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
EDWARD MILLS 3	*GEORGE E. PONT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the annual church parade in the village. Messrs. Dale and Pont, who hail from Brightling, were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal. The other ringers hail from Salehurst.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 each of Roystone Delight, London Scholar's Pleasure, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

WILLIAM BRAMHAM Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 4
WILLIAM WOODCOCK 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	CHARLES WALSH Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung as a Peace peal for South Kirkby and was the first peal on the bells. Ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th hail from Wath and 2nd and 6th from Darfield.

BENSIES, HERTFORD.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BERT CARTER Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
EDWARD H. KING 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL 5
NATHAN PATMORE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This ring is about to be augmented to eight by the munificence of Alderman Alfred Baker of Hertford, as a thankoffering for the safe return of his two sons from the war.

NORTON, NEAR EYESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM KYTE Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 2	HENRY J. PHIPPS 5
LEONARD J. JELFS 3	HARRY MIDDLETON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Harry T. Howith, Sidney H. Howith and Ernest W. Green, who were accidentally drowned while bathing in the river Avon on the previous Sunday. After the peal Mr. H. Middleton very kindly provided tea, which was very much appreciated. This is the first peal of Minor upon the bells.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT S. CHERRYMAN ... Treble	ALFRED J. CHERRYMAN ... 4
ARTHUR S. WHITE 2	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER ... 5
GEORGE A. STEELE 3	JAMES W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. WHITE.

All are members of the local band.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 16, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent, and three of Oxford Double Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER BRUCE Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER 4
HENRY BURCH 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	ERNEST LANHAM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 13½ in D sharp.

†WALTER AYRE 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: JOHN J. JUTSON.

* First peal on eight bells, first 'in hand' and rung at the first attempt. † First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

First peal of Grandsire Triples by the above Association. Miss Jutson received the hearty congratulations of the band at the conclusion of the peal.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Second Session of the Tenth Council (27th meeting) was held, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral, on Whitsun Tuesday, 10th June, 1919, at 11 o'clock a.m., when there were present of representative members 55 out of 96, and of honorary members eight out of 13, making a total of 63 present out of 109 on the roll.

The chair was taken by the President, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughoy, who said prayers.

After the Hon. Secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed and signed.

The President, in a few graceful words, thanked the members for the honour conferred on him in electing him to the presidency.

He then referred to the losses sustained by the Council, through death, during the past year, viz., Mr. Bertram Prowett, Mr. John W. Taylor, and Mr. Henry White, and the hon. secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Council to their relatives, the members all rising in their places. At the suggestion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, a telegram was sent to Mrs. Taylor, whose bereavement was then very recent.

The President then intimated that as the Treaty of Peace was not officially signed, and the roll of honour of fallen ringers was as yet far from complete, it was proposed to defer the reading of it until a later occasion.

At the request of the President, the Hon. Secretary read the draft of a humble address which it was proposed to present to His Majesty, on behalf of the Council, at the conclusion of peace, the president and hon. secretary to sign the address in the name of the Council. It was unanimously agreed to send the address, and that any suggestions of alteration in its wording should be sent for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Apologies for absence were reported as having been received from the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the Rev. Canon Papillon, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. W. P. Wright, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. W. Parker, C. L. Routledge, W. Storey, and F. Willey.

The Hon. Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, read the account of sales of publications during the past year, exhibiting a net balance of £2 16s. 8d., which had been remitted to the hon. treasurer. The statement was adopted.

The Hon. Treasurer read the statement of accounts for the year of which the following is a summary: Balance in hand from last year, £70 2s. 1d.; affiliation fees, £11 10s.; sales of publications, £2 16s. 8d.; interest on War Stock, etc., £3 2s., making a total of £87 10s. 9d. Against this there had been the following outgoings, viz.: Expenses of meetings, 1918, £2 10s.; purchase of War Bonds, 1928, £50; printing and postage, £1 17s. 4d., leaving in hand a balance of £33 3s. 5d. The accounts having been previously audited in detail by the Standing Committee, were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

It was proposed by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, and carried, that the accounts of the Council should be published annually.

