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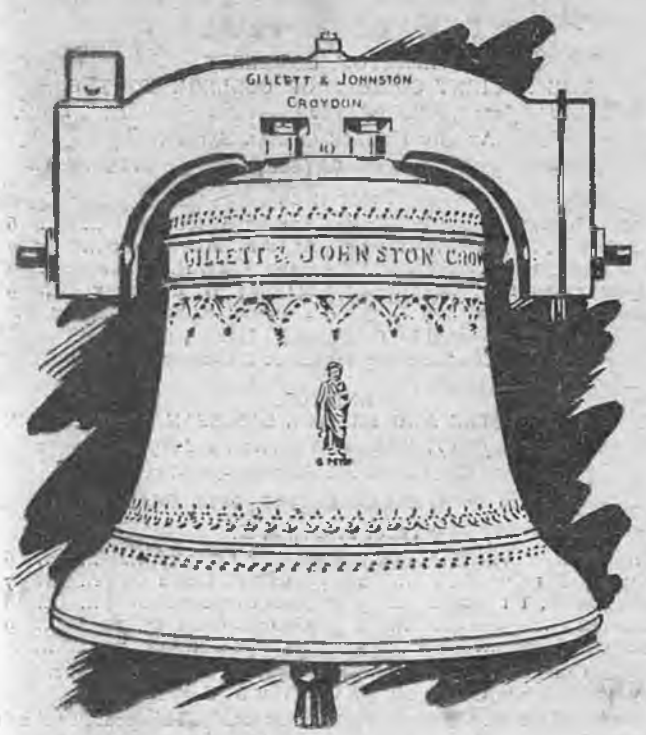

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CLOCKS.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Central Council at Gloucester last week was, from several points of view, one of the best that had been held for many years past. Apart from the fact that the attendance was high—one of the largest gatherings ever held in the provinces—there was shown a spirit of determination to make the Council once more a live body, which augurs well for the future if it be maintained. It was not to be expected that a revolution would come, but in two or three ways it was manifest that the policy of drift, of living on past reputation, is to be changed—if possible.

The alteration has come about partly as the result of the infusion of new blood, but largely, we believe, by the constant efforts which have been made to get the Council to realise that their works are not viewed throughout the Exercise in exactly the same light as some members of the Council have regarded them. The Council had been fast losing touch with the masses of the ringers, although some of the older members did not, perhaps, realise it. But the action which the Council has taken, particularly in regard to increasing its own utility, has the promise of leading to better things. Without discussing for the moment the possibilities contained in the suggestion that the Council should have powers of enforcing its decisions, the fact that the Associations are to be consulted on the subject is a great step. Then, too, the proposal to revise the procedure at the Council meetings should make for a greater interest in the meetings. At Gloucester much valuable time was frittered away in the morning in formalities and in discussing trivialities, time that might have been much more profitably spent upon the serious business of the day.

The Committee's reports led to some interesting discussions, and one of the signs of healthy movement was the steps taken, at the suggestion of Canon Papillon, to put life into the Literature Committee, whose long years of inactivity have been the laughing-stock of the Council. The Exercise, too, may look for an early publication of the results of the colossal labours of the Methods and Peal Collection Committees, which are to be issued when financial considerations render this possible. In this connection, too, we might perhaps be allowed to mention the decision to advertise the Council's publications in this journal. Some five years ago the Council definitely refused to do this, to, as we think, their loss and the loss of the Exercise in general. Now, at last, they have realised the importance of advertising ringing publications in a ringing paper, and we have no doubt the sales and the ringing fraternity will benefit accordingly. We have briefly

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mentioned these various points—some of which we hope to return to in subsequent articles—to show that the forward policy which we have so long advocated, has at length begun to show itself in the Council's work. A steady application of this policy will at no distant date establish the Council in the position which it ought to occupy in the esteem of the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, June 9, 1919, in Four Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6335 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT	*Treble*	WILLIAM HASTINGS	7
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	WILLIAM STAITE	8
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	SERGT. ERNEST MORRIS	9
WILLIAM HALE	4	JOHN JEFFERIES	10
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	5	FRANK COLE	11
ALBERT WRIGHT	6	RUPERT SHARP	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	*Treble*	ALBERT A. HUGHES	6
WILLIAM D. SMITH	2	ALAN R. MACDONALD	7
JOHN THOMAS	3	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	9
GEORGE R. FARDON	5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE	*Treble*	HARRY CHAPMAN	6
EDWIN J. R DLER	2	JAMES R. JONES	7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS	3	JOHN A. BURFORD	8
CHARLES H. GORDON	4	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN.	9
RICHARD CLARK	5	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART.
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Arranged for H. Chapman of Manchester. This peal has the 6th in 2nd's place throughout, with the 5th in treble's place and behind the 9th only.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	*Treble*	GEORGE FLEMING	5
ALBERT FLEMING	2	THOMAS W. LAST	6
GEORGE FRYER	3	ERNEST LANHAM	7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM BURGESS	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.
Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD	...*Treble*	WALTER WALLACE	5
GEORGE WARD	2	JOHN W. GLEW	6
BART MITCHELL	3	JAMES PAGETT	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	A. B. STONE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, President of this Association, also as an anniversary peal to the memory of late Trooper W. J. Davis, a former member of this belfry, who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country, June 10th, 1916. The ringers represent the three change ringing bands in Derby.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Whit-Monday, June 9, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE	...*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
GEORGE WILSON	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY	6
EDGAR H. BAILEY	3	CHARLES SAMSON	7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

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

Rung as a welcome back to C. F. Bailey, recently demobilized from His Majesty's Forces.

