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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Archdeacon, Diocesan Secretary.

MODERN WORK

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

When the Central Council met at Whitsuntide it found time to discuss the question of raising and falling of bells in peal; the subject being initiated with a view to reviving what some people believe to be a gradually disappearing practice. This matter was on the agenda three years ago, but was crowded out for want of time. It proved, however, a subject that interested the members, judging from the number who spoke, but for the most part they were able to say that in the particular districts which they represented raising and falling in peal is not becoming a decadent art. This was gratifying, and goes to point to the fact that perhaps the practice is not slowly dying out, after all. Everyone admits that the musical effect of a good 'rise' or 'fall' is very charming, and to the ordinary public the most impressive of all ringing.

This being so, why do not ringers universally adopt this practice? There are several reasons that may be advanced, although they may not be reasons that are insurmountable. While good raising and falling has a charm of its own, nothing sounds worse than when it is badly done, and, we believe, ringers, with no experience in this practice, refrain from taking it up merely because they are afraid of the clashing they are likely to make. It may or may not be true that a man is not a complete ringer until he can ring up and down in peal; but some men who are proficient strikers when change ringing, are indifferent ringers when it comes to raising and falling, and this being so, it is hardly a wonder that others who know the limit of their abilities at a rope's end, when a bell is well under command, are loth to begin on an operation which requires a nice adjustment when a bell is not under full control. This could, of course, be overcome by practice, but it is just the risk of the jangle that would annoy outside ears that deters many bands from trying.

Among the other and perhaps more legitimate reasons which hinder the practice, and which often lead to the bells being left up, are these: that where the bells are of any weight, one or more of the heavier ones may go up 'wrong,' and there may be difficulties in the way of turning the clapper; while when the time for ringing for service is limited to, say, 20 or 25 minutes, raising and lowering cuts out too big a portion of the available period. We give these reasons as among the causes why raising and falling in peal are perhaps not more general; but the Council's discussion, if it induces a wider adoption of the practice, will not have been in vain. At any rate, the Council doubtless feels that it has done its duty in calling attention to the matter, but it must trust to providence for any practical result.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 22, 1918, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

CHAS. BOWER	...*Treble*	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
*ROBERT DAVIS	2	JOHN LEIGH	8
THOMAS JAKEMAN	3	*TITUS BARLOW	9
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	4	ALBERT ADAMS	10
*JOSEPH LOWE	5	SAMUEL WOOD	11
JOSEPH MELLOR	6	*AMOS TRIPPIER	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. J. C. Holden, M.A., to the Rectory of Ashton-under-Lyne.

* First peal on 12 bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1918, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ...	...*Treble*	JOHN PALFRAMAN	5
JOSEPH E. SYKES... ...	2	FIRTH HOPWOOD	6
THOMAS B. KENDALL... ...	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
BENJAMIN THORP... ...	4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Francis Barker.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1918, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED SHUKER ...	...*Treble*	PERCY BAKER	5
*THOMAS SMITH	2	GEORGE HAYCOX	6
JOHN BRADNEY	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	7
FREDERICK DARRALL ...	4	*ERNEST BEAMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

The ringers of 1, 5, 6 and tenor belong to Shifnal, 2, 3 and 4 to Wolverhampton, and the conductor to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL SARGENT, BOCKING.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Samuel Sargent, which occurred on May 23rd, at his residence, at Church Street, Bocking, at the age of 66 years. The deceased joined the St. Mary's company in November, 1876, and had been a regular ringer ever since. He joined the Essex Association in 1879. By his quiet and unostentatious manner, he had gained the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. Although not very keen on peal ringing, he took part in the first peal of Minor in seven methods on the old ring of six, and in several peals after the addition of the two trebles, including the first peal on the eight bells. Until prevented by illness he was very regular and consistent in his attendance for service ringing.

