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THE COUNCIL.

The Central Council had a really memorable day in London on Whitsun Tuesday. The meeting itself was more interesting than usual, but there were other events which served specially to mark the day. Chief among these was the visit to Westminster Abbey, where, by the willing co-operation of the Dean, a brief but unforgettable service was held at the grave of the unknown warrior, upon whose tomb the President of the Council laid a wreath in the name of the ringers of England. Then there was the impressive service which many attended at St. Clement Danes, when the Freemasons' peal tablet was unveiled and dedicated. In addition, members were privileged to ring at Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Clement's, the whole proceedings making up a day of varied activity and remarkable interest.

The principal feature of the meeting of the Council was the change that was made both in President and Secretary. The former office, held for three years by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, whose geniality and ability had endeared him to all the members, had necessarily to be filled by a new occupant by reason of the fact that Mr. Boughey's health rendered it inadvisable that he should undertake another term; and the election of Canon Coleridge—one of the original members of the Council—was not only a well-deserved compliment, but a wise selection, for the Canon has behind him an unexcelled experience of the Council's work, is an admirable chairman with a thorough grasp of business, and, as everyone knows who has met him, an inborn humour so valuable to one who has to preside over any assembly.

It was rather strange that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who postponed his resignation of the office of Secretary and Treasurer three years ago in order to avoid a double change of officers at one time, should, after all, have found himself going out of harness with the President. Mr. Davies is another of the early members of the Council. He has served that body, as Canon Coleridge said, magnificently for twenty years, and, much as his retirement from the post may be regretted, no one will deny his claim to be relieved of the duties of the office. It is difficult to speak in adequate terms of Mr. Davies' services both to the Exercise and to the Council. From the broader point of view of the art itself, much of our present exact knowledge of the Grandsire and Stedman methods is due to his researches, while as the executive officer of the Council he has brought to bear a keen intellect, a wide knowledge of the art and a great enthusiasm for the work. His departure from office, although,

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happily, not from the Council, marks, in a certain sense, a parting of the ways, and his successor, Mr. E. A. Young, in whom the Council has every confidence, will have no easy task in carrying on an office which has long been so well filled.

Several changes in the personnel of the new Council were to be noted, and, with the gradual introduction of new blood, including more active and fewer ornamental members of the Exercise, we look forward to a renewed and more active life for the central body of our organisation.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 17, 1921, in Four Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

*THOMAS H. REEVES Treble	†ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 7
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	*J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8
*GEORGE F. SWANN 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN ... 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	A. PADDON SMITH ... 10
*ALBERT E. NORMAN 5	JOHN NEAL 11
*MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells, by all the band, and by the Guild. George F. Swann's 250th peal.
* First peal of Maximus on tower bells. † First peal of Surprise.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 7
ARTHUR H. HARDY 2	HARRY LEA 8
*REGINALD BROUGH 3	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	GEORGE CARD 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 11
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by SAM WOODS.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the ringers of the 5th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	WILLIAM HALE 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	ALFRED HANNIS 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 3	WILLIAM IRELAND 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5	FRANK COLE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CADSLEY Treble	JAMES A. HART 6
WILLIAM D. SMITH 2	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
WILLIAM PALMER 3	FRANK BENNETT 8
HERBERT RANN 4	ROBERT J. DAVE 9
GEORGE PIPER 5	JOHN JAY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the 100th peal rung in Southover tower by R. J. Dave.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*HENRY WEST Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
CHARLES GREEDY 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	FREDERICK G. VILES 8
SIDNEY DAWE 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
FREDERICK ATWELL 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

Arranged for W. Bolton, home on holiday from Grimsby. * First peal on ten bells.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ARTHUR MASON 7
JOHN THOMAS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county, and first by the Association. The above is the 1,000th peal which the conductor has called.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

FRED ATWELL Treble	ERNEST E. PEACOCK 6
JOHN BULLEN 2	*ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
*JOHN BUTLER 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 8
CHARLES GREEDY 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN W. JONES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY COOPER. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Caters. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. H. Thomas, curate of this church, who has just been presented to the living of Penhow. It was also a birthday compliment to J. Butler and a compliment to A. J. Pitman, on the 14th anniversary of his wedding day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 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.

C. W. GOODENOUGH Treble	W. E. CHEATER 5
*REV. R. H. WHITFORD 2	F. W. TOWNSEND 6
†E. T. HENDLEY 3	R. P. KNIGHT 7
L. HARRIS 4	A. E. FRY Tenor

Conducted by C. W. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First attempt with a bob bell.

OOSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5264 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE GARRISON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This peal, now rung for the first time, contains 22 courses 5-4-8 and 22 courses 5-7-8. It was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Edith Gough.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM B. MANNING Treble	*FRANK HARPER 5
*CHARLES S. GOULDTHORPE 2	†ROBERT HOWARD 6
†WALTER MANSFIELD 3	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS 7
†ROBERT WILKERSON 4	ROBERT G. KING Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM GARRETT. Conducted by ROBERT G. KING.

Rung in honour of the 78th birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Harrison, and on his completing 44 years ministry as Vicar of Royston. * First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CRANE Treble	WALTER SEAR 5
FREDERICK J. STONTON 2	HARRY F. MORRIS 6
JOHN MEAD 3	FREDERICK WHITEHEAD 7
WILLIAM MEAD 4	HARRY SEAR Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and first peal in the method in North Bucks by a local band. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harry Sear.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WALTER THOMAS 5
*EDWARD HARRISON 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	JOHN W. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*CHARLES PAYNE Treble	*SAM WHITE 5
*BERT RIDGEWAY 2	FRED COTTON 6
†ARTHUR CATELL 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*GEORGE THOMPSON 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells. * First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 150th peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	HERBERT MARKWELL 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	*S. H. GREEN 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
WILLIAM STEED 4	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1920, Peal No. 2,231. * First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. White, also of the silver wedding of Mr. G. Reesby, one of the local ringers. It was also Mr. Lambert's 100th peal, which he has rung in 30 different towers in Kent and East Sussex.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES E. PERKINS... ..Treble	ERNEST J. BROOKS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWSTenor

