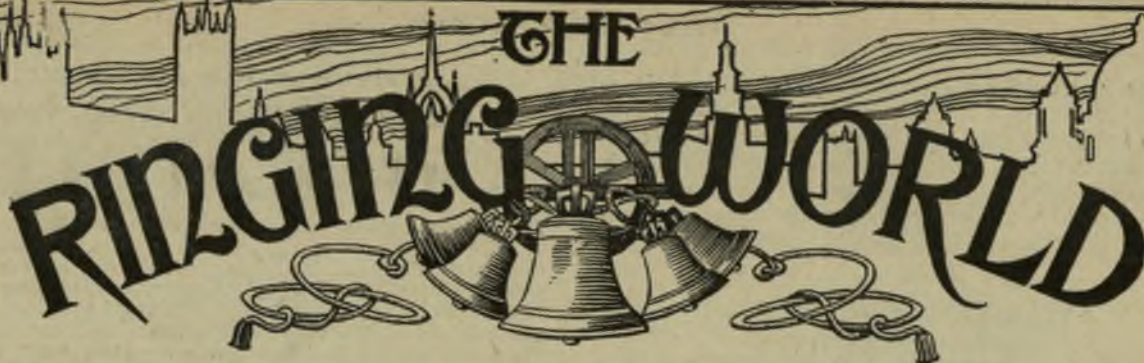


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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

After an interval of six war years, the Central Council met last week in the City Council Chamber at Birmingham, which had been placed at its disposal by the Lord Mayor. The proceedings were quiet, and the meeting generally was one of the duller in the history of the Council. For that there were several good reasons. Much of the business consisted in re-electing the various committees, whose work for obvious reasons had been for five years in abeyance; there were no controversial subjects to discuss; and the one motion which might have given rise to a lively debate was put to the meeting while the Lord Mayor still occupied the chair, and was carried before the members realised what it was about. The most important business was the report of the sub-committee appointed by the Standing Committee to carry out the financial transactions necessary to secure possession of 'The Ringing World.' They were able to say that they had been successful, and that for the last eighteen months or so this journal has been the property of the Central Council.

Financially the transaction has been a successful one, and the Council is now possessed of a substantial cash balance which is proposed to be used for the publication of literature for the general benefit of the Exercise. That is a most excellent idea, and should be productive of much good, provided it is realised that the costs of publication are among the lesser difficulties in producing a book. For a good book you must have a good author, and such are not plentiful even among those who think they can write. The Council's record as a publisher during fifty years is not an inspiring one, and it is too much to expect that the possession of funds will automatically bring an improvement.

The fact that this journal has made a profit is not in itself any proof that it has been successful. Money-making is no object of the Central Council, and the increased and increasing circulation of 'The Ringing World' is satisfactory only so far as it is an indication that the paper is appreciated and is in a better position to carry out its main duty of influencing ringers for their good and the good of their art.

The general finances of the Council show a largely increased credit balance, and this, too, is a matter for congratulation. Too often in the past, lack of funds or the supposed necessity of keeping a reserve in hand has hampered the Council and prevented it from doing what

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otherwise it would have done. That handicap is now removed, and with wise management the Council's capacity for good has been greatly enlarged. It must not be expected that the present financial expansion will go on indefinitely, either so far as the Council or 'The Ringing World' is concerned, but the future is full of hope, and ringers may look forward confidently.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 10
ALBERT WALKER ... 5	WALTER AVRE ... 11
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 6	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... Treble	*FRANK A. PENN ... 6
*MRS. F. A. PENN ... 2	ERNEST PARKER ... 7
REGINALD AMOR ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 8
JESSE FRANCIS ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 9
CHARLES BUTCHER ... 5	SIDNEY FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.
* First peal of Caters.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN BOOTH ... Treble	*RONALD KENDRICK ... 6
CECIL RADDON ... 2	FREDERICK GRUNDY ... 7
JAMES GROUNDS ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 8
CHARLES RIDYARD ... 4	*PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 9
*ROBERT ALLRED ... 5	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Royal. † 100th peal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E. flat.

