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THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Last week we touched briefly upon the decision of the Central Council to take the opinion of the Associations which are affiliated to it upon the question of whether or not the Council shall have power to enforce its decisions. First of all, it is agreed by everyone that the Council cannot take to itself power of this description; its power, if power there is to be, must come from the associations to which the Council owes its own existence. It is therefore only right that in this matter the Council should go straight to the associations for their mandate or refusal—indeed, there is no other course open. The subject is important and, therefore, we trust it will be brought officially to the notice of the affiliated societies, and not left, as practically all questions are upon which the Council seeks the views of the associations, to the representatives. This would be fatal to obtaining a conclusive reply, quite apart from the fact that some associations were not represented at the meeting at all. Even as it is, there are some organisations who will not hold an annual meeting between the date of the Council meeting and the last day for receiving replies. Among these will be those who hold their meeting on Whit-Monday and others whose gathering falls in May or early June.

But apart from this drawback, which could be got over by adjourning the subject for another year, let us look at the broad principle and see whether it is really practicable. Except for the loyalty which every member is expected to give to his association, we are afraid there is nothing by which a binding allegiance can be obtained. Penalties for infringements of regulations are out of the question; suspensions for infractions of the rules would be laughed at. The truth is, the link between the ringers and their associations is still of a very weak kind and easily snapped, and unless that is strengthened, action by a still more distant authority is quite unlikely to have any coercive effect.

This, however, brings us to the even more crucial point: Has the Council any decisions to enforce? It has specified certain definitions for a peal, but these have been established for centuries; it has stated the requirements when record peals are to be attempted, but these have been more honoured in the breach than in the observance; it has laid down the law as to what are and what are not regular methods, but the divergence in the Council on this point is such that the members would hesitate—at present, at any rate—to enforce a decision one way or the other. On these subjects, however, the Council can, if it likes, uphold its views by excluding all else from the analysis, but where, outside them, is there anything to enforce?

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PEACE PEALS.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

FREDERICK DICKENS	...Treble	WILLIAM KENT	7
BERNARD W. WITCHELL	2	JAMES GEORGE	8
CHARLES DICKENS	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
THOMAS H. REEVES	4	ALF. PADDON SMITH	10
PERCY O. LAFLIN	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
THOMAS MILLER	6	JOHN NEAL	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung to commemorate the victorious conclusion of the Great War, and the signing of the terms of peace.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS	...Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN	6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS	2	CHARLES DYSON	7
FRANCIS S. WILSON	3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS	8
JOHN AUSTIN	4	ERNEST E. DAVIS	9
ARTHUR E. WILKINS	5	JOHN W. DAVIS	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Specially rung by invitation from the Vicar of Tewkesbury to celebrate the signing of Peace, and also as a farewell peal to Mr. F. S. Wilson who is shortly leaving Gloucestershire for Norfolk. Mrs. Wilkins' first peal of Caters.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 18, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs. in F.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	...Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDSON	6
*JOSEPH W. FLOWERS	2	*ARTHUR FARR	7
JOHN W. WOOD	3	*JOHN CURRY	8
GEORGE LADD	4	HORACE M. DAY	9
RUPERT RICHARDSON	5	†NORMAN KING	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Rung for the Peace celebration.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	...Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	6
MRS. E. J. WILSON	2	HENRY B. BURT	7
WILLIAM WHITE	3	JOSEPH GOULD	8
FREDERICK W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	9
HENRY T. HOWELL	5	URIAH BRAVEN	...Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DOLTRY.
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above was rung to place on record the ringing of a peal in Bristol on the official day of Peace rejoicings throughout the country.

BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt.

CHARLES W. BELL ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. HOLDER ...	6
*GEORGE TEMPLE	2	†GILBERT H. HARDING ...	7
*RICHARD J. COUSINS... ...	3	THOMAS F. KING	8
HENRY W. BROWN	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	9
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	5	*THOMAS HOGSFLESH...	*Tenor*
		*FREDERICK C. RICH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

* First peal on ten bells. † Fiftieth peal. Rung on the occasion of Peace celebrations.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)
On Saturday, July 19th, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL	...*Treble*	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	6
SAMUEL COTTON	2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ...	7
WILLIAM WEBB	3	*SGT. JOHN L. WILLARS ...	8
WILLIAM H. B. MUNDY ...	4	ALFRED MARTIN	9
HARRY BROUGHTON	5	THOMAS TAYLOR ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters rung in connection with the national Peace celebrations.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 5, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER	...*Treble*	*CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
THOMAS KING	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN	3	FREDERICK J. SMITH... ...	7
ALBERT L. J. NAUNTON ...	4	SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E.	*Tenor*

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.
Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. * First peal in the method and first attempt. Arranged for Spr. F. W. Naunton, home on leave from the Army of Occupation. Also to commemorate the signing of Peace. The ringers of treble, 4th and tenor belong to Wrentham, 2nd to Southwold, 3rd, 6th and 7th to Leiston, 5th to Fakenham, Norfolk.