He was buried in Bocking Cemetery on May 27th, the service being conducted by the senior curate (the Rev. E. V. Casson). In addition to the family mourners there attended Mr. C. H. Howard (representing the Essex Association), Messrs. W. Moore and L. Clow, members of the local company, and several fellow workers from Courtauld Ltd., where the deceased had worked a great number of years.

In the evening of the interment, deeply muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by ringers of Bocking, Braintree and Stisted, and for Matins on the Sunday after the bells were rung half-muffled, the touches being conducted by A. Shufflebotham.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

As will be seen from the College Youths' notice, in another column, the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral are to be rung from 5.15 to 6.25 p.m. on Independence Day, July 4th, as a compliment to our American Allies.

HALIFAX & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NEW PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

The annual meeting and six bell contest of the Halifax District Association was held at Meltham Parish Church on Saturday week, when four companies took part in the contest, each set ringing 504 changes of Kent Treble Bob, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges for the day were Mr. Broadley, of Bradford, and Mr. Thorp, of Ashton-under-Lyne. The draw for order of ringing took place at 4 p.m. in the school, and the contest was finished about 7.30 p.m. During the afternoon tea was served to the visitors, who numbered close on 100.

The annual meeting was held in the Schoolroom at the conclusion of the ringing, the retiring President (Mr. Cotterell) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Barter) and the retiring secretary (Mr. F. Salmons). The balance sheet was read by Mr. Carter (in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Ambler), who was unavoidably absent, and passed, on the proposition of Mr. Tinker, seconded by Mr. Whittington.

Mr. Cotterell expressed his pleasure at seeing so large a gathering, and said that, although he would always do what he could to further the interest of the society, he felt he would like to resign his position as president, as he thought these honours ought to go round. He had been the President of the Association for six years.—Mr. Broadley moved, and Mr. A. Carter, of Ripponden, seconded, that Mr. J. E. Carter, of Almondbury, be president, and this was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Cotterell, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hardcastle and Mr. Hardy were elected vice-presidents.

Mr. Frith, of Huddersfield, was elected secretary, in place of Mr. Salmons, and Mr. Ambler was re-appointed treasurer.

It was decided to leave the place of next meeting in the hands of the secretary.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the local company, and to the ladies for the way they had catered for the visitors, and a cordial vote of thanks was also given to the Vicar for the use of his bells and schools, and for his presence at the meeting.

The judges' decision was announced by Mr. Broadley as follows:—

Almondbury, 134 faults.
New Mill, 145 faults.
Earlsheaton, 151 faults.
Kirkburton, 152 faults.

Almondbury were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Vicar, in reply to the vote of thanks, said how pleased he was to be amongst them, and that it had been a great treat to him to listen to the ringing. The first contest at their church was in 1836, and out of 14 teams Almondbury was the winner, so it seemed only right that Almondbury should win that day, when only four companies had competed. They prized their ringers at Meltham, not only on account of the ringing, but because they had some of their best Churchmen amongst them, and he hoped all the churches affiliated to the Association could say the same. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to Almondbury.

A hearty vote of thanks to all retiring officers and the judges brought a very successful meeting to a close.

PRESENTATION AT ASPLEY GUISE.

Mr. Mark Lane, the foreman of the company, at Aspley Guise Beds, having secured the appointment as head gardener at Cranfield Court, Beds, the Aspley members, and also some from Woburn, met in the tower on Wednesday week and rang some farewell touches with him. Before the bells were lowered, Mr. Lane was presented by Mr. W. Chibnall, on behalf of the company, with a handsome clock, in recognition of their esteem and the good services he had rendered during the 35 years he had been a member. Mr. Mumford also spoke on behalf of the Vicar, and from whom he handed Mr. Lane a letter of appreciation. The Woburn members also gave him a pipe, and Mr. M. Matthews a tobacco pouch, as a token of their friendship. All wished Mr. Lane success and good health in his new vocation, to which he suitably responded.

DEATH OF A PANGBOURNE RINGER.

