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FINANCIAL STRESS.

The heavy decline in the purchasing power of money is being felt in the operations of the various ringing organisations, and nearly all of them have been forced by necessity to raise the amount of the annual subscriptions of their ordinary and non-resident members. The growing cost of everything has made this inevitable, and those societies which, like the Oxford Guild the other day, have only added fifty per cent. to the modest shilling which was previously the amount of the ordinary member's contribution, have dealt very modestly with the position. There is, naturally, a keen desire not to increase the affiliation fee more than is absolutely essential; but Associations, whose subscriptions are to be only eighteenpence in the future, will have to go very economically to work if they are to make ends meet each year.

In the past some Associations have not been very ready in the disposal of their funds for the benefit of their members, and if any of them have laid up a store thereby, they will probably to-day be congratulating themselves upon their successful financial policy. Now, however, it behoves all to keep a close hand upon the purse strings. At the same time there is one direction in which it might be well if societies gave some help. The increase in railway fares, which comes into operation to-day, may have some effect upon the attendance at ringing meetings. In the case of district gatherings large numbers of ringers reach the venue in these days by road, but it is not unlikely that the new impost may bear hardly upon those who wish to attend an Association's annual meeting or festival. There has been much fuss made about the additional burden which the new fares will place upon holiday makers, but the extra expense added to a week or fortnight's holiday would seem a bagatelle beside a similar additional expense added to the cost of a single day's outing.

Some few Associations, notably the Sussex County, give a grant towards the railway fares of members attending meetings, and it is possible that provincial Associations generally may find it in future good policy to expend money in this direction. It is a matter that needs to be very carefully approached, or a society might quickly head for bankruptcy. On the other hand, the new fares are almost certain to curtail attendances at meetings where considerable distances have to be travelled, and a falling off in this direction might lead to a diminution of interest and eventual loss of membership. Those who make the effort to attend meetings, particularly at a distance, deserve encouragement, and grants towards the increased fares might help to maintain attendances, and thereby promote the interests of ringing. The matter is important, and Associations ought not to lose sight of it.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

STEPNEY, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
RICHARD HAYES 2	JAMES SCHOLES 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
WILLIAM J. KEMP 5	THOMAS LANGDON ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

First peal in the method by Mr. R. Hayes, of Haslemere.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY JAMES TUCKER ... Treble	THOMAS JORDAN 6
FREDERICK BIRD 2	THOMAS J. WAITS 7
HARRY M. WHITE 3	WALTER WM. TUCKER ... 8
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 4	HENRY DEW 9
WALTER PRIOR 5	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

Rung on the centenary of the opening of the ten bells on July 20th, 1820.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*LEONARD G. BOOTH ... Treble	TRAYTON BOOTH 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 6
JOHN H. EDWARDS 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	*CHARLES G. CREASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. Mr. Kilby, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Willesden, the rest belong to the local band. The treble ringer is 14 years of age.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HENRY J. LANGSTON ... Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
WALTER SADLER 2	*ROBERT E. U. FISHER ... 6
JOHN C. NEWMAN 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... 4	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal at first attempt. John Sadler's rooth peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the peace celebrations.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5340 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT J. GARBETT ... Treble	JOHN E. SMITH 5
THOMAS H. PARKIN 2	CYRIL POLLARD 6
THOMAS STRICKLAND ... 3	*RICHARD OLIVER 7
GEORGE O. DIXON 4	†SYDNEY ACSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD OLIVER.

* First peal conducted. † First peal rung.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD WIGG Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 6
*GEORGE BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. E. Wigg belongs to London, and was elected a life member of the association before starting for the peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN A. SMITH Treble	THOMAS VALLENCE 5
FREDERICK KILBORN 2	T. HENRY HARDY 6
MISS HILDA WILLSON 3	JAMES HARRIS 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Ed. Norman, local Secretary of the M.C.A., and a member of St. John's Society, and Miss Nellie Norman, the band wishing the bride and groom every happiness.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM WEBB... .. Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 6
*HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*R. HENRY BARTRAM... .. 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise. First Surprise peal on the bells. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd for the excellent manner in which he rang the method. He is only 17 years of age, and on joining the above Society early in the present year his greatest achievement had been Grandsire Doubles.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

— HASTINGS Treble	EDWARD H. JOHNSON... .. 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	WILLIAM SIMPSON 6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
HUBERT SUMMERS 4	WILLIAM CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PERVIN.