Composed by H. DAINS Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
First peal of Major on the bells.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADETreble	WILLIAM PYE 5
GEORGE W. KILBY 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	REUBEN SANDERSTenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael Coslany,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEYTreble	ALBERT ROUGHT 5
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 2	JOHN GODFREY 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE H. CROSSTenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BROWN... ..Treble	ELLIS LAMBERT... .. 5
WILLIE FOSTER 2	MILLIGAN HARRISON 6
TOM ROGERS... .. 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
BOOTH HOLMES 4	GEORGE DENNY, SEN.Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by V. BAIRSTOW.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Treble and 3rd ringers are from Kildwich, 5th from Silsden; the rest belong to the local company.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN SADDINGTONTreble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
*HARRY PEET 2	WILLIAM FAREY 6
*CECIL CHAPMAN... .. 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT... .. 4	WILLIAM J. ALLENTenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
* First peal in the method.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMANTreble	WALTER CLAYDON 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
FRANCIS T. HOAD 3	GEORGE ILLMAN 7
GEORGE ELLIS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Divine,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*WALTER WHITETreble	*THOMAS H. KIRKBY 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	*T. HENRY HARDY 6
*MRS. T. HENRY HARDY 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS 7
*REV. C. J. STURTON... .. 4	PERCIVAL PRICE... ..Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.
First peal in the method on the bells. † First peal of Oxford Major.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of the organist of this church, Mr. George Faulks, to Miss Birkin.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT... ..Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
NORMAN R. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETTTenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB & SINGLE.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY SEALTreble	JOSEPH WREN 5
*N. E. HOPE 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
HARRY COOMBER 3	PERCY DENTON 7
ARTHUR READER 4	CHARLES BAKERTenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.
* First peal. Mr. Wren was elected a member of the Association
previous to starting. Ringers of 2, 3 and 5 hail from East Grinstead,
Sussex.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRINGTreble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
*FRANK FOX... .. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 6
†HARRY OVERTON 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	JAMES H. RIDINGTenor

Composed by CHARLES PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob
bell. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. Kearton and
Miss Hilda Fox, the bride being sister to ringer of the 2nd.

HAWLEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MRS. MELVILLETreble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
MABEL NYE 2	FREDERICK NYE 6
MRS. HAZELDEN 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
†EDWARD HAYNES 4	BARZILLAI HAWKINSTenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAZELDEN.
* First peal. † First peal for 17 years.

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RANMORE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	HENRY L. GARFATH 5
RICHARD HAYES 2	*GEORGE W. STEERE 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
*RICHARD T. LAMBERT 2	ARTHUR READER 6
GEORGE BELL 3	*LEWIS NEWMAN 7
HARRY GOODWIN 4	CHARLES H. SONE Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Bob Major on an inside bell.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM BACON Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
GORDON BACON 2	GEORGE E. WILSON 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD 7
SYDNEY W. CORDEN 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

MILES PLATTING.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

WILLIAM H. SHUKER Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
*MISS EMMA TONGE 2	*HARRY GASKELL 6
WILLIAM BERRY 3	*SAMUEL CARDELL 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	*JOSEPH HALL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 158). Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*MISS ETHEL PACEY Treble	ERNEST E. PEACOCK 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
CHARLES GREEDY 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRED G. VILES.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Triples, and first peal of Triples for the Association in which a lady has taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Chamberlain and also for Russell Viles, son of the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Society.)

On Thursday, May 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method by all; on the bells and for the above Association. The conductor has now called a different Surprise method from every bell in this tower.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of Immanuel,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No 33.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS W. WELBOURNE Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
LOUIS ATTWATER 2	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 6
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
ARTHUR WALTON 4	*WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

* First peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN AVIS Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP 3	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
JOHN BURLS 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in the method by all except Sergt. Bennett. First attempt as conductor in the method. F. M. Mitchell's 50th peal. Arranged for Miss Goodship, of Reading, who was heartily congratulated on her excellent ringing, she never having previously made a bob in the method. The band wish to thank the Rev. Campbell Ward for the use of the bells and Mr. W. Harper for having everything ready.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*G. HERBERT Treble	†H. J. ELDRED 4
*J. SUMPTER 2	R. ROFFEY 5
E. TUBB 3	F. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by F. BARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

OTTERTSHAW, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE MILES Treble	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 4
SAMUEL PETTER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3	*WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells. Rung for the 36th anniversary of the building of the tower.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES COCKINGS Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HERBERT ROBINSON 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	HENRY W. GAYTON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

The conductor has now rung and conducted a peal from each bell in this tower.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 16, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, also first peal of Minor by S. T. Holt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At 5, King's Head Street,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by C. PATRICK. Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: WALTER SPARROW, Stowmarket.

CLAPHAM, S.W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At 83, High Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: R. RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'in hand.' F. I. Hairs' 200th peal and G. W. Steere's 50th peal 'in hand.'

CHIPPENHAM.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes), in 45 mins., by the following regular Sunday Service ringers: C. Ambrose, junr., 1. A. Dale 2. W. Hulbert 3. R. Pearce 4. F. Lambeth (conductor) 5. L. Ambrose, senr., 6. S. Wiltshire 7. H. Powell 8. First quarter and first attempt by C. Ambrose, junr. who is 15 years of age, and believed to be the first junior at that age to ring the treble to a quarter of Grandsire in the vicinity.

POSTWICK, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 15, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At 15, Norfolk Cottages,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT ... 3-4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE W. STEERE ... 1-2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	HENRY L. GARFATH ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MISS CARBIN and MISS MCCULLUM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss McCullum. This was G. Steere's and the conductor's 50th peal 'in hand' together.

ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting was held at Peterborough on Whit-Monday, when ringers were present from Cambridge, Long Stanton, Dry Drayton, Cottenham, Newmarket, Barley, Thetford, and the local bands. The bells of St. Mary's, St. John's and Woodston were kept merrily going all day, and handbells were also rung both on the journey, which was by charabanc, and in St. Mary's Schoolroom.—A hearty vote of thanks was given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley to Mr. and Mrs. Jutson and Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson for the splendid lunch and tea, and it is interesting to know that the proceeds are to be given to the Peterborough War Memorial.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Northern District held a meeting on Saturday, May 21st, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, where the bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon, and a short service was held. The address by the Rector was much appreciated, as also was the special bell hymn written by the Rector himself.