The death has occurred of Mr. John Nichols, of Pangbourne, Berks, who was the foreman of the belfry for a great many years. He is the second of the Pangbourne ringers who have passed away recently, the other being Mr. G. Ashby, so that the band is broken up for a time.

The late Mr. Nichols had rung a few peals, but his greatest delight was to meet visiting ringers. Nothing seemed too much trouble, and his place will be difficult to fill. The deceased was laid to rest on June 7th, near the tower where he had spent so many hours. In the evening 360 and 240 Grandsire Doubles were rung at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled, by: W. Parsons 1, A. Webb 2, S. Coventry 3, A. C. West 4, J. Bower 5, E. Nichols 6. The ringing was conducted by J. Bower, of Goring, an old and intimate friend of the deceased.

SENTIMENT v. PRACTICAL POLITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leader in the 'Ringing World' of June 14 strikes a note of some significance to the Exercise in regard to the construction of the Central Council: (1) As a body of representatives as between the Church and ringers; (2) as to the qualifications of the individuals as representatives; (3) as to practical politics being placed second to seniority and sentiment. I agree upon many points established in the paper read by the Rev. C. D. P. Davis, and I think the bone of contention can be simply removed when the point of sentiment is deleted, especially in regard to the election of representatives. I am not an advocate of disregarding the point of seniority when it is coupled with a question of life's study for practical purposes, and has proved useful in the objects we have at heart, for it is valuable for the experience it gathers in its trail.

As the years have rolled on, it has been my experience to note the various appointments of delegates to the Central Council at the various meetings throughout the country, and, being in a position of detachment, I could not refrain from seeing the absurdity of some of these appointments, made mostly from sentimental reasons to the exclusion of valuable, practical and experienced men. I have no axe to grind, but I feel I am voicing the opinion of those who are reluctant to put their views into cold type. A personal atmosphere also enters into the election which cannot always be avoided. Might I suggest, then, if sentiment is to be considered, it should not extend beyond the Associations' own work, and recognition, by election to an office of compliment and honour, should be confined to posts inside the various societies.

I am not in happy agreement on one point in your comment; that is, regarding the absence of debates at district meetings. Some very valuable discussions are introduced at some of these minor meetings, but are seldom reported for obvious reasons. As a matter of fact, shyness invariably enters into possession the moment some speakers are confronted by a council of heads. Some very healthy points are thrown out by the Rev. C. D. P. Davis for consumption, regarding the construction of the Central Council and its purpose. They are worthy of digestion for future guidance.

To uphold our traditions and our objects, ringers, as church workers, are in a position of grace, so far as the church is concerned, and our Council should be our supreme help. Let us hope it will remain so. In many instances we have useful and valuable members on the Central Council; let us retain them.—Yours, etc., H.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

On Saturday, June 15th, the quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Wath. The weather was not very favourable, but a fairly representative number of ringers put in an appearance, representing the following towers: Barnsley, Darfield, Sheffield, Norton, Arksey, Doncaster, Wortley, West Melton, Rotherham and Hoylandswaine. The bells were kept going in Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Violet, and other six bell methods.

The usual business meeting was held at the Church House, which was kindly put at the disposal of the visitors by the Vicar (the Rev. Keble Martin, M.A.), who is acting chaplain with the colours in France.

The business was very rapidly got through, and, after a few touches on the handbells, the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going till close upon nine o'clock, when it was the writer's good fortune to hear them lowered in peal in a manner which was a credit to the band, and would have made some of the members of the Central Council acknowledge there was something in the art of raising and lowering bells in peal.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Doncaster was unanimously accepted, on Sept. 14th, at St. George's Church, a fine peal of eight, together with the bells of Arksey, a peal of six.

OXFORD GUILD.