Rung on the Festival of St. James, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCOLA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY J. LANGSTON Treble	JAMES FLEUTY 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... .. 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The author's composition No. 170.

HIGHWEEK, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER, BRANCH.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	EDMUND SARGENT 5
CHARLES CARTER 2	FRANK MURPHY 6
THOMAS BARTLETT 3	JAMES MOSS 7
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4	ALFRED MONKLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 25, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	THOMAS F. KING 5
*HORACE TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*CHARLES DOEL 3	*CHARLES ANDREWS 7
PERCY W. CAVE 4	*WILLIAM BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 26, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

*HERBERT LAMBERT Treble	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT... .. 5
REGINALD O. STREET 2	ALBERT BRST 6
*LEONARD G. STONE 3	GEORGE PRESTON 7
*ROY VINCENT 4	HARRY PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal and first attempt. This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the wedding of First Class Petty Officer A. Gizard to Miss F. Stone, daughter of Mr. W. G. Stone, one of the local ringers, and sister of L. G. Stone. All the band were taught their ringing in the above tower by the conductor.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANK'S 6-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lbs.

*PERCY SHUKER Treble	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 5
†ANTHONY MERCER 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
HARRY SHUKER 4	*GEORGE SHUKER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK STONELEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a Bob bell. Rung to celebrate the birthday and the thirtieth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. A. Anderton, rector. The ringers of the treble and tenor are the sons of the ringer of the 4th.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 29, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST LINCOLN Treble	JOHN C. DICKIN 5
ROBERT RICHES... .. 2	JACOB FILBY... .. 6
GEORGE FILBY 3	WALTER RICHES 7
JOHN ETHERIDGE 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged for Mr. J. C. Dickin, of Beeston, Notts, who was on a visit to Fressingfield, and who was elected a member of this Association previous to starting.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 31, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bertholine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SUTTON Treble	*GEORGE WHALLEY 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
RICHARD SHERRATT 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
JOHN BRASSINGTON 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Taylor's Six-Part by Fred Rigby.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN MARSDEN Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE, JUN. 5
*GEORGE W. BRINDLE 2	FRED RIGBY 6
*RICHARD CLAYTON 3	†WALTER BLACKLEDGE 7
TOM LOFTHOUSE 4	GEORGE HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. This is the first peal ever rung in the town of Chorley by a local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

On Monday, June 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

H. J. HARLOW, late R.E. ... Treble	*W. G. BLAND, late R.F. ... 4
*H. SMITH .. M.G.C. 2	R. KENDALL .. R.D.F. 5
*S. A. SMITH .. B.I.Y. 3	E. WHITE .. R.E. ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITE.

* First peal. This peal is the first rung in the County of Bedford and for the Bedfordshire Association entirely by Ex-Service men.

DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

Ten different callings.

*PERCY SHUKER Treble	JOSEPH HALL 4
MISS EMMA TONGE 2	FRANK STONELEY 5
†ANTHONY MAIN 3	*MISS ENIE TINDALL Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell to Miss Tindall, who is leaving with the Rector (the Rev. A. Tindall) on his appointment to Ventnor, Isle of Wight. First peal on the bells.

WOOD DITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Being 42 six scores of Grandsire, and 20 six scores Plain Bob.

†MISS V. SHORTER Treble	*R. SHARPE 3
P. FORDHAM 2	†H. STANNARD 4
†R. LATHBURY Tenor	

Conducted by R. LATHBURY.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

LAVENDON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2x six-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. ap.

CHARLES COCKING Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HERBERT ROBINSON 4
HENRY STAPLETON Tenor	

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

This was the first peal on the bells.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM E. WHITE Treble	THOMAS H. KIRKBY 4
WALTER WHITE 2	WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells recently augmented from two by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. Messrs. W. E. and W. White and T. Squires are from Cotgrave; Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston; T. H. Kirkby, Nottingham; and W. Willson, Leicester.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BROOKS Treble	JOHN BASS 4
ALFRED DAVIES 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the unveiling of a memorial tablet erected in the church recording the names of the fifty-three men of the parish who fell in the Great War.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN BEAVAN Treble	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 4
EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 2	JOHN CLARKE 5
WILLIAM POSTON 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Woolhope being his birthplace.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight and Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	JOSEPH LAST 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 3	GEORGE R. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

RUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

MATTHEW TIMBERS Treble	*RICHARD H. BARBER ... 4
FREDERICK J. BARBER ... 2	WALTER FORD 5
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 21, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

In the Tower of St. Giles' Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

ERNEST J. KING 1-2	ISAAC ATTWATER 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 7-8
WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 9-10	

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

Umpires: Messrs. CHALLIS F. WINNEY and ROBERT C. CHAPPEL.