TRING, HERTS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 9, 1919, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK J. REEVE	...*Treble*	HORACE H. SMITH	5
EDMUND J. HOBBS	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	3	*HERBERT H. HELEY	7
HARRY LEAR	4	‡WILLIAM G. REDMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY LEAR.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. H. Francis for the use of the bells and for his kind congratulations after the peal. * First peal inside ‡ First peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Whit-Monday, June 9, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15¼ cwt.

BERNARD ALLSOP	...*Treble*	EDWIN BLACKWELL	5
FRED W. HILL	2	ALFRED C. WRIGHT	6
HENRY GREGORY	3	WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
THOMAS WHITE	4	*MAURICE FROGGATT	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. MATTHEWS.
Conducted by A. C. WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled to the memory of Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, President of the Association.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 13, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH	...*Treble*	RICHARD F. DEAL	5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.	2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
PERCY W. CAVE	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
SAMUEL CARDELL	4	AMOS TRIPPIER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES G. BOWKETT	...*Treble*	SERGT. E. MORRIS, A.S.C.	5
GORDON W. CHECKETTS	2	WILLIAM C. JONES	6
WILLIAM LEWIS	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Bowkett and Lewis. Rung on the eve of the return to civil life of Sergt. Morris, after 3½ years in the A.S.C.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BALLARD	...*Treble*	WALTER HORTON	5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON	2	FRED COTTON	6
ERNEST TIGWELL	3	ERNEST STONE	7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	4	HARRY ARGYLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, President of the Midland Counties Association.

E. Tigwell was elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting for the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK PARR	...*Treble*	GEORGE BURNHAM	4
HARRY GREAVES	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON	5
T. A. HOWES SMITH	3	CHARLES SEVERN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

This peal contains 120 bobs and is the first peal of London Surprise Minor ever rung

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 14, 1919, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE NOWELL	...*Treble*	FRANK SPENCER	4
THOS. H. KIRKBY	2	JOHN OLDHAM	5
WILLIAM E. WHITE	3	WALTER WHITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, President of the Midland Counties Association.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sunday, June 8, 1919, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. PRICE, MONTAGUE ST.,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

being 42 six-scores each called differently.

*FREDERICK S. PRICE	1—2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3—4
HUBERT SHEPHERD	5—6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD, M.M.

* First peal on handbells. First handbell peal rung in Beeston.

Other Peals are unavoidably held over.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE MEETING AT GLOUCESTER.

The 23th annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held on Whitsun Tuesday in the Chapter House of Gloucester Cathedral. The Rev. A. H. Boughey (President) occupied the chair. The other members present were: The Rev. C. D. P. Davies (hon. secretary), Miss N. Gillingham, and Messrs. J. Carter, J. George J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde (hon. members), and the following representatives of Associations:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. E. Horrex and A. A Hughes.
Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.
Bath and Wells Diocesan: Rev. C. C. Parker.
Bedfordshire: Rev. Canon W. W. Baker.
St. Martin's Guild for Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. W. H. Godden.
Cambridge University: Mr. E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. H. S. Brocklebank and R. T. Holding.
Devon: Rev. M. Kelly.
Dudley and District: Mr. W. R. Small.
Essex County: Mr. W. J. Nevard.
Gloucester and Bristol: Mr. J. Austin.
Hereford Diocesan: Mr. J. Clark.
Hertford County: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
Kent County: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. E. Barnett and J. H. Cheesman.
Ladies' Guild: Miss M. K. Parker.
Lancashire: Rev. Canon Elsee, and Mr. W. E. Wilson.
Leeds and District: Mr. P. J. Johnson.
Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James, and Messrs. R. Richardson and J. W. Seamer.
Llandaff Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.
London County: Mr. E. A. Young.
Middlesex County: Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. A. T. King, I.S.O., and J. R. Sharman.
Midland Counties: Mr. W. E. White.
Central Northants: Messrs. W. Perkins and F. Wilford.
Norwich Diocesan: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. G. P. Burton.
Oxford Diocesan: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. Canon Colerdge, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.
Peterborough and District: Mr. R. Narborough.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. T. H. Beams.
Staffs Archdeaconry: Messrs. W. Fisher and H. Knight.
Surrey County: Lieut. C. F. Johnston and Mr. C. Dean.
Sussex County: Mr. H. R. Butcher.
Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.
Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. G. Williams.
Worcester and Districts: Messrs. A. E. Parsons, T. J. Salter and W Short.
Yorkshire: Mr. G. Bolland.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Canon Papillon the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, the Rev. W P. Wright, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. W. Parker, C. L. Routledge W. Storey and F. Willey.

