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MODERN WORK.

THE FUTURE OF THE COUNCIL.

Signs are not wanting that the future of the Central Council will soon become a question of important interest to the Exercise. For a considerable time there has been a growing feeling in favour of a "mend or end" policy, and the death of the President will unquestionably precipitate the position. It is quite certain that very few people are entirely satisfied with the condition which the Council has now reached, and those who may think that, in this connection, all is for the best in this best of all possible worlds do not fully appreciate the feeling that exists among ringers generally. But, as we have always maintained, it is the ringers' associations, who elect the members of the Council, who can most effectively improve the utility of the central body and it should be the constant aim of every organisation, entitled to send representatives, to make the Council useful.

It is pleasing to read, therefore, that at the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association, the subject was openly discussed and that the matter is to receive the attention of the members of the Association during the year, so that next time the Association meets there may be something practical before it to discuss. This seems undoubtedly the right step to take and further help might be derived if the district meetings were, in the meantime, to ventilate the subject. By this means it would obtain fuller discussion, and those who will be responsible for dealing with the question at the next annual meeting might thus receive some practical help. The example set by Worcestershire ought to be adopted by other associations, so that when next the Central Council meets there may be no lack of ideas upon which a strong and useful policy might be based.

In our view the question of the future of the Central Council is one of real importance to the Exercise and ought to be seriously considered. It is not so much what the Council has done or left undone in the past that matters, but the use which might be made of it in the future. The moment has arrived for constructive and not destructive policy and for that reason we regret to notice upon the agenda for the annual meeting of the Sussex Association to-morrow a motion that the Association should discontinue sending representatives to the Central Council meetings. A negative policy is not the one that is now required, but rather that individual associations should lend a hand in raising the Council to a higher plane of practical usefulness. The resolution may serve a purpose in opening discussion upon the subject, but, in our view, a much more valuable outcome would be an action such as has been taken by the Worcestershire Association.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 6, 1916, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JONES Treble	JAMES HOPKIN 6
JOHN CARTER 2	GEORGE GARRISON 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	*ARTHUR J. CARTWRIGHT 9
WALTER J. SEATON 5	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Caters. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., President of the above Association, Mr. George Baldwin, and Ex-Detective-Inspector William Painter. The composition has the 6th 24 times right both in the inverted tittums and handstroke home positions.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 29, 1916, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM Treble	JAMES HUTCHBY 5
HORACE STUBBS 2	WILLIAM WILLSON 6
ERNEST LESLIE 3	EDWARD READER 7
JOHN SMITH 4	WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., for 30 years President of the Association.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a further list of ringers who have joined H.M. Forces:—

Pte. Percy Roberts, of All Saints' Church, King's Cliffe, Royal Garrison Artillery, now at Dover.
Spr. H. C. Edwards, of All Saints', Calverton, Bucks, Royal Engineers, now at Longmore Camp, Hants.
Pte. C. Roberts, of Whitworth Parish Church, Rochdale, A.S.C., Motor Transport, now at Isleworth.
Pte. Richard Morris, of St. George's, Clun, 2/1st Batt. Monmouthshire Regiment, now at Bedford.
Spr. H. C. Walters, of the Parish Church, Pontefract, 5th Provisional Co., R.E., now at Chatham.

BOLNEY RINGERS WELCOME THEIR VICAR.

At Bolney Parish Church, Sussex, on Sunday last, for service, and also as a welcome home to the Rev. E. W. Michell (Vicar), who unexpectedly arrived on the previous evening on short leave from "somewhere in France," where he is serving as Chaplain to the Forces, the following touches were rung: For morning service, a quarter-peal (1386 changes) of Bob Major in 51 mins.: G. Walder 1, W. Wheeler 2, A. Absalom 3, E. Davey 4, C. Starley 5, T. Gasson 6, W. Vincent (conductor) 7, W. Walder 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples by the same band, in 46 mins., conducted by E. Davey, this being his first quarter-peal as conductor. The band are now reduced in number to the above-named, and it is expected that further depletions will shortly occur when the men previously "starred" are called to the colours.

CARILLONS AND BELL MUSIC.

On Saturday last a lecture on the subject of Carillons and bell music was given in the Victoria Institute, Worcester, by Mr. W. W. Starmer, F.R.A.M., of Tunbridge Wells, who explained to an interested audience the difference of bells for ringing and for carillon use, and the methods employed in sounding bells. He referred to the earliest carillons, and explained the orchestral use of the bells, spoke of the bells of "The Golden Legend," and then went on to describe Carillon machinery—the Clavier and its mechanism, particularly that of Malins. The famous carillonneur of this now stricken city and his method of playing came in for observation, while original music for carillons was musically illustrated by the lecturer on the pianoforte.

PROOF AND COMPOSITION**OF TREBLE BOB METHODS.**

By GABRIEL LINDOFF.

(Continued from page 168.)

If any row of the lead given occurs in any other lead, then that lead in which it occurs can be found in the following manner:—Take the first two rows of section 1, marked A and B, and write them down beside one another as under. Underneath them write Rounds, as it is the lead they both occur in in their own place. Now put B in A's place, and A in B's, and transpose as the one immediately above. The result is the false lead or leads that those two changes will also occur in

A	<u>12345678</u>	B	<u>12346587</u>
	12345678		12345678
B	<u>12346587</u>	A	<u>12345678</u>
	12346587		12346587

Write this false lead (2346587) down on a piece of paper and proceed in like manner with C and D.

C	<u>12435678</u>	D	<u>12436587</u>
	12345678		12345678
D	<u>12436587</u>	C	<u>12435678</u>
	12346587		12346587

The result is just the same so far. You need not put this down as you already have it. This completes section 1.

Next take section 2 and proceed in like manner:—

A	<u>21345687</u>	B	<u>21435678</u>
	12345678		12345678
B	<u>21435678</u>	A	<u>21345687</u>
	12435687		12435687

Here we have a new one to write down, viz., 2435687.

I will not occupy too much space by working through every pair, but will ask those who wish to follow this system to try and complete them.

Although in the four pairs given above we have got the same result on both sides, do not think this will always be the case, as the following pair, C and D of section 5, will illustrate.

