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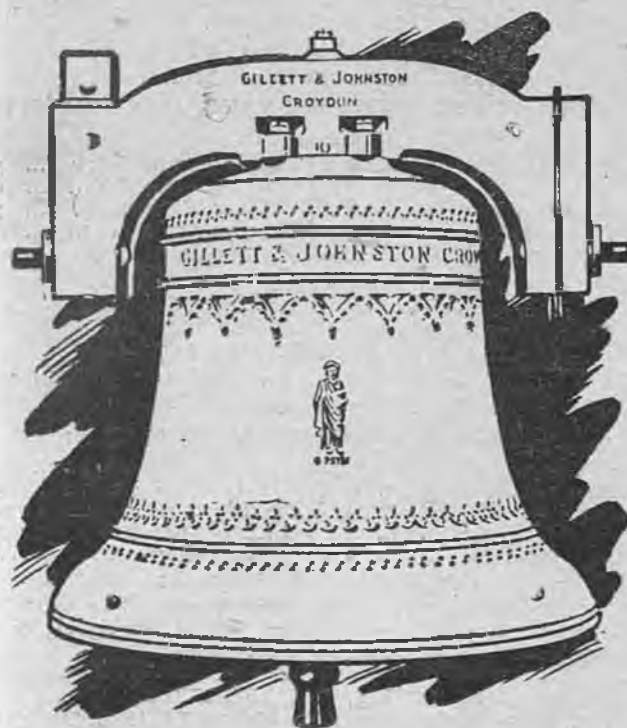
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### THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

An echo of the Lead Ends controversy was heard in the discussion at the Central Council meeting, when the Methods Committee's report was being debated. It was not altogether unlooked-for, as it was the first occasion upon which the two members chiefly responsible for the original report of the Committee had met the Council since the appearance of the Hon. Secretary's pamphlet, which had condemned the Report root and branch. The Rev. H. Law James, in one of the best speeches that was heard at the meeting, put the Committee's side of the question in a very convincing manner, and thus indirectly refuted the arguments upon which Mr. Davies' pamphlet is founded. Mr. Trollope's attack upon the Hon. Secretary showed that he still felt very keenly the spirit in which the Committee's past work had been criticised, but the storm which this speech threatened to raise was averted by the dignified silence of Mr. Davies.

Why, it may be asked, was the subject dragged up again? The answer is simple. Years ago the Legitimate Methods Committee laid down what they believed to be the basis for all future method construction, and their findings were accepted by the Council as the final authority on the matter. Then came the Hon. Secretary's tremendous attack upon the very foundations of the Committee's Report, and at this moment the two strongly divergent views stand side by side. At the Council meeting the Committee presented the Collection of Plain Major Methods ready for printing, and the question of lead ends, which, of course, really involves much more than the mere ends of leads, is a vital point. As the Rev. H. Law James pointed out, it was no use going on with the chimney if the foundations were coming out, and it would be of no use to print the methods based upon the Committee's ideas of what is right if their considered judgment in this matter was to be upset.

We said at the time of the appearance of Mr. Davies' pamphlet that the Council must throw over one or the other. The Committee's Report and the Hon. Secretary's pamphlet cannot both remain in the field. It is true that Mr. Davies' views have not been formally accepted by the Council—had they been accepted it would have been the end of the Committee and all its works—but they have been officially before the Council without a definite resolution being passed one way or the other. Perhaps the motion which was carried at Gloucester that the printing should go forward, subject to a reservation, may be taken as a vote of confidence in the Committee. At the same time it would be more satisfactory if the Council gave formal adherence to their previously adopted views.

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## PEACE PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

CORPL. EDWIN J. RIDLER,	L/CPL. A. W. SEVIOUR, 8th
R.E. ... .. Treble	Worcesters ... .. 6
C.Q.M.S. WILLIAM A. CAVE,	SERGT. THOMAS F. KING,
R.E. ... .. 2	R.A.S.C. (M.T.) ... .. 7
SERGT. JOSEPH T. DYKE,	*BMR. SAMUEL J. HECTOR,
M.G.C. ... .. 3	R.G.A. ... .. 8
PTE. CHARLES J. WALTON,	SERGT. WALTER FARLEY,
A.E. Co. ... .. 4	N.S.Y. ... .. 9
CPL.-MECH. GILBERT H.	BMR. JESSE B. TYLER,
HARDING, R.A.F. ... .. 5	R.F.A. ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and tenor belong to St. Stephen's, 4 and 6 to St. James', 3 to Midsomer Norton, 5 and 7 to Bath, 8 to Trowbridge, 9 to Wells.

Rung to commemorate Peace and started within an hour of the signature to the Treaty.

WINSTON, Near ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Treble	THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW ... .. 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2	CAD BUTCHER ... .. 6
HERBERT HAIGH ... .. 3	WILLIAM WARBURTON ... .. 7
COLIN RIDER ... .. 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to commemorate the signing of peace.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD ... .. Treble	*HARRY WOOD ... .. 5
*WALTER PAYNE ... .. 2	*FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 6
THOS. BLACKBOURN ... .. 3	L. A. GOODENOUGH ... .. 7
ALFRED KING ... .. 4	*HARRY SHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by an entirely local band. Rung as a thanksgiving peal on the signing of the Peace Treaty. \* First peal in the method.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... .. 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUNR. ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The peal was rung in honour of the signing of the Treaty of Peace. 'Go' was called at 3/47 p.m. and 'that is all' at 7.12 p.m. The band believe this to be the first peal in the method on the bells which were cast in A.D. 1642. This composition is now rung for the first time.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(UNION YOUTHS.)