On Saturday evening, June 15th, several members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, together with Mr. Hewett, of Camberwell, cycled to Hughenden, where they were met and welcomed by Mr. John Evans, and spent a very pleasant evening. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. The belfries represented were: Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter, Great Missenden, High Wycombe, Stoke Poges, and Fulmer. Miss MacKrill rang her first touch of Grandsire Triples, unaided, with the treble, and a nice touch of Stedman was rung by: Miss G. E. Bateman 1, G. Gutteridge 2, W. Henley 3, W. Horne 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, J. Blackmore 6, J. Evans 7, J. H. Barnes 8.

SIBSEY, LANCS.—On Easter Monday, at the Parish Church, 1050 Grandsire Triples: M. Clark 1, F. Hilton 2, J. H. Holmes 3, C. Ward 4, T. Humberstone 5, J. H. Clark 6, W. Dickinson (conductor) 7, W. Larken 8. Messrs. Hilton and Larken hail from Leake, the rest from Heckington. Other touches were also rung, and the visitors were afterwards invited to the Vicarage to tea, which was greatly appreciated by all.

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING AT WOLLASTON.

The meeting of the Northern Branch was held on Saturday last, and under the circumstances the attendance was fairly representative, but the call for men and yet more men has sadly depleted very many towers. However, the Association is doing its best to carry on until the boys come home, and it is hoped that those who are left will do their best to teach the art to the younger generation, and fill the gaps which, alas! will have to be faced after the war is over. Ringing commenced soon after three p.m., and in the absence of the Branch Master (Mr. S. Grove), who is somewhere in France, Mr. H. Withers deputised for him.

The service, which was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Wanstall) was fairly well attended. Prior to his address, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the Association. The address was somewhat off the beaten track, because it was not connected with bells. The Vicar discussed the question: 'Why did not God prevent the war?' and, in simple language, suggested the answer. All those who had the pleasure of being present were deeply impressed by what the speaker told them.

At the business meeting, held in the Schools, about 30 members were present, the Vicar presiding. The election of two life members was ratified, and Cleuch was selected for the next quarterly meeting, on September 21st.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the Vicar for arranging the service and giving the address, and for presiding at the meeting.

The Vicar, in responding, said he was sorry that, owing to the rationing, he could not provide what was usually done, but he trusted that in the near future they would pay another visit to Wollaston. He was pleased to be a member, and he hoped they would honour them with another visit when the war was over. To show the spirit of our lads at the front, he related a little story as told him by his brother, an officer, who visited him while on leave. They were waiting orders to go over the top, when the officer heard two men whom he thought were quarrelling and likely to attract notice. Going up to them he heard the words Bobs and Singles. Not being a ringer himself, he asked what was the matter, and to his astonishment they were arguing about the composition of a certain peal. He cited this story to illustrate how, while under such conditions, they being ringers could talk of such things when one never knew what was going to happen the next minute.

Ringing was kept up until 8 o'clock, when a very pleasing meeting was brought to a close.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. BARRY.

After retiring to rest on Saturday night, May 18th, and apparently in his usual health, Mr. Joe Barry, of Islington, was taken ill, and early on Sunday morning, the 19th, he passed away at the age of 61 years. The deceased had resided in Islington for many years, and was well known and much respected by a very large number of ringers throughout London and many parts of the country.

The funeral took place on Friday, the 24th May, at Finchley Cemetery, and on Tuesday evening, May 28th, as a last tribute of respect, muffled ringing took place on the bells of St. James the Apostle, Prebend Square, Islington, by Messrs. H. C. Alford 1, A. Riley 2, W. A. Alps 3, H. May 4, E. G. Fenn 5, R. Sanders 6, the usual 'whole pull and stand' being rung. A touch of Treble Bob Minor was brought round, by: H. C. Alford 1, A. Diserens 2, W. A. Alps 3, G. Smith 4, E. G. Fenn 5, R. Sanders (conductor) 6. The deceased was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

LOSS TO ISLEWORTH.

At Isleworth, on Monday evening, June 11th, after the funeral of the late Mr. Wotton, of Isleworth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect: G. A. Ransom 1, W. Lawrence 2, T. Beadle 3, W. H. Lidbetter 4, H. C. Chandler 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Sheard 8.