C	<u>42531786</u>	D	<u>24361875</u>
	12345678		12345678
D	<u>24361875</u>	C	<u>42531786</u>
	14623587		14526387

Having worked through all the pairs, we find that against lead 2345678 we have the following false leads:—

2345678
2346587
2435687
2438675
2435768
3264587
3256487
4623587
4526387
3426587
4236587

If we now take the leads of the plain course and transpose each one by these ten false leads we get all the false leads against the plain course. Underline those false leads that have 7—8 in their ordinary coursing order as they are the only ones that are required for proof so long as the tenors are not parted.

Proof scale of a course:—

2345678	4263857	6482735	8674523	7856342	5738264	3527486
2346587	4268375	6487253	8675432	7853624	5732846	3524768
2435687	4623875	6842753	8764532	7586324	5378246	3257468
2438675	4627853	6845732	8763524	7582346	5374268	3256487
2435768	4623587	6842375	8764253	7586432	5378624	3257846
3264587	2486375	4678253	6857432	8735624	7523846	5342768
3256487	2438675	4627853	6845732	8763524	7582346	5374268
4623587	6842375	8764253	7586432	5378624	3257846	2435768
4526387	6348275	8267453	7485632	5673824	3852746	2734568
3426587	2648375	4867253	6785432	8573624	7352846	5234768
4236587	6428375	8647253	7865432	5783624	3572846	2354768

In this proof scale we find that there are but four that we need take any notice of so long as the tenors are kept together, viz., 8675432, 7853624, 7865432 and 8573624.

These four false leads traced to their course ends give us the three following false courses against the plain course:—

24365
32546
46253

Any course transposed by these three gives us the false course ends against that particular course.

It will be noticed that against the leads M. W. and H. there are no false leads with tenors together, therefore we can introduce the full extent of those leads so long as the tenors are not parted. The false leads in the centre of the course prevent us using the whole sixty courses, but allows us the use of an extent of thirty courses.

This has now brought the method proved identical with our old friend Treble Bob.

We next proceed, by the help of these three false course ends, to find thirty true course ends. Up to the present this problem has only been dealt with in a most hazy manner. I will therefore try to make it quite clear how every possible combination of thirty can be obtained.

(To be Continued).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.**

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Michael's Church, Erchfont, on Saturday last, and was fairly well attended by ringers from Devizes, Chirton, Erchfont, Southbroom and Beeching-stoke. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and at four p.m. the authorised Guild service was conducted in the church by the Vicar (the Rev. S. D. M. Davys), who gave an excellent and impressive address to the ringers assembled. Miss Edwards, of Stanley House, very kindly presided at the organ. Tea, which followed, was provided at the Nag's Head Inn, and afterwards a short business meeting took place, presided over by the Branch Chairman (Mr. Sidney Hillier), supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Brownlee West), the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Master of the Guild, being also present.—One new member (the Vicar of Erchfont) was duly elected as a member of the Guild. Votes of thanks accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and service in church, and also to Miss Edwards for presiding at the organ, brought the meeting to a close. The ringers then returned to the tower, where some good touches of Grandsire and other methods were kept up until 7.30, when the bells were lowered in order, and the company dispersed to their various homes, after enjoying a very pleasant and harmonious meeting.

THE KING'S CLIFFE APPEAL.

We hope that ringers will lose no time in coming to the aid of the Rector and authorities of King's Cliffe, near Peterborough, in their task of raising funds for recasting the tenor, which cracked while being rung. Nearly £200 was spent on the bells by the parish only eighteen months ago, and the £38 now necessary to recast the tenor is beyond their means. Ringers, by their contributions, which will be gratefully acknowledged by the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rector, will be doing that parish, the church and a struggling but enthusiastic young band of ringers a splendid service in helping them at this moment. Among so many, the sum of £38 ought quickly to be raised.

MR. W. J. SEVIER.

Mr. William J. Sevier, formerly of Gloucester, and now of 43, Colwick Road, Sneinton, Nottingham, underwent a serious operation last Saturday, but latest reports, we are pleased to say, state that he is progressing favourably under the circumstances.

TAKING 'THE ISLAND' BY STORM.

THE STORY OF A SCHOLASTIC TRIP.

April 7th, 1916, and we are breaking up! I wonder if you could find another school in all England that could turn out seven ringers? If so, good luck to them. But we can, anyhow, and we are breaking up and going to the island; that is we seven, hurrah!!

But, stop a bit, we are going too fast; we have not been introduced yet. Forgive the oversight and let me do the needful. Perhaps the picture will help us. We are all in the picture, and you can give us each a nod as we go along.

First of all there's me—that is to say—I, myself. I know it's not usual to put one's self first; but one can't introduce one's friends unless the other one knows the one who is introducing them; so I had better introduce myself first. That's me: sitting in the middle with my arms folded. Then there's my colleague—let's call him the M.C. for short—you can't mistake him, he fills about three quarters of the plate, and looks stern, but isn't really, that's the photographer's fault, he "shot" at the wrong moment. He was our host—the M.C. I mean, not the photographer—during our stay on the Island, and did us right well.

Just to the the north-west of the M.C. you will observe the B.N. Why he is so called is known to five persons, and only five (they are all in the picture, and will carry the secret with them to the grave). Next to the B.N. comes the L.B., and below him, sitting on my right, is "Wilkie." The wings are occupied by the two Tommies. Tommy

Barton and Mr. Scamell, whose kind assistance was much appreciated. Six-scores in Grandsire and Stedman were successfully accomplished, as also a rather gouty course of Bob Minor. We would take this opportunity of according our thanks to the Rev. J. C. Orr, the Vicar of Whitwell, for the use of his bells, a handy little ring of six, which do great credit to the Cripplegate foundry.

A SUNDAY TOUR.

Sunday was a red-letter day, as it always should be among ringers. A hefty motor of 30 odd horse-power was panting under our windows at an early hour, and soon made off with the majority of the party, throwing up a cloud of dust, which seemed to trouble "Wilkie" on the motor bike. At least he fell behind, and afterwards explained that his engine had heated, an explanation that was received without comment.

Newport was our first destination, which was safely reached at ten o'clock, and we received a cordial welcome from the local ringers. The start was unfortunate, Mr. Barton proving too strong for the treble rope. Yards of it descended into the belfry, which proved too much for Tommy Major's gravity. He is only a young ringer, and has not seen a rope break before. However, this was soon remedied, and the party indulged in some touches of Stedman Triples, and plain courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

The Newport band are to be congratulated on the progress they have made in change ringing. Two years ago "Churchyard Bob" and "Tombstone Surprise" were the only methods rung, but the band were desirous of better things, and under the able tuition of Mr. H. Jennings, the conductor of the Brading band, they have made wonder-



Major on the East and Tommy Minor on the West. They are brothers, and don't quarrel more than brothers generally do, which is saying something.