On Monday, June 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

JESSE TYLER ... .. Treble	HARRY BROWNJOHN ... .. 6
EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2	JOHN BURFORD ... .. 7
*ARTHUR SEVIOUR ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... .. 8
*CHARLES WALTON ... .. 4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ... .. 9
EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 5	ARTHUR WALLACE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' 25th birthday.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1919, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK STONELEY ... .. Treble	SAMUEL CARDELL ... .. 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
PERCY W. CAVE ... .. 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7
REV. A. T. BRESTON ... .. 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. John W. Taylor, in whose foundry these bells were cast. They were placed in the tower by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... .. Treble	CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... .. 6
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 7
JOHN BLAKE ... .. 4	THOMAS HOAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Arranged for Mr. Fairbeard of Wickhambreux, Kent, who was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Hoad, mother of the ringers of the 2nd and tenor, and to F.-M. Sir D. Haig.

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

On Thursday, June 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDGAR GUISE ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR E. SEVIOUR ... .. 5
*HARRY WAY ... .. 2	*JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 6
*CHARLES J. WALTON ... .. 3	*ARTHUR T. WALLACE ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 4	ALFRED KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER.

Conducted by ALFRED KING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. A. King belongs to Luton and A. E. Sharman to Dunstable, Beds.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Treble	THOMAS ATTWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 2	WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... .. 6
RICHARD HAYES ... .. 3	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 7
THOMAS N. MACK ... .. 4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

The ringers wish to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE DURLING ... .. Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	*CORNELIUS CHARGE ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3
EDWIN C. CHASTY ... .. 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... .. 6
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 3	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. 4	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mr. Wesley.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW, SENR. ... Treble	JOHN STUBS ... .. 5
GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 2	PETER CROOK ... .. 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 7
*ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 4	†THOMAS WOODS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Daniel Browlow, master of the ringers at the above church, who has rung there for 54 years.

\* 50th peal. † First peal.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 2½ cwt.	
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... .. Treble	EDGAR G. LUSH ... .. 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
JOHN G. HAMBLETON ... .. 4	HERBERT G. FARLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. I. B. Holmyard, the indefatigable secretary of the Frome Deanery. This was Mr. King's 50th peal for the Association.



PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

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

RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 2	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 6
WILLIAM EUSEBIUS CLARKE ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor of Loughborough Bell Foundry.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

**A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

GROVES VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PERCY MARCHANT ... .. Treble	GEORGE ADES ... .. 5
H. R. BUTCHER ... .. 2	A. CAUSELEY ... .. 6
A. PIERPONT ... .. 3	F. H. STALHAM ... .. 7
N. BURRELL ... .. 4	JOSEPH FRENCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. STALHAM.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Hart, the eldest daughter of Mr. James Hart, leader of the local ringers. Mr. and Mrs. Hart kindly invited the ringers to supper after the peal. A most enjoyable time was spent and the ringers thank their hosts for their kindness.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

comprising one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor, called differently.

DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 2	*ARTHUR BELLAMY ... 5
HARRY MEADOWS ... .. 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

\* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday peal to A. Bellamy and W. J. Gilbert.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

being 720 each of London, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... .. Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, June 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
IN ST. MARTIN'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 1-2	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3-4	PTE. JOHN F. SMALLWOOD ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6	JAMES GEORGE ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referee: Vice President, Mr. THOMAS RUSSAM.

Arranged for Mr. Smallwood, who was home on leave from France.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