THE PRESIDENT'S THANKS.

After the minutes of the meeting held in London in 1918 had been read and confirmed,

The President returned his warm thanks to the Council for the great honour they had paid him in electing him president. They were kind enough and, he thought, unwise enough to do this last year, when he was prevented by temporary illness from attending the meeting. He had no opportunity of thanking them last year for a great and undeserved honour. He felt a very great responsibility, and he would like to say that he thoroughly agreed with those who held that, unless the circumstances were exceptional, the presidency of the Council should not be held for long by the same person. Circumstances were exceptional hitherto, because they had in their first and, up to the time of his death, their only president, one who was so clearly marked out as being the man for the presidency, that as long as he was able to guide the Council no one else would have consented to take that place. But the circumstances now were not exceptional, and he (the speaker) felt strongly not only that he ought to hold that presidency for a short time, but also that he wished to be able to hold it only for a short time—at latest up till the election of a new Council. Had he been present last year he certainly should have asked them to excuse him from the honour, but having heard of the election only after it had taken place, he felt it would be ungracious not to consent to do his best for a short time. For one thing he was not sufficiently young and vigorous. He was about the same age as the late President. They entered the same college at Cambridge at the same time, and he (the speaker) valued above all his life-long friendship with Sir Arthur Heywood. He knew they all still felt what a loss the Council had had by his death, and he (the President) put it to them clearly that his tenancy was only as a stopgap, until not later than the election of the next Council.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

Continuing, the President said he had mentioned Sir Arthur Heywood. That reminded him that it was his sad duty to mention the names of three other members of the Council who had died in the past year. One was Mr. Bertram Prewett, of the Middlesex band, and who represented the Herts Association. He was a most delightful friend to everyone who knew him, a distinguished ringer, a most valuable member of any Council or Association to which he belonged. He was one of those—only too many—whose life was sacrificed in the great war. Another was Mr. Henry White, of Basingstoke. They mourned a great loss in him also. The third and most recent death among their members was that of Mr. John William Taylor, of the well-known Loughborough Foundry. It was impossible to estimate how much bell ringing in England and in the world had suffered by his loss. He (the President) would ask the members to rise in their places for a moment in order to show their respect and affectionate tribute to their memory and their sympathy with those whom they had left.

The members then rose in their places, and stood in silence for a few moments.

At the suggestion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, a telegram of condolence was sent from the meeting to Mrs. Taylor.

A ROLL OF HONOUR.

The President said it had been hoped to read at that meeting the Roll of Honour of ringers who have fallen in the war. An appeal was made to secretaries of Associations and others to gather the names for this purpose, but for different reasons they did not propose to read it that day. One was that it was at present incomplete, and another was that peace was not yet signed, and they did not know whether it might be—God grant it should not be—that there was more warfare to come before the final peace. For those two reasons they did not propose to read the roll that day, but to do it upon some future opportunity.

AN ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY.

'To vote a humble address to His Majesty the King' was the next item on the agenda, and the President stated that the suggestion was first made a little while after the Armistice was signed. It was at once taken up, and endeavoured to be carried out, but there was some necessary delay. Then the feeling became more prominent that it was not certain that we had won actual peace. There was a moment when the great French Commander-in-Chief and another great leader, said they believed more war was inevitable, and they, therefore, decided to postpone the address—he hoped the Council would not think it was simply procrastination—until peace was actually signed, and they (the officers) settled upon two courses. First, if peace were signed, they would take on themselves the responsibility of presenting the address to the King as representing the Central Council immediately on the signing of peace; or, secondly, if peace were not signed before the meeting of the Council they would lay the matter before the Council to decide whether an address should be presented or not. They had drafted an address which he would ask the secretary to read.

The draft proposed was then read, and members were invited to send in suggestions for additions or alterations to the secretary for consideration by the Standing Committee.

It was unanimously resolved that an address should be presented, and the final wording will be eventually settled by the Standing Committee and officers.

Mr. Beams asked in what form the address was to be presented, whether it was to be simple or costly.

The President said the idea of the officers and Standing Committee was that it should not cost a penny, that it should be nothing grand and illuminated, but simply a written address, which, he thought, showed with least ostentation what, he was sure, was the very heartfelt feeling of everyone present (applause).

THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (hon. librarian) who was heartily welcomed on his return from the war, presented a statement as to the sale of the Council's publications. During the year ended May 22nd, 91 copies of publications were sold, the receipts being £2 19s. 1d. After deducting postages £2 16s. 8d. was handed over to the treasurer. During the five years he had been librarian, continued Mr. Jenkyn, 324 copies in all had been sold, and he now desired to know what the Council wished to do. Did they wish to go on in the same way, just slowly, or did they wish to go more quickly. If they wished to go slowly there was nothing more to be said. If they wished to go quickly and sell more of these publications he would suggest they should advertise them in the 'Ringing World,' and that he should be instructed to induce secretaries of Associations to take the publications on sale or return with a view to getting them brought to the notice of members. He found that many ringers had not the least idea what the books really were.