THE EXCURSION BEGINS.

There, that's got through the introduction, thank goodness, and now we can start for the Island. Three push-bikes and a motor took us as far as Portsmouth, but they would not have the motor bike on board the packet, because the petrol had not been taken out, so "Wilkie" had to ride her as far as Southsea Pier, where he is believed to have splashed some water on the ground, and assured the man that it was all gone (petrol is far too dear to chuck away these days), so at last we are off to Ryde. The man on Ryde Pier wanted to sell us some petrol to take the motor bike ashore (Ryde Pier is nearly 1,500 yards in length). We thanked him, but thought we could manage to push along, and that "Levis" certainly got ashore in remarkably quick time. Five of the party proceeded to Ventnor by train, but "Wilkie" and I decided to go by road, and had an enjoyable spin, at least he said so—I was on a push bike.

Lunch was a welcome factor on our arrival, and then four of the party set out for Whitwell under the guidance of the M.C. to obtain the use of the bells, whilst I, with the two Tommies, strolled on the pier, where we were reprimanded by another Tommy, who was on sentry go, for attempting to go down stairs. It seems this is forbidden, though how we were to know it, unless they put up a notice, or at least fastened the gate, is beyond me.

Saturday afternoon saw us fairly under way. The road to Whitwell hummed with bikes. It is believed that the County Council ordered the new steam-roller in consequence of the wear and tear to the surface, but we do not vouch for this. At Whitwell we were met by Mr.

ful progress. It is indeed a rare event and a very encouraging one, to find an entire company of call change ringers so developing.

After morning service the motor was again in evidence, and we proceeded to Shanklin. This proved to be the only disappointment of the trip. We got to the church at the right hour, but it proved to be the wrong week, as the service for which we hoped to ring had taken place on the previous Sunday. We solaced ourselves with a hearty lunch at the Chine Inn, and made our way to Whitwell, in time to ring for evensong, the Vicar again making us most welcome.

SPIRITED ADVENTURES.

Monday was a day of spirited adventures. The first point of call was Blackgang Chine, from which we set out to assault the village churches. The Vicar of Shorwell was the first victim. After vainly laying siege to the vicarage, we located him at the neighbouring post office, and firmly, but respectfully demanded the use of his bells. He seemed doubtful at first. It seems the treble was muffled, lest she might be heard by Zepps on dark nights. Then, too, the people might not understand what was happening. But at last he gave his consent, and accompanied us to the tower. The bells were soon raised and Tommy Major mounted on a chair by the Vicar, to enable him to reach the treble rope. He, however, looked neither secure nor happy, so we substituted a large red hassock, which answered the purpose admirably, and the tone and go of the bells were much appreciated. Our thanks are due to the Rev. G. E. Jeans for giving us leave to ring, as also for the kindness with which he conducted us round his church, and pointed out and explained its many interesting features.

At Brighthelm, the Vicar was busy with a confirmation class, but at last appeared and instituted stringent and searching enquiries as to our capabilities of handling the bells without doing material damage to their mechanism. At last he gave his consent, but seemed very

uneasy while we were ringing. The villagers, too, seemed surprised. They kept popping in and out of the church during the ten minutes that we were there, and our chauffeur afterwards informed us that they had swarmed from their houses like angry bees, anxiously enquiring whether it were a Zeppelin raid. The Vicar was afterwards most kind, in showing us his church, and we would tender him our thanks for so doing.

A visit to Freshwater and Carisbrooke Castle occupied the remainder of the day, and on Tuesday the party returned all safe and sound to the main land. They one and all join in hearty thanks to the M.C. and his sister for the enjoyable time that they spent with them, and only regret the unavoidable absence of Mr. George Williams, who had hoped to join them on Saturday, but was unfortunately prevented from so doing.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY "BOB MAJOR."

How fast our veterans are falling! Nathan Pitstow, William Snowdon, Charles Hattersley, Henry Dains, and now Sir Arthur Heywood, within about a year, and the last four in little more than six months. The death of these men—despite the fact that they went to their graves full of years and honour, and could not be expected to remain much longer with us, has made a terrible gap. They were leaders of the best type, and while their work has enriched the Exercise, their death makes us feel immensely poorer. There is little that I can add to what has already been said about Sir Arthur Heywood. His influence and intellect have left an indelible mark upon the ringing world, and there is no man in our ranks to-day to replace him. Let me not be misunderstood. The belfry is the greatest leveller that I know. Social barriers disappear when you cross the threshold of the ringing chamber, and squire and artisan, baronet and farm labourer meet upon an equality. This is one of the greatest charms of our art, and Sir Arthur Heywood always valued that feature of it. But when it came to contact with the outer world, then it was that the position and influence of the dead baronet stood us in good stead, and it is in this connection that I say we have no one at the moment to replace him. We have not all of us always been in agreement with the President of the Council—he would not have been human if he had pleased everyone—but no better evidence of the appreciation of Sir Arthur's work could be found than in the testimony from meetings all over the country of the loss which is felt by his death.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

It was rather curious that within a week or two of my suggesting that the Central Council should consider the framing of a code of punishment for those who publish false peals, that an expert, like our friend George Baker, should, so to speak, put his foot into it. If the Council had been able to put my suggestion into practice, instead of having had letters on the subject, we should have had a report of proceedings much more formal and impressive. It would probably have read something like this:—

At the Court of the Central Council yesterday, George Baker, of Brighton, pleaded guilty to having on April 7th, in a paper known as "The Ringing World," unlawfully and negligently published a certain composition, to wit a peal of Stedman Triples, the said composition being false.

P.O. J. W. Parker gave the following evidence: On the 7th April I investigated the figures of the peal of Stedman Triples from a fresh round block, which appeared in "The Ringing World," and were declared to be composed and proved by the accused. I found that the peal contains comparatively few true changes, and its falseness was so glaringly obvious that a glance at the published course-ends showed rounds three changes after 142365, which is the eighth course-end in the peal. As proof of the impossibility of such a peal had already been published, I at once took the accused in charge, according to law.

The Presiding Councillor: According to which law, not Mr. Law James, I hope?

Witness: No, the law of the Central Council.

Accused: Did you ever compose a false peal?

