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**BELLS,
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SUFFOLK'S NEW ASSOCIATION.

Our readers will have noted with interest a brief paragraph with reference to the formation of a Suffolk Association. It is a departure of more than passing significance, for it means the setting up of a county organisation in an area already absorbed in two other Associations. East Suffolk forms part of the territory of the old diocese of Norwich and, although now ecclesiastically separated, remains with the old association which, to meet the altered conditions, enlarged its name to the Norwich and Ipswich Association. West Suffolk, comprising the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, formerly formed part of the diocese of Ely, and the towers in that area were affiliated to the Ely Diocesan Association, which, when the rearrangement of the dioceses took place, extended its name to the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association. In that way the two existing organisations sought to keep under their respective wings the districts which they had formerly covered, although the dioceses which they were originally founded to include had each been severed.

At the time the changes took place there was a movement to set up a separate ringing organisation for Suffolk, and although it was hoped by the officials in the associations concerned that their efforts to preserve the unity of their towers had been successful, it is now apparent that Suffolk ringers were not entirely satisfied. Whether the new association has been established to supplement the work of the existing ones, or whether it is a real attempt to break away the Suffolk towers from both, we are not in a position to say. Ever since 1914 the desire in some of the towers for a county association has been making itself heard, and the movement is strongest in West Suffolk, where it has been thought that the existing organisation was not as sufficiently effective to promote the art as a county association would be. One objection was that there was only one annual meeting in three years within the reach of the West Suffolk members, the other two being in the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon—an admittedly fair arrangement under the prevailing conditions. It is felt that with a county association a much keener interest will be stirred up. What the future development of this new movement is to be remains to be seen, and it is for the Suffolk ringers themselves to decide. If it is to supplement the work of the existing societies it will be welcomed by all; if it is intended to build up its membership by secessions from the old organisations, it will not be looked upon with an approving eye by the ringers of the other societies over the borders. But the Suffolk Association is an accomplished fact. It would, therefore, be in the interests of good feeling among the ringers of East Anglia, if its position could be quickly and satisfactorily defined.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WILLIAM ASH 5
BERNARD MOODY 2	PATRICK LARVAN 6
JAMES R. KEMP 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
ARTHUR WALKER 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	PERCY O. LAFLIN 5
JAMES E. GROVES 2	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
*ALBERT E. NORMAN 3	A. PADDON SMITH 7
*THOMAS H. REEVES 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal of Major on these bells. * First peal of Cambridge.

CHISWICK.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	CHARLES J. TRICKER 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
PERCY E. CLARK 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
GEORGE SPENCER 4	LIONEL H. PAGE Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	HERBERT AODSLEY 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	SPENCER MARSHALL 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD EVANS Treble	DAVID REES JAMES 5
REGINALD W. GREGORY 2	HOPKIN JENKINS 6
JOHN EVANS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	*ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal in the method. This composition was published in the 'Ringing World' on March 1st, 1918. Rung muffled as a last tribute of respect to ex-Corporal William J. Smith, R.E., a much-respected member of the local band, who was buried with military honours the same day.

BLAINTREE.—On Easter Day, at St. Michael's Parish Church, for the 6 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, 336 Grandsire Triples. For Matins, touches of Treble Bob, and for evensong, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Coote 1, G. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, W. H. Hammond 6, G. Linbridge 7, F. Ely 8.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAM THOMAS... .. Treble	*G. FREDERICK ALLAN ... 5
JOHN THORPE 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
GAD BUTCHER 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
GEORGE M. THORPE 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Bob Major.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED KREBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LYNDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES J. TRICKER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
JOSEPH MILNER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
THOMAS BEADLE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
GEORGE SPENCER 4	ALBERT BECKENSALE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Beadle, Vice-President of the above Association.

BROMLEY, KENT
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit-Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY 2	GEORGE NAYLOR 6
JOE HARCASLE 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

The ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are from Bradford; 4, 6, 8 from Halifax; 5 from York; 7 from Leeds.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERNEST F. CREED Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
STANLEY CARTER 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
HENRY J. TRIM 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
GEORGE SIBLEY 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, J. Marks 4, W. Sear 5, H. Morris 6, F. Whitehead 7, H. Sear (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by A. Crane and J. Marks, and the second quarter by all the rest except the conductor. For evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	CHARLES CHILDS 4
WILLIAM MOOREY 2	THOMAS ATTWELL 6
MAJOR JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
CHARLES BISH 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

J. H. B. Hesse's 250th peal. These peals have been rung in 83 different towers in 14 counties and for 19 Associations.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	ARTHUR WALKER 5
WILLIAM PEARSON 2	FRANCIS BARKER 6
*WILLIAM H. HAWLEY 3	†HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
JOHN FRYER 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung every bell in this tower twice through a peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARGARET HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 5
MARY E. BARNES 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	WILLIAM BARNES 7
JACK BARNES 4	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... Tenor

‡ Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Frank Shaw, one of the local company. A. Tomlinson hails from Blackburn, the rest are of the local company.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

OADBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

with 10 different callings.

ALBERT BLACKWELL Treble	THOMAS BETTONY 4
*HARRY CHAMBERLAIN 2	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5
WILLIAM LANE 3	ROWLAND DOWEL Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal. Rung after the unveiling of a War Memorial as a token of respect to the men who fell in the Great War.

HOLBETON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(HOLBETON PAROCHIAL BAND.)

On Tuesday, May 10, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WM. BOOKLESS-BROWNE ... Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 4
†FREDERICK LAPHORN 2	†CEDRIC BOOKLESS-BROWNE 5
†JOHN REEBY 3	BENJAMIN J. MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by Rev. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal on a bob bell. ‡ First peal. First peal by the parochial band without outside assistance.

PLYMOUTH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 9, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and 21 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*F. W. RANDELL Treble	M. HOBBS 3
†H. BAXTER 2	†A. STAPLETON 4
A. E. WYKES Tenor	

Conducted by M. HOBBS.

* First peal for the Central. † First peal. A. E. Wykes bails from Cransley, M. Hobbs from Barton Seagrave, the rest from Broughton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 24, 1921, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,
 IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-4	FRANK TURNER 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4	FRANK H. MORTLOCK 6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First away from the treble by F. Mortlock.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	THOMAS RUSSAM 7-8
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
PERCY O. LAFLIN 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR.

This method, the first peal of which has been rung at Leiston, is the production of Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin. It contains some very musical qualities, and the Leiston band think it more intricate than Bristol Surprise. It will be seen that 7-8 dodge seven times behind at the H Bob.

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21346587	23456 M W H
12435678	36452 1 2
21345687	34562 1 2
23146578	26543 1 1 1
32415786	25463 1 2
23451786	62534 2 2 2
21357168	65234 1 2
42531786	23564 2 2
45237168	32465 2 2
54327618	64235 2 2
45236781	62345 1 2
42537618	63425 1 2
24356781	35426 1 2
23465871	24536 2 2
32648517	25346 1 2
36245871	23456 1 2
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32641875	Bob will run true to
23468157	this method.
24361875	
42316857	
24136587	
42315678	
24135687	
21436578	
12346587	
14263857	

14235678 Bob

BELLS AND BELL HANGING.

BELL TONES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the question of tuning has again come to the fore, may I draw attention to a point that has not, I think, been mentioned in correspondence on this subject? If any two notes of vibrational frequency m and n respectively, are sounded together, resultant tones of vibrations $(m \times n)$ and $(m-n)$ are obtained. The latter only concerns us here. Now, if n is a fifth above m , the resultant $(m-n)$ is an octave below n . Organ builders make use of this, as, by coupling 16ft. C with the G above 32ft. C appears; and this coupling can be carried through the bottom octave on the pedals when a complete 32ft. stop is impossible. Now apply this to a bell with fundamental (say) C. In both the old and the Simpson tuning the fifth above G is brought out, and the resultant $(m-n)$ will, therefore, be C, an octave below the fundamental. In the Simpson tuning this will be in unison with the octave hum-note C; but it will be a tone distant from the 7th hum-note D of the old tuning. We shall, therefore, have hum-note D and resultant C, a tone apart, sounding together, which must produce discord. As a further point, surely the fact that bells tuned on the old system are quite impossible in a carillon is ample proof that something is amiss with them.—Yours faithfully,

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON.