THE ACCOUNTS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts of the Council, audited by the Standing Committee, which showed the balance in hand at the beginning of the year to be £70 2s. 1d. The receipts included sub-

scriptions from associations £11 10s., sales of publications £2 16s. 8d., interest on invested bonds £3 2s. Out of this amount £50 had been invested in War Bonds, £2 10s. had been paid in connection with the meeting in 1918 in London, and £1 17s. 4d. for incidental expenses, leaving a balance in hand of £33 3s. 5d.—The Hon. Secretary mentioned that the subscriptions of two Associations had not been received when the accounts were made up. One had since been paid but the Towcester and Districts Association was still in default.

Mr. F. Wilford said the Secretary and Representative of the Towcester Association had died, and the Association, so far as that part which came into Northamptonshire was concerned, was also practically dead. They of the Central Northants Association were going to try and work it up again if possible.

On the motion of Canon Coleridge, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson the accounts were accepted and approved.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston suggested that the Accounts should be printed for circulation among the members.

Mr. King did not see why they should incur the expense of printing, and suggested the accounts should be published in the 'Ringing World.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the 'Ringing World' was not supported as it should be by members of the Exercise, and if the Council were going to publish their accounts in the paper they should pay for it in the way of an ordinary advertisement.

After further discussion it was resolved that the Secretary be authorised to pay for the Council's announcements in the 'Ringing World.'

A motion that the accounts be printed with the agenda of the meeting was defeated.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved that the publications of the Council be advertised in the 'Ringing World,' and that he arrange with the secretaries of associations to take copies of the publications on sale or return. — Mr. Lewis seconded, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Burton asked whether the Council ought not to consider the question of increasing the price of their publications.

The Rev. H. Law James said, on the contrary, that they ought rather to consider if it was possible to reduce the price. The Council printed these things for the benefit of the Exercise, and not to make money. As long as they did not lose money the more they sold the better.

A NEW HONORARY MEMBER.

Three honorary members—the Rev. A. H. Boughey, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Parker—retired by rotation, and a vacancy among the hon. members occurred by the election of Mr. G. Williams as a representative of the Winchester Guild.

The three retiring members were re-elected, and Mr. Harry Chapman (Manchester) was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Chapman was for some time one of the representatives of the Lancashire Association on the Council, and the reason why he was not re-elected on the last occasion was explained by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who said it was purely because the association thought it right that the honours should be passed round. None would rejoice more than the Lancashire Association and himself if Mr. Chapman were elected.

Mr. Chapman, who was spending the holiday in Gloucester, was able to take his seat at the afternoon session.

A SUMMARY OF OTHER BUSINESS.

After new members had been introduced to the President, the Council came to the consideration of the reports of the various committees.

The Peal Collection Committee reported that they were prepared to print the Treble Bob Collection, and the Council authorised this to be done.

The Legitimate Methods Committee reported that they were ready to go on with the printing of a selection of the Plain Major Methods.

An interesting discussion took place upon legitimate methods, and eventually it was resolved that in future the word 'Legitimate' should be omitted from the title of the committee, so that the committee in future will be known as the Methods Committee. It was also resolved that wherever the word 'legitimate' occurred in the documents of the committee and Council, the word be changed to 'regular' and 'illegitimate' to 'irregular.'

It was resolved that the selection of the plain Major methods contained in the report of the Methods Committee be printed as soon as the hon. secretary and treasurer considered it expedient.

The Literature Committee had been inactive during the year, but a letter from Canon Papillon was accepted as a report, and various suggestions, widening the reference of the committee, and extending its work were adopted. The title was changed to 'The Literature and Press Committee, and the committee was strengthened by the addition of the hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn).

The Peals Analysis Committee's report which has already appeared in these columns, was adopted, with thanks to the committee for their work, and it was resolved that the present form of publishing the table of peals rung in the alphabetical order of the Associations be continued.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was an informal one, made by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who also stated that for various reasons the bells of Belgium Committee had been unable to do anything during the year.

The reports having been disposed of, discussion was continued on the subject opened last year, viz., the means most likely to conduce to the greatest utility and efficiency of the Council. After a spirited debate it was resolved by 24 votes to 20, 'that the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the procedure of the Central Council and take such action as they think fit,' and it was also resolved 'that it be referred to the societies and associations affiliated to the Council to consider the desirability of giving the Council power to enforce its decisions, and report to the Hon. Secretary of the Council not later than April 26th, 1920.'

The first of these two motions was proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, and the second by Canon Baker.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. T. H. Reams, and carried: 'That this Council gives its hearty support to the movement, already locally initiated, to restore the ancient usage of a "peace" bell in this country as an appropriate memorial to the men who have sacrificed their lives in the great war, and as a call to prayer for the peace of the realm.'