After tea, the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rector. Mr. E. Roberts, of Kentish Town, was elected a member, and St. Mary's, Willesden, will, if available, be the place for the next meeting in July.

Very hearty thanks were accorded to the Rector for his thoughtfulness and help, the steeplekeeper for having everything in good order, and the lady and gentleman who were responsible for the catering for tea.

Ringling was resumed, and kept merrily going for the rest of the evening. It is pleasing to see a big increase in the attendance at the District meetings, and it is to be hoped this evidence of interest will continue.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

BRANCHES FAVOUR REDUCTION IN NUMBERS.

On Saturday, May 14th, the members of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Moorside, Oldham, the towers represented being Moorside, Oldham, Glodwick, Middleton, Ashton St. Peter's, Ashton Parish, Miles Platting, Pendleton and East Crompton. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening, and at the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. Sam Stott, it was decided that next month's meeting should take place on June 11th, at Heywood. The following resolution, received from the Rossendale Branch, was fully discussed, and it was decided to support it: 'That this branch is of opinion that there are too many on the Committee of Management, and they suggest that one from every branch is quite sufficient, with the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretaries and Hon. Treasurer, to carry on the management of the association.'

To alter rule 9 to read: "The Management shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretaries, Hon. Treasurer and the Secretary from each Branch." Also to include a proviso, if the Secretary cannot attend Committee Meeting on the date fixed, he appoint some member of his branch to act as his Deputy for that day. This is to curtail expenses.

The meeting concluded with a resolution of thanks to the chairman for presiding; also to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

NEW TOWER & BELLS AT DURBAN.**OPENING OF A SOUTH AFRICAN PEAL.**

The art of change ringing, which was spread, precariously perhaps but nevertheless certainly, to Australia and Canada, will it is hoped take root in South Africa as the result of a new tower and bells erected at Durban, Natal, and another peal which it is hoped soon to have in ringing order in the same city. The new tower has been added to St. Mary's Church as a memorial to those who fell in the Great War, and the peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 18 cwt. 25 lbs., were cast at the Loughborough foundry by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The total weight of the peal is 80 cwt., and each bell is given a commemorative name and date, as follows:—

- Treble.—The Old Contemptibles. 1914.
 2. Botha. S.W. Africa. 1915.
 3. Edith Cavell. 1915.
 4. Smuts. E. Africa. 1916.
 5. Jellicoe. Jutland. 1918.
 6. Kitchener. 1916.
 7. Delville Wood. 1916.
 8. Allenby. Jerusalem. 1918.
 9. Haig. Armistice. 1918.

Tenor.—Foch. Peace. June, 1919.

The bells were shipped to South Africa, and the hanging was carried out under the superintendence of Canon Ridout and Mr. F. Simpson (Ringing Master), who is, by the way, an old Yorkshire ringer.

Some time previous to the hanging of the bells, a Guild of ringers was formed, under the tuition of Mr. Simpson, and with the help of a set of handbells, the gift of Canon Ridout, a start was made. A plain course of Bob Major was rendered possible by several parties of enthusiastic beginners, assisted by three old ringers.

The ceremony of blessing the tower and bells took place on March 20th, and the new ringers were able to accomplish a few call changes.

St. Mary's is the only church in South Africa with a ring of ten bells: in fact, the only tower with bells that are rung, though there is a church in Capetown where a peal is hung. Mr. Fred J. Cole, who sends us the above details, says he has not touched a rope for 21 years, and, indeed, never expected to make seconds, turn treble from behind, etc., again; 'but,' he adds, 'we are all very keen and shall not rest until we see a peal, although it may be in one of the plain methods, recorded in "The Ringing World." I feel, as an old change ringer, that a start has now been made, and, with the advent of another peal of eight at St. Paul's, Durban (ready for ringing shortly),

change ringing out here may develop as an art hitherto unknown in South Africa.'

With this wish, all ringers in the old country will, we are sure, associate themselves.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**HEAVY LOSS ON YEAR'S WORKING.**

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, May 7th, when 60 members attended from Brighton, Balcombe, Battle, Bexhill, Burgess Hill, Chiddingly, Crawley, Eastbourne, Hastings, Heathfield, Heane, Henfield, Arundel, Rotherfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Lewes, Uckfield, etc. Service was held at St. Peter's Church, at which an address was given by the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke (Vicar of Chiddingly).

The business meeting followed in St. Peter's Parish Room, at which the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided. The bands at Arundel, Idon and Fittleworth were elected members, and the towers affiliated to the association. Several new members were also elected. The accounts were presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ellman Brown). These showed a deficit on the year's working of about £35. A discussion took place on the financial question, and it was agreed to make no increase in the subscription of members, but to do away with the allowance for railway fares and teas at meetings for one year. It was decided to hold meetings as frequently as possible, and to pay the year's deficit out of P.O. Savings Bank account.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. J. T. Rickman, M.A., was re-elected Master, and the other officers were appointed as follows: Hon. treasurer, Mr. Ellman Brown; hon. secretary, Rev. C. H. Clarke (vicar of Chiddingly); hon. auditors, Messrs. O. C. Sipetts and Yorke Bramble; hon. peal secretary, Mr. H. Statham.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. R. Butcher, who had been hon. secretary for the past four years.

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

A sub-committee was formed to deal with the proposed revision of rules.

The Warner Challenge Bell this year was won by St. Peter's Brighton.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' for the use of the bells and parish room, and after the meeting ringing was continued at both churches throughout the evening.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 9th, a date touch was rung at St. Mary's, in 1 hr. 13 mins. by members from Ditchingham and Bungay: H. Barrell 1, C. F. Woods 2, F. Sayer 3, F. Beckett 4, H. Fairhead 5, Alfred Williams (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The inscription attached to the wreath deposited by the Central Council on the grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, was: 'A token of deep respect from the Church Bell Ringers of England.'