Mr. Wotton was for several years churchwarden and latterly a sidesman at the Parish Church. He was greatly respected in the parish and his loss will be felt very much. He took great interest in everything that was started for the good of the parish, and while he was churchwarden, the frame bearing the bells became so bad that the bells could not be rung. By his hard work enough money was soon got to enable an order to be given to Messrs. J. Taylor and Son for a new frame. At the same time the bells were quarter turned, and a new floor was put to the bell chamber.

YOUTHFUL CHANGE RINGERS.

On Sunday, June 16th, on handbells, at 68, White Horse Hill, Chislehurst, 720 of Bob Minor: David Brett Smith (aged 13 years) 1, Percy Brett Smith (16 years) 2, Robert Brett Smith (conductor) 3–4, Tom Brett Smith (aged 14 years) 5, Cyril Brett Smith (aged 12 years) 6. This is the first 720 by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, who are the sons of R. Brett Smith.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Concluded from Page 197.)

In the further discussion on the proposal to inaugurate a fund for assisting in the restoration of the bells in Belgium,

Mr. Lewis suggested that the Council should form a small committee with power to co-opt either from inside or outside the Council to determine the best means of making an appeal.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall said, if they gave authority to the committee to appoint from outside, the committee must be answerable to the Council.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said it was quite clear if this scheme was to be made successful, a large sum would be wanted, and as they were not a wealthy body they could not provide more than a small part of it themselves, but probably every member of the Council in his own district knew of those who were specially interested in bells, and who would be likely to take up the scheme, which depended upon their being able to touch the imagination of those who were lovers of bells. If they could make a successful start, it would go a good way to carrying the scheme to a successful finish.

Mr. A. T. King said as a Council they had every sympathy with the proposal. It was simply a question of how to give effect to it. It was not a simple matter, but he thought by dint of co-operation and zeal a great deal might be done. For instance, after the war they would most of them, in their several belfries be ringing joy-bells, they could then very well ask in some way or other the local people to co-operate with them. To go at once, however, and expect somehow or another to raise £10,000 amongst ringers required such a fairy godmother as he had never read of, and, unhappily, had never met.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall moved: 'That this Council is in favour of an appeal being made to the ringers of England and others to help Belgium in the restoration of her lost bells, and commends the matter to the notice of ringers and of all bell lovers.'—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded.

Mr. R. Narborough said in his district (Peterborough) 75 per cent. of the bells would not be fit for ringing when peace came unless they were attended to, and they would have to put their own bells in order before they thought of helping Belgium.

Mr. R. T. Holding said before they did anything further delegates would have to consult their Associations.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall said they had a right to express an opinion, but he did not think that at present they could go any further.

The motion was carried nem. dis.

Mr. Lewis proposed: 'That a committee be formed to consult the Associations as to the desirability of bringing forward a definite scheme for the formation of a fund to replace some of the bells of Belgium.' He said if this committee were appointed it would have the opportunity of collecting information, bringing the matter before the Associations, and getting it thoroughly thrashed out before next year.

The Hon. Secretary seconded the motion, which was carried, and the following were appointed to the committee with power to add to their number: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. H. J. Elsee.

RAISING AND FALLING BELLS IN PEAL.

The following motion was proposed by the hon. secretary: 'That the Council desires to draw the attention of the Exercise to the increasing abandonment of raising and falling bells in peal, as a result of which a large proportion of ringers do not acquire the necessary skill to enable them to take part in this ancient and musical practice.' He said it was only too true that there are a great many towers in the country where the ringers did not raise the bells in peal. They either jangled them up and jangled them down afterwards, or in some few instances left the bells up from week's-end to week's-end. Nothing, he said, was more musical and nothing was more inspiring than to hear the bells going up in peal, gradually opening out to the increasing sound. He had the privilege for many years of ringing in the Cheltenham towers, where raising and falling was one of the features of the practice, and one of the most beautiful features. It not only had a great musical advantage, but it taught the young ringer control of the bell, which he did not obtain in any other way. It was a great loss that the practice was falling into disuse. It was a custom that should be very heartily and warmly encouraged, and he thought they as a Council should set their faces against its abandonment. The public liked to hear the bells raised and fallen in peal, and he had no doubt that it was this that had inspired much of the poetry concerning bells.