It was decided that the Council should meet at Northampton next year.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Dean of Gloucester for having placed the Chapter House at the disposal of the Council, and for his offer personally to conduct the members round the Cathedral.

Mr. John Austin was thanked for having made the local arrangements, and the President was thanked for his conduct in the chair.

The members then made a tour of the Cathedral under the guidance of the Dean, and afterwards were entertained to tea by the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They then visited the premises, where two centuries ago the Rudhalls carried on their famous bell foundry, and subsequently spent a social hour at the Ram Hotel.

THE LATE MR. J. W. TAYLOR.

HIS LIST OF PEALS.

The death of Mr. J. W. Taylor, of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, recorded in our last issue, caused a feeling of deep regret throughout the Exercise, and many expressions of sympathy have been sent to the bereaved family, including a telegram from the Central Council while in session at Gloucester on Tuesday in last week.

Muffled peals were rung at Nuneaton, Cotgrave, Derby, Darley Dale and Leicester.

In addition, attempts took place in other towers, and touches were rung at a number of churches.

At St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, on Saturday, June 7th, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect, but it was lost owing to a change course, after 1 hour and 25 minutes' ringing: W. Wileman 1, W. Povser 2, A. H. Ward 3, C. Draper 4, J. Elcock 5, J. Glew 6, B. Mitchell 7, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 8.

One of the peals on which the Loughborough Foundry prided itself was the wonderful little ring at Long Stanton, Cambs, and on these bells on Whitsun Tuesday 720 Bob Minor was rung on the back six with the bells deeply muffled, by members of the Cambridge University Guild: W. H. J. Hooton 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, J. B. Woolley 3, J. Butler 4, B. F. Sheppard (conductor) 5, E. H. S. Truscott 6. This was the first 720 on tower bells by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th, and the first by B. F. Sheppard as conductor. Also 180 Bob Minor was rung with 7—8 covering: W. H. J. Hooton 1, J. B. Woolley 2, B. F. Sheppard 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, E. H. S. Truscott 5, J. Butler (conductor) 6, W. Hawkes 7, C. E. V. Wilkins 8. W. Hawkes is a member of the local company. At the conclusion, 66 strokes, representing the age of the deceased, were tolled on the tenor.

The late Mr. Taylor rang, in all, 220 peals, of which he conducted 98. The following is the list:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	29	15
Grandsire Caters	16	12
Stedman Triples	34	11
Stedman Caters	32	16
Plain Bob Major	4	...
Double Oxford Bob Major ...	2	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	38	19
Kent Treble Bob Royal	17	11
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	1	...
Double Norwich Major	24	9
Superlative Surprise Major ...	19	3
Duffield Royal	2	...
Forward Royal	2	2
	220	98

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of several London churches were rung on Monday in connection with the inauguration of the new Victory Loan.

Several peals, arranged for members of the Central Council and other visitors to Gloucester, went 'west' during the holidays. On Whit-Monday peals were lost at Tewkesbury, Ross, Bradford-on-Avon, and St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. On Wednesday there were failures at Painswick and Tewkesbury.

Pressure on space renders it unfortunately necessary to hold over several peal records and reports of meetings, including that of the annual meetings of the Essex and Kent Associations.

The Essex Association War Memorial is to be a tablet in Chelmsford Cathedral containing the names of the 32 members who have fallen.

To be elected President of his Association (the Central Northants) on one day and ring his hundredth peal the next, in celebration of his father's 80th birthday, has just been the happy lot of Mr. F. Hopper.

Ringers unable to get their 'Ringing World' delivered promptly on Friday by a newsagent should have it forwarded by post (2s. 6d per quarter post free) from the Editorial Office, 9, Commercial Road, Woking.

The attentions of a bell hanger are sadly needed at Long Crendon—so the High Wycombe ringers found when they visited the tower the other day.

A new band at Stow, Lincs, is making good progress under the tuition of the curate.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CAERLEON.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Caerleon on Saturday last, in glorious summer weather. The bells are a light ring of eight, and during the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. There was a capital attendance, including the lady ringers of Rumney, Llanbradach and Llanfrechfa. Ringers also from such distant places as Aberavon and Llanelly were present. Tea, most kindly provided by the Association's first Master, Mr. Evan Davies, was served at the White Hart Hotel, and at the conclusion, Mr. Davies was thanked for his generosity, which is characteristic of him whenever ringers visit Caerleon.

Mr. Davies was unanimously invited to occupy the chair for the business meeting, which followed.

The roll of honour, as submitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council, was read.

The place for holding the next Monmouth Archdeaconry quarterly meeting was discussed. Blaenavon and Pontypool were proposed, and by a large majority it was decided that it be held at Trevethin, Pontypool.

The Hon. Secretary brought to the meeting's notice the proposed rehanging of St. Clement Danes' bells, with the result that 25s. was collected in the room towards the rehanging.