Out of the 40 associations affiliated to the Central Council, 29 were represented at last week's meeting by 61 members. Ten out of 15 honorary members were present. Considering the difficulties of travel the attendance was excellent, there being members present from places as far away as Newcastle, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire and Devonshire. The Rev. H. Law James cycled the 100 miles from Surfleet to London.

A new appellation has been found for Mr. James George. He has been known as 'of Rugby' and 'of Birmingham,' he is now 'of England,' and some humorist dubbed him 'King George.'

It arose in this way. The President of the Central Council asked the members to give their names and the association they represented, before making a speech, and gave as an example, 'Coleridge, Oxford Guild.' When Mr. George rose to speak he omitted this preliminary, and was chaffingly pulled up by the President, who asked: 'Name?' 'George, England,' came the prompt reply, amid much laughter.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters ever rung. This was on May 28th, 1781, at St. John's, Horsleydown, where a tablet records the performance which was composed and conducted by Mr. John Reeves.

That was the first peal of Stedman Caters on land. The following day, May 29th, is the twentieth anniversary of the first peal on the sea—a peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' on the ss. Cambria between Dublin and Holyhead.

To-morrow is the anniversary, also of the record peal of Bristol Surprise, 15,264, rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins., at Hornchurch, Essex, by the Middlesex Association, on Whit-Monday, 1912. In the same year, on June 1st, the 14,031 Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford, as a preliminary to the record of 19,738 rung three months later by the same band.

One of the very earliest peals of Treble Ten, under the name of Union Bob Royal, was rung 180 years ago next Monday. This was a peal of 5,000 by the College Youths on May 30th, 1741, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill.

The total number of peals rung by the Norwich and Ipswich Association up to the end of 1921 was 3,424. That, we believe, is the association record.

The number of bands ringing Cambridge Maximus is gradually widening, and the company at St. Martin's, Birmingham, have now added a peal to their records. The first peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung by the Norwich Association at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908. Since then about a dozen peals have in all, been rung, by the Norwich Association, the College Youths, the Middlesex Association, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Essex Association, and now St. Martin's Guild.

At the Western District of the Ladies' Guild an intermediate meeting for practice was held at Clapton-in-Gordano on Wednesday evening, May 18th. There was a fair attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent.

The numbers of members of the Norwich and Ipswich Association is 1,014; the highest total having been 1,156, in 1913.

Mr. William Pye, who has some of the most remarkable records in his peal book has now achieved another wonderful performance, by reaching his one thousandth peal as conductor. Up to the present only four men have reached four figures in peal ringing—to have conducted a thousand peals, therefore is a record that is likely to stand for a long time, for there can be no one else within hundreds of this total. Of the 1,000 peals which Mr. Pye has called, 647 have been for the Middlesex Association, for whom he has rung 801 peals.

Of all the bands in England few are more happily placed than that at Leiston, Suffolk, where the nucleus is formed by that wonderful family of Baileys, who have among the brothers eight or ten Surprise ringers. It is remarkable that there should be so many good ringers in one family, but what is more gratifying is the enterprise which they show. They have now added Yorkshire Surprise to their list, and have rung the first peal in the method for the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

By calling this peal of Yorkshire Surprise from the 6th in his native tower at Leiston, Mr. C. F. Bailey has achieved the unique performance of conducting a different Surprise method from every bell in the tower, viz., Superlative, treble; Cambridge, 2nd; New Cambridge, 3rd; Bristol, 4th; Suffolk, 5th; Yorkshire, 6th; Guildford, 7th; London, tenor. In this, we believe, Mr. Bailey has set up a new record.

The men who can claim to have rung a hundred peals in one tower are few and far between, but Mr. R. J. Dawe, who for more than thirty years has been an active peal ringer in Sussex, has achieved this distinction on the bells where he learned to ring—Southover, Lewes. Mr. A. J. Turner has also rung more than a hundred peals on these bells, he and Mr. Dawe having started their ringing career about the same time in this tower.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS.

As already reported in our last issue, the Central Council met for their annual meeting in London on Tuesday in last week. Greatly to the regret of the members, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President) was unable to be present, the Hon. Sec. (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies), who temporarily took the chair, informing the Council that he had been suffering from neuritis, and had been ordered by the doctor to take complete rest. That, he said, really left the Council with no alternative but to proceed with the election of a new President. They could not have had a better Chairman and better President than Mr. Boughey, and the Council would, he was sure, join with him in keen regret that Mr. Boughey was not able to continue in office. He felt very strongly, however, that it would be no kindness to Mr. Boughey, as things were, to re-elect him. Therefore, they must proceed to the election of another President.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill proposed Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Canon W. W. Baker, in seconding, said they must all have heard with great regret that Mr. Boughey was unable to continue in office, and those who were members of the Cambridge University Guild would hear it with a deeper sense of regret. But, having to find a successor to Mr. Boughey, they could not find a better one than Canon Coleridge (hear, hear). If he were elected he would fill the chair—there was no doubt about that (laughter)—and he would fill it also with dignity, competence, and to the satisfaction of the Council (applause).

Canon Coleridge said he hoped another candidate would be proposed ('No, no'). He did feel that the times in which they lived were times for young men. That was the twenty-ninth time he had attended a meeting of the Council, and, although he could say he knew something of the work of the Council, they knew there was a new tide of life coming on among the younger members of the Exercise. A boy in an essay once said, the best fossils were found in theological museums (laughter). Therefore, although they might be content to put up with an old fossil, who had passed the age which Sir Arthur Heywood said ought to be the limit of any man's exercise of the office—he was three years older than Sir Arthur was at the time he said that—he begged they would consider that youth ought to be served, and he trusted somebody else would be proposed as President.