Witness: I don't see that that has got anything to do with this case.

Accused: It might not have much to do with this case, but I submit that if you have not composed a false peal you can't have had much experience; and if you have you ought to know how easy it is—nothing simpler, in fact—and you ought to have had a little sympathy with me. What made you look into the figures of my composition?

Witness: They were too suspicious to be passed over without examination, and it is part of my business.

Accused: Part of your business, you say? What else do you do?

Witness: In my spare time I am engaged on war work.

Accused: It's a bad job for me, apparently, that you were not engaged on war work all your time. When you found my figures were wrong why didn't you do me a good turn, and give me a private warning?

Witness: Duty is duty, whether it's on mineral waters or in stopping false peals. If I had let you off I should have to let others off.

Addressing the Court the accused said: I have pleaded guilty,

your worship, but I want to put forward a claim to extenuating circumstances. This was my first attempt at the composition of a peal of Stedman Triples, and I didn't know as much when I started as I do now. I thought I knew enough to put together 5040 changes in any method, but we live and learn. My elementary proof was all right, but I didn't know there were ten additional false course-ends when singles were made use of. I am very sorry I overlooked it, and it shan't happen again. I assure you it was quite an oversight, but when I have found those 60 true courses of Stedman it will more than compensate for this mistake.

The Presiding Councillor: We cannot postpone sentence indefinitely to give you a chance of finding those 60 course-ends, if we did we might not be here to sentence you at all. You have pleaded guilty to the offence with which you are charged, and it is made the worse because you not only said the peal was composed by you, but went out of your way to say you had proved it. Although you say this was the first time you tried to compose a peal of Stedman Triples you were not new to the business of composition, and your excuse is only a lame one. As a warning to others we ought to make an example of you, but as this is the first time you have been before us, we will deal leniently with you. In this Court we think the punishment should fit the crime, and you are sentenced to prove twenty false peals in the method and then ring them.

"SOME" COMPOSING.

In an amateurish sort of way I have sometimes dabbled in composition. It is true I know very little about it, yet there is a fascination in it which I have no doubt everybody feels who tries his hand at it. Those amongst us who, like myself, are pure tyros at the game spend hours without result and waste reams of paper. I doubt if on an average we could get one new peal a month, working overtime and Sundays. I daresay some of you have read the joke about the fisherman who was angling in a stream that ran past the grounds of a lunatic asylum. He had been there for some time when a gentleman who had his residence in the institution popped his head over the wall, and after watching the angler for a while, asked: 'What are you doing?' 'I'm fishing,' replied the devotee of the rod. 'How long have you been here?' queried the inmate. 'About six hours,' was the reply. 'Caught anything?' was the next inquiry. 'Not yet,' answered the fisherman. 'Come inside,' said the gentleman on the other side of the wall. Well, I often think that if some folks could see the time we spend on trying to figure out peals or methods, without catching anything, we should be told to 'come inside.' But I have often marvelled at the prolific output of some composers—those, I mean, who are composers and not dabblers. Look at Gabriel Lindoff the other day, coming down with 22 peals of Grandsire Triples, symmetrically arranged, all in a lump. It reminds me of John Carter who, I have been told, composed 180 peals of Stedman Caters in one dinner hour! Ghee, whizz! Some composing, that.

THE HANDBELL RINGERS.

I read an amusing story the other day of Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose fate in the Antarctic is giving rise to much anxiety. It is a yarn which Sir Ernest relates against himself. "When lecturing on one occasion in the north," he says, "before the proceedings were timed to commence, I took a peep through a curtain to see what kind of an audience I was likely to have. Things looked promising and I said so. 'Yes,' said the chairman, 'I think you are going to have as big an audience as the handbell ringers had last week.'"

WAITING!

Recent events may have had something to do with the cessation of "hostilities" over the Central Council, but it may also be that the combatants have had enough for the time being. No doubt, if they are not saying things, they, like the parrot, think a good deal, and perhaps the following sums up the position:

We are waiting for round Number Four,

But the "fighters" aren't anxious for more;

At least, so it seems,

For it's only in dreams,

With each other they now wipe the floor.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE RABBITT.

We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. George Rabbitt, a well-known and much-respected Tonbridge member of the Kent Association, who had been a regular and most punctual ringer at the Parish Church for a period of over 45 years. During a large part of this time he held the important post of steeplekeeper, and carried out the duties of that office in a most painstaking manner.

Mr. Rabbitt was in his accustomed place only ten days before his decease, which occurred on Tuesday, April 18th, after a few days' illness.

The funeral took place at Tonbridge Cemetery on the following Saturday, the bells of the Parish Church being rung half-muffled during and after the sad ceremony. The local ringers were assisted by Messrs. Latter, Thomson and J. Smith, of Tunbridge Wells; and Mr. Reader and Sergt. Parris, of Hadlow.

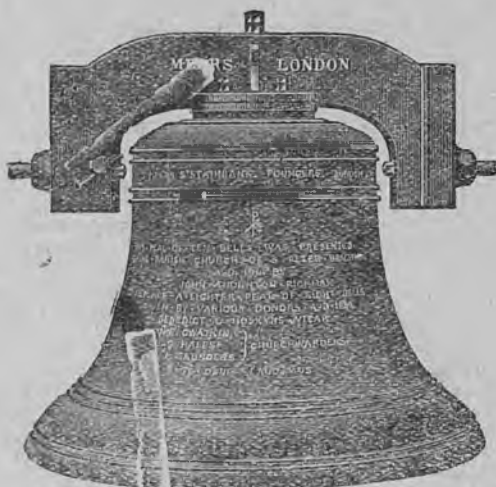
Mr. Rabbitt had rung a number of peals on the tenor, of which no correct record is available. Suffice it to say that he was as good a tenor man as it was possible to find, and he will be much missed from the belfry, where the band is now reduced to six only.

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THE LATE SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.



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THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In addition to the resolutions of regret and condolence passed upon the death of Sir Arthur Heywood and already mentioned, similar votes have been carried at meetings of the Warwick Guild, Worcestershire Association and Lancashire Association.

Muffled peals have also been rung at Aston and Loughborough.

An attempt for a peal at Pendleton was lost after 2½ hours' ringing.

Mr. W. E. White, the hon. secretary, representing the Midland Counties Association, and Mr. W. H. Wilde, of Belgrave, Pulford, Cheshire, an old employee of Sir Arthur Heywood's, were among the ringers present at the funeral.