It was moved by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and carried, that the hon. secretary be authorised to pay for the insertion of the Council's notices in the columns of the 'Ringing World.'

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, and Mr. E. H. Lewis seconded, that the hon. Librarian be authorised to advertise in the 'Ringing World' the list of the Council's publications for sale, and also to make arrangements according to his judgment with the hon. secretaries of Guilds and Associations to take copies of the publications 'on sale or return.'—The motion was carried.

The re-election of the three retiring honorary members, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughoy, Mr. J. W. Parker, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was proposed by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and carried unanimously.

To fill the vacancy caused by the cession of Mr. G. Williams, Mr. H. Chapman was elected, on the proposal of Mr. H. W. Wilde, seconded by the Rev. Canon Elsee.

The following new members were presented to and shook hands with the President, viz., the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, of the Herts County Association; the Rev. H. Drake, of the Norwich Diocesan Association; Mr. H. R. Butcher, of the Sussex County Association; also Mr. James George, and Miss Nellie Gillingham, honorary members.

For the Bell Collection Committee, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson sent a written report to the effect that the committee were ready to begin the printing of the collection of Treble Bob peals, if duly authorised by the Council. It was proposed by Mr. H. W. Wilde, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and carried, that the Council authorise the expenditure required for the printing.

For the Literature Committee a letter was read from the Rev. Canon Papillon, which, on the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, was accepted as the report of the committee.—It was proposed by the Rev. Canon Elsee, seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, and carried, that the committee be strengthened by the addition of one or more members, and that it subscribe to a press-cutting agency.—On the proposal of the Rev. Canon Elsee, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, it was resolved to alter the title of the committee by naming it the 'Literature and Press Committee.'

It was proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and carried, that it be a special instruction to the committee to follow the advice of Canon Papillon by making all possible use of the Press for spreading knowledge and correcting misapprehension of ringing matters. The Rev. C. E. Matthews was added to the committee, and was requested to act as interim convenor.—It was also agreed that the president should ask Mr. R. A. Daniel to hand in his material for the Bibliography of Ringing.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Legitimate Methods Committee that the situation was the same as last year, viz., that the collection of Plain Major Methods was ready for printing as soon as that course should be deemed expedient.—It was moved by Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried, that the word 'Legitimate' be henceforth omitted in the name of the committee, which will, therefore, be known as the 'Methods Committee,' and that in all future documents the words 'regular' and 'irregular' be substituted respectively for 'legitimate' and 'illegitimate,' as hitherto applied to methods.—It was further proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried, that the selection of Plain Major Methods contained in the report of the committee be printed as soon as the hon. treasurer considers it expedient.

Mr. A. T. King moved, and Mr. G. Williams seconded, the adoption of the report of the Peals' Analysis Committee.—The report was unanimously adopted, the President at the same time expressing the thanks of the Council to the committee for their labours.—It was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried, that the analysis be still published in the alphabetical order of the associations.

For the Towers and Belfries Committee, Mr. E. H. Lewis reported that owing first to the war and now to the continued state of general unsettlement, nothing had been done.—Major J. H. H. Hesse also spoke for the committee, which was asked to continue its work as opportunity offered.

Mr. E. H. Lewis reported also for the committee, relating to the bells of Belgium, and said that for the same reasons as in the last case practically nothing had been done, but he felt that, if the Council would continue their instructions, the committee would be in a position to make progress in due course.—The Rev. Canon Elsee said that among other things, the committee were awaiting accurate information as to the amount and degree of loss suffered by Belgium in the matter of her bells.—The report was received.

An interesting discussion, adjourned from the last meeting, on the subject of the utility and efficiency of the Council led to the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.: Proposed by the Rev. Canon Baker, and seconded by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, that the question of the desirability of giving power to the Council to enforce its decisions be referred to the Guilds and Associations affiliated to the Council, who should report to the hon. secretary of the Council not later than 26 April, 1920, no power to be considered to be conferred on the Council except by the vote of at least three-fourths of the Guilds and Associations concerned.

Proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, and seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, that the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the future procedure of the Council at its meetings, and to take such action as they think fit.—This was carried by 24 votes to 20.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. T. H. Beams, and carried, that this Council gives it hearty support to the movement for the revival of the ancient peace bell on Fridays at noon, as a perpetual memorial to those of our fellow-countrymen who have sacrificed their lives in the great war, and as a call to prayer for the peace of the realm.

On the proposal of Mr. F. Wilford seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker, it was resolved to hold next year's meeting at Northampton.

The President proposed, the Rev. H. Law James seconded, and the Hon. Secretary supported, a very cordial vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for their kindness in allowing the Council to meet in the Chapter House, and particularly to the Dean for his kindness in conducting members round the Cathedral. The vote having been enthusiastically carried, was acknowledged by the Dean.

Votes of cordial thanks were passed to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for their kindness in inviting the members to ten, and to Mr. John Austin for the valuable help that he had given in every possible way.

On the motion of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, a hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the President, and the meeting adjourned.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand the extension of the fine peal at St. Mary's, Taunton, to a ring of twelve, with an extra 2nd to make a light eight is contemplated. When the work is done the bells are to be put into a new frame.

Recently we mentioned that a ringer had rung in more than 100 belfries in one county. We are now asked if we can find the man who has rung in the greatest number of belfries in any one county.

There was a time when one or two Sussex men had rung a peal in every eight bell tower in that county—or all but one. That is a record which will require some equalling by the natives of any county.

Long service in the Army and a total severance from practical ringing does not seem to have in the least affected the accomplishments of Alf. Pulling, if the handbell peals rung since his demobilisation are any criterion. Only on Wednesday in last week he conducted a double-handed peal of Stedman Triples and another of Grandsire on the same day.

Estimates have been asked for for the addition of two trebles to the six at Langport, Somerset, and the work will be carried out as soon as funds permit.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Bishop Ryder's Church Birmingham, on Saturday, August 23rd. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and touches in various methods were rung by members from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Edgington, Knowle and Solihull. At the service a short address was given by the Rev. R. A. Ellis. Afterwards the members adjourned to the Schoolrooms for tea, which the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, had kindly arranged.

The business meeting followed and in the absence of the President of the Guild (the Rev. Canon Back), the Rev. R. A. Ellis presided.—The Hon. Secretary read the report of the past year's work, which proved very satisfactory.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected.

Mr. A. Roberts, Central Council representative, moved that the Council's decisions as a governing body, should be acknowledged by the Guild, and the motion was carried.

It was decided to hold the monthly meeting in September, at Knowle and the quarterly meeting in October, at Bedworth. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. A. Ellis for presiding, and for his address, and also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

During the evening St. Chad's (R.C.) Church was visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung.

THE LENGTH OF A PEAL.

CURTALMENT FAVOURED IN SOME QUARTERS.

Writing on the suggestion that the length of ordinary peals should be curtailed, 'H' says: 'Mr. Coppock has had no little courage to put the proposal in cold type. We are labouring in strenuous times when the tension of the nation is such that the public is likely to be contentious. I have always advocated, and often through the columns of your esteemed journal, the need of encouraging a good feeling with the public, and an endeavour to rub off the rough edges of the apathetic feeling towards bells and bell ringing. But these little notes of warning are often passed unheeded.

The orthodox peal which has been handed down from generation to generation is one of 5,000 or more. Since the advent of Mr. Coppock's letter it has been my pleasure to visit one of the most important Midland cities and to fraternise again with the local ringers. The sociableness so evident here could well be adopted in other places. The grasping after peals is not altogether a primary factor. The subject matter of Mr. Coppock's letter was discussed at a convivial gathering one evening, and the letter gave no surprise: indeed it was met with approval. Some gentle reminders were thrown out that the question was discussed some ten to fifteen years ago, and handed down to the present time on the point of the duration of peals and the numbers of changes. It was considered that three or four hours was too long, being not only a tax upon nature, but an annoyance in certain respects to those who have perforce to live under the shadow of the church. In fact, a three or four hour peal is not one that would stimulate the appreciation of bells and bell ringing. It is all the same to the public, as regards the acknowledgment of our efforts, whether we ring for two hours or four hours. The concluding stage of the discussion brought forth a formula, as it may be termed, from a very learned and esteemed ringer, who, by the way, is a composer and a celebrated conductor of many years' standing. I give it herewith: "3,000 changes is quite long enough for Cinques or Maximus; 3,500 for Caters and Royal, and 4,000 for Major and Triples." Needless to say, the "new" arrangement met with approval. I pen the suggestion for what it is worth. The formula would consume one hour less, or approximately, and still give satisfaction to most parties. It will certainly manufacture a long of contention amongst the few."