DORKING, SURREY.
THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 8, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

EDWARD E. DODD ...	...*Treble*	STAFF-SERGT. A. HARMAN...	5
ALFRED WINCH	2	ARTHUR DEAN	6
GEORGE MARRINER	3	JOHN H. WHITE	7
HARRY BOXALL	4	WILLIAM LYNCH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. WHITE.

This was a peace peal.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CLIFFORD DISTRICT.)
On Sunday, June 29, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

†ALFRED RACKHAM ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY T. RACKHAM... ...	4
*ROBERT STEPHENS	2	JAMES P. HYATT	5
JOHN H. RACKHAM	3	†JOHN JONES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYATT.

† First peal. * First peal with a bob bell. The ringer of the treble was congratulated on the way he rang his bell thro' the peal, he being only 13 years of age and the youngest ringer to score a peal for the Guild. The ringers wish to thank Mr. J. Jones for entertaining them to tea after the peal. This was the Peace Peal for the parish.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS LILY LAW ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	4
*WILLIAM E. ATTERBURY	2	JOSEPH C. DEAN...	5
THOMAS LAW	3	FRED HOPPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by a lady member of the Northampton district. Rung to celebrate the signing of the Peace Treaty at Versailles.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 2, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire Minor.
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS	...*Treble*	GEORGE MORRAD...	4
*HARRY ARGENT...	2	FREDERICK HAYES	5
GUY R. AMBROSE	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung in celebration of the signing of Peace.

* First peal in 5 methods. The calling of this peal comprised 107 bobs and 104 singles.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 7, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	...*Treble*	NORMAN R. BAILEY	4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	2	FREDERICK J. SMITH	5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	3	SPR. F.W. NAUNTON, R.E.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SPR. F. W. NAUNTON, R.E.

Arranged by and rung to oblige the conductor who was home on leave from the Army of Occupation. Also to commemorate the signing of Peace. The band wish to thank Mr. G. Eastaugh, one of the local ringers, for having the bells in readiness.

Peace Day ringing provided a deluge of peal records to this office and a large number are unavoidably held over.

TEN BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE ORCHARD	...Treble	HARRY SMITH	6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	2	HUBERT SCRIVENS	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	JOHN JEFFERIES	8
ALBERT WRIGHT	4	FRANK COLE	9
WILLIAM HASTINGS	5	RUPERT SHARP	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN FOREMAN	...Treble	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	5
JOSEPH ROWELL	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	7
BERT HORTON	4	BENJAMIN C. DIXON	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRGERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*GEORGE H. GIBBS	...Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS	5
JONATHAN PRESTON	2	§JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON	6
†HERBERT C. SPENCER	3	WILLIAM G. ANKER	7
‡HENRY HOLLIS	4	JOHN E. PYWELL	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples. § First peal in the method with a bob bell. G. H. Gibbs was elected a member previous to starting for peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WALTER MASSEY	...Treble	JOSEPH FAULKNER, SEN.	5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	2	WILLIAM A. COOPER	6
HARRY HILL	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
HARRY HUBBLE	4	ALFRED DAVIES	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The above peal, which was arranged as the quarterly peal for the Guild, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lady Boscawen, wife of Lieut.-Col. Sir Arthur G. Boscawen, M.P. for Dudley, and an esteemed Vice-President of the above Guild.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*A. W. BOWERS	...Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS	5
ERNEST W. MARSH	2	WILLIAM G. WAKELEY	6
WILLIAM RUNDLE	3	HENRY W. WILKES	7
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	4	†H. J. HOLE	...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal on eight bells. † Elected member previous to starting.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ANNIE BROWN	...Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT	5
WILLIAM A. CAVE	2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS	6
†JOHN BROWN	3	JOSEPH GOULD	7
RICHARD CLARK	4	*FREDERICK C. DAY	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 15, 1919, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE	...Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY	5
GEORGE WILSON	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	7
ALLAN F. BAILEY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HORACE TULETT	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
ARTHUR WHITE	2	*HENRY STALHAM	6
WILLIAM HILLMAN	3	ALFRED W. GROVES	7
*GEORGE I. NORRIS	4	*EDMUND H. LINDUP	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 1 ton.

ROBERT EVANS	...Treble	RICHARD JONES	5
WILLIAM WASE	2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	6
*JOHN HERBERT RIXOM	3	GEORGE LEONARD HEWITT	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	*ALFRED SYDNEY BAILEY	...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

* First peal. Walter Lago sat in the tower and checked every lead end.

SIX BELL PEAL.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 26 six-scores of Grandsire.