RECOLLECTIONS OF DUFFIELD.

BY FRANCIS E. DAWE.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my humble testimony to and appreciation of the lasting good which the ringing science has derived from the life-long labours of the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood. To myself, his decease has come as a painful surprise and very great shock, for such a man can ill be spared. Other writers have expressed their views of his great abilities in a far more able manner than I can, but I feel it is "up to me" to give some particulars that are not within the knowledge of many others of the present time, for I have enjoyed the great privilege of Sir Arthur's unstinted friendship for about 30 years, and took part in his first peal of Stedman, conducted by my dear old friend, James Pettit.

In the autumn of 1887, Mr. Heywood, as he then was, kindly invited me to his mansion at Duffield Bank, a most delightful spot, very plea-

santly situated on a charming hillside, and from which extensive views of the surrounding districts, with the winding River Derwent, can be obtained. At the foot of his estate stood the church and the famous little belfry, containing a handy little ring of ten, which as Henry Johnson expressed it, are "like a nest of chattering magpies!" A good Stedman Cater band kindly met me, and a most interesting time was spent, for Sir Arthur himself had hung the ring of ten, and he personally showed me the bearings there used of his own design. It was the first time I had ever seen, or even heard, of such things, and could at once appreciate the inestimable value of such self-aligning bearings.

One splendid rule he enforced in that tower, applying to his own band and visitors alike, was that out of consideration for the feelings of those residents near at hand, no one was allowed to pull off a single bell for more than one whole pull during the evening. This tip might well be copied at countless other places. He was always a sound, practical, and above all, a very safe ringer, and never hurried himself over anything, while he was also a fund of anecdote and good humour.

Another thing at Duffield, well calculated to surprise and delight any visitor, who, like myself a "steam man," or of an engineering turn of mind, was his model railway. On my arrival, he at once "lit up and put on the blast," whereupon the full value of his discoveries were brought out, such as climbing steep gradients and gliding down dangerous declines, through tunnels and over viaducts and round sharp curves for a considerable distance, all round and over the estate. It was a charming experience, full of interest from first to last. The gauge, I believe, is 15 inches, and the railway could hardly be called a "toy," for, on attending a large ringers' gathering there on another occasion, I travelled on the engine (named "Ella" after one of his daughters) with Sir Arthur, when he hauled a miniature train full of about 80 visitors at once! It was at this period that his inventions were appreciated by the then Governmental Departments, who adopted various ideas of his in connection with the mountain railways in India and other places, he having supervised a lot of their work in that direction.

When he brought out the method bearing the name of his place, I was the first to receive it in book form from him as a gift, which I greatly value.

THE FORMATION OF THE COUNCIL.

It was during the six years I had the honour of being Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, that he conceived the idea of bringing into being the annual assembly known as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. With his wonderful far-seeing powers he realised that the day would eventually come when the ringing science should have a sort of Parliament of its own, a Tribunal to appeal to, and, above all, a representative body which could, in case of need, go forward to the Government or other authorities, if bell ringing were ever seriously attacked. Indeed his primary and principal reason for forming the Council was that there should be a body to watch over and protect our rights and privileges and our interests in the future. As he always expressed it, there was no knowing what some idiotic Government, who carried things in a high-handed manner, might eventually do to put us all in the background!

I fear this idea of the Council's work has not always been adhered to, as the meetings of recent years tend to show that it has degenerated into a sort of first-rate discussion class amongst half-a-dozen singularly clever experts on mathematical problems, who write long articles and air their views by the hour in trying to decide the fractional difference between tweedledee and tweedledum. I remember at one meeting, after a very long and tedious ordeal of this sort of thing, that eventually one of the very finest and best known ringers from the North of England was goaded to get up and say: "Mr. Chairman,--I moves as how 'Stedman' be still called 'Stedman' as it was in me fayther's time!" I really do hope these gentlemen will now be content to write their love letters to each other privately, instead of inflicting them on the whole community in the ringing Press; for having travelled the country a great deal I can confidently say that, from opinions broadly expressed and in no measured terms, such articles are not read by more than two or three per cent. of the ringing fraternity. Give these gentlemen all the credit we can for their wonderful knowledge, but the publicity of such matters is not appreciated generally and never will be!

When Mr. Heywood first contemplated forming the Central Council, he journeyed to London several times to consult me, owing to my official position in the College Youths, for at that period the "old school"—a body then to be reckoned with, mind you, were on the wane, and I had already become a link between them and the new. We had a lot of old-fashioned prejudice, with powerful opponents, to break down, and we both worked hard and diplomatically together with the result that they at last whole-heartedly agreed with us "to have a Central Council!" Mr. Heywood also travelled to the big societies and associations in all directions to lay his plans and ideas before them and so obtain the necessary support to the scheme.

I became the Council's first secretary, defeating the only other nominated candidate (Mr. E. F. Strange), but could only hold the appointment for a year or eighteen months, as the work at that period was of such a harassing, tedious, and voluminous nature, requiring almost "whole time," that I am bound to admit I failed ignominiously and

gladly made way for the next—the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (a gentleman who strangely enough was noted for penning all his letters and other written matter in bright red ink!)

A REMINISCENCE OF BIRMINGHAM.

I also represented the College Youths at the great and representative gathering of all the ringers in Britain given by Mr. Heywood at the Colonnade Hotel, Birmingham, on Henry Johnson's 80th birthday in 1889, and which I shall never forget. It was by far the best, largest, successful, and most enjoyable meeting of ringers I ever attended, and Henry Johnson was surprising and absolutely at his best all the evening—quite 20 years younger! And as for Mr. Heywood, as chairman, why he quite surpassed himself on that occasion, for I have never seen or heard him in such fine form, and he was always a gifted and very powerful speaker.

This brings before me the recent memoir of my old friend, Tom Russam, who took part in that wonderful touch of Stedman Cinques on handbells during the evening. I have never heard handbells before or since rung like they were on that occasion, both in action and accuracy, and in a style peculiar to themselves. It was about six courses called by Harry Bastable, and I know Jack Carter and Tom Miller took part in it as well, but I forget the other two. I can truthfully say that everyone present was agreeably surprised and absolutely spellbound, for at that period a plain course of Grandsire Cinques retained in hand was the height of general attainment on such occasions.