First peal on handbells by all except Mr. Attwater and the conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells by the Association. Also first peal by the local society. The band are all Ex-Service men.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Little Walsingham, Suffolk on May 23rd, and published as a Norwich and Ipswich peal, should have been credited, we are informed, to the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Association.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

THE MEMORIAL FUND.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association was held at Olveston on Saturday, July 17th. A party making the journey from Bristol in a lorry bus reached Olveston soon after 3 o'clock, and received a very hearty welcome from the local ringers. The fine peal of 8 bells was kept busy in various methods until the service, at which the Rev. Canon Fisher (Vicar) officiated. By the kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Fisher, the party was entertained at the Vicarage to an excellent tea to which some 40 members and friends sat down. The Vicar presided at the business meeting at which several new members were elected, including Mr. T. White, who had been a ringer at Olveston for over 53 years. During the meeting the Hon. Sec. (Mr. E. Guise) referred to the memorial scheme, stating that there was about £70 in hand, but that a good deal more was wanted. He impressed upon the members the necessity of doing their utmost to make it a success. Mr. J. Little suggested passing round 'the hat,' and as a result the sum of £1 10s. was added to the fund.

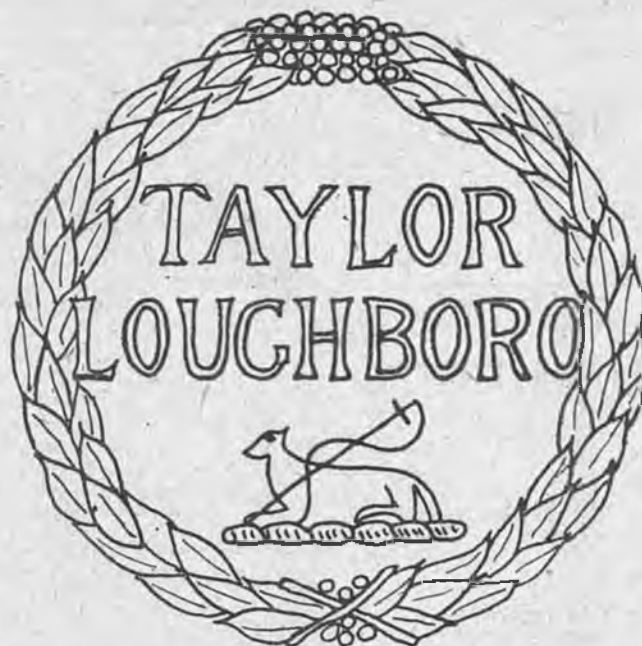
Mr. H. T. Howell thanked the chairman and Mrs. Fisher, on behalf of the branch for their kindness in entertaining the Association and the Canon suitably replied.

Some of the party then went on to Thornbury, where the fine peal of 8 bells were made good use of, while others had the pleasure of looking over the castle and grounds.

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD'S CENTENARY.

Bishop's Stortford has just celebrated the centenary of the opening of the peal of ten bells at St. Michael's Parish Church by a peal of Grandsire Caters, recorded in another column.

The first mention of bells at this church was in 1430, when the churchwarden's accounts refer to a heavy peal of five, which by 1819 had been increased to eight. In that year the bells were removed for the rebuilding of the tower, and the old bell frame was temporarily re-erected in Market Square, and the bells were re-hung upon it. Remaining there for some weeks, they were then stored for 52 weeks at 1s. 3d. per week. Then the late Mr. Joseph Tucker canvassed the town for subscriptions to provide two new bells to make up the peal to ten. They were re-cast, and the whole peal of ten bells was re-hung in 1820 by Mr. John Briant, of Hertford. In 1822 Mr. Joseph Tucker was appointed to the office of sexton, which was successively held by his widow, the late Mrs. Jemima Tucker; his son, the late Mr. W. H. Tucker, and his grandson, Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Langham House, Thorley, until the office was abolished in 1904. By July 19th, 1820, the bells had been re-hung, and the ringers were entertained to a dinner in anticipation of the opening on the following day. The first peal on the bells was not rung until September 2nd and was accomplished by ten members of the Society of College Youths, who rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes, conducted by Mr. Henry Symondson, senior.