IRON v. WOOD FRAMES—'SIMPSON' PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to the question of wedging frames to tower walls, I quite agree that, if the masonry is sound and substantial, and the wedges be driven in hard and fast, it is not likely that any harm will ensue. No one in days gone by protested more against wedging frames to walls than the late Rev. H. J. Ellacombe; yet even he gave his sanction to it some years before his death, under the conditions above mentioned. But, of course, frames ought to be in such a condition as not to need such a practice.

As to metal versus wood for frames, there is something to be said on both sides. No doubt a metal frame fixed to iron girders built into the walls would secure the most perfect rigidity, and serve to brace the tower together as well. It is also much easier to secure firmness and solidity, and get bearings perfectly true with a metal frame than a wooden one. But suppose a metal frame is neglected, and allowed to rust for want of paint—especially in a town where there is chemical action caused by smoke and wet combined—what sort of condition will such a frame be in, say, 50 or 60 years hence? Properly seasoned oak frames are certainly more durable in such cases. I know that it is often difficult to secure properly seasoned timber. But in an oak frame mortices should never be pinned. The diagonal braces being morticed into the top and bottom timbers not more than two or three inches, the whole should be secured by stout iron bolts passing through them from bottom to top, with nuts on the top timbers which can be tightened from time to time as the frame gives or shrinks; all corners being stiffened with plates or dog-ties. I know that such a frame will require attention in the way of screwing up for at least ten years after its erection. Nevertheless I should prefer it; though I may be old-fashioned in my notions.

As to tuning bells on the 'Simpson' principle, this may be all very well for carillons used for tune playing only, but it is certainly unnecessary for bells used for Peal ringing. I know several ringers, who have rung peals on bells so tuned, who say that the sounds of the bells seem to run one into another, producing a most dismal howl all through the peal. Under any circumstances, I cannot too strongly condemn the practice of some bell founders, who persuade church authorities to go to the expense of having good old bells recast simply because they cannot be tuned in this way.—Yours, etc.,

Clerical Library, Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at West Coker on Saturday, May 7th. The Rector (the Rev. L. R. Cotter) conducted the service, and gave an interesting address on the history of the Coker bells. He also reminded the ringers they must consider their work not only as a hobby, or recreation, but as a dignified and important church work. The bells were heard by people who did not attend places of worship, and who apparently had no use for religion, and they must surely mean something to them and set them thinking.

About 30 sat down to tea in the Schoolroom, from Yeovil, West Coker, South Petherton, Martock and Stoke-under-Ham.—A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector.—South Petherton was chosen for the next meeting.—The Rev. H. J. Davies, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cotter for his address, the use of the bells, etc.—The organist and the ladies who arranged the tea were also thanked for their services.

The methods practised during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

The Stoke and some of the Martock members visited Preston Plucknett tower on their way home, and the privilege of a pull on this nice little ring of six was much appreciated by them.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING.

The second meeting of the year was held at Mobberley on Saturday, May 7th, and in spite of the railway restrictions and unsettled conditions generally, it was truly a good gathering, about fifty members and friends being present. The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeson (hon. secretary of the Guild), who gave a very able address. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, where a splendid repast was provided.—The business meeting followed, with Mr. J. H. Jackson in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary presented estimates for the printing of a summary branch report, which ranged from £5 to £7, but as the funds would not permit, it was decided not to print a report this year.—The Hon. Secretary then gave notice of the annual festival, to be held at Chester on Saturday, July 23rd; and expressed a wish that all who could, would attend; also that the Guild annual report would be printed and published as last year, i.e., on the basis of the least number of copies required per tower.

Out of the seven new members elected, six are members of the Rostherne company, this being indeed a gratifying incident, the other was a lady member.—Rostherne was fixed as the place for the next meeting, on Saturday, June 18th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. G. C. Dicker, M.A.), for permitting the meeting to be held, and for the use of the bells, to which he made a humorous reply.

The church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid, is of considerable antiquity, having been built in the 13th century; it is an edifice of stone, in the Early English and Perpendicular style, its windows exhibit the remains of very old inscriptions, and in the church are many memorials to the 'forefathers of the hamlet.' The nave and chancel are separated by a carved oak screen, bearing an inscription and the date 1500. The embattled western tower was erected in 1533 by Sir John Talbot, and contains a clock and a ring of six bells (tenor 150 cwt.). The ringing chamber is peculiar, owing to the fact that its floor has two levels, one some three or four feet lower than the other, and on this stand the ringers of 4, 5 and 6; the other three standing on the higher level.

The bells were well used throughout the day, ringing commencing at 10 a.m., with an attempt for a peal which had to be abandoned half-way through the fourth 720 owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's), on Saturday, April 23rd. The bells of this church and the bells of Christ Church were available, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the latter tower by special request, the occasion being the anniversary of the birthday of the late Canon W. W. Boulden (donor of the tower and bells), the band being: T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 1, T. Groombridge, Junr., 2, A. H. Palmer 3, C. Brown 4, R. Morgan 5, C. Bates 6, H. Audsley 7, J. McLaren 8. Touches in other methods followed, but as is often the case, two towers for one meeting was not a success. There was not so large a gathering at the service as was anticipated, due undoubtedly to the storm, but between thirty and forty were present, and a very fitting address was delivered by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar), who gave the members a very hearty welcome, and said it was a pleasant coincidence they should be meeting there on St. George's Day.

Tea followed in the West Street Schools, kindly provided by the Vicar, and some Erith ladies, the Vicar being present, also the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge (Vicar of Christ Church).

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. The Vicar of Christ Church was elected an hon. member, and in thanking the members, said he hoped soon to become a practising member as well (applause). Four practising members were elected, and Eynsford was selected for the next meeting in July.—Mr. W. J. Jefferies read his report of the committee meeting, which was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of bells, his address, and for presiding; the Vicar and ladies for the tea, the organist and choir, and the ladies who had waited upon the party, and to the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge for the use of his bells.

A collection on behalf of Mr. G. Hayes (Swanscombe), who is in a very bad state of health, realised £1 10s.

An interim meeting of the Ashford District was held at Appledore on Saturday last. About 25 members attended, representing Ashford, Mersham, Stone-in-Oxney, Biddenden, Iden and Tenterden. The visitors included Mr. Castle and friend from Elham, and Mr. L. Mannering from Maidstone. Some good ringing was done in four standard methods, with a course of Oxford Treble Bob being included.—The Rector (the Rev. A. O. Smith), an hon. member of the association, presided at the meeting following tea.—A proposition was carried to hold a combined practice at Wye next month for Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and a notice of which will appear in due course.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the N. and E. District was held at Edmonton on Saturday, May 7th, and although the greatly reduced travelling facilities undoubtedly affected the attendance, over 30 members came during the afternoon and evening to enjoy some good ringing on a very nice peal of bells. A short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. O. Evil) gave a hearty welcome to the association. Ringing, he said, was a service to God, and in His name he thanked the ringers for their great services to the church. He exhorted them to be worthy of their work, and not to neglect that to which they, by their ringing, invited others.

Tea was served in the Church House, an excellent meal being partaken of. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar.—Three new members were elected, and the place of the next meeting decided upon.

A vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. Ferris Shepherd and Mr. Walter Wise was passed, by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar for his address at the service, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the bells; to Messrs. J. Parker and G. Paice, and the local ringers for the excellent arrangements made; to the ladies who had attended to the wants of the members at tea; and to Mr. Crusha (the organist), who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings at the service.

The Vicar acknowledged the vote of thanks, expressing his great pleasure at meeting the society, and wishing the ringers every success.—Mr. J. Parker and Mr. Crusha also replied to the vote of thanks passed to them.

Considerable use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire to London, including four Surprise methods, whilst a very musical peal of handbells, brought by Mr. W. Hazell, were kept going for some time to Stedman Cinques and Caters, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

S. and W. MEETING AT NORWOOD GREEN.

The thirty-four members and friends of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association who visited Norwood Green on Saturday, May 7th, were entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. J. T. Parker, M.A., when they spent a very enjoyable time. The six sweet-toned bells were kept going until tea-time. There was no service arranged, as the Rector expressed a wish to address the company after the tea. In the course of his remarks, he said how pleased he was to find that so keen a spirit was shown by all the church workers at Norwood Green, for although, perhaps, the choir in the churches generally moved in the light more than the ringers, the latter did their part as well, and he fully appreciated their efforts. It was twenty years ago when he made a start to learn ringing, but an unfortunate accident prevented him from making progress in the art, and then shortly afterwards he went on a journey of 13,000 miles to Rockhampton, on the Fitzroy River, in Central Queensland.

At the meeting, the Rector was elected an hon. member, and the District Master (Mr. C. S. Bird) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, and to Mrs. Parker and the ladies for their kind attention at the tea-tables; he also included Mr. W. Emmett and the local ringers, who had made things so pleasant.

Later in the evening some of the ringers went on to Heston, where they rang several methods, including Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. Seventeen towers were represented at the meeting, the more distant being: Swindon, Staines, Croydon, Chertsey and Willesden. The energetic hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) was present, looking after the welfare of one and all, and it was a decided addition to have the pleasant company of lady ringers.

DEATH OF A BRIDGEND RINGER.

It is with regret we have to record the death of ex-Corporal William J. Smith, R.E., of Bridgend, Glam. (late of Ovelston, near Bristol), who passed away at his residence on May 9th, after a long and patiently borne illness, contracted through service in France, where he served for four years with 215 A. T. Company R.E.'s, with whom he did much good work. He was once mentioned in despatches by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig (7th April, 1918), for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

He leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss, and he will be greatly missed in the belfry, and by all who knew him. He was an excellent ringer, and always in his place for Sunday service ringing. He rang several peals for the Llandaff Association, but unfortunately kept no record. The funeral, which took place at the local cemetery on the 12th inst., was a very impressive one, and was accorded full military honours. The members of the Welsh Legion of ex-Servicemen were present in good numbers, as were the local ringers, who acted as bearers. The floral tributes were many, including a lovely wreath from the ex-Service members, and one in the shape of a bell from his brother ringers. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory the same evening, and is recorded in its proper place.

LORD BEACONSFIELD'S FUNERAL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. J. Allen's letter asking for information for Mr. Flavell regarding the late Lord Beaconsfield's funeral peal it may not be uninteresting to many members of the Exercise if the report of the peal on 'Church Bells' of that period were published. Mr. Flavell will no doubt be pleased to know that at least one other member of the band is still very much alive. I allude to Mr. C. F. Winney, who, judging by the peal reports we see from time to time, must be following the art with as much enthusiasm as he did forty years ago.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Extract from 'Church Bells,' April 30th, 1881:—

Funeral peal for the Earl of Beaconsfield.—On Tuesday, the 26th inst., by permission of the Rector (the Rev. J. Lindsay) and churchwardens (Messrs. Stewart and Wigg), of St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, ten members of St. James's Society rang a funeral peal of 5,003 changes of Grandsire Caters, occupying 3 hours 28 mins., in memory of the Earl of Beaconsfield, the bells being half-muffled, and rung during the time the funeral took place: J. Cox 1, R. Jameson 2, J. R. Haworth 3, C. F. Winney 4, W. Weatherstone 5, R. French 6, G. Banks 7, F. Margetson 8, G. Flavell 9, E. Albone 10. Tenor 24 cwt. The peal in four parts, 4, 3, 5, 6 (only), behind the 9th, was composed and conducted by Mr. Cox, being his first peal since his accident last June.

AN ANCIENT BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter in your last issue from the Rev. James F. Hastings, of Martley Rectory, Worcester, I have a book of which the title page and date are as follows: 'The school of recreation or a guide to the most ingenious exercises of hunting, riding, racing, fireworks, military discipline, the science of defence, hawking, tennis, bowling, ringing, singing, cock fighting, fowling, angling, by R. H., London: Printed for A. Bettsworth at the Red Lion, in Paternoster Row, 1732.'

The book contains a page of illustrations, which represent hunting, cock fighting, bowling, angling and archery, and also a kind of billiard table. It mentions the College Youths in the ringing article and some of the names given to the ringing methods are: Morning exercise, Grandsire Bob, a cure for melancholy, London Nightingale, College Bob, Evening Delight, the Wild Goose Chase Triples, etc.—Yours truly,

W. W. THORNE.

Holly Cottage, Ockham, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The April meeting of the Rochdale Branch took place on Saturday week at Balderstone Parish Church, and 25 representatives were present from Balderstone, Heywood, Todmorden Parish and Unitarians, Milnrow, Glodwick, Oldham, Middleton, Harmer, Crossstones and East Crompton. Touches of Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major, Oxford Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung, but owing to the death of Mr. F. Stansfield, of Balderstone, the bells were deeply muffled.

Mr. Samuel Stott presided over the business proceedings, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Heywood, on Saturday, May 14th.—A resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the late Mr. F. Stansfield was passed.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness for the meeting, was accorded.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Cheshunt, on April 23rd, when forty members and friends attended from Broxbourne, Edmonton, Stratford, Walthamstow, Leytonstone, Brockley, Hornsey, Dartford, Croydon, Thundridge, Great and Little Mundon, besides the members of the Cheshunt band, who turned up in full strength. The business meeting was held after tea, the Rev. A. R. Davies (curate) presiding, supported by the Rev. C. Mayne, principal of Cheshunt Theological College, and the Rev. B. H. T. Drake, Vicar of Thundridge. Several of the students of the Theological College, who are becoming interested in the art, were also present.

Service was held in the church, the address being given by the Rev. A. R. Davies, in the absence of the Vicar, who was away on holiday.—Some very good ringing was accomplished in methods from Grandsire to London Surprise, and the meeting was very enjoyable.

FINCHINFIELD BELL FUND.

Amount already acknowledged £27 4s. 6d.: Great Yeldham company, 10s.; Great Bentley, £1 2s. 6d.; H. T. Pye, 5s.; St. Peter's, Colchester, 5s.; collected at Mistley meeting, £1; Sible Hedingham, 17s. 6d. Further subscriptions, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' by the Rev. H. Jordan, Finchfield Vicarage, Braintree.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

BUILDING UP THE PLAIN COURSE.

In this article I want to carry my friends who are just beginning the art, a stage further in their change ringing instruction, and help them to build up what we know as the plain course. On page 223 I attempted to explain plain hunting, and gave what is known as the plain hunting course on six bells. From that, it was obvious that without some process of changing the bells other than by plain hunting, it would not be possible to ring the extent of the changes that are to be had on six—indeed, it would not be possible to do so upon any number above three. As I have already explained, that in order to get the plain hunting course on six, the bells are changed alternately three pairs and two pairs at a time, the bell going first and last when the three pairs are changed, remaining in the same positions while the two internal pairs change. I repeat the figures at the side for convenience of reference. We have seen that at the end of 12 changes, by the method mentioned, the bells come round, but an examination of the example will show how it is possible to prevent the rounds occurring and to produce fresh changes, while still adhering to the general principle of changing first three pairs and then two pairs. In order to get our 132546 we changed three pairs, and, therefore, we have in the next row to change two pairs only. Instead, however, of changing the middle pairs, we change the two last pairs, leaving the 3rd to strike a whole pull over the treble. This whole pull is called 'making a place,' and this term is applied to any whole pull by a bell in one position, except when at lead or behind. In this case, and usually when a bell makes a single place of this description, it results in changing the direction in which the bell has to travel. The 3rd it was on its way up when it reached 2nd's place, but, remaining there a whole pull, causes its direction to be reversed, and instead of going up it goes down, which in this instance involves leading at the next change.