It was at this meeting that Professor Thompson, the talented mathematical expert from King's College, London, produced his wonderful Decadahedron—a thing like a sliced-up football, only clipped so as to have numerous sides, and by means of eight various coloured lines drawn with points and curves, he could prove peals of Treble Bob up to 8448. This gentleman afterwards gave me one, but it was really of little use to any practical ringer, the 'scales' supplied me by Henry Johnson and John Cox being much simpler!

When Mr. Heywood's touch of 50 Stedman Caters was rung at the opening of the Imperial Institute bells in May, 1893, I was "reserve man" at that representative ceremony, and Queen Victoria stopped her carriage outside and sent a special messenger to congratulate the ringers on their work.

Only once of recent years has the Central Council attempted to discuss the great object it was originally intended for! This was brought forward from information given by me to Sir Arthur, but as I was no longer a member, it was impossible for me to lay the facts in my possession before them. It was, however, done by a gentleman to the best of his abilities, who unfortunately lacked the necessary experience, and Sir Arthur was really the only one present to take in the true state of affairs, and its then very serious possibilities, with the result that the item on the agenda as to the public feeling regarding church bell ringing was "made a mess of" and actually did more harm than good!

To my certain knowledge Sir Arthur was a very painstaking, impartial, and just county magistrate in all cases requiring his thoughtful consideration and decision, and on all occasions—ringing or otherwise—he had a kind word and friendly handshake for all, however humble their station in life might be. He was a Royalist in every way, and a true and thorough English sportsman. We have lost a kind, generous, and wonderful man, whose one aim was to do good, and whose master mind, to my thinking, was only second to that of my dear old friend—Jasper Whitfield Snowden, first President of the Yorkshire Association. All ringers will regret the end of such a useful life, and re-echo the prayer, "May he rest in perfect Peace."

5216 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, OF STAVELEY.

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62345		1	2	
52436	2	—		1
65324	2		1	2
23456	1		1	

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th's place, and contains all the 4—7—8's, 6—7—8's, 11 of the 12, 5—7—8's and 8—4's, and 10 of the 12—8—6's.

Rung at Staveley on Easter Monday, conducted by the author.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSES CENTRAL COUNCIL.

As usual, the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and District Association was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and, considering the number of members who are affected by the war in one way or another, and the restricted railway services, the attendance was better than might have been expected. The bells at the various churches were in use early in the day; for, with the exception of the Rector of St. Helen's, all the incumbents had kindly allowed their bells to be used, although some disappointment was felt that those at the Cathedral were not available, the Dean and Chapter having had to withdraw their permission at the last moment, owing to it being impossible to finish repairing the damage done to the tower by the blizzard of March 28th, although, as the Dean stated, the work had been pushed forward in order that the bells might be used if possible.

At 12.45 the Dean of Worcester (Dr. W. Moore Ede), President of the Association, unveiled a peal board erected by the Association in the Cathedral belfry to commemorate a peal of Stedman Cinques rung on those bells on June 2nd, 1914, it being the first peal of Cinques on the bells and in the county. The Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons), in introducing the Dean, remarked upon the difficulty of the performance, and paid great compliment to the ability of those who took part, especially the conductor, Mr. W. Short, among whose many peals he considered, two stood pre-eminent, these being the one and only peal ever rung on the sea, which was also conducted by him, and that at Worcester the other.

The Dean, in unveiling the board, complimented the ringers, and, remarking upon the presence of some lady members, he hoped that, seeing how ladies had acquitted themselves in munition works, he might some day have the pleasure of listening to a peal on those bells rung by ladies.

The board, which is of very handsome design, and made to correspond with the other records in the tower was erected by the treasurer, Mr. W. H. Johnson.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House at 2.30, the Dean being in the chair. He remarked upon the loss the Association had sustained by the death of the Rev. Canon Cloughton, who, as the annual report states, was elected a member of 1884, while Vicar of St. Mary's, Kidderminster, and who had always taken a great interest in the work of this Association.

The balance sheet, which had been passed by the committee, was presented to the meeting, and showed another satisfactory year, financially. A sum of £30 had been transferred from the bank account into the War Loan, and the Belfry Repairs Fund showed its first grant, a sum of two guineas having been given toward the re-hanging of the bells of All Saints', Worcester.

Some discussion arose over the annual peal, and it was finally decided that it should be rung half-muffled in memory of members who had given their lives for their country, it being left to Mr. R. Matthews to conduct it and to arrange it where he chose, the Chairman suggesting that it be rung on All Saints' Day, and, if possible, preceded by a memorial service.

There was no question as to the place for the next annual meeting, Worcester being again chosen.

The Master then referred to the loss the Exercise had sustained by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood. He remarked upon the immense amount of work he had done, and the help he had given toward the improvement of ringing and of ringing facilities, and a vote of condolence with Lady Heywood was carried by everyone standing, the secretary being asked to convey to Lady Heywood the Association's sympathy in her loss and the appreciation of Sir Arthur's work.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Secretary brought forward for discussion the improvement of the practical part of the work of the Central Council. He said he thought Associations might assist in this more than they had done, by taking a greater interest in the work of the Council, and by bringing forward, for the Council's consideration, subjects which might require attention.

The Rev. Hastings remarked that he thought the agenda for the next meeting might include suggestions for discussion.

Messrs. Salter, Mason and Parsons also took part in this discussion. The whole of the officers were unanimously re-elected, and the Rev. Canon James was elected a vice-president in place of the late Canon Cloughton.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President, and the Dean and Chapter, etc., the Dean replying.

A photo of the members present was taken at the west end of the Cathedral, and the members then assembled in the choir for the service, at which a most excellent address was delivered by the Clerical Secretary of the Association, the Rev. J. F. Hastings.

As last year, tea was provided in the fine old College Hall, and about 90 members sat down. Mr. W. H. Johnson most kindly defrayed the additional cost of the repast over the amount allowed by the rules.

Ringling at the various towers afterwards brought to an end another successful meeting and enjoyable day.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Bridgwater on Saturday last, with 53 members were present, representing 18 towers. The fine ring of eight bells were set swinging at 3.30, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung until 4 p.m., when the service was held. The Rev. Russell officiated, and gave an excellent address. Service over, tea was partaken of at Taylor's Restaurant, and when justice had been done to the good things provided, the business meeting was held, the Master of the Association (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding.

One honorary and 25 performing members were elected, including nine lady ringers.