The centenary peal was composed and conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker.

A LEICESTER RINGER'S WEDDING.

Mr. H. Edward Norman and Miss Nellie Norman, of St. John the Divine, Leicester, have joined up for the duration of—life! The bridegroom did a similar act four years ago, but that was until peace was declared only, and then he was put into khaki and pushed off to the uttermost parts of the earth, while the belfry knew him no more. Mesopotamia tanned his hide almost as well as a sergeant-major could do it, and when Ted returned as dark as an Arab, but safe and sound, his footsteps soon found the belfry again, and his thoughts turned towards running in double harness. This culminated in the wedding mentioned above, for the two were made one at St. John's on July 24th, 1920. The wedding march was rendered by the organist, Mr. J. H. Taylor, while the ringers up aloft sent out their message of goodwill to the tune of 5,038 Double Norwich.

At the previous Monday evening practice the Vicar (Rev. Shirley White, M.A.) handed to the prospective groom a silver-plated crust from the company, expressing their hope that it would always be found necessary to use it.

It would require a woman journalist to describe the garments worn at the wedding; the more prosaic writer is content to say both wore clothes and a huge smile and a very happy time was spent later in the adjoining schoolroom, where a reception, tea and social was held, when song, speech and handbells reigned in perfect harmony until a later hour. Ted Norman has rung in many peals both in hand and on the tower bells, and a right good fellow is he. May the present peal 'in hand' be a long one.

W. W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

On Saturday, July 24th, the 39th Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading. Proceedings commenced with service at St. Laurence's Church, for which good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung by early arrivals. A most inspiring address was given by the Rev. F. Burnett, of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Reading, who preached from the last verse of Psalm lxxvii. (Bible Version) 'As well the singers, as the players on instruments, shall be there; all my springs are in Thee.'

The business meeting was held in the Abbey Hall, and was attended by 104 members, representing 52 towers. Alterations were made to two of the rules. The annual subscription was raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d., to date from the end of the current year. To make life membership prohibitive, the 15s. in Rule VI. has been increased to £2 2s., and a non-resident life member will be required to pay 5s. instead of 3s. 6d., as heretofore.

The officers were re-elected, and the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) was voted an honourarium of £20 in recognition of past services. Dinner took place in the Small Town Hall the Mayor of Reading (Dr. Abram) presiding over a company of 136.

After the usual toasts the members dispersed, and ringing, which was above the average for a general meeting, was indulged in at St. Laurence's (10 bells), St. Mary's and St. Giles, Reading; Caversham, Tilehurst, Sonning, Shiplake Twyford (8 bells each), Pangbourne and Furlay (6 bells each). The towers of Mapledurham and Shinfield (8 bells each) were also open, but were too far afield for visitors to reach.

LOWESTOFT'S BELLS. DEDICATION OF THE NEW PEAL.

As briefly announced in our last issue a peal of eight bells has been placed in the Parish Church of St. Margaret, Lowestoft, and was dedicated by the Dean of Norwich (Dr. Willink) at evensong of the Patronal Festival. One of the reasons that have prevented placing a peal of bells in Lowestoft before has been the fact that the tower was not considered safe to hold them. The Rector (Rev. Evan Morgan) worked with enthusiasm to get the tower put in order and this accomplished, Mr. T. Sergeant, who for many years had set his heart on seeing a peal erected in the church, very quickly collected the funds necessary to achieve the object. The bells and fittings are the product of the Loughborough Foundry and they are specially interesting, as will be seen from the inscriptions; which are as follows:

Treble — 'Presented by J. W. Brooke and Co., Ltd., Lowestoft, 1920.'

(2).— 'Dedicated to Lowestoft Fishermen, Fred Spashett.'

(3).— 'The Drifters' Bell, presented by the Lowestoft Steam Herring Drifters' Co., Ltd.'

(4).— 'Given by Charlotte Sims, in memory of her parents, two brothers, and one sister.'

(5).— 'Trawlers' Bell, subscribed by the trade.'

(6).— 'The Gallant Dead 1914-1918.'

(7).— 'This bell was dedicated to the memory of Skipper Thomas Crisp, V.C., of the trawler "Nelson," who gave his life for his country, August 15th, 1917.'

Tenor.— 'John and Sarah Breach, given in loving memory by their sons and daughters.'