Mr. F. Willey said in Yorkshire it was very seldom they heard the bells raised in any other way than in peal—it was part of the service. Even in towers where the tenor was 26 cwt. or 28 cwt., or even 35 cwt., the bells were raised in peal for service. Those who did not learn to raise and fall had not learnt to ring, and he hoped the Council would impress upon the minds of ringers that it was part and parcel of the job to be perfect in raising and ceasing.

Mr. H. Haigh said in many churches in the district where he came from (North Notts), the people took the keenest delight in the raising and the falling of the bells in peal. Pulling the bells up singly was often the cause of complaints from outside, but there was nothing more calculated to please the people than to hear the bells rung up and down for service.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said in the Salisbury diocese a man did not consider himself a ringer until he could ring up and down in peal. The tone of a bell was at its best when the bell was half to three-parts of the way up, and if the bells were never raised in peal the public never heard them to the greatest advantage. It made a very poor finish to service ringing when, just at the time that the bells should be sounding at their best, they were jangled down in twos or threes.

Mr. W. Pye said if they were going to raise and lower the bells in peal at every service, there would be very little time left for change ringing, while lowering, if it was badly done, was horrible.

Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. J. R. Sharman and Mr. A. T. King, having also spoken, the Chairman made reference to his experience in the West of England, where often on a practice night the ringers would see how many times they could raise and fall the bells in an hour, and it was a poor performance if they could not do it 30 times in that space. The perfection of it was a revelation to those who heard it. They all agreed as to the musical value of the practice, and to come to the practical part of the business they should all bring the subject to the notice of their Associations, so that it could be put before the ringers in the various towers.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Chairman asked the Council to express an opinion as to whether, if the war was still in progress, a meeting of the Council should be held next year.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore moved that if the war is still on there be no meeting of the Council, but, if the war is over, there should be a meeting.

Mr. C. Dean seconded, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee suggested the addition of the words 'unless in the opinion of the Standing Committee there is urgent need of a meeting.'

Mr. J. W. Jones moved as an amendment that the meeting be held. He said that they ought to meet as an example to the associations. If they did not meet, they could not expect to get support from the various associations.

The amendment having been seconded, was carried by 28 votes to 16, and it was then decided by 24 votes to 12 that the meeting be held at Gloucester, if the war is over, but in London if the war is not over.

The Chairman, having been accorded a vote of thanks for presiding, said he was delighted to know that the Council had been so extraordinarily well attended in those difficult circumstances.

This terminated the business, the Council having sat till 5.30 p.m.

FORMER TENTERDEN RINGER KILLED.

News has reached us of the death, in France, of C. C. Tribe, leading seaman, Royal Naval Division, the son of the well-known and respected Ashford District secretary, C. C. Tribe, who formerly a member of the Kent County Association, until he left Tenterden for Hastings, where he became captain of the ringers at St. Clement's. He joined the R.N.D. at the Crystal Palace in January, 1915, and after training went to Gallipoli.

After the withdrawal he was sent to France, and was wounded on the Somme. Coming home, he was in hospital for some time at Manchester and Bristol. In April of this year he was sent out again to France. On the morning of May 27th his division went up to the front line trenches, and in the afternoon of the same day a shell burst in the trench, killing him and five others.