It is this 'place,' as it is called, which enables the bells to carry on with a new block of changes, but before we proceed further we must notice how the other bells are affected. The 2nd was on its way down to lead, but it cannot get there because the 3rd, having stopped to make the place over the treble, gets in the way, and, in consequence, the 2nd has to go one step back before advancing again. This is called 'dodging,' and all the bells, except the treble and the bells in 2nd's place, are involved in this process. You will notice that the 5th on its way up gets as far as 4th's, when it has to take a step back into 3rd's, and in doing so it is said to 'dodge with the 2nd,' the 2nd being in 3-4 down and the 5th in 3-4 up, because those are the two places in which the 3rd and 4th would strike if the bells were ringing in rounds. In the same way, the 4th, having laid its whole pull behind, has started to hunt down, but, stopped from going into fourth's place by the dodge of the 2nd, it has to step back instead into 6th's, before it hunts down to lead. This is termed dodging in 5-6 down. The corresponding dodge in 5-6 up is made by the 6th, which, on reaching 5th's takes a step back into 5th's before laying its whole pull.

The treble, it should be observed, is unaffected by any of these vagaries of progress, and follows a straight course up and down through all the sections, or, as they are technically known, 'leads' of the course. Each time the treble leads a different bell makes the 2nd's place, where the rest dodge, and, when each in turn has made 2nd's, the bells come round. This is at the end of 60 changes, and constitutes our 'plain course.' Now, I wonder if my readers, who are beginners, could write out these 60 changes? I advise them to try. It will help them more than all the explanations I can give.

My advice to young change ringing bands to keep open leads in ringing, has brought the following from a Lancashire ringer: 'Only yesterday I heard some very disparaging remarks passed with regard to an initial attempt made by a band who tried it for morning service ringing, and who were congratulating themselves on good progress they had made, when one of the regular band who had unavoidably been absent and had heard their attempt, advised them not to attempt it again if they valued their reputation as a band for good ringing and striking. Personally, I would much rather have open leads, but the majority in the tower where I ring prefer to ring otherwise, and as the effect when one rings open leads and the others don't, is worse than all doing the same, then I have to fall in with the majority. I've heard all kinds of arguments advanced against open leads, but the chief appears to be that the striking is broken up.'

I am quite prepared to agree with my correspondent that if some of the band ring open leads and some do not, the result must be a horrible hash, but I am also convinced the best change ringing is got with open leads. Without them the bells go on in an intricate medley of sound—no beginning, no ending, no rhythm. I am not going to enter upon a defence of open leads in ringing; it needs none. I have heard and taken part in some very excellent peals, with I am proud to say, some of the finest ringers in the country, and ringing of the standard to which I refer never would and never could be attained without open leads. If my correspondent can induce his band to persevere with the practice of open leads they will find that

there is no comparison in the effect of their ringing. Why, all the musical combinations of the bells are valueless unless there is something to mark the end of the changes, the tenors may as well be always dodging together in the middle as at home, and there can be no object in keeping the 2nd out of 6th's place in Major methods, or of keeping the big bells together when they come behind in Royal or Maximus.

Quite a number of inquiries from those in search of information have reached me, and I will reply to them in due course. Any beginner who is in difficulties with ringing and thinks that I may be able to help should write to me, and I will do my best to assist him.

CONDUCTOR.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 33rd annual meeting of this association was held at Retford on Saturday, May 7th. As usual, the towers of East Retford (10 bells), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) were available throughout the afternoon and evening, and, needless to add, the visitors were not slow to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded them for practice. A hearty invitation was given to members of kindred associations, which were represented by ringers from Barlborough, Blyth, East Markham, Laneham, Gainsborough, Mistorion, Harthill, Norton Cuckney, East Retford, West Retford, Ordsall and Warsop. The principal methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Forward Major, and on the six bells, Oxford and Kent, Plain Bob and Single Court. Tea was served at Howard's Cafe, and at this nearly 40 members assembled, including two lady ringers.

The general meeting that followed was presided over by the Rector of West Retford (the Rev. G. E. Summers), who, in the course of a short address, said ringing was a real bit of work for the Church of Christ. He had an admiration for those who pulled the ropes. In the absence of the Vicar of East Retford and the Rector of Ordsall, he gave the visitors a most hearty welcome to the old borough town.

The officers, secretary, treasurer, president, vice-presidents and patrons were all re-elected for the ensuing year, and Mr. D. A. Piercy, of Ordsall, was elected as assistant secretary. The following new elections took place: Vice-presidents, Rev. J. T. Mumford, Vicar of Norton Cuckney; Rev. W. E. Moss, Rector of Warsop; and Mr. John Dearman, of Warsop. Performing members: East Retford, 12; Warsop, 3; Barlborough, 2; Gainsborough, 4; West Retford, 2; Ordsall, 1, making a total of 27. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson, in July.

At the conclusion of the business, the Rev. G. E. Summers referred to the admirable way in which the accounts had been presented, to

the splendid progress that had been made, and to the new members the secretary had induced to join during the year. The financial part of the business was excellent, and was largely, if not entirely, due to the excellent work of Mr. H. Haigh. It was very encouraging to learn that the younger members were so keen and enthusiastic. Mr. Haigh, in reply, said he had held the office of secretary for nine years, and intimated he would resign at the end of the present year. He felt sure there were others competent and willing to do the work.

Mr. Walter Ayre, Gainsborough, a member of the Lincolnshire Association, congratulated the association on its progress, numerically and financially, remarking that our association with so wide an area had done better than North Notts.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mr. T. R. Flint, of Warsop, who stated that he would be thankful when the industrial crisis were over so that he could get to work on their bell scheme, augmenting the 4 to a peal of 8.

The Hon. Secretary, in presenting the annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1920, said it might be regarded on the whole as satisfactory. There had been a slight increase in the membership to the end of last quarter, which contained the names of 15 vice-presidents, and 131 performing members, non-resident and probationers. The year had been a good one as regarded the variety and quality of the performances accomplished, and it was very gratifying to record that the once silent bells of East and West Retford were now rung regularly for Sunday service and practice. Combined practice by the three towers in the borough might bring about that efficiency that prevailed 20 years ago. The list of new members for 1920 included the Rev. G. E. Summers, Rector of West Retford; the Rev. J. D. Griffiths, Barlborough, and the whole company of Barlborough ringers, who had just recently rung two 5040's in Minor Methods on their own bells, and also at Norton Cuckney, the first 5,000 in the methods on the bells by the association. This company had worked assiduously to make change ringing since the augmentation of their bells from 5 to 6, and the association tendered their hearty congratulations on the achievement. There were still a few towers in North Notts where change ringing was not practised. If a cycling or other party could visit some of these towers during the summer months good results might follow. The association was in a high state of efficiency, every member had paid up his contribution (there being no arrears), and the balance sheet for the year displayed a surplus of £23 1s. 7d., a gain of 17s. 9d. on the year's working. During the years of his secretaryship he did not remember any year in which he had seen the younger members so keen and enthusiastic.