VISIT TO THE MIDLANDS.

(Continued from page 363).

Clent, famous as the birthplace of many well-known ringers, not the least among them our own W. H. B., was our destination on Wednesday. Arriving at Hagley, a delightful country railway station nestled among the Worcestershire Hills, there was before us a pleasant two miles' walk to our destination—I might add they were country miles, but W. H. B. knew his ain country well, for a call at a pretty wayside cottage brought forth quarts, not of cider, but of golden brown liquid with a foaming white top, which was particularly acceptable after the previous quiet evening and a country walk, with Old Sol about 90 in the shade. The inner man refreshed, we set forth with light hearts to complete our journey and admire the charming countryside. We came upon the church prettily nestled at the foot of Clent Hills. Awaiting us were Mr. W. Short, Mr. W. Shilcock, and the two local lady ringers, the Misses Thatcher. A touch of Bob Major was rung with the lady ringers, then, under the conductorship of Tom Gifton, Superlative was the order. There was some excellent striking in the peal, but the effects of the previous day—and night—were responsible for trips, for it was a trouble to keep awake, but we woke up eventually and rolled home in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A real country spread was awaiting us at the Vine Inn, and dining with us were Mr. John Carter, Mr. W. R. Small, Mr. Ben Gough and several other ringers, who had kindly travelled from various districts to spend the day with us. A rest in the pleasant garden of the Inn, and then to climb to the summit of the highest of the hills, for which Clent is famous in the Midlands. With panting breath and damp foreheads we eventually reached the top, and the glorious view that met our gaze was well worth the effort, our local guides pointing out the various points of interest. Descending proved more troublesome to the older members of the party, but happily we landed back at the Vine Inn for tea without any casualties. Tea over, handbells were brought forth on the lawn, and quite a crowd of visitors were both pleased and interested at the performance. Then we found that Zummerzet is not the only place where they brew cider. We didn't get quarts, but pints were very acceptable. A visit was paid to the cottage where W. H. B. first saw light, and where his mother still resides. A fine peal of ten handbells kept beautifully polished were suspended from the ceiling, and a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters gave great satisfaction to the old lady. Then a 17-mile ride in a motor-bus to Birmingham brought to a close another glorious day.

Thursday, according to programme, should have been a visit to King's Norton, but with a possibility of another attempt at St. Martin's in the evening, touches only were rung here, London Surprise, Stedman Triples and King's Norton Major being brought round. Afterwards, by kind permission of Messrs. Cadbury Bros., the party were shown over the works and grounds by Mr. Smith. After inspecting the carillons we were privileged by the goodness of Mr. Withers to listen to his playing of various selections upon them, which gave us all intense delight. Tea was provided for the party at Ye Old Farm Inn. Mr. Chapman, of Messrs. Cadbury Bros., welcomed the party, and was cordially thanked for the kindness of the firm. A pleasant evening with our Birmingham friends was spent, the further peal attempt at St. Martin's being off, owing to the previous trouble.