*WILLIAM C. COOPER ... Treble	*BERNARD LAWTON ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
*ALBERT E. COLLINS ... 3	KENNETH G. KNOWLES ... 8
*HAROLD SHUCK ... 4	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 9
HOWARD HOWELL ... 5	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 2	E. DENNIS POOLE ... 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	F. HECTOR BENNETT ... 8
ROBERT EVANS ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
THOMAS PRICE ... 5	WALTER LAGO ... Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
In memoriam William Saunders, many years head ringer of the tower.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 8
*MISS H. G. SNOWDEN ... 4	†THOMAS E. SONE ... 9
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal of Stedman. † 300th peal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon. May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 2	*ARTHUR PEARSON ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 9
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5	JOHN LUCK ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 5, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, SELLY OAK,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RALPH PARTON ... Treble	FREDERICK RISHWORTH ... 5
EDWARD HOLT ... 2	SAMUEL THOMPSON ... 6
*THOMAS GREENHALL ... 3	SIDNEY THOMPSON ... 7
ERNEST CALCUTT ... 4	FREDERICK HANDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK HANDLEY.
* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ... Treble	TOM WILDE ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	JOHN P. FIDLER ... 6
ALAN J. BROWN ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.



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On Sat., May 5, 1945, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.	
CHARLES H. PERRY ... Treble	ERNEST COOMES ... 5
FREDERICK HANNINGTON 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 6
ERNEST STITCH ... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4	EDWARD T. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

SOWTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.	
JAMES DUNSIEF ... Treble	ARTHUR TAPLEY ... 5
ARTHUR GOODING ... 2	HARRY WILLMINGTON ... 6
ALFRED BETTS ... 3	WILLIAM REEKS ... 7
WILLIAM SELDON ... 4	JOHN KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. REEKS.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 12, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALTER R. FARROW ... Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 6
F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 7
THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 15, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
GEORGE LARGE ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
VERNON J. BENNING ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ROLAND SHELBOURNE ... Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... 2	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 16, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	*WILFRED CORE ... 5
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	*JOHN ROTHWELL ... 6
JACK LUNHAM ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 7
*RONALD KENDRICK ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR BEAMISH ... Treble	D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... 5
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3	*LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
HUBERT SUMMERS ... 4	FRANK K. MEASURES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thurs., May 17, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... Treble	WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 5
JOHN HOSGOOD ... 2	REGINALD TRUMAN ... 6
ARTHUR T. TRUMAN ... 3	EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... 7
THOMAS G. BARTLETT ... 4	*HORACE WILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFIN.

* First peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 18, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JAMES W. KAY ... Treble	ALBERT HEYWOOD ... 5
CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 2	PETER CROO, SEN. ... 6
MRS. MARY KENYON ... 3	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	RICHARD M. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROO.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

LEONARD BULLOCK ... Treble	SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 5
THOMAS BULLOCK ... 2	FREDERICK SOUTER ... 6
BERNARD SADLER ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
WILLIAM PERRY ... 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. P. HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	*RUFERT RICHARDSON ... 7
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 4	RICHARD J. B. HADDEN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* 750th peal.

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN ... Treble	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON, JUN. ... 5
*FRED HAWORTH ... 2	*TOM WATSON ... 6
KENNETH HALL ... 3	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

CECIL G. CALCUTT ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 5
MARGARET D. TELFORD 2	RICHARD A. POST ... 6
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal of Surprise.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
HERBERT PARKINSON ... Treble	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... 5
STANLEY CLIFFORD ... 2	FRANK POSTLETHWAITE ... 6
ERNEST SWAIN ... 3	JAMES E. BURLS ... 7
JOHN WOODS ... 4	HERBERT S. PALMER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	JOHN PINFOLD 6
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MILTON C. FOWLER ... Treble	*ARNOLD HILL 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	*G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	*JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Francis Xavier,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

THOMAS W. HESKETH ... Treble	GEORGE LEDSHAM 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	FRANK VARTY 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Treble 24 cwt.

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING 5
FREDERICK OLDROYD ... 2	FRED A. H. WILKINS ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY 4	C. F. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
*ALAN G. HALL 2	PHILIP A. CORBY 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
*MISS J. HOULDSWORTH 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HAROLD A. NOBES ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 2	ERNEST T. MUNDAY 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
*JOHN H. HUNT 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th the observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES Treble	HENRY HUBBALL 5
HARRY GOODMAN 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
JOHN GOODMAN 3	THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 7
WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 4	ALBERT HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. TOWNSEND.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 21, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*SYDNEY FLINT Treble	*GEORGE JACKSON 5
JACK LUNHAM 2	RONALD KENDRICK 6
†BETTY SUMNER 3	*EDWARD LANGLEY 7
JAMES TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method, † First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MISS F. M. PRICE ... Treble	W. SWAIN 4
MISS M. HUDSON 2	D. BIRKUMSHAW 5
MRS. G. HATTON 3	J. W. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by W. SWAIN.