The election was unanimously carried, and the Hon. Secretary, in announcing it, said what a keen pleasure it was to him that his dear friend of 45 years' standing had been elected.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

Canon Coleridge was warmly applauded on taking the chair, and remarked that while the position was the last thing he desired to aspire to, his 29 years' experience of the Council might be of some service to the newer members of the Council. All he could promise was that he would act firmly and impartially, and carry on the business of the Council to the best of his very unworthy ability. Continuing, the President said their next duty was to elect a new hon. secretary and treasurer. They all extremely regretted that Mr. Davies, who had served them so faithfully and so loyally, and, he might add, so magnificently for many years, could no longer carry on the duties, and felt impelled, after many warnings and threatenings, to resign. What the Council owed him for all he had done during the many years he had held the post no words of his (the President's) could rightly estimate, and he thought the many ringers present who had had experience of secretarial work would agree that he spoke the absolute truth (applause). Mr. Davies had been a truly magnificent secretary, and he desired to propose a very hearty vote of thanks from the Council to Mr. Davies for his eminent services (applause).

The motion was carried by acclamation, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he was deeply touched by what the President had said. He could assure them, as he had told them on the many occasions when they had re-elected him, that the work had been a work of great pleasure to him. The only thing was that he was nearly twenty years older than when he was first elected, and he had had to come to the conclusion that it was rather harder work than he could continue. He also felt that the time had come when somebody a little younger than himself should enter upon it, someone more of the age of the men with whom he would have to deal, for he was getting now one of the older men. The way they had received Mr. Coleridge's remarks touched him deeply, and he felt that he was amply repaid for any trouble he had taken. Only one nomination had been received for his successor.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had great pleasure in proposing the name of Mr. E. Alexander Young as successor to Mr. Davies. Mr. Young was a layman who was in good report in the Exercise at large. He lived in London, and had the advantage of the assistance of an office. He was interested, and had been for some time, in the work of the Council, and in matters connected with church bells. He had

expressed his willingness to take the post if elected, and he (the speaker) had great pleasure in submitting his name to the Council.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded. He said he had just lately been thrown in contact with Mr. Young in connection with the Council's endeavour to get an exhibit in the Science and Art Museum at South Kensington, and he must say he did not think a better man for the office could be found than Mr. Young.

As no one else had been nominated, the President declared Mr. Young duly elected as hon. secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Young, in accepting office, said he would do all he could for the Council, although he felt there were better men in London more fitted to hold the post, but since he had been so unanimously and splendidly elected he could only return them his thanks (applause).

On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected Hon. Librarian.

Canon H. J. Elsee proposed that the Council send a message to the retiring President, and moved that the Council's heartfelt sympathy be sent to Mr. Boughey in his illness, with an expression of their hope that he may be soon restored to health, and of their sincere thanks for his great services during the past three years.

This motion was immediately carried, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

THE THREATENED CITY CHURCHES.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said, in accordance with the resolution of the Council passed at Northampton, he wrote to the Commission appointed by the Bishop of London with regard to City benefices, urging that the towers containing bells should be spared as much as possible. Not receiving a reply he wrote again some months later, and on 15th April received a communication stating that the existence of the Commission came to an end last summer. The retention of the towers and bells was a legal feature of the report. The letter was not signed.

Mr. T. Faulkner said he believed it was a fact that the Bishop was appointing a new commission, so that if the churches had not been pardoned they had been reprieved.

THE PROPOSED SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said the Council would recollect that at the last meeting Mr. Young brought forward a motion that they should approach the authorities of the Science Museum at South Kensington with regard to having an exhibit of bell models and other things connected with ringing at the Museum. As a result of that Mr. Young and he had an interview with the museum authorities, which was very satisfactory. The gentleman who saw them was most friendly and most interested in the question, and he (Mr. Davies) thought in all probability something would be done.

Mr. Young said the reason why nothing could be done immediately was on account of the conditions under which the museum was being run for the time being. Some of the galleries were still being used by Government departments, and there was very little money for extension work.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

After the adoption of the balance sheet, the details of which were given in our last issue, the Librarian presented his report. He said the amount realised by the sale of publications was £12 2s., but the expenditure, including a full year's advertising, was £3 4s. 3d. The Council would recollect that at the meeting a year ago he prepared them for a big fall in the amount which would be realised, and things had turned out as he anticipated. In the year ending April 30th, 1920, they cleared £18 13s. 2d., while as the result of sales during the twelve months just completed, he had only been able to hand over to the treasurer £3 17s. 9d. There were several causes for this very considerable drop. A year ago they were reaping the first results of advertising and of pushing the sales. Many ringers had been made aware for the first time of the real existence of Central Council publications, both through 'The Ringing World' and through the agency of those gentlemen who took parcels on sale or return, for the benefit of the associations they represented. Many companies were also reviving after the war, and required help in the way of such literature. In these respects it was an abnormal year, and it was not surprising that 780 books were sold, as against 419 in the last twelve months. There were also some causes on the expenditure side. Postal rates were now considerably higher, and the books were sent post free just the same as before. They had had also to meet the cost of twelve months' advertising instead of only nine, and he regretted to say that the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had informed him that he could no longer accept the advertisement at the same rate, but that there must be an additional charge of £2 12s. per annum. The Council were indebted to the officials of the various ringing societies, to the number of seven, who had assisted in the sales by taking parcels on sale or return and thereby contributed £2 9s. 9d. to the total receipts.

Mr. Jenkyn asked the Council's sanction to the additional cost of advertising. Having got these books, he said it was the wish of the Council that they should be disseminated as soon as possible. Since they advertised the sales had gone up considerably. At the same time

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he did feel that it was something for the Council to consider, to assist in keeping the ringing paper going. That was one of the jobs that the Council ought to have very near its heart (hear, hear), because, if there was no ringing paper for the Exercise, there was no real link of fellowship, and if they had to sink the lot of their profits he should consider the money well spent (hear, hear). On the other hand, if they did not advertise they risked nothing. He would simply wait at home until orders came in, but they would not be nearly so numerous, and while he might, perhaps, be able to show a greater balance at the end of the year, he did not think they would have done so much good with their stock-in-trade.