ALBERT RELFE	...Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT	4
GEORGE FULLER	2	HARRY PRICE	5
JAMES WAGHORN	3	CYRIL DRAWBRIDGE	...Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung as a compliment to Canon and Mrs. Boyd on the anniversary of their wedding, also as a birthday compliment to H. Price. First peal for C. Drawbridge who was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Bath on Saturday week, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding. There was ringing at the various towers during the day, and in the afternoon a special service was held in the Abbey on the invitation of Preb. S. A. Boyd, and at this service the names of the members who have perished in the war were read. The Rev W. S. Coad preached the sermon.

At the business meeting in the Abbey Church House in the afternoon, the Chairman extended a welcome, on behalf of the Association, to those members who had returned from military service, and hoped that their return would give a renewed stimulus to the work of the Association in the district.

The report of the Master stated that, as far as could be ascertained, 387 members had joined the colours, and 54 were either killed or died on service. Thanks to the efforts of the secretary and the co-operation of its members, the Association had come with credit through these years of unexampled trial and difficulty. The present need was for progress. Many bells had been silent—there had been no ringing for the services. He hoped the ringing would now be restored and the custom of ringing for services greatly increased. Peals had also been rare; they must aim at a greater number of peals and also of methods. The Master also urged the more experienced ringers to do all they could to help the younger members, and to encourage the learning of the art. During the year ten honorary members had been elected, and 171 performing members, including 32 ladies. Five peals had been rung, including one at Corston and one at Wells Cathedral.

The accounts showed a balance in hand at the beginning of the year of £78 10s. 11d., and the credit balance at the end of the financial year was £81 1s. 10d.

It was agreed to grant the usual honorarium of £10 10s. to the secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. E. Burgess).

On the motion of Mr. D. G. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Prescott, the Rev. C. C. Parker was re-elected Master for the ensuing year by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Burgess was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Taylor was again chosen as auditor.

The Chairman gave his impressions of the meeting of the Central Council at Gloucester, which he attended as the Association's delegate.

The Chairman said the selection of a suitable memorial to the fallen members of the Association had been discussed by the committee, who recommended that a tablet should be placed in Wells Cathedral to commemorate their comrades. The meeting endorsed the suggestion, and the Chairman said the committee proposed that the necessary funds should be provided by subscription. The first step would naturally be the preparation of an estimate.

It was agreed that the three next quarterly meetings should be held at Street, Evercreech, and Midsomer Norton.

Several new members were elected at the meeting.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rector of Bath for allowing the service to be held at the Abbey and for lending the Church House for that meeting, and to the Rev. W. S. Coad for his address. Thanks were expressed to the local incumbents for placing their bells at the disposal of the Association to the local Association's secretary (Mr. F. C. Rich).

In the evening a half-hour's muffled ringing in memory of fallen members of the Association took place on the Abbey bells.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A meeting of the above was held at New Romney on July 12th, and, favoured with fine weather, a good number of members put in an appearance. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, interspersed with rounds for the recruits. An excellent knife and fork tea was provided by the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh Louth), who presided.

The business meeting followed, at which it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Aldington. Several new members were elected, including Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Croydon, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, as vice-presidents, all of whom were paying their first visit to New Romney, and who were heartily welcomed by the members present. The two former cycled on their 'tandem' from East Croydon, a distance of 76 miles, and rang at Biddenden and Headcorn on their return journey on Sunday.

The question of the annual outing was considered by the meeting and after Mr. R. Whittington had assured the members that they would receive a hearty welcome at Croydon Foundry from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and that they would be able to ring on the bells of St. Peter's, Croydon, it was decided finally to consider the matter at the next meeting at Aldington.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality, and also to the visitors who had come so far to attend the Guild's meeting.

A move was then made to the tower, and courses of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung before dispersing for home.

C. T..

ST. CLEMENT DANES' BELLS.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONY.

The bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, which, owing to the enthusiasm of the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, have now been rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were rededicated on Thursday last week, and were thus once more in their place in time for the peace celebrations. The bells had been practically silent for nearly seven years on account of the weakness of the frame, which after more than 300 years' use, had shown serious signs of collapse. The Vicar, with characteristic energy, set about the restoration of the peal, so that the voices of the bells should not be missing when peace was celebrated, and with little more than 24 hours to spare he won the race against time. The expense of the work is considerable, but it is interesting to note that contributions are coming in from ringers and ringing organisations in many parts of the country, so that the Exercise will be able to claim a share in the renovation of this historic peal.