On Friday, we visited Worcester. On arrival at the faithful city we were met by Mr. J. Sykes, who, after seeing our luggage safely housed, became our guide. We first inspected the ancient Church of St. Swithin, and a splendid example of the old three-decker pulpit was very much admired. The privilege of inspecting the deanery was afforded us, and a very interesting inspection it proved. We were taken through the old crypts, kitchen, bedrooms, and the special suite of royal rooms which, as a brass plate at their entrance tells, have been used by royalty on more than one occasion. After dinner the bells of the Cathedral were raised, and we were taken in hand by Canon Southwell, who gave us a very interesting discourse on the ancient crypts, cloisters, and sermons in stone, after which the reverend gentleman kindly entertained us to tea at the College. The party were then photographed on the lawn with Canon Southwell. I have omitted to state that the party had now been joined by J. G., formerly of R., but now of B., and upon arriving in the tower, the above gentleman immediately divested himself of his shirt, which is sufficient to let you know it was warm. All that can be said about the Worcester attempt is that after about 2½ hours struggling and acrobatic feats on the rope ends by some of the band, we came to grief with tired muscles, sore hands and wet undergarments.

Bvesham was our next destination, which we reached after 11 p.m., and were met by Mr. Harry Morton, who conducted us to our lodgings. The only trouble, at least for one portion of the party, was the snoring abilities of one gentleman, whose name cannot be mentioned. It is sufficient to say that he once rang the tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne to a long peal of Treble Ten. This may, perhaps, solve the problem of who this champion snorer really is. He certainly is the best specimen of his kind it has been our lot to meet so far.

Anyway we survived it, and after a good breakfast, everybody was fit and happy. Shortly after 10 a.m. quite a crowd of Birmingham friends put in an appearance, and at noon we met for an attempt for Stedman Caters, having previously enjoyed the view from the top of the tower and inspected the bells. Business having called our president back to Newcastle, Mr. J. E. Groves took the vacant rope, and Billie Barber had the satisfaction of calling his first peal of the tour, a nicely struck peal rolling home in 3 hrs. and 30 mins. A quiet stroll after tea, and then preparations were made for our long journey north. Our train left Bvesham at 7.30 p.m., but happily we had over an hour to wait in Birmingham, after a parting drink and then to our train. On the platform we found Mr. John Carter, happy as ever, risking a walk home, for our train was not due to leave until 11 p.m. Then there was a gathering of the clans, a scratch choir, under the conductorship of Harry Withers, singing Scotch glees and other airs until the train moved off.

We must offer to the various incumbents our best thanks for the use of their bells. To the various steeplekeepers, who in every case had everything in readiness, and to the many friends we met in Sheffield, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Worcester, and other places where we travelled, we owe a debt of gratitude which it will be difficult to repay, but when St. Martin's Guild comes to Newcastle we will do our best to get out of debt. We arrived at Newcastle 6.25 a.m. on Sunday morning, but we mustered a band for Stedman Caters at 10 a.m. service. Thus ended one of the happiest weeks it has been our lot to live, and, as Mr. W. R. Small says, that makes life worth living.

B. H.

A TRIP IN THREE COUNTIES.

One recent Saturday, a few ringers from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, visited some of the little known towers, where change ringing is seldom heard in that part where Hants, Wilts and Dorset meet. Wimbome St. Giles, the first tower of the tour, possesses a musical ring of six by Taylor, with the latest fittings and a perfect 'go.' Here a 720 of Bob Minor was brought round, the first on the bells; also some 120's of Doubles. Resuming the trip, Cranbourne was reached with a welcome cup of tea, and various good things as well; after which the tower was visited, and the bells set going to Grandsire Triples, the only trouble here being that some of the bells are very false. The next move brought the party to the five-bell tower of Damerham, Wilts, the name of the place it is said having been derived from a visit of Sir Walter Raleigh, who, wishing to obtain some refreshments, called at several houses, but all he could get was ham, which so upset the worthy knight that at last he exclaimed: 'Oh, d—n your ham.' However, the five bells are worthy of Sir Walter's time, as they have been recently rehung by the local sexton and the village blacksmith, and to ring 120 of Doubles on them is well worth a tablet. Still, it was accomplished, not without a struggle, especially by the ringers of the third and tenor, whose antics greatly amused those who were looking on, and, as if to add insult to injury, the sexton informed the ringer of the third that it was the best going bell in the tower.