He leaves a young widow, to whom he was married last September. His father's many friends among the ringing fraternity will deeply regret this second loss in Mr. Tribe's family, and will accord him their heartfelt sympathy.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

One of the most pleasant and successful meetings of the Stroud and District Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association took place at Woodchester. Ringers were present from Stroud, Painswick, Frocester, Woodchester, Minchinhampton, Leonard Stanley, Gloucester and Newent. Some good ringing took place during the afternoon by the 22 ringers present. There was a service at 5 p.m., the Association's form of service and hymns being used. After the service all were entertained to tea at Woodchester Lodge. Tea was laid on tables in the open in the front of the residence of Mr. H. Workman, and all were well attended to by Miss A. Workman and Mr. E. T. and Miss M. Wise, and a most pleasant time was spent.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. John Austin (Master of the Association) presiding. Frocester and Bisley were selected for the Sunday meetings and Cranham for the quarterly meeting.

Two new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the kind friends at Woodchester for doing everything to make the meeting so pleasant, which was carried with acclamation.

Some excellent change ringing and tune ringing on the handbells followed, including a good course of Grandsire Triples, with two bells in each hand, by John Austin and ex-Sergt. J. Williams, which was much appreciated. The tower bells were again rung till 9 p.m. in the standard methods of Doubles and Minor.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WOLVERLEY. — Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: F. Shaw 1, K. Salter 2, H. Martin (conductor) 3, W. Porter 4, T. J. Salter 5, A. Morris 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. W. Gledstone 1, J. W. Smithson 2, Sergt. P. Gledstone 3, F. Shackleton 4, W. Chown 5, T. Chown 6, F. Willey (conductor) 7, W. Stubley 8. Also on Sunday evening, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), from Brooke, in 43 mins.: E. F. Rippon 1, J. W. Smithson 2, Sergt. P. Gledstone 3, T. Chown 4, W. Chown 5, A. W. Gledstone 6, F. Willey (conductor) 7, W. Stubley 8. Both the above were rung as a compliment to Sergt. P. Gledstone, R.F.A., who was home on leave previous to entering a cadet school with a view to taking up a commission. He has the best wishes of all the company.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON. — On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: B. Jennings (first-quarter) 1, G. Parker 2, J. Dunkley 3, W. Parsons 4, H. Clarke (conductor) 5, W. Hayes 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. J. P. de Putron, M.A.), who read himself in at this service, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor on his 75th birthday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On April 7th, previous to the evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): H. Butler 1, E. Markham 2, W. T. Horne 3, F. K. Biggs 4, Fred Hayes 5, G. Twitchen 6, J. Blackmore (Beaconsfield) 7, Sergt. E. R. Martin 8, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 9, R. Coles 10. A complimentary quarter-peal to W. T. Horne on his 46th birthday.—For evensong, on April 21st, 1299 Stedman Caters, in 55 mins.: F. Hayes (composer and conductor) 1, R. Coles 2, E. Markham 3, F. K. Biggs 4, G. Twitchen 5, J. W. Wilkins 6, G. White 7, F. Boreham 8, J. B. Williamson 9, W. T. Horne 10.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on April 7th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: T. R. Jackson 1, Miss E. M. Suart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, J. Huddleston 4, W. H. Dennison 5, T. Suart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, F. Burrows (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 672 Bob Major: W. H. Dennison 1, Miss E. M. Suart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, J. Huddleston 5, T. Suart 6, W. S. Forshaw 7, J. Burrows (conductor) 8.—On May 5th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Huddleston 1, Miss Suart 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, T. Watson 4, T. R. Jackson 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6.—On May 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Watson 1, Miss Lindsay 2, Miss Gilchrist 3, Miss Suart 4, T. R. Jackson 5, J. Burrows (conductor) 6, W. S. Forshaw 7 (cover).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Saturday, April 20th, at St. Peter's Church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples unfortunately came to grief after ringing 4,536 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins., through a rope breaking: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, F. Stoneley 2, J. W. Holme 3, R. Wimpenny 4, Miss Sarah Holt 5, Ed. B. Shaw 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, I. Schofield 8. The bells were rung muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. Joseph Ridyard, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, also to those from the parish who have fallen during the war.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on April 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Rookwood 1, B. Wilson 2, Herbert Wood 3, A. King 4, Harry Wood 5, T. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. J. Smith (first-quarter in the method) 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. Harries Williams, senior curate, who was leaving Luton for Aberystwyth, his many friends wishing him success in his new sphere of labour.—On May 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Hunt 1, Henry Wood 2, Lance-Corpl. A. P. Arnell, M.F.P., of Worthing, 3, T. Kendall 4, Harry Wood 5, A. King 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, J. Rookwood 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second who is removing to Bristol.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On April 21st, for evening service, at Christ Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes), composed by Mr. A. Pitman, in 1hr. 10 mins.: W. Walton 1, W. Cottrill 2, T. Lingard (conductor) 3, D. Hindley 4, J. Brockbank (Swinton) 5, A. Wallwork 6, C. Seddon 7, and J. Edge 8. The bells were rung fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Kershaw, formally Sunday School superintendent and churchwarden for a good many years.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, April 21st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in three courses: A. Discerns 1, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. W. Davis 4, A. W. Darlington 5, G. Fardon 6, M. Fensom 7, T. H. Taffender 8. This quarter-peal, in three courses is obtained by 4ths and in 2 H (28435), 2 M, 1 W, 2 H (52364), 2 M, 4ths and in, 2 W, 2 H (23456).