The dedication was attended, says the 'Lowestoft Journal,' by a crowded congregation and was performed by the Dean, in the course of an impressive service. The Dean preached an eloquent sermon from the words, 'Render therefore to all their dues . . . honour to whom honour is due.' They had assembled, said the preacher, to dedicate that peal of bells, a noble addition to the equipment of their noble church, in grateful memory to those who died that we might live. Surely, he added, we were doing the right thing in thus gathering together to praise God and to tell our brothers how they thanked them. This was but one of the memorials which this parish and this grateful town intended to dedicate to Almighty God. But no finer memorial could be imagined than this. Their church was wonderfully equipped in many ways, but he remembered how in olden days it had ever lacked a peal of bells. From that night the reproach was rolled away and those bells, which for a transient moment they had listened to, would for all succeeding generations tell by their melodious chimes what was in the hearts of all that day. It would be what few memorials were, an appeal to the ear as well as to the eye and to the heart. He warmly congratulated their church, and indeed the borough upon this great accession to their equipment. He thanked God that it was put into the hearts of the generous donors to come forward in such a wonderful way to provide the necessary funds for the completion of this memorial. By this peal of bells they were proving to this and future generations their thankfulness to God for the heroism of their dead who sacrificed themselves for home and God and liberty. Such a death was immortality, and they were enshrining their memories in the melody of those bells, whose message he could best give in those Norman French words which literally defied translation, and yet sent home the message to every heart—*Noblesse Oblige*. The preacher concluded by pointing the lessons of the responsibilities that were theirs through their blessings and privileges.

The first touch on the bells was 42 Grandsire Triples: Chas. E. Borrett (conductor) treble, Frederick Knights 2nd, Frederick St. Borrett 3rd, George H. Cross 4th, Albert Rought 5th, John Oldham 6th, Frederick H. Knights 7th, Arthur L. Coleman 8th.

At the conclusion of the service 288 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major and a touch of Bob Major were rung, and the bells were then lowered in peal.

Subsequently, on the invitation of Mr. Sergeant, the ringers were entertained to supper at the Crown Hotel. The Rector of Lowestoft was in the chair, and included in the company were the churchwardens (Messrs. H. W. Bevan and C. D. Dance, jun.), Mr. Lancelot Orde, Mr. Woodley, Mr. J. Oldham and Mr. L. Dexter (representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the bellfounders).

At the conclusion of the repast the Rector warmly thanked the members of the Diocesan Association of Ringers for coming there that evening to ring St. Margaret's Bells. He cordially acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Sergeant in raising the money for the bells.

Mr. Coleman returned thanks for the ringers and said how fitting it was that the Dean, who was President of the Association, should have been present that evening to dedicate the bells. — Mr. C. Borrett spoke highly of the bells. They were of beautiful tone, and it was a pleasure to ring them.

Mr. J. Oldham, on behalf of his firm, acknowledged the compliment paid.

Mr. T. Sergeant, who was received with warm applause said he had had at heart the provision of a peal of bells for St. Margaret's

ever since he came to Lowestoft. But the state of the tower prevented him carrying out the idea. When, however, the architect pronounced the tower safe and sound, he got to work and obtained money for the bells of Lowestoft. The bells were variously inscribed. There was the one, 'To the Gallant Dead,' the Drifters' Bell, and the Trawlers' Bell, provided by those engaged in the industries. Then there was the Breach bell, given by members of that highly respected family; and there was the V.C. bell, to the memory of gallant Skipper Crisp. So in one way and another the peal was very comprehensive. He added that his father was instrumental in obtaining a peal of bells and chimes for Bedford, and that example must have inspired him to do the same for St. Margaret's. When those bells rang to-night, concluded Mr. Sergeant, I said to myself: My father hears these bells.

Mr. Woodley formerly a ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral (who had been mentioned by the Rector as willing to form and teach a band of ringers), said he was prepared to do what he could. It would be uphill work, but if the young men who volunteered would only put their hearts into it they would soon learn, and there was no reason why they should not have a good guild of ringers for St. Margaret's (hear, hear).

Some of the ringers then gave selections on the handbells, and thanks to the Rector ended a very delightful time.