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THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Rev. H. Law James, speaking further upon the report of the Legitimate Methods Committee, said, with regard to the printing of the report, if the Council restored the foundation and went back to the Methods Report and would abide by it, then the committee would go on with the work. They had made a selection of the plain Major methods. They had selected everything of real interest; everything that was really fit to ring, and they were ready for printing. The Council had been asked by the previous committee to print an enormous collection of peals of Treble Bob. The collection was invaluable, but was it worth printing at the present moment? He maintained that Treble Bob was a method of change ringing that was out of date altogether, and that it was not worth spending £30 or £40 in printing peals of Treble Bob Major. They could be printed some day when it would be cheaper. The peals could be kept, just as he suggested the mass of plain Major methods could be kept by the Council. They could be kept so that when somebody claimed to have produced something new, they could turn to the collection and say: 'Well, here it is—(laughter)—it is not new.' And the Treble Bob peals could be treated in the same way. For that reason the work had not been wasted—it was very, very valuable. He did not ask the Council to print the methods; they were ready for printing if the Council liked to spend the money, but he thought, for practical purposes, they would do more good than printing the Treble Bob peals. If the Council had confidence in the committee they would go on with the work. He would suggest they leave the Treble Bob methods out. It had been through scores and scores of them, and there was nothing in them of special interest. They were not worth printing, and he did not think the committee at present ought to spend their time on getting them out. He thought they ought to go on with the Surprise methods, get them worked out and select from them those that were worth printing. But the Council must not think for a moment, if they printed the plain methods this year they could go on to the Surprise methods next year. It was a far larger task than the plain methods, because when they selected the methods they had to get the proof scales out to see if the scale was worth ringing. It was no use printing a Surprise method and finding out afterwards that they could not get a true peal. Consequently the committee had a great amount of work before it, and while the Exercise was inclined to complain that the committees were doing nothing, they little realised the amount of work there was to do before there was anything practical to show for it. With regard to the Surprise methods, he was going to propose a further restriction in regard to the application of natural laws. Natural laws gave them Bob Major lead ends, but he proposed that the Council should lay down—not for old methods, but for new Surprise methods, that were published—that not only should the methods have Bob Major lead ends, but should bring the bells up into 7-8 in the plain course order, the same as in Bob Major. He made the suggestion for the reason that if they did otherwise they would get the 2nd dodging with the tenor at back. Mr. Davies, in his pamphlet, gave them a new Treble Bob method. Mr. Davies might have thought it was new, but it went into his (Mr. Law James') waste-paper basket long before Mr. Davies published it (laughter). Mr. Davies gave them one lead, and said it was a very good method. In the first lead of the plain course they had a thing like this: 128, 382, 128, 382, 832. The first lead condemned the method; it was bad music, and not fit to ring. Returning to the question of printing the Plain Methods, Mr. James said perhaps the Council would like to leave it in this way, that the secretary should obtain an estimate from 'The Ringing World' for printing the Collection. He thought the Council should go to 'The Ringing World.' Years ago there were two ringing papers, and the Council could not take sides. Now he certainly thought the Council should uphold the paper as far as it could. At the same time 'The Ringing World' had criticised the Council. What he had said ought to bring it home that the Council was doing rattling good work in a quiet sort of way. They must not expect fireworks every year, because they could not do it (laughter and applause).

MR. TROLLOPE'S STRONG COMMENTS.

Mr. Trollope said he had not the slightest objection whatever to Mr. Davies criticising anything in the Method Report or anything that the Method Committee had done, if only for the reason that the Method Committee's work and Report would stand any amount of criticism, but he did object very strongly indeed to the charge made by Mr. Davies in his pamphlet against the good faith of the committee. It was stated in the pamphlet that the committee had foisted on the Exercise a fad which they knew to be a fad, and that what they were saying was not true; and that they did it in an underhanded manner. That was the kind of criticism that ran through the pamphlet, and those charges ought either to be proved or withdrawn. There was one personal thing he wanted to refer to. Mr. Davies had several times said that he (Mr. Trollope) had said Mr. Davies was ignorant. He had never said anything of the sort. What he did say to the criticism of Mr. Davies and other people was that it was so wide of the mark that they either deliberately distorted what the com-

mittee had done, or were ignorant of what the committee meant, and he preferred to believe it was want of knowledge. In his endeavours to discredit the committee, Mr. Davies had refused to understand what the committee meant, but he had had the opportunity; he had had in his possession papers which he returned unread, simply that he might say 'so far as I know' the committee had never argued the question at all. Mr. Davies challenged him when he was in France, just at a time when he was in the thick of the fighting, to prove there and then under pain of being branded as an impostor, the correctness of the committee's conclusions. He did, however, give him proofs in a letter which appeared in the 'Ringing World,' and he gave him two methods in support of his proof. The first was Kent Treble Bob, and the second was Bristol Surprise. He did not call it Bristol Surprise, and Mr. Davies, in his reply said: 'Oh yes, it is all very well when he deals with Treble Bob, but what about the Surprise methods?' Because he (Mr. Trollope) did not call that second method Bristol Surprise, Mr. Davies did not know it was Bristol. Therefore, he thought Mr. Davies was ignorant.

The President (intervening): I hope Mr. Trollope and all speakers will avoid as much as possible personal references (hear, hear).

Mr. Trollope said he felt very strongly on the subject. The pamphlet was supposed to be a scientific exposition, and dealt with what Mr. Davies thought the alternative to the Method Committee's Report. They could test whether Mr. Davies' or the Method Committee's views were right in a fairly simple way. According to Mr. Davies, practically the only methods rung were ruled out—Kent Treble Bob, London, Cambridge and Bristol. Did they think the methods were not worth ringing? Yet that was what Mr. Davies would have them believe, and the statement was made without any proof whatever.