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church.—On Tuesday, April 23rd, in honour of St. George's Day, G. R. Newton's date touch of Grandsire Triples (1918 changes), in 1 hr. and 8 mins.: Mrs. F. H. Herbert 1, P. J. Spice 2, A. E. Newick 3, G. Durling 4, G. Huxley 5, G. F. James 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, T. I. Knight 8. Longest length by Mrs. Herbert and T. I. Knight, and by G. James with a working bell.

NOTICES.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of "THE RINGING WORLD," to which all communications should be sent, is 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available at 3; service in church, with address by Rev. J. A. Burton, at 4.45; tea and general meeting at "Littleton Arms" Hotel at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—Walter T. Wilson, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Borden on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—E. A. G. Allen, Hon. District Sec., 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Quorn on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 2 o'clock; committee meeting at 4.30; tea (1/- each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting in the National Schools.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, June 29th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—As a compliment to our American Allies, the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral will be rung on Independence Day, July 4th, from 5.15 to 6.25 p.m. A meeting will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday, July 6th, at 3 p.m. Meetings will be held at the "Coffee Pot," Warwick Lane, E.C., for general business on July 2nd, 16th and 30th, and for handbell practice on July 11th and 25th, all 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 6th. Meeting in St. Mary's Schoolroom at 3.30 p.m., tea to follow; service in St. Mary's Church at 6. The bells of St. Mary's (10), St. James' (8) and Wilton (6) will be available all the afternoon.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, July 6th, 1918. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Paulton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; service at 4 p.m.; tea and meeting at the Vicarage at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than July 2nd.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 6 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Calverley on Saturday, July 6th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., and the business meeting will be held in the "Thornhill Arms" (near the church) at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec., 7, Burley Terrace, Burley Road, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea at 5 p.m. (tea only), to be followed by business meeting.—W. Stafford, Hon. Branch Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The July meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, the 6th. Eight bells available afternoon and evening. Visitors who bring rations can obtain hot water and milk near the Church.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock; service at 5; tea at 5.45, business meeting after. The Secretary would be glad to know not later than Tuesday, July 9th, of any members intending to be present. All will be welcome.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society—Estab. 1824).—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 4 p.m.; business meeting to follow at the Nag's Head Tavern at 8.30. All ringers welcome.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C.2.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, July 13th. By kind permission of the Vicar the bells (8) will be available all day. Business meeting at 5.—W. Hinton, District Sec.

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HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 14th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Waller 1, Mrs. E. Whittington 2, J. Brown 3, A. J. Bartlett 4, R. Whittington 5, T. Worsfold 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, J. Whitehead 8.

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