Thanks were accorded the incumbents of the three towers for the use of the bells, and to the secretary for his splendid services during the year.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On May 2nd, 1891, the Solihull band started on new lines, and the story of their early experiences, before the bells were rehung and made into a ring of 10, is very interesting. The only one of this band who now rings is Mr. G. A. Martineau, who was instrumental in starting the band, and getting the bells rehung.

Concerning this period is an amusing story of a certain Midland ringer who came over expressly to show the locals how to obtain 120 Grandsire Doubles with Bobs only. He struggled gamely, but 'natural laws' proved too much for him, though it is doubtful whether, to this day, he is absolutely convinced!

Mr. Martineau, who has just completed his 30 years of ringing at Solihull, is still an active member of the band, holding the position of Ringing Master.

One of the earliest peals rung in the magnificent tower of St. Michael's, Coventry, where, alas! there are now no bells to ring, was a peal of 5,220 'Tittom Bob Royal' on May 20th, 1780, by St. Martin's Youths.

Next Sunday will be the 22nd anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, rung in 11 hrs. 12 mins.

Among the earliest of provincial ringing societies was the Sherwood Youths, Nottingham, who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Gainsborough on May 24th, 1768, which in that year was Whitsun Tuesday. The peal board recording the performance emphasises the fact that the composition was a true one by italicising the word true in the phrase, 'Mr. Holt's true whole peal.'

The 5,120 Double Norwich recorded last week as having been rung at Diss, was rung at St. Peter's, Palgrave, where the tenor is 8 cwt. Our correspondent apologises for his 'silly mistake.'

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's, Bletchingley, on Saturday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. V. Risbridger, a ringer at the Parish Church: G. Kirby 1, L. P. Goodwin 2, S. J. Coppard 3, A. Wood 4, A. Cheesman 5, W. Cheesman 6, F. W. Rice (conductor) 7, W. J. Wilson 8.

READING PEAL BOARDS.

On Friday, May 6th, a very interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. Giles' Church, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor) unveiling two peal tablets recording a peal of Bob Major and a peal of Double Norwich, rung by the members of St. Giles' Society.

—The Vicar congratulated those who rang in the peals, and also regretted the absence of the conductor of both peals, Mr. A. W. Osborne, who was unable to be present. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise were then rung, conducted by Mr. R. N. Runham.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The bells of Rochester Cathedral, which have been recast, augmented to ten and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were dedicated at an impressive ceremony on Saturday afternoon, when Alderman Charles Willis, on behalf of himself and other donors, formally asked Dean Storrs to accept them.

Alderman Willis placed in the Dean's hands a rope suspended from the belfry, and in this way was the signal given to the bell ringers, who broke silence by ringing half-muffled for one minute. The Bishop of Rochester, Dr. Hamner, preached.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. HENRY WHITE.

The unveiling of the brass tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Henry White will be performed by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, President of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, in St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, on Saturday, May 28th. The ceremony is fixed for four o'clock, after which the Basingstoke ringers will be pleased to meet all ringing friends at tea in the Rectory garden. Both towers will be open for ringing during the evening. The Basingstoke band earnestly hope that many old friends of Mr. White, and especially the officials and committee of the Winchester Guild, will find it convenient to attend, in which case will they kindly notify Mr. F. P. Wyeth, New Street, Basingstoke, before Tuesday, May 24th?

ANNIVERSARY PEAL FAILS.

On Saturday, May 7th, a peal of Bob Major was attempted at Wem, Shropshire, on the 23rd anniversary of the opening peal on the bells, viz., May 7th, 1898, but the peal had to be given up after about half an hour's ringing, as Master J. E. Lilley found the 'go' of the second bell more than he could cope with. His father, however, took it in hand, and with Mr. G. Cowley (local) on the tenor, a 1,008 of Grandsire Triples was brought round: H. Bagley (longest touch) 1, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 2, F. A. Barnett 3, A. Short 4, S. Snellson 5, R. Pole 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, G. Cowley 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING IN LONDON.
NEW PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

The first session of the eleventh Council was held in the Upper House of Convocation in the Church House, Westminster, on Tuesday, when, despite the restricted facilities for travel, 71 members attended.

The Associations were represented as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, A. A. Hughes and H. Walton.
Bedfordshire: Rev. Canon Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Central Northants: Messrs. E. M. Atkins, T. Law, D. J. Nichols and F. Wilford.

Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. Bibby and S. Cardell.
Devonshire Guild: Rev. M. Kelly.
Durham and Newcastle: Mr. W. Storey.
Essex: Messrs. W. J. Nevard and G. R. Pye.
Gloucester and Bristol: Mr. W. A. Cave.
Hertford County: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
Kent: Messrs. E. Barnett, J. H. Cheesman and T. Groombridge.
Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.
Lancashire: Rev. Canon Elsee, Messrs. J. H. Banks, J. Lowe and W. E. Wilson.

Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.
Llandaff Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County: Messrs. T. H. Taffender and E. A. Young.
Middlesex County: Messrs. G. T. Coles, W. Lawrence, W. Pye and J. R. Sharmau.

Midland Counties: Messrs. J. Griffin, P. Taylor and W. Wilson.
Norwich and Ipswich: Messrs. G. F. Burton and A. Coleman.
Oxford Diocesan: Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.

Peterborough and Districts: Mr. R. Narborough.
Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. Parker and F. Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Major C. Hughes D'Aeth and Mr. T. H. Beams.

Stafford Archdeaconry: Mr. H. Knight.
Surrey County: Mr. C. Dean and Mr. C. F. Johnston.
Warwickshire: Mr. A. Roberts.
Winchester Diocesan: Rev. G. E. Matthews, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, W. Shepherd and G. Williams.

Worcestershire: Mr. A. E. Parsons.
Yorkshire: Messrs. J. Cottrell and P. J. Johnson.
Hon. members: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. H. Chapman, R. A. Daniell, J. George, J. H. B. Hesse, A. T. King, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer the Rev. C. D. P. Davies).

After the meeting had been opened with prayer, the Hon. Secretary said the Council would bear with great regret that the President (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) was unable to attend the meeting, as he was suffering from neuritis, and he was sure the Council would share his (Mr. Davies') grief that they would have to proceed to the election of another President. He felt it would be no kindness to Mr. Boughey to re-elect him, and they must proceed to the election of a new President.

On the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Canon Baker, Canon Coleridge was unanimously elected President for the ensuing three years. A vote of sympathy with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and of sincere thanks to him for his services was passed.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies having intimated his intention of resigning, Mr. E. Alexander Young, of the London County Association, had been nominated, and was duly elected to the office. Mr. Davies was most cordially thanked for his long and valuable services.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Davies said with regard to the action taken by the Council on the subject of the demolition of London churches, and their recommendation that towers containing rings of bells should be spared as much as possible, the only reply he had received was an anonymous one, stating that the Bishop's Commission went out of existence last summer.

Mr. Davies also stated that the interview which he and Mr. Young had had with the authorities of the Science section of South Kensington Museum with regard to having an exhibit on bells and ringing, had been a very satisfactory one.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Papillon, Rev. J. Drake, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Miss Gillingham, Messrs. H. Argyle, G. Bolland, John Carter, T. R. Dennis, C. Edwards, H. Haigh, C. H. Howard, E. H. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, W. Parker, J. W. Seamer, W. R. Small and R. Warner.

The financial statement presented by the treasurer, and audited by the Standing Committee, showed receipts from affiliation fees £12 10s, interest £3 6s. 2d., and sale of publications £23 17s. 9d., which, with a balance in hand of £63 15s. 7d., made a total of £83 11s. 6d. The expenditure had been books and stationery 13s. 5d., notices and printing £9 17s. 3d., postage and expenses £1 5s. 4d., leaving a balance of £71 15s. 6d.

The statement of accounts was adopted.

The Librarian's report showed that the net receipts from the sale of publications had been £3 17s. 9d., against £16 13s. 2d. in the previous year, the number of books sold being 419, compared with 780 in the previous year.