A vote of thanks to both the chairman for presiding and to the Vicar for the use of the bells closed the meeting, and the members then attended evensong. Afterwards the bells were rung in the standard methods.

The meeting was a most successful one. It may be mentioned that Caerleon dates back to Roman times, and is noted for its round table of King Arthur's days. The museum contains a large quantity of Roman relics and remains.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT FAMOUS TOWER.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bennington on May 31st, and was well attended and much enjoyed. The weather was perfect, and the old-world village in its spring garb, with its picturesque cottages and typical green, with the church at the bottom, makes a beautiful picture. From a ringers' point of view, there are the noted ring of eight upon which in bygone days the local band accomplished peals in all the standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise, and these peals are recorded in the tower upon handsome tablets. It is a remarkable fact that the Bennington band rang London Surprise for divine service 50 years ago, and nearly every one of that famous company was born in the village.

Ringers, numbering 31, attended from many towers, and the bells were kept busy, through the kindness of Canon Mills, who is a staunch supporter of the Association, and gave a hearty welcome to all, and provided them with tea, at which he presided. The curate (the Rev. G. S. Chapman) was elected a member of the Association, and it is hoped he will be a great acquisition to the Bennington band.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Canon Mills for his generosity and kind welcome, on the motion of the Rev. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by the district secretary (Mr. W. H. Lawrence)—Canon Mills responded, and hoped all would be spared to come again next year.

ISLEWORTH.—On May 23rd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Diserens (Sunbury) 2, C. Edwards 3, T. Beadle 4, R. Holloway (Acton) 5, G. Spencer 6, C. Hunt (Hammersmith), conductor, 7, H. Brooks 8.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.

The annual gathering of the Central Northants Association was held at Northampton on Whit-Monday. During the day touches in a variety of methods were rung at All Saints', St. Peter's, St. Sepulchre's, and Kingsthorpe Churches, but, owing to illness near, the bells of St. Giles' and St. Edmund's could not be used.

The annual service was held at All Saints', the preacher being the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. L. Lunt, M.C.). Taking as his text the words, 'The Voice of the Living God,' the reverend gentleman delivered a most able and eloquent address. Lunch and the annual meeting followed at the Peacock Hotel, the retiring President (the Rev. F. H. Lang) presiding. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. Hopper, Northampton; treasurer, Alderman Owen Parker, J.P., O.B.E; general secretary, Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton. Mr. F. Hopper took the chair, supported by the Mayor (Councillor J. J. Martin), the Rev. J. Evan Hopkins (Mayor's Chaplain), Rev. G. C. L. Lunt, M.C. (Vicar of All Saints'), Rev. T. A. Gurney (Vicar of St. Giles'), Rev. J. P. Freend (Collingtree), Rev. John White (Pitsford), Messrs. W. Perkins, T. Law, F. Stubbs and W. Wilson (hon. district secretaries), and about 120 members.

Mr. F. Wilford, in his secretarial report, stated that the balance in hand was £39 6s., which he thought was very satisfactory. In addition to the annual meeting, quarterly meetings had been held in the various districts; and special ringing meetings had also been held for the young ringers, all of which had been well attended. Seven peals had been rung during the year, six of these taking place since the Armistice had been signed. The Secretary alluded to the pleasure it was to see so many of the ringers returned home again from H.M. Forces, particularly those who had been in the hands of the enemy. There were 20, he was sorry to say, would not return, 16 having been killed in action, one died of disease, and three died from wounds.

The toast of 'The King' was drunk with musical honours. It was resolved to place a tablet in All Saints' Church with the names of those ringers inscribed thereon who had fallen in the Great War.

The following new members were elected: Councillor J. J. Martin (Mayor), Rev. G. C. L. Lunt, M.C. (Vicar of All Saints'), honorary; E. Stanton (Pozeat), C. Wilson (Woodford), R. Clarke, J. Wilson and C. Crowson (Harpole), C. Higgs (Cogenhoe), ringing members; W. Robinson (Clipstone), unattached; J. Withers, H. Withers and S. Grove (Birmingham), A. W. Cole (London), and A. Diserens (Sunbury-on-Thames), life members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Northampton.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Mayor and other visitors for their attendance; and the Mayor, in his reply, said how pleased he was to be present, observing that it was very gratifying to find the society in such good working order.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of All Saints' and other clergy for the use of the bells; also to the late president for his valuable services. The replies brought a successful gathering to a close.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Southern Branch was held on Saturday, May 31st, at Godstone, where there is a fine peal of eight bells, erected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the 'go' of them being all that can be desired. Thirty-four members attended from Bletchingley, Burstow, Charlwood, Crawley, Horley, Mersham, Nutfield, Oxted, Redhill, Reigate, and the local band. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rector gave an excellent address. Tea was partaken on the Rectory lawn, by the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Hoare, after which a short business meeting was held, the Rector presiding.—Eight new members were elected: Betchworth was chosen for the next meeting, and Bletchingley selected for the attempt for the quarterly peal.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Hoare for providing such a splendid tea, for use of the bells, and the excellent address at the service; and, in reply, the Rector said it gave Mrs. Hoare and himself great pleasure to entertain the members.