#### THE TEST OF A GOOD METHOD.

There was one criticism, continued Mr. Trollope, that was leveled at the committee and which, if it were true, was an effective one, and that was that the committee had taken upon itself to tell ringers what they should and what they should not ring, and that the tendency of the method report was to restrict composition. It was true to some extent, but he would remind the Council that when the committee was first appointed the intention of the Council was that the committee should draw up a set of rules for the distinct purpose of restricting composition. They were to draw up rules to distinguish between good and bad methods, and so far as they were guilty of that charge the Council itself was responsible. He had, however, come to this conclusion, after long years of study, that they could not draw up any rules of that sort. There was no special distinction to be made that would enable them to say that this was legitimate, and that was not legitimate, simply because all methods were the product of natural law. They could not draw a sharp line and say 'this is good and that is bad.' The only test was the test of practical ringing. It did not follow because a band found a method a good method to ring that it was necessarily a good method; neither could they take the opinion of men who were recognised as authorities in composition, either ancient or modern. Shipway knew a great deal more about methods than the majority of people to-day, but directly he tried to do something of his own, and gave them Shipway's Principle or Shipway's Court Bob, he got failures. The test was this: the Exercise had spoken in no undecided manner as to what was a good method, and what was not. We had had ringing for 300 years, and during that time there had been a small group of methods evolved, which we called standard methods. There were ten, including Bristol. There was great variety in these from the simple to the most complex, and 999—thousands of the ringing had been done in these methods. They had all well-marked characteristics, and these characteristics had by actual practice been proved to be the things wanted in methods. These things were embodied in the Method Report. There were certain of the objections brought against that report respecting matters which could be easily altered, and if he were going to draft the report again he would not draft it in exactly the same way. They were sometimes asked what was the sense of having symmetrical leads, which looked very pretty on paper, and Bob Major lead ends. The reason was, they could not help it—it was nature. There was a reason for it, and their business had been simply to understand the reason. There was no necessity to say down arbitrary laws. Ringing had always had its well-marked rules, which had been kept, and what they had to do was, not to try to make new laws and say ringers must ring this or not ring that, but to understand why it was they could not get outside that group of standard methods, and that the nearer they kept to them the nearer they were to getting a good method.

#### HUNDREDS OF METHODS TO RING

Mr. E. H. Lewis said Mr. James had told them everything fit to ring among the plain Major methods was in the selection, but he did not quite agree with him. If he could get back into the country of bells and accumulate an eight-bell band he would like to go through the book of plain Major methods, because out of the 800 or 900, 300 or 400 were quite fit to ring once. While they were only going to print a selection, as they had two copies of the complete collection, one in figures, and one in diagram form, he thought it might be properly loaned out to accredited ringers, under proper safeguards, if

they wished to go for a larger number of the methods than would be printed. There had been added Mr. Lewis, a good deal of bitterness over this question of legitimate methods. Mr. Trollope referred to 'legitimate' as being according to natural law. He (Mr. Lewis) did not at all agree. He took 'legitimate' to be according to man-made law. He tried once before to get rid of the word 'legitimate', and substitute for it, the word 'regular.' There seemed to be an idea that the committee was trying to lay down that ringers should ring certain things only. There was not the slightest intention of doing that, but they did want to educate ringers as to what were good methods to ring. Mr. Lewis then moved that in the title of the Legitimate Methods Committee the word 'Legitimate' be omitted, and that the committee in future be called the 'Methods Committee.' He also moved 'that in future in any documents of this Council the word 'legitimate' be changed to 'regular,' and the word 'illegitimate' to 'irregular.'

The Rev. H. Law James seconded both these propositions, which were carried.

The Rev. H. Law James then moved 'That the selection of plain Major methods contained in the report of the Methods Committee be printed as soon as the hon. secretary considers it expedient.'—This was agreed to.

(To be continued.)

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### DISTRICT ORGANISATION.

After a lapse of five years, the annual meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild has been once more held, and took place in the Cathedral City on June 19th, when a very fair muster of ringers put in appearance from the various towers affiliated. The ring of six at St. Nicholas' were rung previous to the service, which was arranged for 10.30 at All Saints', and at which about 70 ringers were present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Preb. R. D. Machen, Vicar of Clun who gave a most excellent address. After service, the members adjourned to All Saints' Room for the business part of the proceedings.

In the absence of the Master (Mr. J. Buchanan), the Rev. G. W. Turner (Madley) was unanimously voted to the chair and made an admirable chairman.

Mr. J. Clark (Ross) very ably brought forward a motion that the Guild be formed into districts, and pointed out the various advantages that such a scheme would give.—Mr. C. Edwards (Madley) seconded the motion, and having had considerable experience with other Guilds which had adopted the formation of districts, was able to put forward with emphasis the advantages of the district system. He asked the members to take a serious view of the scheme, and pointed out that it was not one of division, but of unity. It would enable each district to look after its own interests, and would lead to the mutual improvement of ringers. At the present time it was obvious to all that the Guild was too much centralised to be worked with advantage, as it had to cover the whole of the county of Hereford, and part of Shropshire, Montgomery and Brecon.

After an interesting discussion, it was decided to adopt the scheme of districts as suggested by the Rev. G. W. Turner, viz., by forming districts of about a seven-mile radius.—Mr. J. Jones (Cathedral) suggested that a committee be appointed to deal with the matter.—Mr. Edwards said that in his opinion the Guild had waited long enough for reconstruction, and now was the time to act, and not wait for committees.—This view was received with applause.