It was resolved to continue to advertise the publications in 'The Ringing World' at the increased terms, and a motion by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Major Hughes D'Aeth, that in future the postage charges should be added when books were sold, was defeated.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

The Librarian then reported on the formation of the Library. He had received, he said, the results of the research work of Mr. R. A. Daniell and the Rev. C. E. Matthews into bell bibliography, and from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the following books, many of which were the property of the late Sir A. P. Heywood: 'Among the Bells,' 'Bell Hanging,' 'Duffield,' 'Stedman,' 'Treble Bob' (i. and ii.), 'Grand-sire,' 'Double Norwich,' 'Ellacombe's Register of Bells' (incomplete), Powell's 'Stedman Triples,' and 19 volumes of 'Bell News.' Other books belonging to the late Sir A. Heywood, had been received through the Rev. H. Law James, viz.: Two copies of 'Clavis,' 'Hubbard,' 'Treble Bob' (ii.), 'Bannister on Change Ringing,' 'Campanologia,' the MSS. of Sir Arthur Heywood, and two wooden models. There were ten years, 1901 to 1911, of which the library possessed no record of the Exercise, and he would be glad if someone would be kind enough to let the Council have the 'Bell News' for those years.

Mr. W. Willson offered volumes of 'Church Bells' for 1870 and 1871, and Mr. R. Narborough four volumes of 'Bell News' for years in the period mentioned by the librarian. The donors were thanked for their kind offers.

THE COLLECTION OF TREBLE BOB PEALS.

After the election of hon. members, Mr. H. W. Wilde reported, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, he said, had been proceeding with the proof of the peals of Treble Bob with the tenors parted. That work was not yet completed, but there was little else to do.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said some exceedingly important work had been done during the year, for which he was sure the Council would return their sincere gratitude to Miss Parker. She had typed the whole collection of Treble Bob peals. The work was most beautifully done, and had taken her a great deal of time and trouble.

The President said there were 160 pages of peals, and the whole formed a most invaluable record of the peals. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Parker for her kindness, and for all the labour and care which she had bestowed on the work. There were four volumes of the peals, and they would be in the keeping of the librarian, from whom they could be obtained by any ringer desirous of consulting them.

The vote of thanks was carried, and at the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett it was agreed that an inscription should be placed in the books recording the work of Miss Parker.

Miss Parker said it had been a great pleasure to her to be of some help to the Council, and if she could help them in any way in the future she would be only too glad (applause).

The committee, consisting of Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde and J. W. Parker were re-elected, and, at the suggestion of Mr. J. Griffen, Miss Parker was added to the committee.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews reported for the Literature and Press Committee. He said the instructions given them last year were rather vague. He had consulted a Press Cutting Agency with regard to supplying cuttings of the kind, which he thought would be of service to the committee, but the agency declined to undertake it. He thought the Council should make up its mind whether it was going on with the issue of the list of publications. It would not, perhaps, be very saleable amongst ringers, it was more a book for study or for reference.

With regard to the duties of the committee, involving the reply to mis-statements in the Press, several members gave amusing instances of newspaper ignorance of ringing matters, and expressed the view that it would be useless to attempt to correct these discrepancies. Mr. Burton urged that the committee should be continued, and the President said he felt there was a most important work for the committee to do, and he hoped the Council would consent to its re-appointment.

The committee was thereupon re-appointed, Mr. Burton being added in place of Canon Papillon.

(To be Continued).

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY'S RETIREMENT.

EX-PRESIDENT'S THANKS TO THE COUNCIL.

The following letter of thanks from the late President of the Central Council (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) has been received by Canon Coleridge:—

My dear Coleridge,—Please accept my thanks for your very kind telegram on Tuesday, and convey them, if you can, to all the members of the Central Council. I was deeply grieved at being unable to attend the meeting at Westminster. I should have liked to express to the Council in person my gratitude for their more than generous appreciation of the little I have been able to do. Pray assure them that I shall still be delighted to do whatever lies in my power for the Council, and for the cause of ringing in general. I am particularly glad that you have been chosen to succeed me as President. I am confident that under your chairmanship the Council will have a prosperous and pleasant time. Believe me to remain, with all good wishes.—Yours most sincerely,

Trinity College, Cambridge,
May 20th, 1921.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

While ringers will join with the members of the Council in their regret at the cause which has led to Mr. Boughey's retirement from the office of President, which he filled so successfully, they will unite in congratulating him upon having recently successfully achieved his 200th peal; and this will especially be the case with members of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, whose President he has been for the past 42 years.

Mr. Boughey is one whose life is occupied with many duties and activities, and, considering the multiplicity of calls upon his time, his record is indeed a remarkable one. It would be difficult to over-estimate the value of the services he has rendered to the Cambridge University Guild, and to the Exercise in general, as those who have met him personally and felt the influence of his energetic and kindly nature will be glad to admit.

It is worthy of record that the method rung in Mr. Boughey's 200th peal was Double Norwich, and that he rang in the first peal in this method ever rung 'in hand' on February 23rd, 1891.

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Minor 3-methods	1	—
Minor 7-methods	1	—
Bob Triples	—	1
Grandsire Triples	7	3
Grandsire Caters	1	7
Stedman Triples	36	14
Stedman Caters	2	12
Stedman Cinques	2	3
Bob Major	6	25
Bob Royal	2	7
Bob Maximus	—	1
Little Bob Major	1	4
Little Bob Royal	1	2
Plain and Little Bob Major	—	1
Plain and Medium Bob Royal	—	1
Double Norwich C.B. Major	10	8
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	10	18
Kent Treble Bob Royal	—	3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	—	1
Kent T.B. Major (Gonville Variation)	—	1
Kent T.B. Major (Granta Variation)	—	1
Superlative Surprise Major	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	—
Totals	86	114

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Henbury, on Saturday, May 21st. The fine peal of eight bells was rung to Grand-sire and Stedman before the service, at which the Rev. C. P. Way officiated. Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the meeting, at which 26 members were present, representing ten towers. Six performing members were elected, and the places selected for the next three monthly meetings were Brislington, Pyram and Olveston, while the next quarterly meeting is to be held in September at Mangotsfield.

Mr. W. A. Cave (Master) gave a very interesting account of the Central Council meeting, and the Gloucester and Bristol Association are very fortunate in having such an able representative.