Thanks were passed to Mr. Beeson for making arrangements. This concluded the business, and members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major being brought round.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Sandy on Saturday last, members being present from all the towers in the district, and also several from the Bedford District. The bells were kept going to short touches in Plain and Treble Bob Methods during the afternoon. After tea a short meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. — Huggins (curate of Sandy), supported by Capt. Mead, C.A. Two new members were elected, and after some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Southill, another six-bell tower. The usual votes of thanks were passed. Further ringing was then indulged in; a very pleasant afternoon was spent, and the hope was expressed that now 'life boys' are getting back to civil life more may be found to take up the art, and fill the places that are now empty.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL NORTH BUCKS BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th, when a splendid gathering, numbering upwards of 100, was present to welcome back a number of members, including the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), who attended after four years' absence. The service was held in the beautiful church, which Shenley can well be proud of, the Vicar and President of the Branch (the Rev. J. R. Vincent) officiating. The service was fully choral, and the Master gave the address. His very interesting discourse first gave a brief outline of his career in France during the four years of war, and this was followed by a few remarks on church work and the assistance rendered by the ringers in this work. Reference was also made to those of the branch who had made the 'supreme sacrifice,' and the roll of honour, including 15 names, was read out by the Rev. J. R. Vincent. The National Anthem brought the service to a close.

An adjournment was then made to the Vicarage grounds, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors for a ramble until tea was ready. This was served on the lawn, and it goes without saying that those who had cycled over the hot dusty roads were quite ready to do justice to the good things provided.

At the business meeting, the Rev. J. R. Vincent presided. The balance sheet showed a favourable balance. Two new honorary members and 19 ringing members were elected, and one tower added to the branch. The Rev. J. R. Vincent was again unanimously re-elected president, and the secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Sear) was also re-elected.

The Master spoke on the general working of the branch, and said he was pleased to see such a good gathering. A brief outline of the arrangements of the 'victory festival' which will be held at Oxford in July was given; and reference made to the proposals for the roll of honour and war memorial. A strong appeal was also made by him for support for 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. R. Vincent for making such excellent arrangements both for service and tea, and to the ladies who assisted.

An adjournment to the belfry was then made, where the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, and brought a most enjoyable afternoon to a close.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE REORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Beccles on Whit-Monday, about 40 members being present. The ring of ten bells in the campanile of the Parish Church, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. F. G. Millar, were available for the use of the members both in the morning and afternoon. Dinner was served at Gale's Hotel, and was followed by the general business meeting, at which the secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Creman) read a letter from the President (Mr. J. Sancroft Holmes) regretting his inability to preside at the meeting, and also announced apologies for absence from Mr. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), the Rev. H. Drake, Rev. B. — Downton, Rev. W. C. Pearson, and Messrs. W. L. Duffield, T. Fitzjohn, G. P. Burton.

Mr. George E. Symonds took the chair, and others present included the following members of the committee: Messrs. E. E. Diaper, C. — Fisher, R. J. Goate, F. C. Lambert.

On the motion of Mr. C. E. Fisher, seconded by the secretary, the suggested alteration to Rule III., of which notice was given at the Diss meeting, viz.: 'That the representatives at the Central Council be ex-officio members of the committee, was carried nem. con.

It was also resolved that the date of the annual general meeting of the Association, fixed for August 4th, be altered to the last week in September or the 1st week in October, the date being left in the hands of the president and secretary.

Five new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Beccles for the use of the bells.

The Secretary announced that the committee had decided to let the question of the reorganisation of the Association, on account of the division of the diocese, stand over until the annual general meeting.

TRIP TO WREXHAM.

On Saturday last, a band of Ashton Parish Church ringers paid a holiday visit to Wrexham Parish Church, and during the morning and afternoon rang touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The band was as follows: C. Bower, S. Booth, B. Thorp, J. Mellar, H. Heap, E. Morgan, J. Shaw, T. Jackson, A. Adams, W. Brammer, J. Harrison. The ringers spent an enjoyable day, and wish to thank the Rev. Canon Davies for his kind permission for the use of the bells, and the Wrexham ringers for their kind reception.

GILLETT & JOHNSTON,

The 17 cwt. tenor of the new ring of eight cast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and hung by them at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and opened on the 7th of June, 1919.