It was announced that the annual meeting this year is to be held at Wells (subject to the consent of the Dean), on July 8th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Bridgwater for arranging the service and for the use of the bells; also to the Rev. Russell for officiating at the service, to the organist for his services, and to Mr. A. E. Coles for making the arrangements.

This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited, and some well-struck touches in various methods rung until 8 p.m.

MEETING AT FROME.

The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch was held at Frome on Saturday week, the business being presided over by the President of the Branch (the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill), Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, and the following towers being represented: Frome, Leigh-on-Mendip, Camerton, Timbury, Midsomer Norton, and Radstock. Several new members were admitted, and the Chairman appealed to all members to induce ringers in non-affiliated towers to join, and thereby reap the many advantages offered by the Association, not the least of these being free instruction by the hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard) in the art of change ringing.—The next meeting will be held at Timbury on July 29th. The President (the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill) and the hon. secretary were unanimously re-elected for the year. Mr. I. B. Holmyard was nominated to serve on the General Committee of the Association during the absence of Mr. A. M. G. Daniel (Frome) on military service.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Weare on Saturday week. Fine weather favoured the event, and as a result there was a good attendance of members from Burnham, Weston-super-Mare, Loxton, Wick St. Lawrence, Mark, and East Brent, and some friends from Bristol. The service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. D. Stephen Evans (Vicar). After service about 30 sat down to tea in the Church Hall, provided by Mr. G. H. Pruen, of the Clarence Hotel, Burnham.

At the subsequent meeting the vice-president (Mr. G. H. Pruen) presided. The Rev. D. Stephen Evans was elected an hon. member, and several new performing members were also elected.—It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Winscombe.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. D. Stephen Evans for arranging the service, for the use of the bells, and the address, to the ladies who so kindly helped with the tea, and to the organist.—The Vicar replied, assuring the members that it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the Association at Weare. The organist also suitably replied.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

On Saturday week the annual meeting of the London County Association was held at the "Edinburgh," Milford Lane, Strand, W.C. (the new headquarters), which take the place of the "Cheshire Cheese," Milford Lane. The chair was occupied by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), and a good number of members from the following parishes were present: Fulham, Kensington, Streatham, Hammersmith, Islington, Southwark, Willesden, Chelsea, Bishopsgate, etc.

The balance sheet showed that the finances of the Association were satisfactory, and a motion to transfer a sum of money from the bank to Exchequer Bonds was defeated by a majority of one.

The ratification of the election of the following members took place: Messrs. Attwater (Streatham), J. Pryor (Highgate), J. Lewis and J. Habgood (Rotherhithe).—Two new members were elected, viz.: Mr. H. E. Stubbs (Stoke Newington) and Mr. H. Dyas (Kensington).

A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Sir A. P. Heywood and Mr. H. Dains, both highly respected members of the Association.

Mr. T. H. Taffender was re-elected to the office of Master, and the following other officers were elected: Mr. T. Walker, hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Matthews, treasurer; Mr. E. A. Reeve, senior steward; Mr. A. D. Barker, junior steward.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their past services.

Owing to the various restrictions imposed under the Defence of the Realm regulations, the members had perforce to seek their homes with disappointment at being unable to enjoy the usual social half-hour following these meetings.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The seventh annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Warwick on Easter Monday, between 30 and 40 members and friends attending. The towers of Leamington Parish Church (8), All Saints, Emscote (8) and St. Mary's, Warwick (10) were opened to the visitors, and were well patronised. Touches in all the standard methods were successfully brought round, including Mr. George's (the Master) touch of Stedman Caters, which he has dedicated to the Association.

Service was held at the Leamington Parish Church, and was well attended by the members.—Tea was served at the Globe Hotel, and the business meeting followed.

The Secretary reported that, all things considered, the Society was in a very healthy state, and that, although only two peals had been rung during the year, the interest in the art was on the increase throughout the diocese.

Mr. Roberts wrote regretting his inability to be present, he being on active service.

All the officers and committee were re-elected en bloc, and it was decided to forego the usual annual report, and to substitute a short resume of the year's working instead, copies of the latter to be distributed among the different belfries and members on active service.

The society's representative on the Central Council, Mr. H. Argyll, moved a vote of condolence to the family of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, and the Guild's president (the Rev. Back) kindly undertook to forward the same.

The meeting was voted a complete success, and the day's outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

Like many other Guilds and Associations, circumstances would not permit the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to hold the annual meeting at Lincoln on the 29th April on the usual lines. After consultation it was deemed advisable simply to have a formal meeting similar to last year. This took place at St. Peter-at-Arches Rectory, Lincoln, in the evening, at which the Guild secretary was present, together with sufficient Lincoln members to form a quorum. All the retiring officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Immediately after, the Northern Branch meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. R. Bond, the Guild secretary, when the retiring officers were re-elected. A question was asked as to the annual subscriptions, whereupon the secretary to the Lincoln Branch announced that he was receiving subscriptions as usual, and that the Heckington and Great Hale members had already paid for the current year.

In replying to the vote of thanks for the use of the room at the Rectory, the Rev. R. Bond said he could only hope that the condition of affairs would soon materially alter, so as to enable the branch to reinstate meetings for ringing and social intercourse. They could only strive by every effort to keep the bells ringing for church services, and to endeavour to bring in and train new recruits to take the many vacant places in existing bands of ringers through the country, who had nobly responded to the Empire's call, and many of whom were now fighting for our very existence.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

One of the best attended meetings of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Walkden on Saturday week. The towers represented were: Manchester, Worsley, Hyde, Stockport, Bolton, Leigh, Newchurch, Pendlebury, Eccles, Liversedge, and the local company. Owing to the illness of Mr. J. Potter he was not able to ring with the visitors, who wish him a speedy recovery. Some very good touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting, Mr. J. Ridyard, vice-president, presided, and it was decided that the next meeting be held at Newchurch.—A vote of condolence was passed upon the death of Sir Percival Heywood, one of the mainstays of the ringing Exercise.—A vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells, also to the ringers for their welcome and for having all in readiness, brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of the Bolton Branch held for some time.

OUTING IN LINCOLNSHIRE FENS.