The Chairman then put the motion to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.—It was decided to ask the Bishop of Hereford to become President, in succession to the late Dr. Percival. The Dean of Hereford, the Archdeacon of Hereford, the Rev. A. C. Lee (Lugwardine), and Preb. G. S. Palmer were re-elected vice-presidents, also the Archdeacon of Ludlow, subject to Canon Lilley's consent being obtained. Mr. J. Buchanan was re-elected Master, and the Rev. J. S. Roper and Jones (Ross), hon. secs. Revision of the committee resulted in the re-election of the following: Mr. H. W. Aden (Colwall), Mr. J. Cartwright (Foy), Mr. A. Chester (Dinham, Ludlow), Mr. J. Clark (Ross), Rev. F. W. Carnegie (Ledbury), Mr. C. Edwards (Madley), Mr. W. Evans (Brecon), Mr. J. J. Jones (Hereford), Rev. R. A. Lyne (Upton Bishop), Mr. Robt. Marston (Ludlow), Mr. W. Mead (Clun), Mr. J. Overton (Bridgnorth), Mr. W. Poston (Bridstow), Mr. C. L. Sadler (Hereford), Mr. H. Smith (Kington), Mr. T. Smith (Cradley), Mr. Charles Thomas (Colwall), Rev. T. Walwyn Trumper (Clifford), Rev. G. W. Turner (Madley), Rev. C. T. Wilton (Foy), Mr. W. H. Williams (Hagley), and Preb. A. B. Wynne Willson (Hereford), Mr. J. Clark and Mr. C. Edwards were elected as representatives on the Central Council, and the following District Secretaries were appointed:—Hereford, Mr. C. Edwards (Madley); Ross, Mr. J. Clark (Ross); Ledbury, Mr. C. Thomas (Colwall); Clifles, Mr. J. P. Hyett (Hay); Presteign, Mr. H. Taihot (Staunton-on-Arrow); Leominster, Mr. J. Robinson (Kimbolton); Bromyard, Mr. Alf. Tomkins (Bredenbury); Bridgnorth, Mr. J. Overton (Bridgnorth); Brecon, Mr. Wm. Evans (Brecon). For several other districts, a secretary was not forthcoming.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Hereford each year, and that it be held on a Saturday.

During the day the belfrie, of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, Burehill, Lugwardine, Home Lacey and Pownhope, were visited, and touches rung in many methods.

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## ARKSEY'S PEACE BELLS DEDICATED.

A NEW OCTAVE FOR YORKSHIRE

Arksey, near Doncaster, has got its peace bells, and on Whit-Monday the two new trebles to make a peal of eight were dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield. One of the new bells has been placed in the tower in memory of those belonging to the parish who fell in the great war, and the other in commemoration of peace. At the same time there were dedicated a tablet setting forth the occasion and bearing the names of the fallen; also the renovated clock and the new Cambridge full quarter chimes given by Miss Dunhill, of Coney Garth, one of the churchwardens, as a memorial of her father and mother; also a Litany desk, given by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Rhys James, and Mrs. James, in memory of their two children who died in the parish; and a Litany service book in memory of Charles Clifford Thompson, late organist of the church, given by his wife.

### THE GROWTH OF THE PEAL.

The peal of bells in Arksey, like the church itself, has grown. All Saints' dates back to 1150, and its various styles—Perpendicular, Transitional, and the rest—proclaim approximately their age. The order of the arrival of the six bells which comprised the peal up to the present addition is given in the dates which they bear. The dates include the following:—Sixth, 1622; fifth, 1718; fourth, 1657; third, 1673; second, 1875. The first bell was hung in honour of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. On that occasion the late Mr. W. Chadwick, who then lived at the Hall, had all the old bells returned, and the peal of six hung on a steel frame; and he also endowed the bells with a field of ten acres, producing £18 a year paid to the ringers for their services. The inscriptions on the bells are mostly in Latin, but the tenor bell dated 1622 bears the words:—

God send them Heaven that heave me ryng  
All laud and prayse now let us singe.

A free translation of the inscription on the third bell says: 'The quiet piety of a former age gave the Church; a rather garrulous age insulted the bell.' On one of the new bells are the words: 'In memory of the fallen, 1914-1919,' and on the other 'Peace after Victory, 1919'.

The tablet, which faces the nave on the pillar carrying the steps to the belfry, bears the following inscription:—'To the glory of God two bells were added to the six in this tower, by public subscriptions: the second bell commemorating Peace after victory, 1919; the treble bell in memory of the men from this parish who gave their lives during the Great War 1914-19, whose names we gratefully record: Herbert Hopper, Jim Lecking, W. Leadbeater, Alfred Leadbeater, Charles Leadbeater, Charles Webster, Robert Norris, Charles Arrand, Harry Frost, John William Dawson, George Arthur Stanley Hirst, Henry Severn.—R.I.P.'

The inscription on the clock and chimes is 'In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Dunhill, Coney Garth, by their family.'

A brass plate on the Litany-desk is inscribed, 'To the glory of God and in memory of Margaret Olive Rhys James, at rest March 16, 1915, aged 8 years; also to Gwerydd Mary, her sister, at rest June 11th, 1913, aged 6 months. Blessed are the pure in heart.' Printed in the Litany Service Book are the words: 'To the glory of God and in affectionate remembrance of Charles Clifford Thompson, died November 21st, 1918, from his loving wife and dear ones.'

The service touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a picked band under the leadership of Mr. George Hawke, conductor of the Doncaster Parish Church ringers, who, by the way, was made an honorary member of the local Association on the Wednesday previous. There were altogether about fifty ringers present for the dedication from the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association, including Sheffield, Pontefract, Selby, Bolsover, Mansfield Woodhouse, Huddersfield, Doncaster and other places.

### THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

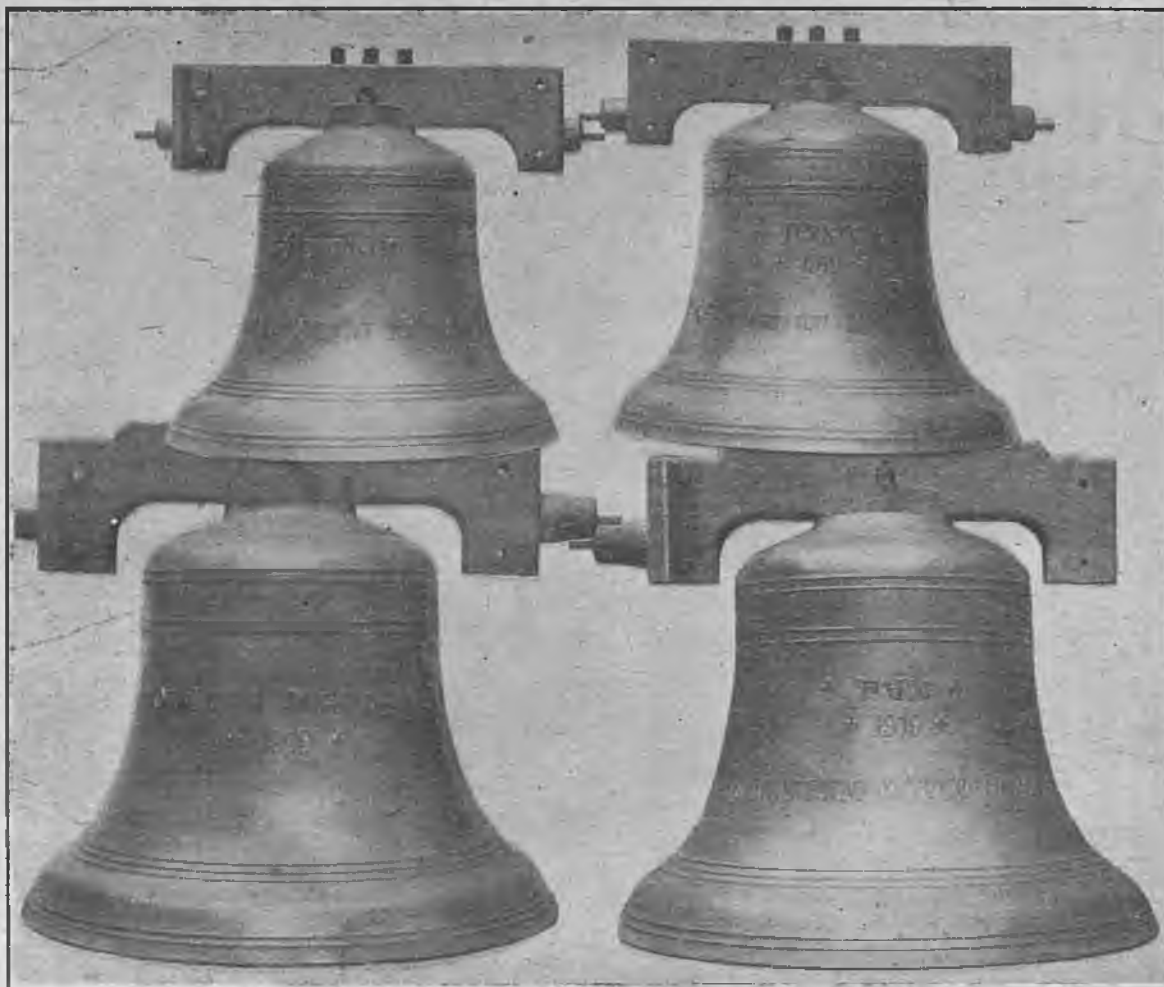
The service was attended by a large congregation, including the members of the local Comrades of the Great War organisation. The processional hymn was 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven.' The lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Rolfe, Rector of Kirk Bramwith, and Rural Dean. The dedication ceremony took place after the hymn 'Christ is our cornerstone,' following the lesson—first the bells, then the clock, the memorial tablet, the Litany desk, and the Litany Service Book, in their order.

Dr. Burrows based his address upon the words: 'Have they not heard? Yea, verily, their sound went into all the earth.' He said that the Arksey bells had been celebrated for the beauty of their tone. There were six of them, and two more had now been added to complete the peal. Although not an expert of bell ringing himself, he was very keen on bell ringing, and he knew there were many things that could be rung on eight bells that could not be rung on six. He had to deal with hundreds of faculties for war memorials, and he knew no more appropriate memorial than these two bells, one for the fallen and one for the peace which had not yet culminated.

Turning to the young, his Lordship said he hoped they would never again live to know the suffering, the horrors, and the wickedness of war. He had dedicated in that church a memorial such as he had every reason to believe they were going to put up in every parish church in the land, a memorial plain, simple, permanent, and enduring.



## WESTMINSTER ABBEY'S NEW PEACE BELLS.



The above picture is of historic interest, for the bells are the four new bells placed in Westminster Abbey, as part of the restoration carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The treble is inscribed with the word 'Faith,' in capitals, and the words 'Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory.'

The 2nd bears the word 'Ruth,' and 'There is none other that fighteth for us.'

The 3rd, the casting of which was witnessed by the King and Queen, has upon it 'The Lord of Hosts is with us.'