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NOTICES.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 21st, at Hillingdon, both towers open. Will members who intend to be present please notify me by the 18th?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, 21st June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m. in schools. Business meeting to follow tea. All ringers welcome.—Percy L. Cooper, Hon. District Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE 'ND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday June 21st. Bells ready 3 30; meeting at 7.—W. W Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea will be provided at a charge of 6d. each, Through the kindness of the Rector (Rev. F. G. Scovell) the Rectory grounds will be open for the use of ringers and friends. Rotherham and Mexbro' cars pass the church.—Arthur Hague, District Sec., 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society, Estab. 1824.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary's, Putney, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 21st. As this marks the resumption of the Southern District meetings, the officers and members are requested to attend, particularly the business meeting after the practice.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec, 50, Cannon Street, E.C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 p.m., the Vicar will preside.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st) at Crosstones, Todmorden. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—T. K. Driver, 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

LAVENHAM.—The bells at this church will be at the disposal of ringers to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st).

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting will be held at Barkway and Royston on Saturday, June 21st, 1919. A motor lorry will meet the down train arriving at Royston 1.55 p.m. to convey ringers to Barkway (8 bells), and will return to Royston for tea and business meeting at The County Dairy. The return motor journey will be 2s. 1d., and the tea 7½d. to members. Visitors 1s. 3d. tea. Will those who can, notify me of their intention to avail themselves of the motor service and tea so that provision can be made?—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin, Herts.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held in the Guildhall, Winchester, to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st). The bells of the Cathedral will be open for ringing from 11 a.m. Important business meeting at 2.15 p.m.; service at 4 p.m., preacher the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. Tea 5.15 p.m. Half rail fares allowed to members attending business meeting.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st). The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham Berkeley, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lyminster to-morrow (Saturday, June 21st). Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at the Parish Room (adjoining Vicarage).—A. W. Groves, Div. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—An evening meeting will be held at Galleywood, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available 6 o'clock.—F. W. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Clifton Villas, Writtle.

SONNING, BERKS.—This fine peal of bells will be open for ringing on Wednesday, June 25th, between the hours of 12 (noon) and 2.30 p.m., being the occasion of a Missionary Gathering at which Canon Coleridge will preside. Ringing visitors will be welcomed.—C. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, June 26th, and Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. Established 1623.—Great ringing day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences at 9 a.m. Visitors welcome. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Will those wishing to partake of dinner kindly let Secretary know? If visitors, wishing to make a week-end, will kindly inform the Secretary, he will arrange for ringing on the Saturday and Sunday.—R. A. Strong, West Road, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Biggleswade (G.N.R. main line), on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m.; Service, 4.30. Tea in Vicarage Gardens, by kind permission of Rev. Rolf, at 5 p.m. Visitors cordially invited.—Edward P. Duffield, Hon. Sec., Sharnbrook, Beds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The next meeting will be held at Lymington, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch (Forest Row Station), on Saturday, June 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. and onward. Service, 4.30 Tea 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (Cathedral) available from 3 till 3.55, and from 5 till 6 p.m., and at S. Mary's during the afternoon and evening. Service in S. Mary's Church at 4.15, with address by the Rev. Preb. Paice, M.A. (Vicar). Tea and general meeting at Seagrave's Restaurant at 6 o'clock. Tea, 1/- to fully paid members, to others 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, 24th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me at the latest by Thursday, the 26th. The Bakewell bells are silent owing to illness.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, near Matlock.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Kettering, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and Business meeting 5.15. Anyone wishing to take tea must let me know as early as possible.—Walter T. Wilson, Dist. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Nr. Kettering.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—(Swindon Branch.)—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone (Shrivenham, G.W.R.), on Saturday, June 28th, where a fine ring of 8 by Mears and Stainbank will be available from 2 p.m. onward. Tea 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—H. W. Bishop, Church View, Wanborough, Swindon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—(Guildford District.)—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 1919, at St. Nicolas, Guildford, for the purpose of a presentation to Mr. J. J. Jones, the District Secretary, on the occasion of his recent marriage. The Rev. C. E. Matthews is visiting Guildford specially for this meeting. The bells (10) will be available from 3, short service at 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Those wishing for tea *must* send names by Wednesday, June 25th, to A. C. Hazelden, Joseph's Road, Guildford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and business at St. Audrey's. The Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus) has kindly offered to provide the tea, so, to give him some idea of number, will all ringers and ringing friends who think of attending, kindly drop me a P.C.?—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield (District Sec.).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Tong. Bells available from 3 p.m. until dusk. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—Wm. Gage, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Leeds, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at the Vicarage. The Secretary would be glad to know not later than Monday, 23rd, of any members intending being present.—Stephen Hayzelden (Dist. Sec.), Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Colston Bassett on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

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

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Liversedge Parish Church on Saturday, July 5th. The draw will take place at the Albion Hotel, the headquarters for the day, at 2.45 prompt. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Monday, June 30th, tickets 1/- each. —W. Frith, Sec., 5, Sufton Street, Birkby, Huddersfield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea (1/-) will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel, for those who advise me not later than July 1st, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at Reigate, on Saturday, the 12th July, further particulars later.—C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—As arrangements for the annual Festival at Oxford on Saturday, July 19th, are progressing, will any members who have business to bring forward please note that 'notice of motion' should be sent to General Sec. by June 30th? Further particulars will be announced in 'Ringing World' as soon as definite arrangements are made.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warden House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

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

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