The dedication service, like those other services in which ringers have been interested at St. Clement Danes, was given special significance, and was both beautiful and dignified in its details. The ceremony was performed by the Chaplain-General of the Forces, and was attended by Queen Alexandra, who passed the church to the sound of the bells when she entered this country to become the bride of the late beloved King Edward. Inside the church a fashionable congregation assembled. A number of flower-girls, bearing great bunches of carnations and sweet peas, lined the entrance and formed a charming guard of honour; and through their ranks passed Queen Alexandra, bestowing gracious smiles on all as she passed into the church to take part in the service.

For some time the clear young voices of the choirboys mingled with those of the congregation in chanting appropriate hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

Then the Queen Mother followed the white-robed clergy to the western entrance of the church, where Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General of the Forces, pronounced the dedication. Her Majesty touched the bells, and the procession slowly returned down the aisle.

A hushed silence, and then came the melodious notes of the old bells sending a glad message of peace and good cheer over London.

The ringing, after the dedicatory prayers, consisted of six whole pulls, and as Queen Alexandra left the church the bells were 'fired' and then followed a touch of Stedman Caters, the ringing being done by a band drawn from the officers of the London County Association in which 'Headquarters,' Northern and Southern Districts, had a part.

Afterwards, the Rector provided tea for some 50 ringers, and was present with Mrs. Pennington Bickford. In welcoming the visitors the Rector made the interesting announcement that Queen Alexandra had contributed 25 guineas to the Restoration Fund, and other royal personages of both Denmark and Norway had also helped. Donations had come in from far afield, and over a wide area. The brides whom he had married there, 'the Belles of St. Clement's,' had subscribed over £100. Many of the provincial ringing associations had also sent sums, and he had just received three guineas from the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford was proposed by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, and carried by acclamation, and was followed by 'musical honours.'

The restoration which has been carried out has been complete and effective. The bells were removed from the tower and taken to the foundry, where, after cleaning, they were retuned, and entirely new fittings added. They have been rehung in an iron frame, which is supported on the old beams, and new iron headstocks have been fixed. These are of special design, in order to preserve the cannons, except in the case of the tenor, the cannons of which were removed at a previous restoration. Despite the considerable swaying of the tower the bells now run perfectly.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m., and all agreed that the bell hangers, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were to be congratulated upon a very successful rehanging and tuning.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR CAPT. FRYATT.

With the bells deeply muffled, on the occasion of laying to rest the body of the late Captain Charles Fryatt, Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Harwich, by: J. Alderton 1, T. Phils 2, T. Bernard 3, G. Taylor 4, A. Morris 5, C. J. Ramplin 6, W. A. Cooke (conductor) 7, C. Bloice 8. Owing to a shift between the last two leads of the first part, the bells were called into rounds, and time not permitting another start, the peal was abandoned. A quarter-peal of Bob Major was lost, through the slipping of the 6th muffle: J. Alderton 1, T. Phils 2, T. Bernard 3, W. A. Cooke 4, G. Thompson 5, A. Morris (conductor) 6, C. J. Ramplin 7, B. Elmer 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were many early birds about in the belfries on Peace Day. We wonder who really can claim to have aroused the neighbouring populace at the earliest hour. At Salehurst, in Sussex, and Wraxall, Somerset, they started at 5.10 a.m.

'The Belles of St. Clement's'—the brides married at the St. Clement Danes by the present Rector—have contributed over £100 towards the restoration of 'the Bells of St. Clement's.'

The Northampton Oddfellows have set up a unique record in ringing a peal of Stedman Triples, the first Friendly Society peal in the county, which was conducted by the Grand Master of the Victoria Lodge, who is also President of the Central Northants Association.

At the ringers' tea, after the St. Clement's Dedication Service, it was observed that the veterans of the London County Association had foregathered at one table. They were Messrs. Raynor aged 83, Waghorn 76, Foskett 73, and Chapman 72. Their total, not out, stands at 304 years.

The Lincoln Guild's War Memorial is to be four bells for the Cathedral to increase the present eight to 12.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS.

NOTTINGHAM RINGER'S THANKOFFERING.

As a thankoffering for his recovery from a serious illness, Mr. H. R. Cobbin, steeplekeeper at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, presented two treble bells to the church, which at a special service held on Friday, July 11th, were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Nottingham, the Rev. W. J. Conybeare, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. H. P. Hale.

The Archdeacon, in the course of a short pulpit address, said bell ringing, in the scientific sense of the term, was peculiarly an English custom. Abroad one heard them clanged in almost any order, but in England they were rung scientifically. It was true, few people appreciated the art of bell ringing, and it was an art only learned by considerable practice, a science demanding the most absolute concentration of thought. As a ringer himself, it was with peculiar pleasure he found himself dedicating those bells, for if anything could develop bell ringing in the country it would be a good thing. It was maintaining something that had been characteristic of English Church life for many hundreds of years, and he hoped young men who might hear the chimes might be attracted to learn bell ringing, and thereby render very real service to the Church. Bells undoubtedly uplifted our hearts and reminded us of worship.