Votes of thanks were passed to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the excellent splices they have made of the memorial bells at Berkeley; also to Mr. B. Guise, general secretary, and Mr. W. A. Cave for the excellent manner in which the scheme had been carried out.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. P. Way for the use of the bells and officiating at the service was passed. A touch of Cambridge Surprise was attempted, but came to grief owing to the breaking of the 2nd rope. Some of the party went on to Westbury, where Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, and this terminated a very pleasant afternoon.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For service, on May 22nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, G. H. Carter 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, E. A. Overall (conductor) 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine service, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Kilby 1, B. Foskett 2, Mr. G. Matthews 3, F. Crooke 4, C. V. Ebberson 5, A. Tennant 6, G. M. Kilby 7, H. Kilby (conductor) 8. Also 434 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Kilby treble, E. Lankester (longest touch away from treble) 4, and a course of Bob Major, with Miss Adcock 4.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Croucher 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, W. Denyer 3, Miss Bertha M. Mills 4, W. Beeby 5, Sergt. G. Gilbert 6, Miss Hilda F. Mills (first as conductor) 7, G. Peto 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for evening service, at St. John's, Wilton Road, Pimlico, S.W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. W. Taffender (first quarter-peal) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. Rush-ton 3, E. J. King 4, J. R. Gammon 5, R. G. Chappelle 6, W. H. Pickett 7, A. Coward 8.

LINTON, KENT.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Capt. Cornwallis, who was killed in Ireland on May 15th, and buried with military honours in Linton Churchyard on May 19th: A. Farrant 1, A. E. Gasson 2, L. Maunering 3, J. Smith 4, J. Arthurs 5, J. Head 6, C. H. Sone (conductor) 7, H. Tolhurst 8.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 22nd, for Divine service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. H. Webb 1, J. Withers, junr., 2, P. Lafin 3, E. Allaway 4, J. Withers, senr., 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 22nd, the occasion of the Sunday School festival, 1,280 changes of Double Court Norwich Bob Major, in 49½ mins.: F. Hunt 1, C. Rollings 2, A. J. Smith 3, B. Wilson 4, T. Blackburn 5, H. Wood 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: G. Petter 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, G. Nichols 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. Beeson 6, W. Melville 7, E. Raddon 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. Heath 10.

DENHOLME, NEAR BRADFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 46 mins.: G. Denny, junr., 1, W. Foster 2, A. Hoyle 3, B. Holmes 4, F. Bancroft 5, M. Harrison 6, V. Bairstow (conductor) 7, G. Denny, senr., 8. This was the composition by H. Haigh, and appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 13th.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,248 changes), in 48 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, G. H. Crawley 4, A. Crawley 5, H. Overton 6, J. H. Riding (conductor) 7, R. T. Holding 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

WYKE REGIS, WEYMOUTH.—At All Saints' Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evensong, also to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: K. Anderson 1, P. Wilshire (first quarter inside) 2, C. H. Jennings 3, J. W. Rose 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, R. G. Maunder (Yeovil) 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by W. H. Wilde, in 48 mins.: F. Green 1, J. Taylor 2, J. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, F. Merrett 5, G. Janes 6, G. W. Bell (conductor) 7, H. E. Mills 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Whit-Sunday, for Matins, at St. Thomas' Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, F. A. Burnett 2,

A. Rose 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, H. Aitken 5, L. P. Cook 6, W. Tate (conductor) 7, F. W. Rogers 8. After evening service at St. Mary's, 312 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, W. L. Ayles 2, E. J. Harding, junr., 3, F. W. Rogers 4, W. Tate 5, L. P. Cook 6, E. J. Harding, senr., (conductor) 7, E. W. Hardy 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, in 48 mins., 1,302 Grandsire Triples (from Carter's Twelve-part): R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, E. Jones 3, G. Williams 4, H. Jarman 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, L. Evans 7, G. Beaton 8. All are local ringers except the conductor, who hails from Hodnet. This was his longest touch in that capacity, and was rung at the first attempt.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Coombs 1, F. Smith 2, W. West 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Viles (conductor) 5, E. Coombes (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Bolton 7, S. Barker 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Berry 1, *D. F. Ward 2, *F. Barnes 3, G. Harris 4, R. A. Riches 5, T. Jakeman 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, W. H. Billing 8. Mr. Jakeman hails from Thame, Oxfordshire, and both he and Mr. Berry were formerly members of St. Alfege Society, Greenwich. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. George's Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Stacey 1, W. Hoyle 2, R. Scott (Milverton) 3, J. Chilcott (Withycombe) 4, T. Elliott 5, J. J. Hole 6, J. H. White (Coventry), conductor, 7, J. Haydon 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. G. Bennington 2, E. J. Panneft 3, J. Law 4, J. Crowder 5, F. W. Fright 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by W. Haigh; and for evensong, 232 Stedman Triples and 576 Kent: Wm. Tipton (longest length) 1, S. Brown (Putney) 2, B. Tipton 3, L. J. Cordell 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

GODALMING, SURREY.—After evensong, on Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Melville 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Mooroy 3, C. Bish 4, C. Childs 5, W. R. Melville 6, C. Hazelden (conductor) 7, W. Mills (first quarter-peal) 8.

HACKFORD AND WHITWELL.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, for morning service, on Whit-Sunday, 720 and a 6-score of Bob Minor, in 35 mins.: Mat. Timbers 1, A. E. Neal 2, F. J. Barker 3, J. Wasey 4, W. Ford 5, R. H. Barker 6. Conducted by the youngest ringer, Walter Ford, aged 16 years.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for early celebration, 720 Superlative Surprise. For Matins, 720 Hull Surprise, and for evening service, 720 of Imperial Treble Bob by Alice Wheeldon, Alice Preston, W. Wheeldon, junr., C. Preston, C. Pointon, W. Fradley, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor).