The Council decided to continue to advertise its publications, and also to continue to send out their Publications at the advertised price post free.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. Canon Papillon, Messrs. J. Carter, R. A. Daniell, J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope, were re-elected hon. members for the next three years, and Mr. A. T. King and Mr. J. H. B. Hesse were added.

The Standing Committee, consisting of Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, A. T. King, E. H. Lewis and A. E. Parsons, were elected, and the new Hon. Secretary (Mr. Young) was added.

The Peal Collection Committee were re-elected, viz., Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker, and Miss E. K. Parker, who had typed the collection of Treble Bob Peals, and was heartily thanked for her work, was added to the committee.

The Literature and Press Committee: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. R. A. Daniell were re-appointed, and Mr. G. E. Burton was added.

The Legitimate Methods Committee: Rev. H. L. James, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. H. Lewis were re-elected, Mr. James reporting that the work of the committee was now held up until the Council had funds to publish the methods already prepared.

The Peaks Analysis Committee's report, already published in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, and Mr. A. T. King, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. G. Williams were re-elected. It was decided that the names claimed for all unnamed methods in the Minor Methods Collection should be sent in to the Librarian within six months, after which the committee should proceed to name the remainder.

The Towers and Belfries Committee were re-elected as follows:—Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, J. H. B. Hesse and E. A. Young, Major Hesse reporting three cases in which he had been called in to give advice during the year.

The Bells of Belgium Committee, consisting of Canon H. J. Elsee, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. E. H. Lewis, was allowed to lapse, on the suggestion of Canon Elsee, as in his opinion—which the Council endorsed—the time had gone by when the committee could do anything effective.

The Records Committee, comprising the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. H. Beams, was re-elected, Mr. Trollope and Mr. Daniell volunteering to give the committee assistance in their museum work, in response to an appeal for help in this direction.

The committee, whose report was published in our last issue, was authorised to carry on their work, commencing with Triples for the time being; also to approach the associations, in the name of the Council, to obtain particulars of the longest lengths rung by them. They were also authorised to include in the statistics the figures of the methods and the composition of the peals where possible.

The following motion was on the agenda: 'That the Analysis Committee be asked to arrange, if possible, that each peal be credited to the Association in whose territory it is rung.' In the absence of the Rev. H. Drake, who had given notice of the motion, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved it pro forma, and Mr. Trollope similarly seconded, but it was defeated practically without discussion.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed the following resolution:—'That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.'—The Rev. M. Kelly seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. W. Willson proposed that a committee for ringing defence be formed of five persons, or more, as may be expedient whose duty shall be to watch the interests of ringing companies, and reply to any attack in the Press or otherwise when required to do so.—The Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded, and after discussion, which showed a sharp division of opinion, the motion was carried by 23 votes to 27; and by a further resolution the work was put into the hands of the Literature and Press Committee, to which the proposer and seconder were added.

The Council decided to meet next year at Lincoln.

Mr. A. H. Pulling's motion, recommending all associations to hold their annual meetings within three months previous to the Council meeting, was discussed, but withdrawn.

Another late notice of motion had been given by Alderman Chambers, of Derby, suggesting the formation of a Bell Restoration Fund in every association. Alderman Chambers was not present to move the resolution, and it was, therefore, allowed to lie on the table.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

Afterwards most of the members attended the service and unveiling ceremony at St. Clement Danes, and went on to St. Paul's, and afterwards to the College Youths meeting at 'The Coffee Pot.'

There was also ringing at Westminster Abbey and St. Clement Danes.

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**THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.**

AT THE UNKNOWN WARRIOR'S GRAVE.**IMPRESSIVE AND MEMORABLE CEREMONY.**

A brief but unique ceremony took place in connection with the meeting of the Central Council in London on Tuesday. The idea put forward in 'The Ringing World' that the Council should officially place a wreath at the Cenotaph in memory of the one thousand ringers who fell in the war, was sympathetically taken up by the Rev. A. H. Boughcy (then president), but it was felt it would be more convenient to place the wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster (Dr. Kyle) readily fell in with the proposal, and when the Council adjourned for lunch they proceeded to the Abbey, where, round the honoured spot the members ranged themselves while the Dean conducted a brief service, in which there was a pause for silent prayer for the dead. After the Collects, the new President of the Council (Canon Coleridge) placed the wreath on the grave. Then, for the first time in all its long history the ancient Abbey heard within its walls the sound of handbells. It was the ringers' farewell to their dead, that unique but telling tribute which marks the passing of a kindred soul. A course of Stedman Caters was rung while the audience stood in silence, and the sound of the bells spread out through the great spaces of the old Abbey, and came back in echoes from the great pillars. The course was rung by ex-Service men: J. Thomas, R.A.F., 1-2; T. H. Haffender, R.N.V.R., 3-4; W. Willson, R.A.F., 5-6; A. H. Pulling, R.G.A., 7-8; W. A. Cave, U.E., 9-10. The ceremony was brief, but impressive and memorable. There was a considerable number of the general public present, and not the least interested of the onlookers were a number of Japanese sailors, who were being conducted round the Abbey.

A SWINDON MEMORIAL.**DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF BRISTOL.**

A very handsome tablet has been erected in Swindon Parish Church Belfry to commemorate the peal rung on November 23rd, 1918, to celebrate the great victory of the Allies. The memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of Bristol. Previously Field-Marshal Lord Methuen had unveiled, and the Bishop had dedicated, before a crowded congregation, a magnificent memorial erected in the church in honour of those heroes who had given their lives for their country. The names of the fallen are inscribed alphabetically on the tablet, and includes that of John H. Odey, a highly-respected and deeply regretted member of the Guild. Although he had not accomplished many peals, he was a capable ringer, and in addition to the four standard methods, was proficient in Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge.

Immediately after the service in the church, the Bishop, preceded by his cross bearer, ascended to the ringing chamber, where had assembled to meet him, the Rev. C. A. Mayall, Vicar, the curates, churchwardens, ringers, and many interested members of the congregation.—Major Fitzroy Fleydell Goddard, the Vicar's warden, and Lord of the Manor, unveiled the tablet, and the Bishop, having dedicated it, gave a short and appropriate address to the ringers, and intimated that he took it to be a great honour to be invited into the belfry to dedicate the handsome tablet. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bishop were introduced to the Bishop, who shook hands with all the ringers, including several promising youngsters, who are making excellent progress, under the able tuition of that capable and enthusiastic ringer, Mr. Charles J. Gardiner. The tablet is of white Sicilian marble, with black marble base, and was designed, made and generously presented by Mr. Herbert W. Bishop, and the grateful thanks of the Swindon Parish Church Guild are due to him for his beautiful and valuable gift, which will form a lasting memorial that will probably endure so long as the church stands. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that this was the donor's first peal. Previous to and after the service, some first-class touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung, conducted by Mr. J. H. Shepherd. Lord Methuen, who was the guest of Major Goddard, was very much impressed by the excellence of the ringing.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**REV. SIR JOHN HERSCHEL TO RESIGN SECRETARYSHIP.**

We are asked to state that at the annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, on July 4th, at Winchester, the Secretary, the Rev. Sir J. C. W. Herschel, Bart., will resign office owing to pressure of other duties. This announcement is made beforehand, in order that members may be ready with nominations for his successor. Members are also reminded that it saves much time and avoids uncertainties to make sure beforehand that anyone who is proposed is willing to serve, if elected, and that it is desirable that one of the clergy should hold the office.