A Latin inscription is on the 4th: 'Pax' and the words 'Deus canticum novum cantabo tibi.' On all the bells is the date 1919. The capital letters are in the 'Somerset' type, and the smalls in Old English.

ing, to those men, whether they went to church or chapel, or nothing at all, simply as parishioners giving their lives to their King and country. He had visited 62 parishes in his primary visitation. Every single parish had risen to the idea with enthusiasm, but at Arksey they had got the memorial already. If not, the first it was the second parish to carry out this most important duty.

Turning to the Comrades of the War, Dr. Burrows said he could imagine nothing more appropriate and eloquent than their presence on a Bank Holiday afternoon to do honour to their comrades and fellow parishioners who had given their lives in the war. They above all had a right to be present, to thank God for His mercy to them individually, to praise His Name for the self-sacrifice of those who had given their lives for their country. Besides that touching memorial they had three others dedicated that day to the glory of God. There was the clock now restored and fitted up with Cambridge chimes, given in memory of two faithful parishioners; the Litany desk in memory of two little children of their Vicar and his wife, lying there in the parish amongst them; and then the Litany desk book, to the memory of one who had played the organ in that church, and given by his wife and dear ones, that his memory might be kept green. Meeting as they did in that beautiful house of God, one of the most beautiful in the diocese, their memories were carried back into the past. The pulpit in which he was standing dated from the time of Charles I., the first bell was put in in the time of Charles II., whilst the church itself

self dated back to the early Edwards.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, 'The Church's one foundation.'

A great parish tea was provided in the grounds at Arksey Hall, by kind permission of Mr. Nuttall. The Bishop and Mrs. Burrows visited the grounds and chatted with the people.

During the day there was much ringing on the bells, whose beautiful tones were greatly admired.

## THE LATE MR. J. W. TAYLOR.

At Henley, Suffolk, on June 26th, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association started for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with the clappers half-muffled, as a last tribute to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, whose firm restored and augmented the bells at this church in 1902. Unfortunately the peal came to grief after one hour's ringing, and a second attempt failed after 2½ hours; Edward Jenkins 1, Rev. Wm. C. Pearson 2, Albert Fleming 3, James Rose 4, George Fleming 5, Thomas W. Last 6, William Burgess 7, Arthur S. Boar 8.

## REV. H. A. COCKEY MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund is now closed, and the total receipts are £32 10s. 8d. The committee wish to thank everyone who has helped to make the fund such a success.

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## CROYDON, SURREY.



**BELFRY GOSSIP.**

The signing of the Treaty of Peace on Saturday was the signal for the ringing of the church bells throughout the country, and many peals and touches were rung. On Sunday also there was a good deal of special ringing, both before and after services.

The President of the Midlands Association (Mr. A. T. King) has now gone to reside at 'The Summit,' Stevenage, Herts.

The attention of ringers is called to the announcement of the publications of the Central Council in another column. The Legitimate Methods Collection ought to be in the hands of every ringer, and the Collections of Peals in the possession of every conductor, actual and prospective.

At Penn, Bucks, a new treble is being added by Messrs. Neary and Stainbank to make a peal of six, and the bells are to be rehung in new fittings and framework.

When the High Wycombe ringers were on an excursion to neighbouring towers, they were met at Long Crendon by Mr. David Warner whose age is 81. The veteran rang the treble in a touch of 210 Grand sire Triples, the 2nd being rung by a lad of 13, the son of Mr. J. B. Barnes, of Missenden.

It is reported that there has been an 'indignation strike' of ringers at Brentwood, caused by their being reprimanded for having killed 14 pairs of jack-laws in the tower. The authorities, however, eventually decided to wire the tower windows, whereupon the strike was called off.

We regret that various reports and peals are unavoidably held over.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****WAR MEMORIAL PROPOSAL.**

At the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild, the Bishop of Winchester was elected president, in place of Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P. (re-signed). The Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master for many years, was elected to the new executive office of Vice-President, and Mr. George Williams being appointed Master of the Guild. It was also decided to ask the Rev. Sir John Herschel, Bart., Rector of West Cunden, to become hon. secretary (a post which Mr. George Williams has filled with conspicuous success for some years).

The Rev. W. E. Catcher was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. Geo. Smith (Twyford) was appointed auditor, in the place of the late Mr. H. White; Mr. T. W. Fairley was re-appointed Recorder of Peals, and Mr. W. Shepherd was elected as one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council.

It was also resolved, on the recommendation of the committee, that the Guild's memorial to fallen members should be the addition of two new bells to Winchester Cathedral, to make a peal of twelve, and a tablet, bearing the names of the men who made the supreme sacrifice, placed in the Cathedral. The cost is estimated at about £300, of which the Guild voted the first £100 from its reserve funds.

After the meeting the members attended service in the Cathedral the Rev. C. D. P. Davies being the preacher.