THE LEICESTER CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There would have been no controversy had Mr. Morris confined himself to the subject of his first letter. He wishes to know who gave me permission to answer for Leicester. I have the authority of those 8 and 10 bell societies to whom his letter referred—the society who, while they openly scoffed at his 6-bell performances, were very glad of his help in scoring their 8 and 10 bell peals. Mr. Morris only rang 8 and 10 bell peals with our society in Leicester. This was the society that gave him every opportunity to become a first-class ringer. If my assertions be deliberate lies, how does he reconcile the fact, that from the time St. Martin's Society commenced ringing Major methods we had a company who rang Double Norwich, Superlative and London for Sunday services among our Sunday ringers? My letter, he says, teems with self-glory in order to belittle him. I hope that he will believe me when I say that it is impossible for me to do this. Now, my position as a ringer at St. Martin's does not warrant me in either giving or refusing permission for the use of the bells. Mr. Morris says that he would like the views of other members of St. Martin's. Those views were expressed in my last letter which was sent for publication at their request. Unfortunately, not being a believer in spiritualism I cannot get the views of past members.

Mr. Morris compares the performances he called with the peals of our society, again to his glorification. I was much too modest to give mine. 'Agreed' they do compare very favourably, in numbers.

Now, when Mr. Morris accuses me of making attacks on him during his sad bereavement and to do so knowingly, he does me an injustice; my reply was posted the Sunday following the publication of his letter, at that time we had not heard of the illness of his wife. But if he could publish his accusation, a letter that was underlined with venom, then most certainly he must read a letter in defence. Does Mr. Morris think that I have nothing better to do than run round after every Tom, Dick or Harry who make public their wild statements and then squeal when they have a reply by the same medium. In reference to the assertion that no one has a chance to call a peal at our church but myself, surely it is up to me if I obtain permission to attempt a peal to find a conductor?

Failing that I certainly call it, I leave this question to those who do know whether any chances are to be had. Finally, remember there are two sorts of conductors, one who does it all for self-glory, the second who does it to oblige the band and would prefer others to do it. I suppose Mr. Morris claims to belong to the second, certainly.

Yours faithfully,

FRED. H. DEXTER.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the Northern Division was held at Great Wymondley on Saturday July 17th. A bright service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Smith, who also presided at the organ. Tea and business meeting followed in the Parish Room. The Rev. A. L. Smith was unanimously voted to the chair—Three new members were elected, and the chairman was elected an honorary member.—It was proposed and carried that the Association meet at Wymondley once a year in the month of July.—Thanks were expressed by all members present for the free tea, very kindly provided by the Rev. A. L. Smith.—Had it been a fine afternoon there would undoubtedly have been a better attendance.—The usual vote of thanks was expressed for the use of the bells and for the service in church. Ringing was resumed after tea, and later the members adjourned to St. Ippolyts, bringing a very happy afternoon to a close. Touches were rung in eight different methods, including Cambridge Surprise and Worcester.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The third session of the Tenth Council (28th meeting) was held, by kind permission of the Mayor and Corporation, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 25th, 1920, at 11 a.m., when there were present 55 out of 98 representative members, and five out of 14 honorary members, making a total of 60 present out of 112 members on the roll.

Rev. A. H. P. Boughiey (President) was in the chair.

The Mayor of Northampton (Councillor F. Kilby) honoured the opening of the proceedings with his presence and made a graceful speech, extending a hearty welcome to the Town Hall and borough to the assembled members, and withdrew after a brief and cordial acknowledgment from the President, on behalf of the Council.

After prayers, the minutes of the last meeting, having been published some months previously, were taken as read, confirmed and signed. In connection with the minutes the President announced that he had received a gracious reply to the address to the King, and the Hon. Secretary announced that he had received from Mrs. J. W. Taylor a touching reply to the message of condolence.

The President then announced that he had received the Roll of Honour of all save three of the affiliated Guilds and Associations, and that he would commence reading the combined roll at noon precisely.

Apologies for absence were announced as having been received from the hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association on behalf of all their representatives, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. H. Chapman, Mr. C. Edwards, Miss Gillingham, Mr. J. Griffin, Major Hesse, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. W. Jones, Rev. C. C. Marshall, Rev. Canon Papillon and Mr. F. Willey.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the statement of accounts, of which the following is a summary, viz.: Balance in hand last year, £33 5s. 5d.; affiliation fees (including one in arrears), £12 10s.; sale of publications, £16 13s. 2d.; interest on stock £4 5s. 8d. Against this there had been for printing, etc., £1 15s. 3d.; postage, etc., £1 1s. 5d.; leaving in hand this year £63 15s. 7d. The accounts were passed, on the proposal of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baker.

The Hon. Librarian read the statement of the sale of publications, and was heartily congratulated and thanked on the net receipts, £16 13s. 2d., as recorded above, being much the largest annual sum hitherto realised.