During the service the congregation sang the hymns, 'O praise ye the Lord!' and 'When morning gilds the skies,' while the conclusion of the words of dedication was followed by the ringing of the bells for a brief interval.

Round the crown of each bell are the words: 'To the greater glory of God,' and on the waist the inscription, 'H. R. Cobbin gave me—1919—thanking God.'

Immediately after the service, the Archdeacon rang the treble through a course of Grandsire Caters. Ringers were present from Nottingham, Beeston, Bulwell, Colgrave, Eastwood and Loughboro' the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have been responsible for the work, which has also included retuning the three old treble bells, thereby making the splice perfect. Nottingham has now a really ringable peal of ten, and ten-bell ringing should retrieve the position it once held in the city.

VICTORY MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The method published in your issue of 18th inst. by the Rev. E. B. James, I also produced some years ago with a view to having something good to ring on ten and twelve bells. In my method (which I named St. Martin's Semi-Court Bob) I made 2nd's place so as to use 4th's place bobs. It makes an excellent method for Maximus. I have peals of it composed by the late W. D. James, in his handwriting, and dated July, 1912.—Yours,

JAS. E. GROVES.

Dear Sir,—Though Mr. E. B. James' method—now called Victory Major—has been sleeping, it has turned once or twice in its sleep. A quarter-peal was rung at St. Mary's, Pulford, on October 20th, 1914 under the name of Little Court Major, and an attempt for a peal was made at St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, on the 23rd of June this year, but came to an end after 18 courses.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Waygateshaw, Carluke.

THE PEAL AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

This peal was rung as a welcome to Admiral Beatty and Sir Douglas Haig, who were visiting Newcastle to receive the freedom of the city. It was rung on the middle octave with the 9th as tenor, the semi-tone 6th, the gift of Miss Alice Dixon, in memory of her brother, having been added in 1914, with the express wish of the donor that it would be rung in a peace peal.

PEACE DAY.

ORGANISED RINGING IN LONDON.

By pre-arrangement some of the London Societies rang for the Peace day at several towers which would probably have been otherwise silent, and in some cases indeed, where the bells had been silent for very many years. This was the case with the London County Association, who organised four bands for Saturday last. The efforts of the Association caused the bells to be rung at St. Clement's; St. Mary's, Islington; St. Giles', Bloomsbury; St. John's, Waterloo; St Botolph's, Bishopsgate; St. Stephen's, Coleman Street; St. Mary's, Rotherhithe; St. John's, Vassall Road; St. Gabriel's, Pimlico; St. Olave's, Hart Street; St. John's, Wilton Road; St. Peter's, Walworth; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park and St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield. The West London band at Hammersmith, whose efforts were partly allied, were able to ring at St. Paul's; also at Barnes Parish Church, and at St. Andrew's, Wells Street. The 'L.C.A.' bands included the Master and officers. Several good touches in various methods were brought round in the different towers. The organising secretary was Mr. E. Alex. Young.

The College Youths were extremely active, and in addition to the festive ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, bands of the society visited Westminster Abbey; Bow, Cheapside; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. John's, Hackney; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington; St. Dunstan's, Stepney; St. Mary's, Whitechapel; and St. Barnabas', Pimlico.

The Cumberland Youths rang at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and other churches.

The bells of the old and historical church of Shottesbrooke, Berks, rang out to touches of Grandsire Doubles on the morning of Peace Day celebration by the following ringers, all local men, who have served in the army overseas, and are now demobilised: J. Partridge, R Berks Yeomanry, 1; W. Blay, Northumberland Fusiliers, 2; H. Hopkins, 2nd Royal Berks, 3; W. Avery, 2nd Royal Berks, 4; W. Bristow, A.S.C., 5. All the above learned to ring at this church over 20 years ago. The bells are very old, the tenor, 3rd, 2nd, dating 1634 treble 1811. The fourth has been recast, and the ring is of a very rich tone; tenor 10½ cwt. The church is a very fine specimen of architecture, being built in the form of a crucifix in 1337, and is considered to be one of the most beautiful and interesting of churches in England, attracting many visitors.

A great many peals were attempted on Saturday last, in connection with the nation's Peace Day celebrations, and a number were successful. In many more towers the bells took their part in the rejoicings, and the following are among the touches recorded:—

TAUNTON. — St. Mary's Guild, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, rang 1287 Stedman Caters: W. White 1, J. Hunt 2, E. Lloyd 3, A. Wyatt 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Burge (composer and conductor) 6, I. Creal 7, F. Sadd 8, H. Mockridge 9, E. Wyatt 10.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE. — An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's Church unfortunately came to grief in the 8th part of Holt's 10-part, through a change course. The ringers were as follows: Mrs. Wolstencroft 1, Miss E. Grimshaw 2, Miss Cissy Thorp (conductress) 3, Miss A. Wolstencroft 4, Miss S. Holt 5, J. Harrison 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, F. Fiddler 8.