A fuller report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**

The society celebrated its 296th anniversary on Friday last, when a very enjoyable day was spent. Visitors began to arrive early, and came from the Isle of Wight (3), Croydon, Cambridge, Bishop Stortford, Stansted and London. Ringing commenced at 9 o'clock with an excellent touch of Stedman Caters rung by the local company. Mixed bands kept the bells going till the service at 12.30, when an instructive sermon was preached by the Vicar. The company then adjourned to the Abbey Hotel, where a capital luncheon was provided by Mr. Seathney. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Pitslow, who thanked the Vicar for his excellent sermon, and for being present with them at luncheon.—The Vicar replied that he was very pleased indeed to be present, and to have the opportunity of saying how glad he was to have such a renowned company of ringers, and to meet their old friends and acquaintances. Other toasts included 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. F. Dench, and replied to by Mr. W. Prior and Mr. Roper; and 'The Chairman,' proposed by the Vicar. The company then proceeded to the Church, where touches of Grand sire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung, the day's ringing being concluded by a well-struck touch of 380 Stedman Cinques.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.****A MEMORIAL TABLET.**

At a recent meeting, it was decided to erect a peal board in the ringing room of the Parish Church as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., who was one of the donors of the treble bell.

The board will be one of solid oak, comprising five panels. The first panel will record the Armistice peal, rung on December 4th last year which was the first on the bells, and which proved to be the last in which Mr. Cresswell took part; two other panels will record the other two peals rung during the same week.

The cost of the peal board will be about £28, and about £10 has already been promised. The work will be put in hand as soon as the funds will allow. It has been suggested that other members of the Guild may be glad to join in the memorial by contributing towards the cost.

**NOTICES.**

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 5th. Service in the Abbey at 3 p.m.; meeting in the Abbey Church House at 4 p.m.; tea at Messrs. Taylor's, New Bond Street, 5.15 p.m. Bells available: St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, St. Saviour's and Twerton.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northampton District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; tea at 5; Service at 6.15.—T. Law, District Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C. A District meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, July 5th, at 4 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members are asked to make known the following fixtures for the month of July: Beaconsfield, Saturday, July 5th, at 5.30; Amersham, Saturday, July 12th, at 4 p.m.; Oxford, Annual Festival, Saturday, July 19th, all day; Slough, Saturday, July 26th, at 7 o'clock. Tea at Amersham at 6 o'clock on sending word to W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec., Farnburn Avenue, nr. Slough.

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

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Liversedge Parish Church on Saturday, July 5th. The draw will take place at the Albion Hotel, the headquarters for the day, at 2.45 prompt.—W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

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

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

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea (1/-) will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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

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

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tower Secretaries should advise me as early as possible how many of their members expect to attend.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, July 12th. The bells (10) will be open at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar. Service at 5; tea in the Parish Room, Lesbourne Road, at 5.45. Will those attending tea kindly inform Mr. Ewins of Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate, not later than Thursday the 10th? Price of tea 9d. to members and 1/3 to visitors.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Eddingham on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening, Service in the Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Five Bells Hotel at 4.45 p.m.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Aughton on July 12th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 5.30.—Rev. E. C. Collier and Walter Hughes, Secs.

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

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

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Ilkley, on Saturday, July 12th, for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a memorial brass to the late Mr. Wm. Snowdon. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Ilkley Church Institute at a charge of 1/3 per head to all who notify me not later than first post on Tuesday, July 8th. Tea cannot be guaranteed to any not observing this request.—Percy J. Johnson, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 19th. Bells available from 2.30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Will those who require tea kindly notify me before the previous Thursday? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, 1/- each to all giving notice not later than July 15th.—B. Redgwell, Rayne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, Warrington, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available 3 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 2.30; Committee meeting 3.45; Service 4.30. Tea can be provided in Bishop Ryder's Schools at a reasonable charge at 5 o'clock for those who notify Mr. James George, 13, Dolman Road, Aston, Birmingham, not later than July 14th. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8), and St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available during the evening.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

**CAMPSALL**, near Doncaster (8 bells).—The Pontefract ringers propose to have a ringing afternoon at Campsall on Saturday, July 19th, which will be the 4th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Any ringing friends heartily welcome, and those requiring tea please notify W. Pearson, 2, Lynd Villas, Bank's Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Monday, July 14th.

**ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, CLUN.**—It is proposed to place an oak peal board in the ringing room of St. George's Church, as a memorial to the Rev. V. A. Cresswell, M.A., an enthusiastic member of the Hereford Guild, and subscriptions towards the cost will be gratefully received by W. Mead, Hon. Sec., 1, Market Place, Clun.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

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The Southern District of the London County Association resumed their meetings at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday week, after a lapse of four years, owing to the war. The start proved an excellent one, about forty members being present, and ringing took place in various methods up to 8 p.m. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Master, Mr. H. Burton; secretary, Mr. F. Smith; treasurer, Mr. H. Mance; steward, Mr. G. Harman.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H. S. Ellis, the retiring Master, and eight new members were elected, including two ladies.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on the third Saturday in August, and monthly meetings are to be held at All Saints', Fulham, of which due notice will appear.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. Bolton for having the tower in readiness, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Touches on the handbells concluded the evening.

**GOOD BEGINNING AT DARTFORD.**

One of the first fruits of an attempt to form a real live change ringing band at Holy Trinity, Dartford, was a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung for evening service on June 8th, by: W. J. Wheadon 1, M. G. Bates 2, F. Ellis 3, R. Smith 4, R. Morgan 5, J. Wheadon 6, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor), 7, E. Brown 8. It was the longest length in any method by the ringers of 1 and 3; and also on the bells since they were recast and rebung.

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