The four retiring honorary members, viz., Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. George, Miss N. Gillingham and Mr. H. W. Wilde were unanimously re-elected, on the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. T. H. Beams.

The following were introduced to and shook hands with the President viz.: Mr. A. L. Coleman of the Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association; Mr. W. Shepherd, of the Winchester Diocesan Association; and Mr. J. Cotterell, of the Yorkshire Association.

For the Standing Committee the President proposed, it being seconded by the Rev. M. Kelly, that a library be established for the use of members of any Guild or Association affiliated to the Council. In the course of the discussion which followed the Hon. Librarian expressed his readiness to give a library a home, at least for the time being, in his own house, this kind offer being accepted by acclamation. It was also agreed that details of the scheme be left in the hands of the president, the hon. secretary and the hon. librarian.

The President then read the draft of a circular letter which he had drawn up, embodying the suggestions of the Standing Committee, and which it was proposed to send to clergy having bells in their towers. On the proposal of the President seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, it was resolved to circulate the letter, the suggestion being adopted that it should be sent also to Bishops, Archdeacons and Rural Deans, and that the details be left to the Standing Committee.

The discussion of the foregoing subject was interrupted at noon by the reading of the Roll of Honour, all the members rising in their places. The roll contained about 950 names, the reading of which occupied the President for 25 minutes. Bells in some of the churches were tolled for a short space at the commencement, and the President recited brief prayers at the end.

The report of the Standing Committee on procedure at the meetings of Council stated that the committee had duly considered the subject and were of opinion that it would be best to leave the procedure in the hands of the President.

The Hon. Secretary reported that only seven affiliated Guilds and Associations had signified to him their decision on the question of compulsory powers being conferred on the Council, and that none of them was in favour of it. A few of the members present then reported similarly of the Associations which they represented, and, after a brief discussion, the subject dropped.

For the Peal Collection Committee the President read the report published by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Mr. H. W. Wilde also spoke. The cost of printing the collection of Treble Bob peals would, at present prices, be far beyond the reach of the Council, the Standing Committee having been consulted and being unanimous on

this point. It was accordingly resolved, on the proposal of the President, seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, that the collection be referred again to the Collection Committee.

For the Literature and Press Committee the Rev. C. E. Matthews reported that Mr. R. A. Daniell had handed to him all the material that he had collected for the proposed Bibliography, and that it proved to be exceedingly valuable, showing at the same time the great care and pains that had been bestowed on the matter by Mr. Daniell. For his devoted labours a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Daniell was unanimously passed on the proposal of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young. A proposal to open a subscription for printing the Bibliography was withdrawn, and a resolution, proposed by the President, and seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, was passed, instructing the Committee to continue the work, to prepare a copy to be deposited in the Council Library and publish it in the 'Ringing World,' or in a pamphlet, as funds would permit.

The Rev. H. Law James, for the Methods Committee, moved that the selection of Plain Methods and Little Bob Methods be printed. This was seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and after the incorporation of the words, 'if and when the Council thinks it advisable,' as suggested by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, was duly carried.

It was further proposed by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. R. Narborough, and carried, that it be an instruction to the Committee to print bobs and singles.

A proposal to publish some of the methods in the 'Ringing World,' payment being made by the Council, was lost.

The adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis Committee was moved by Mr. A. T. King, seconded by Mr. G. Williams.—The Rev. H. Law James, having pointed out that two peals had been omitted from the list the President undertook to ask the hon. librarian to insert them before laying up the year's analysis in the library with the archives of the Council, and the report was adopted.—Mr. King having remarked that this committee were in need of some addition to their number, it was proposed by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, and carried unanimously, that the Rev. A. T. Beeston be added to the committee.

Mr. E. A. Young read the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee, drawn up by Mr. E. H. Lewis, stating that members of the committee had been individually consulted with regard to hanging of rings of bells, but that nothing further of special note had been done.—The report was adopted.

The Rev. Canon Elsee for the Bells of Belgium Committee, reported that Mr. Lewis was hoping to go to Belgium in the near future, to obtain trustworthy information as to the real condition of the bells there, the want of accurate particulars having been the chief difficulty.

It was moved by the Rev. Canon Elsee, and seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, that an appeal be sent by this Council to the Bishop of London's Committee, urging the desirability of preserving all towers in the City of London in which there are notable rings of bells. An amendment to include the churches as well as their towers, moved by Mr. G. P. Burton and seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner, having been put to the meeting, was declared lost, and the original motion was then put and carried.