BALCOMBE SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for 8 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): G. Olliver 1, E. Stoner (first quarter on inside bell) 2, A. Steele 3, G. Streeter 4, C. J. E. Gasson 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6. For 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Single Bob Minor (1,260 changes): G. Olliver 1, E. Stoner 2, A. Steele 3, C. J. E. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S NEW SECRETARY.**MR. ERNEST ALEXANDER YOUNG, A.R.I.B.A.**

The new Secretary of the Council, was born at Southampton in 1885. Educated at the Hampden Gurney Schools, W., he was articled to the late W. I. Sans, A.R.I.B.A., in 1881. As an architect and surveyor he commenced in private practice in 1904. In 1911 Mr. Young became a district surveyor under the London Building Acts, and this responsible position he now holds, being district surveyor for Lewisham East and Woolwich (Town). Mr. Young has been well known in London as a public lecturer on matters relative to architecture and building. He joined the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1891, after passing the Institute examinations.

Mr. Young's interest in church bells was first awakened by listening to the Holyrood and St. Michael's bells as they sounded across the Bay, when he was a boy at Blechynden (now Southampton West). It was not, however, until 1885 that he became acquainted with some of the St. Clement Danes ringers, being at that time engaged in surveying and measuring the steeple of that church. A few years after he took up ringing, and in January, 1891, joined the St. James's Society, and a few years later the 'College Youths.' Of the former (now the London County Association) Mr. Young has always been a strong supporter, and was honorary secretary for several years. He is one of the trustees, and represents it on the Central Council, where he has been for several years a member of the Tower and Belfries Committee. With others, he assisted the late Sir Arthur Heywood in writing his book, entitled 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging.' Mr. Young has devoted considerable attention to the movement of bell towers during ringing, and is one of a committee approved by the R.I.B.A. to investigate and report upon this somewhat obscure question.

Mr. Young designed the present certificate of the London County Association, but has the strange distinction of having never yet rung a peal, although he has made several attempts.

A YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

At St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, on April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Baird 1, J. Coleman 2, A. Shuman 3, T. J. Williams 4, H. Willis (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, I. Williams 7, H. Warrie 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of the treble, second, fourth and tenor. Great credit is due to first and last named, as they only started to ring a bell last November.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Spedding 1, A. R. Jones (conductor) 2, J. Bazeley 3, A. French 4, J. Langstroth 5, Dr. Wales 6, W. H. Birtwhistle 7, J. McKell 8. For evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples, J. McKell (conductor).

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 47½ minutes: A. Smith 1, F. Hunt 2, T. Blackburn 3, B. Wood 4, H. Wood 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 3 and 8. Also first on the bells by an entirely local band, and first as conductor.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Caters, in 55 minutes: F. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, E. Reeve 2, H. H. Mance 3, G. Watkin 4, A. Newman 5, H. Burton 6, W. Dean 7, J. Milner 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10.

SOLIHULL.—On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, in 47 mins., 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, C. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd (composer) 3, G. A. Martineau 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, S. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8, R. Bragg (conductor) 9, K. Timms 10. Rung to commemorate the 50th year of change ringing in Solihull. This quarter-peal has every pair of courses alternately in the Tittums and Handstroke positions.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, in 48 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Shorter 1, R. Lathbury 2, *H. Hazel 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, *W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 5, T. R. Dennis 6, W. Welch 7, P. Taylor 8. *First quarter-peal of Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At All Saints', on May 8th, for evening service, 1,270 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: A. N. Wood 1, T. Atkins 2, J. Oldham (conductor) 3, E. Cartwright 4, W. Smith 5, F. H. Stubbs 6, E. Leklie 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader 9, W. Thurler 10.

SEELY OAK.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 8th, in 42 mins.: Wm. B. Cartwright 1, C. H. Stanley (first quarter in the method) 2, L. G. Cartwright 3, W. Mumford 4, J. E. Eaton 5, S. Grove 6, Joe Bailey, Long Eaton (conductor) 7, H. J. Dowler 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At St. Mary's and Cuthbert's Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Miss Ada Donnison 1, F. Sheraton 2, G. Green (conductor) 3, J. Anderson 4, W. Brown 5, G. Ward 6. This is Miss Donnison's first 720, and also the first by a lady ringer on the bells of this church.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, May 8th, for municipal service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., from 'The Ringing World' of April 29th: S. Bradley 1, D. Hindley 2, A. Wallwork 3, J. Hindley 4, Thos. Lingard (conductor) 5, T. Howard 6, J. Howard 7, J. Elge 8.

TODMORDEN, LANCs.—At the Unitarian Church, on Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, at which a war memorial was unveiled, a

quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter): W. H. Stansfield 1, T. Fielden 2, H. Stansfield (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Sutcliffe 4, G. Sutcliffe 5, H. Greenwood 6, J. Nash (conductor) 7, F. Fielden 8.

GLoucester, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Sunday, May 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Butler 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook (first quarter) 4, S. Hicks 5, H. C. Bond 6, V. R. Williams 7, J. Hayward 8. At the Parish Church, for evening service, 665 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Watts 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, J. Butler 4, W. G. Cook 5, F. J. Lewis 6, S. Hicks 7, H. T. Gardner 8, H. C. Bond (conductor) 9, J. Hayward 10.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Barlow, jun. (Deane), G. E. Turner (Pendleton), J. Lowe (Pendleton), T. B. Worsley (Deane), T. Barlow (Deane), J. T. Potter (Eccles), J. Potter, conductor (Walkden), A. Burton (Walkden). Rang on the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary sermons.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on May 1st, for evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples by the local band: T. Tabret 1, H. Castle 2, J. Dorne 3, A. O. Kay 4, P. Page 5, W. Everett 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, G. Swaffer 8.

GARSTON.—On Sunday, May 1st, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples, by: C. Turner 1, J. Hooley 2, J. Moore 3, R. Kelly 4, J. W. Rawlinson 5, W. Hughes (conductor) 6, S. Miller 7, C. Parker 8. J. Moore rang in the first peal on the bells on May 4th, 1878.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. James's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, May 1st, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), by: R. F. Reece 1, G. Ashby 2, H. Kirk 3, W. Sturman 4, P. E. Hibbard (conductor) 5, W. Ken-

nan 6. **BARTON-IN-FARIS.**—For evening service, on Sunday, May 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: E. Brogdale (first 720) 1, F. Priestly 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tits (conductor) 6.

CHIPPENHAM.—At the Parish Church, for Sunday evening service, April 24th, 1,220 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Trueman (first quarter) 1, A. Dale (first inside) 2, E. Perry 3, R. Pearce 4, F. Lambeth 5, L. Ambrose 6, W. Hulbert 7, S. Wilshire (conductor) 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Easton (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Wincote 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, Robert Holloway (conductor) 5, J. Roole 6, R. Fardon 7, A. E. Smith 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, April 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. G. Bennington 3, J. Law 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, J. Crowder 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, Grandsire Triples (630 changes): W. A. Cox 1, T. East, senr. 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler (conductor) 4, A. H. Webb 5, E. E. Napper 6, T. East, junr. 7, W. Goodenough 8.

'LOOK UP.'

Before starting for a peal on a heavy ring of bells some years ago, I remember the conductor saying to one of the band, 'When you are ringing, don't look on the floor, look up.' The conductor knew the man he was addressing, and knew his failing as a ringer. But is this not also a piece of advice which we may all take to heart, whether we are ringing or not? The man who is continually looking down is not the man who will achieve success. Success comes to those who keep their eyes on the goal in front of them: who, when climbing the hill, keep their eyes towards the summit. We cannot hope to achieve mundane things unless we look up; much less can we hope to achieve higher things unless we do likewise. However hurried and burdened our life here may be, we must not forget that there is a hereafter, and that the future depends very much upon our actions and attitude now. The attributes which go to make for success in our art, are those which go to make for success in our lives—patience, perseverance, concentration, harmony. We cannot ring well unless we look up, we cannot live well unless we also look up, for help, for comfort and for grace.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1260 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

234567

752346

467352

524367

735246

467235

354267

463725

254763

Five times repeated, S mid-way and end.