On Easter Monday an outing in the Lincolnshire Fens was arranged by the Heckington and Great Hale company of ringers. The towers visited were: Donington, Wigtoft, Algakirk, Sutterton and Kirton, at which touches in Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Double Court were tapped off. Dinner was arranged at the Beridge Arms, Sutterton, and the Vicar of Sutterton kindly invited the party to tea at the Vicarage. The ringers taking part were: Messrs. J. Clark, M. Clark, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson, H. Nash, A. Dixon, W. H. Wood, C. Ward (Heckington and Great Hale), A. Chilton (Billingborough), C. Glenn (Sheffield), A. Ward (Derby), A. Andrews (Daventry), and they spent an enjoyable day.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

Visitors to the Sussex Association annual meeting at Brighton tomorrow (Saturday) should note that the tea is to take place at the New Ship Hotel, and not the Criterion Restaurant, as at first advertised.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on May 18th for handbell practice, and on the 23rd for general business.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on May 13th at Leesfield. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, The Gardens, Hopwood Hall, Middleton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. E. Basil Spurgin (Vicar), at St. John's, Sidcup (three minutes from 'bus terminus) on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Vicar at 5.0 p.m. Tea (9d. per head) and business meeting in St. John's Hall, to follow the service. It is particularly requested that those who require tea send their names to me not later than Tuesday, May 9th.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 18th annual general meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 13th. Service at 6 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. W. Halliday Thompson, LL.D.) Tea in the Parish Hall at 6.30 by the kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Stephen's, West Ealing, from 4 to 6 p.m.; St. Mary's, Ealing, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Nearest stations, Ealing Broadway (District) and West Ealing (G.W.) Middlesex Council car to Northfield Road (for St. Stephen's Church). Buses from the City to Ealing Broadway.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Hon. Secretaries.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 13th. Meat tea at the New Ship Hotel, Ship Street, at 4 o'clock. Tickets 1s. 9d. (to members, 9d.) Service at St. Nicholas at 6. Preacher, Rev. H. H. Horden, Rector. Bells of St. Peter's open from 2—4, and again after service. Members (resident in the county) attending will be allowed half railway fares.—G. Watson (Gen. Sec.), Vale Road, St. Leonard's.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 13th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 5.30.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 13th. The tower (6 bell) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15.—Jas. W. Elkins, District Secretary.

A RINGERS' MEEING will be held at Oakford (8) on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3. Service and address by the Rector at 4.30. Tea (6d.) in the Parish Room at 5. Names of those requiring tea to be sent to me not later than Tuesday, May 16th. Oakford is 4 miles from Bampton and Dulverton stations.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton, Devon.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon (Port Talbot) on Saturday, May 20th, at 4.30. Tea will be provided free.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Hon. Secs.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available at 5 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3.30 to dusk.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, May 20th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 6. Business important. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Painswick on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (12) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea in Mission Room at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All members are earnestly requested to attend, and it would greatly facilitate arrangements if they would kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, May 16th.—R. W. Hyner, Honorary Secretary, 46, Goddard Avenue, Swindon, Wilts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hayfield on Saturday, May 20th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 3.30. The Guild's form of service will be held in church at 5.30, the Rector giving the address, and every member is specially invited to be present. Tea will be provided free in the Church House for those who advise me, not later than the 17th inst., of their intention to be present. Business meeting afterwards.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30.—G. Miles, Honorary Secretary, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. A practice meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Barking, on Saturday, May 20th. Bells available from 4 to 8 p.m. All will be welcome.—E. J. Butler, Shadwell Heath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held on May 27th at Wotton-under-Edge. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Visitors heartily welcomed. Kindly notify by May 24th to W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkely, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission the half-yearly meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, May 27th, when All Saints' and St. James' bells will be available from 3.30.—W. H. Shuker, J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Canterbury District).—The annual meeting of the District will be held on Saturday, May 27th, at Faversham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Queen's Hall. Business after tea. Members attending must send their names to me not later than Wednesday, May 24th; anyone neglecting to do this must not expect a place at the tea. Subscriptions must be paid before or at the meeting.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

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CLUN'S EFFORTS.

At the recent Vestry meeting Mr. W. Mead, hon. secretary St. George's Society of Church Bell Ringers, was unanimously re-elected as one of the churchwardens of the Parish Church.

In the course of the meeting, the Vicar spoke on the tower and bells restoration, and said last Easter they had a debt of £300. He was glad to say it was now down to £116. It was wonderful how the money kept coming in, and what a large amount had been made up of small sums.

A discussion followed as to the best means of completely clearing off the debt, and it was decided to make a special effort by asking each household in the parish for assistance in wiping it off.

Mr. Mead said his little booklet, "History of Clun Church Bells," had been well received in the parish and elsewhere, and with the profits from its sale and the amount he had already paid in, he would guarantee the £41 5s., the total cost of the new second bell.

GRANDSIRE COMPOSITIONS.

Mr. Fred Hayes, of High Wycombe, writes to point out that of the 22 peals published in our issue of April 7th by Mr. G. Lindoff, Nos. 10 and 12 are variations of two compositions produced by him in 1902, and rung by the Oxford Guild in 1905 and 1903 respectively. The figures may be found in the Oxford Guild report for those years.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Easter Monday the wedding took place at Old Windsor of Mr. Sidney John Boore (one of the ringers of the Parish Church, and a chorister for 18 years), and Miss Anna Russell, of Belfast. A large number of people witnessed the ceremony, which was really a "war" wedding, for the bridegroom is a munition worker, and all the male guests were either khaki-clad or wearing the Derby armlet. The bride was given away by Mr. G. Boore, and 1st Air-Mechanic Charles G. Boore, R.F.C., acted as best man. The bridesmaids were the Misses Violet Parsons and Violet M. Boore. The Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Napier) officiated, and the choir were in attendance. A visit of Oxford Guild ringers and friends coincided with the ceremony, and the bells were rung during the signing of the registers, and the organist played the "Wedding March." As the happy pair left the altar they passed beneath the crossed ropes of the ringers, and at the church gate were greeted by a party of handbell ringers (Messrs. Trollope, Fussell, Smith, Lawrence and Henley). Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung on the church bells. The gifts to the bride and bridegroom included a set of cutlery from the Vicar, organist and choir, and a coal vase from the ringers.

HADLOW RINGER'S DEATH.

The band at Hadlow, Kent, have just sustained a great loss by the death of one of their most capable members, Mr. E. J. G. Hook, which took place after a very short illness at the early age of 36 years. The funeral took place at the Cemetery, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled in the evening as a last tribute of respect to his memory. Mr. Hook leaves a widow and young family to mourn his loss, and with whom great sympathy is felt.

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