The homeward journey was made via Fordingbridge and Ringwood, the Evergreen Valley being reached soon after 10, after a most enjoyable day had been spent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FIRST HEREFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

The first meeting of the new Hereford District was held at Burghill, under ideal weather conditions. Perfect arrangements had been made, and directly after 4 o'clock the handy ring of eight were raised in peal. The ringing varied from rounds to Stedman Triples, so that everyone had an opportunity of ringing. An excellent tea was provided in the Reading Room, and fifty members sat down, the Vicar (the Rev. T. O. Charteris) presiding, supported by the Rev. G. W. Turner (Madley), the Rev. T. Clark Smith (Pipe-cum-Lydio), the secretary and ringing master (Mr. C. Edwards), Mr. and Mrs. R. Elkins (Farnham), and others.

After tea, the Chairman welcomed the ringers, and assured them that the Guild would have his utmost support. He hoped that the new district scheme would be a great success.

Twenty-seven new members were elected, including five honorary.

After tea the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 9 o'clock, when they were lowered perfectly in peal.

There is no doubt whatever that the district scheme is much in favour in the Guild, as the members present expressed their satisfaction at the arrangements made for ringing and the help given to beginners.

A combined practice of the district was held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 23rd, and proved very successful, members being present from Madly, Burghill, Clehanger, and the local band. Various methods were rung; and, the Ringing Master being present, several probationers received their first lesson in the art of change ringing.

GILLETT & JOHNSTON,



The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

CROYDON, SURREY.

PROPAGANDA.*To the Editor.*

Sir, — Events move quickly, in the ringing world as elsewhere; memories are short; and before his name is forgotten, I should like to record the fact that 20 years ago the then secretary of the Central Council, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, took at least one decisive step towards ensuring better information about ringing matters in a well-known book of reference, 'The Encyclopædia Britannica.' When 'The Times' was reprinting that work, Mr. Bulwer represented strongly to its conductors that the article 'Bell' in the 9th edition, dealt very inadequately with the whole subject of change ringing; and so far convinced 'The Times' authorities that in the supplementary volumes (1902) a new article, 'Campanology,' appeared; which in the present (11th) edition has been combined with the former article into one ('Bell').

The only paragraph dealing with change ringing in the original article ran as follows:—

'In 1668, a famous work on bells, "Tintinnologia," appeared, introducing a sort of bell notation by printing. The bells, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., are slips of paper in different orders, according to the changes rung. Of these changes there is a great variety, spoken of technically as hunting, dodging, snapping, place-making, Plain Bob, Bob Triple, Bob Major, Bob Major reversed, Double Bob Major, Grandsire Bob, Cator, etc.' The writer then shows how three bells can ring six changes, states the number of changes upon four or five bells, and dismisses the subject.

No wonder that Mr. Bulwer found this treatment of change ringing inadequate for a standard book of reference! But for him it might have been simply repeated in the current edition, to mystify new generations.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON.

A PEAL BANNED.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Re the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Christ Church, Bristol, on July 24th, 1919, and published in the 'Ringing World' August 15th, a protest has been lodged against it being recorded as a peal.

Opinions have been asked for from several ringers who were known to have heard the 'peal,' and they all agree that the ringing from 7.45 until 8 o'clock was too bad to be considered in peal ringing. Therefore, the peal cannot be entered into the records of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Yours truly,

EDGAR GUISE Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

A pleasant afternoon was spent on a recent Saturday at Isleworth Parish Church, which is situated on the bank of the Thames. A large attendance of members were present, including from Barnes, Battersea, Beaconsfield, Clapham, Catford, Chelsea, Camberwell, Edmonton, Islington, Putney, Otlands Park, Sutton, Slough, Shepherd's Bush, West Ham and Westminster; also visitors from Colchester and Northampton. Methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. At the business meeting, Mr. H. Burton presided. Four new members were made.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. T. Beadle, the steeplekeeper.

BRIDGNORTH RINGERS' OUTING.