J. Beams.

672 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

25145 7 12

25143 — S

24135 —

25314 — —

21345 —

Repeated.

J. Carter.

504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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546327

735246

467523

354267

H. Martin.

272 BOB MAJOR.

23456 W B H

23645 — 2 —

25456 1 —

208 BOB MAJOR.

23456 W B 5 4 M H

54562 — 1 — S

23456 — S

J. A. Trollope.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Considering that the train service was practically 'washed out,' the attendance at the Derby District meeting at Darley Dale on Saturday may be considered very satisfactory, members being present from Leicester, Derby, Hitley, Chesterfield and Rotherham. Courses or touches were rung in Grandsire, St. Clement's, Erin and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Forward, Duffield, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major.

DERBY PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

At St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, on Saturday, April 23rd, a special meeting of the Derby District was held for the purpose of unveiling two peal boards beautifully lettered in gold leaf, recording two peals of Grandsire Triples, one rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. E. Hunt on leaving to take up duty at Ockbrook, and to record his 17 years' service as Vicar of St. Alkmund's Parish; the other as a welcome to the Rev. J. S. Wilding, his successor. About 40 were present, including several ladies, the Rev. A. E. Hunt (Ockbrook), the Rev. J. S. Wilding (Vicar), the Rev. W. C. Couch (curate), the Rev. Wilkinson (Mansfield), Alderman Chambers, President M.C.A.; Mr. Plant (churchwarden) and Mr. Potts (ex-warden), and ringers from Burton, Breadsall, Duffield, Ilkeston, Long Eaton and Derby.

The Rev. A. E. Hunt remarked how pleased he was to be present at such a gathering, and congratulated the ringers on their achievement. To be successful in ringing these peals it was not only necessary, he said, for the bells to be in perfect tune and work in harmony with each other, but that the ringers themselves should also work in harmony, realising at the same time that they were church workers, and that their office was as important as any other branch of work in the church.

Alderman Chambers, in performing the unveiling ceremony, expressed his pleasure in being present on such an occasion, and spoke of the good work done by the late Vicar during his 17 years in the parish. He wished him every success in his present sphere, and congratulated the ringers upon placing two such beautiful boards in the belfry.—The Rev. A. E. Hunt then dedicated the boards with a short prayer, after which the Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen for their attendance. He was supported by Mr. Haywood, on behalf of the ringers, and the Vicar then closed the meeting with prayer.

Ringling was afterwards indulged in, touches of Grandsire, Duffield, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London being rung.

HOW HARLINGTON LOST A BELL.**QUAINT RECORD OF ANCIENT LAW SUIT.**

The Rev. H. Wilson, of Harlington, Middlesex, sends us the following interesting extract from his 'Parish Magazine':—

'It is rather an old story—nearly four centuries old—but has never appeared in print, and I have only just heard it from Mr. George L. Harrison, who has been doing research work at the Record Office, and came across it amongst some early Chancery Proceedings. In a letter, dated February 26th, 1921, he most kindly sent me an exact copy of the document, which is of considerable length and most quaintly worded. I found it so interesting that I pass on the story, in brief form, to the readers of the "Parish Magazine." It is written in old English, as will be seen from the few extracts given.

'It appears that at that distant date, when Henry VIII. was King, something went wrong with one of the Harlington Church Bells, "weying eyght hundred pounds weyght"; it got cracked or injured in some way, and "the churchwardens of the said parysshe Church delivered it by th' assent of the hole parochyans unto one John fford cityeyn and bell founder of London, to the purpose and intent that the said John fford should nowe caste and make the seid bell to agree in the treble note and sound to ffour other bells in the same parysshe then yett hanging." fford undertook to fetch the bell, recast and return it within eight weeks, for the sum of £3 6s. 8d. The Churchwardens, however, omitted to get a receipt for the bell when it was carried off. fford at once melted down the old bell, but died a few weeks later, before the other bell was cast, and then the trouble began. His widow denied responsibility, and shortly after married again, when her new husband also said he had no responsibility. The Churchwardens—Roger Soler and John Mold—together with the Patron of the living, Gregory Lovell (whose effigy in brass is in the Church) bombarded them with applications and demands to carry out the verbal agreement. Counter charges were made, and each side abused the other in unmeasured terms. The cause was brought before Sir Thomas Dudley, Keeper of the Great Seal. We don't know for certain the end of the story—his decision has not been found—but it looks as if the "power parochyans" of Harlington were done out of their bell.

The document, like most early ones, is undated, but Sir Thomas Audley was Lord Chancellor from 1532 to 1544, so it must have been between those dates that the suit came before the Court of Chancery.

Harlington Rectory.

H. WILSON.

NOTICES.

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HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, 21st May. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. L. A. Walker, Railway Terrace, King's Langley?—F. J. Reeve, Hon. Sec., Tring.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, next, at St. Andrew's, Holborn. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at 1/3 per head. All welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Market Street, W.2.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A Ringing meeting will be held at St. Laurence, Thanet, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Will all members please look up Double Norwich for this meeting?—E. C. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Henbury, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Westbury bells available from 7 p.m.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Witney, on Saturday, May 21st. Service in St. Mary's Church, at 4 p.m., preacher, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Tea at the Central Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., at 1/3 each. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wolsey (six bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (six) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. District Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Eversholt on Saturday, May 21st. Bells at 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Meetings for practice on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: St. John's, Wilton Road, May 23rd; St. Clement Danes, May 30th, Bishopsgate, June 6th. Sun-

days at 10 a.m.: St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 26th; Southwark Cathedral on May 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 31st, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meetings for practice will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, and on Thursday, May 26th, at All Hallows, Lombard St., E.C. Ringing commencing at 7.30 p.m. in both cases. All welcome.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Market St., W.2.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Bigby (Barnetby Station) on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available all day. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Service at 5 p.m., when the Rev. J. Barber, M.A., Rector of Stow, will preach. Those requiring tea please notify the Rev. H. T. Parry, The Rectory, Bigby, on or before Wednesday, May 25th.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bexhill, St. Peter's, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation at 5 pm. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver, on Saturday, May 28. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church 4.30. Business meeting after tea.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hadlow, on Saturday, May 28th. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the King's Head Inn at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. All members wishing tea must notify the District Sec., not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 28th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells at Waddington will be available from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, May 28th, to consider the financial state of the Association and other business. Meeting at Brown Bros.' Café, at 3.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Bells available.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the Tower.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawby, on Saturday, May 28. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—T. H. Kirby, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells at 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. Burkett, 46, Planet Road, Adwick-le-Street, before May 25th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Shere, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members 9d., visitors 1/6.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 24th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Hunton on Sat., June 4th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with an address by the Rector (Rev. F. A. Dale). Tea at the Court at 5.45, given by Mrs. Bannerman; business meeting after. All those intending being present must let me know not later than Tuesday, May 31st.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 4th. Evensong 4.30. Tea at 5. Special preacher, Canon Coleridge. Intending visitors kindly notify Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, not later than June 1st.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Rodmersham, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5, followed by a tea kindly provided by the Vicar, The Rt. Hon. Rev. A. H. T. Massey. Business meeting afterwards. All those wishing to partake of tea must notify me not later than first post Tuesday, May 31st, as provision can only be made for those signifying. Half fares up to 2/- will be paid at this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock St., Gravesend.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough Parish Church, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting at Jubilee Hall. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 1st? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea should let me know *without fail*, not later than Sunday, June 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., St. Michael's Rectory, 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.
—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Whitby, on June 4th. Bells of the Parish Church (10), available from 12 o'clock. Service in the Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, at Botham's Café, Baxtergate, followed by a business meeting in the same room. Will all requiring tea please notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 31?—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
—The annual meeting of the association will be held at Bath on July 2nd, at which the War Memorial will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
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