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. W. Short-hose 1, G. E. Padgett 2, A. J. Chamberlain 3, T. Foster 4, F. Pickard 5, H. F. Chulow 6, E. Foster (first as conductor) 7, G. Collinson (first quarter) 8.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Ades 1, A. Reid (conductor) 2, Miss Bumble Crofts 3, C. H. Humphrey 4, A. Holden 5, W. Booth 6, W. Jenner 7, E. Jennings 8. Composition from 'The Ringing World' of April 29th.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples: H. Stow 1, L. G. Palmer 2, A. E. Parsons 3, F. E. Parsons 4, W. Daffin 5, H. Daffin 6, J. R. Brooks (conductor) 7, J. Young 8. This is believed to be the longest length in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

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CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. FRED WILFORD.

The annual meeting of the above association was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 16th.

Service was held in All Saints' Church at noon, the president of the association (the Rev. E. J. Atkins, of Isham) being the preacher. Luncheon was afterwards served at the Peacock Hotel, about 50 sitting down, the attendance being rather poor, owing to the restricted train service.

The President occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. E. C. Channer (who was president of the association for many years), the Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert, Thrapston; the Rev. J. C. Hichens, Guilsborough (vice-president); the Rev. J. White, Pitsford; Mr. W. T. Wilson, treasurer; Messrs. W. Perkins, S. J. Lawrence, G. Turner, and W. Batt, district secretaries; and Mr. D. J. Nichols, general sec.

At the business meeting, the President gave a very warm welcome to the Rev. E. C. Channer, and called upon him to make a presentation to Mr. F. Wilford, in recognition of his services as general secretary for many years.

The Rev. E. C. Channer, in the course of a very interesting speech, said it was 30 years since he became a member of the association, and he knew the value of the work Mr. Wilford had done for the association during his 13 years as general secretary. He had very great pleasure in asking Mr. Wilford, on behalf of the members of the association, to accept an upholstered arm-chair.

Mr. Wilford, in acknowledging the gift, said how much he appreciated the kind words Mr. Channer had spoken. He had always tried to do his duty to the association, and the work had always been a real pleasure to him. He thanked the members of the association for the beautiful chair.

The Rev. H. E. Fitzherbert was elected president for the ensuing year, and took the chair. Mr. W. T. Wilson and Mr. D. J. Nichols were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively.

The Treasurer read the statement of accounts for the past year, which showed a loss on the year's working of £6 3s. 10d.

The General Secretary, in his report, stated that 45 peals had been rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 7; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 7; Superlative Surprise, 6; Minor in one method, 1; in three methods, 1; in six methods, 1; in seven methods, 6; in eight methods, 2; Doubles, 5. On handbells: Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1.

A grant of £3 3s. was voted to the Kettering Bell Fund, from the Belfry Repair Fund, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in Northampton.

The General Secretary moved a resolution that the whole of rule 22, with regard to the booking of peals, be deleted, and the following be inserted: 'That the general secretary keep a copy of the annual report each year (which shall be bound, at the discretion of the committee), to preserve a record of the work of the association, and peals rung.'

The Secretary reported that he had obtained a copy of the annual report for each year since the formation of the association, and these contained a complete record of all the peals rung.—The resolution was carried.

Mr. H. Clarke, of Kingsthorpe, thanked the members of the association, on behalf of his own family and of others who had lost a son in the war, for placing a memorial tablet in All Saints' Church to their memory.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the clergy of Northampton for placing their bells at the disposal of the members. Touches in a variety of methods were brought round during the day by mixed companies at the various churches.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. C. W. Bird, a farmer, of Kettering, who, on returning from the meeting, found that during his absence his stackyard had been burnt out.

ON THE WORCESTERSHIRE BORDER.

A small party of Worcestershire ringers made a Whit-Monday excursion to the southern borders of the county, and in the course of their wanderings found what they consider one of the finest peals of six in the county, at Eldersfield, a ring by Abram Rudhall, with a tenor of 21 cwt. There were ringers here, too, in days gone by for two peals boards, containing practically the same names, rang 5040's in 1842, in 2 hrs. 37 mins., and in 1865, in 2 hrs. 8 mins. (sic). Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung here, as, in the afternoon, they had been rung at Chaceley (another peal by Rudhall with two bells on the first level and four above). In the morning, a 5040 of Minor was rung at Longdon, one of the band having walked 12 miles to take part, and fill a breach caused by one of the selected having been taken ill on the previous day.

LYTCHETT MINSTER.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), half-muffled in 58 mins.: H. McCallum 1, G. Wills 2, W. Allen (conductor) 3, R. Wills 4, S. Purchase 5, B. Brown 6. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Salisbury. First quarter by ringers of treble and tenor.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Meetings for practice on Mondays, at 7.30 p.m.: St. Clement Danes, May 30th; Bishopsgate, June 6th. Sundays 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.

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.—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 p.m. 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.—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.

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.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

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. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham.

LANGASHIRE 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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay 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 Church Room, 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.

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.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Halesworth District.—A practice meeting will be held at Wenhamston (6 bells) on Saturday afternoon, June 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—F. C. Lambert, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on June 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The June meeting will be held at Killamarsh on Saturday, June 4th. Six bells from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Swavesey bells (6) also available. Arrangements for tea can only be made for those who notify me

by May 31st.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Parbold (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Monday, June 6th. Bells available from 7 to 9.30. Short business meeting.—C. T. Cole, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped that the Bishop of Buckingham will be the preacher. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 7th. All ringing friends welcome.—W. Sear, Secretary, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday afternoon, June 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. This is an ideal place with its sweet-toned bells. Will try and arrange tea for 5.30 for all who let me know by the 6th, and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Tower Arms. Will all members intending to be present please notify Mr. A. Rainbird, Old Crown Lane, Kelvedon Hatch, near Brentwood, on or before Wednesday, June 8th?—P. Timson, District Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 11th. Bells ready at 4.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Special financial meeting at King of Denmark after practice at St. Bride's, June 11th.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7b, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Mr. G. Condick, 15, Westbourne Road, Easton, Bristol, has been appointed Peal Secretary from May 16th, 1921. Peal subscriptions and compositions

should be posted to him immediately a peal is rung.—E. Guise, General Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester and Cheltenham Branches.—Until these two branches have been properly re-established, subscriptions and communications should be sent direct to me. A meeting for reorganising these branches will shortly be announced.—Edgar Guise, General Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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