On behalf of Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Hon. Secretary moved that the Council compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal and longest peal rung in each method and on each number of bells. This, having been seconded by the Rev. H. Law James was adopted, and the Rev. A. Beeston, Mr. T. Hervey Beams and the Rev. H. Law James were appointed a committee, to be styled the 'Records Committee,' to carry the resolution into effect.

In the absence of Mr. J. Carter, the consideration of the next subject on the agenda, that of 'Surprise' methods, was postponed.

It was proposed by Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by the Hon. Secretary, and carried unanimously, that the Central Council take steps to approach the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Science and Art Museum with a view to the possibility of obtaining from them the allotment of a suitable space for the exhibition in London of bells, models, papers, drawing, etc., illustrative of campanology as a science and art.

A proposal by the Rev. H. Drake seconded pro forma by Mr. E. A. Young, that arrangements be made for the Council to hold its annual meeting on the Tuesday after the first Sunday after Trinity was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Northampton for their kindness in placing the Council Chamber at their disposal that day, and referred especially to the compliment conferred on them by the Mayor in personally welcoming them that morning.—The vote was passed with cordial unanimity.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. F. Wilford for all the care and trouble that he had bestowed in making arrangements for the meeting, in particular for obtaining the use of the comfortable chamber in which they had met, and also for all the other excellent arrangements that he had made as regards ringing and in every possible direction.—The vote was carried with acclamation.

The Rev. Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the President, which was likewise carried with acclamation, and after a few words from the President in acknowledgment of the vote, the meeting adjourned.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head at Ye Old Beverlie.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Allensmore on Saturday, August 7th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea, 6d. each to members, in Schoolroom 6.15.—C. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by Canon J. E. Dawson (Rector). Tea at 5.30, and business meeting to follow, in the Village Hall. Half fares up to 2/- allowed.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Street, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7. Business: Nominations for President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and four representatives for the Central Council.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, August 14th, at Mildenhall. Bells 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. District Sec., Newmarket.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Nominations for President, General Secretary, and four representatives for Central Council.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. Business: Nominations for President, General Secretary, Treasurer, four Central Council representatives, Branch Secretary and Committeeman.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southwold District.—A meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, August 14th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Naunton, Hon. District Sec.

WHISTON, ROTHERHAM.—The unveiling of a memorial peal tablet will take place on Saturday, August 14th, at 4.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Bells available after the ceremony.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (Peterston Station) on Saturday, August 14th, at 4.30. Tea provided free.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, August 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Vicarage, 5.30. All ringers welcome.—A. Talbot, Hon. Dist. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrokeshire.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, District Sec., West Hill, Hitchin.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, August 14th.—Bells ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. The bells at Whiston will also be available.—S. J. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available at 3. Short service at 5, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Barrett). Tea at 6 at the "Maypole" Inn, followed by the business meeting. Tea will only be supplied to those who notify me by first post on Wednesday, August 18th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. District Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available 4 and 9 p.m. Other meetings more central are to be arranged later.—C. D. Potter, Sec., Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—It has been found necessary to postpone the Ringing Festival at Lanhydrock on August 11th.—John Symons, Penzance.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—Combined practice will be held on Thursday, August 19th, at St. Mary's, Putney, from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. District Sec.

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

MR. J. SADLER'S 'CENTURY.'

It is unusual to find a ringer with a hundred peals to his credit and yet not to have rung a peal of Triples. Mr. John Sadler reached his century at Peering, Essex on July 19th, and his total is made up of the following:—Bob Major 15, Double Norwich 26, Oxford Treble Bob 17, Kent Treble Bob 12, Superlative Surprise 20, Cambridge Surprise 9, Minor in 7 Method, 1.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

Over 30 members attended the meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association held at East Peckham on July 17th, when they were entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Rev. G. C. B. and Mrs. Ryley. The Vicar also conducted a special service. The next meeting is to be held at Staplehurst.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. H. A. COCKEY.

A dedication service will be held at St. Anne's Church, Oldland Common, near Bristol, on Saturday, August 14th, 1920. Service, which will commence at 4 p.m., will be taken by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Tea in School Hall, at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Tickets for tea can be obtained from any of the Branch Secretaries of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, or direct from Edgar Guise, 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol. Will all those who knew the Rev. H. A. Cockey make a special effort to attend?

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