On August Bank Holiday, the ringers from St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, and their wives paid a visit to Clun to have a pull on the recently restored bells, and to inspect the restored town and church. They were met on their arrival by the Rev. H. J. Scott, who acted as guide for the afternoon. They were first conducted to the Trinity Hospital, of which he is sub-warden, and afterwards a visit was paid to the fine old church, which was greatly admired by the visitors. The bells were then raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob Major were rung. Every satisfaction was expressed of the 'go' of the bells, which they considered a very good peal and well in tune. After inspecting other places of interest and partaking of a sumptuous tea, the visitors left for their 30-mile drive home, having spent a very enjoyable day.

THE J. S. GOLDSMITH TESTIMONIAL.

Although the fund for this successful and interesting scheme closed on August 31st, amounts still continue to come in.

I am now anxious to close and make up the account definitely on September 20th, 1919.

I am also anxious to reach a level figure, and shall be glad if all ringers and others will do their very best during the next few days to let me have what they can on or before that date.

JAMES GEORGE, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham.

NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available at the Minster from 1 o'clock till 8.30 p.m.; service at the Minster 5 p.m.; tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—W. Hinton, Hon. District Sec., 50, Volta Street, Selby.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Solihull on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (10) available at 3.30. Service in the church at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, free to members, others 1s. each; to be followed by the business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. Pigott, 41, Cemetery Road, Smethwick.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.—Clifford District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.; tea at 6; business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. P. Hyett, District Sec., 2, Dulas Terrace, Hay.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot, Surrey, on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Ringing at 3 o'clock, Service 4.30, tea 5.15, to be followed by a meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 40, Rockmount Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Bells available afternoon and evening, short Service in the Church at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—There will be a meeting for practice on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. All ringers welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 6 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisbrough on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Eight bells available from 3 to 7 o'clock. Members are requested to note the change of date from 6th to 13th.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Epping, on Saturday September 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; short Service, 5.30 p.m.; tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please inform the undersigned not later than Wednesday, September 10th?—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13th, at South Wigston. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will all members endeavour to be present?—J. Morris, Hon. Sec., 11, Devonshire Street, Leicester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Service in church, 6.30. A hearty welcome to ringers.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Eastwell near Ashford on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. All ringers are welcome.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., The Priory, Appledore, Kent.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Creaton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; service 4.30; tea 5 p.m. Kindly inform me not later than Sept. 9th, all who require tea.—T. Law, Dist. Sec., St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern district meeting at Royston on Saturday, 13th September, in connection with re-opening of bells, augmenting them from 6 to 8. Tea at The Dairy, 5 o'clock.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of above will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1919. Bells of St. James and St. Andrew's available afternoon and evening. Service in St. James' Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Bull Ring Coffee Hall. Visitors requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday previous. All ringers welcomed.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec., 9, St. Augustine's Avenue, Grimsby.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 18th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 8th and 22nd at 7.45 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 14th at 10 a.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 23rd. The others 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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8), tenor 10½ cwt., available from 2.30 to 9. Tea at 5 (1/3 each) in the Parish Hall. Members requiring same must apply to Mr. A. Smith, 4, Wells Mount, Guiseley, via Leeds, before first post, Sept. 16th, 1919. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dist. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the association will take place at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, 20th September. Ringing chamber open at 2.30; committee meeting 3 o'clock; tea 4.30. General meeting after tea. Meetings and tea will be in the Co-operative Hall, King's Road. Tea will be arranged at 1/6 per head for those who notify Mr. P. H. Bartram, 33, Rosebery Avenue, Melton Mowbray, not later than Wednesday, 17th September.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from

4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whiston on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (9d. each) will be provided for those who notify me by Sept. 16th. The Rectory gardens will be open to ringers, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton, M.A.). The church is about 15 minutes' walk from Broom car terminus.—A. Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Barnet on Saturday, September 27th. Tower open 3 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify me by the 24th. The outing to Chelmsford is to take place on September 30th. Members intending to take part please give their names in to the Stewards by September 13th.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Combined practice for Major ringing will be held at Burnham on the first Saturday of each month from September to April, meeting at 6 p.m.

The meeting at Isham is postponed till September 20th, on account of serious illness near the church.—E. Maurice Atkins.

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