WYKE REGIS.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's, in 50 mins.: T. Hyde (St. Peter's, Dorchester) 1, J. Rose 2, W. Rose 3, R. J. Tall (St. George's, Gravesend) 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, C. H. Jennings 6, A. J. Rose 7, J. Beale 8.

BRAINTREE.—At 6 a.m., 1008 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, E. F. Slade 7, W. H. Hamond 8. Ringing was continued at frequent intervals throughout the day, concluding with some excellent firing and a well-struck 420 Stedman Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. J. Collins 3, G. Melbourne 4, E. J. Slade 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, July 19th, on the occasion of celebrating Peace Day several touches were brought round during the day, including Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative Surprise, Stedman Triples, and also a short touch of Bob Major, in which Mr. J. M. Button rang the 7th, he being in his 82nd year. He has been the much respected Master of St. Margaret's Society for over 50 years. The following members took part through the day: C. Sampson, J. G Rumsey, G. Wilson, A. Keeble, J. Titterton, E. H. Bailey, C. F Bailey, E. S. Bailey, J. M. Bailey, L. P. Bailey, F. W. Bailey, A. F. Bailey, and W. G. Crickmer (from Earl Soham). The conducting was shared between G. Wilson and C. F. Bailey.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—The Peace celebrations at this village were ushered in at 7 a.m. on the Parish Church bells. Ringing was also done at various times during the day when many six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The ringers taking part were: Miss Olive Lane, Miss Lilly Sargood, Messrs. A. Parker, E. Hartnell, J. Hall, C. Lawrence, G. Harrison, and the conductor, G. Ashley.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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Mr. A. T. King, who spoke in favour of papers being read to the Council on matters of interest, which the members could afterwards criticise, if they desired, said the Council had no power to enforce their decisions, and never would get power to enforce them, but he would tell them what they had got and did not exercise, perhaps, to the full, and that was influence. When they went back to their associations they could always exercise an influence, and that was ever so much better than trying to enforce rules.

Canon Elsee asked if the Council thought that any committee they appointed could be better than the Standing Committee? He agreed that they wanted in some way to improve their procedure, but they were faced with the difficulty that a great proportion of their time was taken up by reports. They ought somehow to limit the time spent on these in order to have more free time for the discussion of other subjects. He thought the Standing Committee was the proper body to consider the matter, and he suggested that Mr. Drake should alter his motion so that this might be done.

The Rev. H. Drake accepted the suggestion.

The motion was then put in the following terms, and carried by 24 votes to 20: 'That the Standing Committee be instructed to consider the future procedure of the Central Council at its meetings, and take such action as they think fit.'

At the suggestion of the Rev. H. Law James, the date in Canon Baker's motion was altered to April 26th, 1920, and as amended was carried.

THE PEACE BELL.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then opened the subject of a proposal for the revival of the ancient Peace Bell on Fridays at noon. Having referred to the Angelus, with which those who have been on the Continent are familiar, and which is heard in many places in the morning, at mid-day, and in the evening he said this call to the faithful to recite, on hearing the bell, the words to the Virgin, 'Hail, Mary, full of grace,' made a spiritual appeal, which was of distinct value. It stood in the first place as a constant witness of the Christian faith and the presence of the Christian Church. It would not perhaps, have the same significance in England, because to the minds of most English people the devotion to the Virgin Mary associated with it would not appeal. The ringing of the Angelus came gradually into use, the earliest reference to it being that a bell should be rung in the evening as a signal for people to put out their lights and say their evening prayers and retire to bed, it being thus partly a curfew and partly a call to prayer. In the 13th or 14th centuries the same thing was introduced by the ecclesiastical authorities in the morning, in order that people should be directed to say certain prayers. The mid-day bell, which still survived in the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, where to a large extent the morning and evening bells have fallen into disuse, or been deliberately suppressed, originated in the same way as the others. In 1456, the Pope, in a universal crusade of prayer, ordered a bell to be rung at mid-day in all the churches of the world, and in France the bell became known as the Ave Maria of Peace. He suggested that it would constitute a most beautiful and appropriate memorial to our fallen heroes if they could restore in this country, he did not say the Angelus pure and simple, but the mid-day bell as it was originally introduced, with its original intention amplified, by reference to those we should ever bear in grateful remembrance for the sacrifice they had made in the cause of King and country. Nothing could be more appropriate than that the bell rung in memory of those who had given their lives in the war should be at the same time a call to prayer for the continuance of the peace they died to win. It would be most appropriate if it could be done on Fridays at noon.

He moved: 'That this Council gives its hearty support to the movement already locally initiated, to restore the ancient usage of the peace bell in this country as a perpetual memorial to the men who have sacrificed their lives in the great war, and as a call to prayer for the peace of the land.'

Mr. T. H. Beams seconded, and the motion was carried without discussion.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral for their great kindness in allowing the Council to meet in the historic Chapter House, and especially to the Dean, for giving them his time and his knowledge of the Cathedral in showing them some of the glories of Gloucester.

The Rev. H. Law James seconded, and the Hon. Secretary supported the motion, remarking how very heartily his proposals in regard to the meeting were entertained.

The motion having been cordially carried was acknowledged by the Dean, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and to Mr. John Austin for their share in the arrangements.—A vote of thanks to the President concluded the business, and the members were then conducted round the Cathedral

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.

CROYDON, SURREY.

by the Dean, whose charming description of the beautiful and historic building was much appreciated by those who were privileged to accompany him.

The members of the Council were afterwards entertained to tea at the Gresham Hotel by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Master of the Association (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) said it gave him much pleasure to welcome the members of the Central Council to the Association area. He referred to the position his Association held in the ringing circles, and thought that now the war was over we should all work hard and place all Societies and Councils on a sound working basis.

The President of the Central Council thanked the Gloucester and Bristol Association for their kind welcome, and said that he knew all the members of the Council appreciated the local association's welcome.—Mr. Rock Small (Worcester and Districts Association) and Mr James George (Master of the Warwickshire Association) supported the President's words.

Many of the members then paid a visit to the premises which were the foundry of the famous firm of Rudhall centuries ago, and afterwards there was an enjoyable social at the Ram Hotel.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

RAPIDLY GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on July 5th. The attendance of members was small, owing to difficulties in travelling, but nevertheless the meeting was very successful. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and several touches were rung with the assistance of the gentlemen. The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, at which Miss Alice White, the President of the Guild, presided.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Guild has made great progress, and the membership was now over 200. This was largely due to the work which had been done by Miss N. Gillingham, of Portishead, and Miss S. Pigott, of Smethwick, in arranging meetings at numerous towers. In order to extend the work of the Guild, and enable more meetings to be held, the Secretary proposed that districts should be formed as opportunity offered, and each district should have its own secretary and committee. For this purpose it would be necessary to alter some of the rules.—The members were all in favour of these changes, and the rules were altered accordingly. The work of arranging for the formation of the districts was left in the hands of the secretary.

Miss Alice White was unanimously re-elected President, and Miss Edith K. Parker, hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee were also re-elected.

It was proposed that a report should be printed annually, and also a further supply of badges made. Reading was decided upon as the place for the next annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Miss White for presiding, and to the secretary for her work during the year. This concluded the business meeting, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

A short service was held at 5.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Evill, who gave a short address. Miss Feltham, of Hillingdon, a member of the Guild, presided at the organ.

A splendid tea was provided in the Church Hall for members and friends, to which about 40 sat down.—The Vicar welcomed the Guild to Edmonton, and Miss Feltham, who replied, thanked the Vicar for his address.—A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who had provided the tea, and to all who had helped in making the meeting a success.

Ringing was continued till 8.30, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on July 6th, Peace thanksgiving Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.; L. A. Goodenough 1, Herbert Wood 2, T. Blackbourn 3, B. Wilson 4, Harry Wood 5, W. Payne 6, A. King (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood (first quarter-peal in method) 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday June 29th, in celebration of signing of Peace, 1279 Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins., at St. Margaret's Church (on front 6): J. Vernon 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, J. Morris 5, A. Cattell 6.

FLIXTON.—Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, July 13th, on the occasion of the anniversary services, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Johnson 1, W. E. Ryder 2, Jas. Shaw 3, R. Davies 4, S. Collier 5, Lt.-Col. S. Stott, V.D., 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, W. Johnson 8.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK. — On Sunday, July 6th, for special thanksgiving service, 1056 Bob Major: N. R. Bailey 1, T. King 2, C. V. Ebberson 3, J. Spencer 4, E. Nunn 5, E. Chatten 6, A. J. Lincoln 7, Snr. F. W. Naunton, R.E. (conductor), 8.

NOTICES.

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LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at St. Peter's, Portishead, on July 26th. Bells available from 2 30, short Service at 4 o'clock, tea at the White Cot Dairy at 4.45, followed by meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Gillingham, Portishead, Somerset.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m.; Service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 5 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. in the White Swan Hotel.—William Gage, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival.—Owing to Peace celebrations being held on the date fixed for the festival, this will now be held on Saturday, July 26th, at Oxford. Service in Christ Church Cathedral at 11 a.m. Business meeting at Chapter House immediately after service. A repast will be served in Christ Church dining hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets: 2/6 each to non-members, 2/- each to members. The 2/- will be refunded to all members who have served in Navy or Army during the War. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Secretary as early as possible. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available all day; New College (10) and Merton College (8) from 3 to 4 o'clock. Several six-bell towers will be available, and will be announced at meeting.—Richard T. Hibbert, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Northwich on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45. Preacher, the Rev. H. N. Nowell, M.A., Vicar of Northwich. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

CAMPSALL, near DONCASTER (8 bells).—The Pontefract ringers propose to have a ringing afternoon at Campsall on Saturday, July 26th. Any ringing friends heartily welcome. Bells ready at 2 o'clock.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their next meeting at Worsley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.; business meeting at 7 p.m.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3, service at 5, tea 5.45. A meeting will also be held at Bearsted on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3, service at 5, tea 5.45. Please inform me not later than Monday, August 4th, all those intending to be present.—Stephen Hayzelden, District Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. and address by the Rev. H. D. Madge (Vicar). Tea and business meeting at the George Inn to follow. Hall-fares up to 2s. allowed.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Mauditt on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingboro'.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6. The Association will hold a committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Nominations for Branch Secretary to be sent in for this meeting.—T. K. Driver, Hon. Sec., 99, Hunter Street, Middleton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, July 26th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. It is hoped that the Litton bells (6) will also be available.—I. B. Holmyard (Hon. Sec.), School House, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney, near Mansfield, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. and available to 9 p.m. Members from kindred associations welcome.—H. Haigh and A. Beck, Joint Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Stanton-by-Dale on Saturday, July 26th. Ringing 3 to 8 p.m. All are welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The district meeting proposed for Andover on the 19th inst. is unavoidably postponed to August 1st. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting to follow. Ringing again afterwards.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, August 2nd. Eight bells. Deepcar Station, G.C.R.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Monthly practices will take place at Brewood on Saturday, August 2nd, and at Penkridge on August 30th, both at 4 p.m.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Monday, August 4th. Bells available 1 o'clock; tea at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present let me know not later than Wednesday, July 30th.—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth, District Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, when the following towers will be visited: Weybridge, 10 a.m., Oatlands Park, 12, Esher and Hersham in the afternoon. Service at Hersham at 5 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards in the Church Institute. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 29th? All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Hon. Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in Peterborough on Monday, August 4th (Bank Holiday). The Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6) and Woodston (6) available during the day. It is hoped to have the service in the Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Tea 1s. at the Bedford Cafe at 4 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's Schoolhouse, Peterborough.

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.—It is proposed to hold a reunion of the St. Michael's Juniors on Tuesday, August 5th, at Gloucester. Will those members likely to attend kindly communicate at their earliest with R. J. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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

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

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PEACE PEAL BY 'RANK AND FILE.'

Following the example of the officers in ringing a peal of Caters, the rank and file in and around Bristol determined to emulate them or go one better, so about a month ago a band met at St. Stephen's, and rang 3,164 changes of Stedman Caters. Owing to a change course, the bells were brought round at this number. It had been done so clean that not even the conductor (who was ringing the tenor) nor the men concerned knew where the mistake had occurred, and it was only the fact of bringing them round after only one single had been called that proved to them that it was a change course, and not the conductor 'swinging the lead.' After this attempt it was arranged to meet for it on Saturday, June 28th, and to start at 4.30 p.m. As events turned out this was a most appropriate date. A punctual start was made, and a very good peal was rung, as has been already recorded. Previous to the peal, arrangements had been made for Mr. G. R. Newton from Liverpool to have a ring at St. Mary Redcliffe, and, meeting here at 2.30 p.m., the twelve bells were raised in peal, and several touches of Stedman Cinques and one of Forward Maximus were rung, in which Messrs. J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), W. Farley (Wells), T. F. King and G. H. Harding (Bath) also took part.

DEATH OF MR. H. HAMPSON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Hampson, which occurred at his residence, Bradford, Yorkshire, on Monday, June 16th. The funeral took place at Moorside on June 21st, and as the cortege neared the church, the bells were rung deeply muffled by the Oldham and district ringers. After the service (which was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Garnett), a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by C. E. Platt, H. Barlow, S. Stott and J. Schofield.

Before joining the army deceased was a ringer at Moorside Parish Church, and was greatly interested in Kent Treble Bob, in which method he had conducted several peals. Death was due to fluid on the brain, caused by shrapnel wounds, and heart failure.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—Hertfordshire Association.—Recently, 720 Bob Minor: S. Carter (first 720) 1, B. Carter 2, F. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. Another 720, with R. Jones (first 720) treble.—On Sunday, July 13th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: B. Carter 1, C. Gale 2, F. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On July 17th, 1029 Minor, 180 Double Oxford, 120 Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: B. Carter 1, B. Patmore 2, N. Patmore 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

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