BRONLLYS, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 15, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

A. DEREK OWENS ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS 4
BERNARD H. DAVIES ... 2	JOHN D. ROCK 5
DAVID H. BENNETT ... 3	WILLIAM DREW Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 16, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Bob IV., Old Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

G. BURRELL Treble	A. E. FLATTERS 4
J. R. KEMP 2	H. BARSLEY 5
A. YOUNG 3	J. R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by J. R. YOUNG.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... Treble	ARCHIBALD FITCH 4
CHARLES WEAVERS 2	THOMAS BIRD 5
STANLEY BONES 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE S. MORLEY ... Treble	FRED TERRY ... 4
SAM HELLIWELL ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... 5
MISS MARGARET HAWLEY 3	EDWARD BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BRADLEY.

BARNBY-ON-DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. WARDLE ... Treble	J. McCLUSKEY ... 4
*W. E. CRITCHLEY ... 2	*E. PADGETT ... 5
E. SHORT ... 3	H. DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. DENMAN.

* First peal.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 19, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS MARY DAVY ... Treble	JOHN HYDE ... 4
ALBERT LAMBKIN ... 2	HAROLD O. R. SCHUPKE 5
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. BEESON.

* First peal.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Tuesday, May 15th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. White 1, G. Creed 2, Miss B. Look 3, H. Horler 4, P. Hulle 5, J. Metcalf 6, H. J. Sanger (conductor) 7, H. Lintern 8.
EYTHORNE, KENT.—On Monday, May 14th, 1,260 Doubles, being 60 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire: D. Harvey 1, E. T. Ellender 2, C. Turner 3, W. Brooks 4, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 5.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., April 7, 1945, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	*LUCILE HUBBERT ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ERIC A. DENCH.

* First peal.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 6, 1945, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC A. DENCH ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	MRS. J. THOMAS ... 7-8

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 5, 1945, in Two Hours,

IN ST. PETER'S CHOIR VESTRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor size 15 in C.
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	BRUCE ROGERS ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 11, 1945, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 17, KINGSFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GRAHAM C. TARR ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
LAURENCE R. TARR ... 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

The funeral took place at Coalbrookdale on May 12th of Mr. William Saunders, whose death was briefly reported in our issue of May 18th. Many ringing friends from a number of towers were present. The many floral tributes included wreaths from the Vicar and ringers, Coalbrookdale; the Rector and ringers, Broseley; the Vicar and ringers, Much Wenlock; and the Shropshire Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by J. Stanier (Madeley), A. S. Bayley (Coalbrookdale), A. Woodvine (Malins Lee), E. D. Poole (Coalbrookdale). After the service tower bells were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples and Caters.

William Saunders started ringing at the age of 17 and for an unbroken period of 49 years had been connected with Coalbrookdale tower, for 39 as captain of the band and 34 as towerkeeper with charge of the church clock. He was largely instrumental in having the bells rehung in 1925 with the addition of two new trebles, making them the fine peal of 10 they are to-day. A very keen ringer, he had taken part in 231 peals rung in many parts of the country, and with the exception of one tower had rung a peal on every available eight in the county of Shropshire. Only two other men associated with Shropshire ringing have taken part in a greater number of peals, the late James E. Groves, who in his later years lived at Birmingham, and Edward V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet. He conducted the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung by a local band at Coalbrookdale, also the first of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters to be rung by Coalbrookdale ringers. He was a ringing member of the Shropshire Association and the Hereford Diocesan Guild, being representative to the Central Council for the former for a number of years and Ringing Master of the latter since 1939.

His peals.—On tower bells: Grandsire, Doubles 4 (2), Triples 65 (21), Caters 19 (2), Cinques 1; Stedman, Doubles 1, Triples 23 (4), Caters 15, Cinques 20; Plain Bob, Minor 7, Major 18, Royal 4, Maximus 2; Kent T.B., Major 16, Royal 3, Maximus 1; Oxford Treble Bob, Major 4, Royal 1; Little Bob, Royal 1; Minor, four methods 1, three methods 4 (1), two methods 2; Doubles, four methods 2, two methods 2 (2). On handbells: Grandsire, Triples 9 (7), Doubles 5 (3), Doubles non-conducted 1. Tower bells 216 (32), handbells 15 (10), total 231 (42). Number of peals conducted by Wm. Saunders shown in parentheses.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Bedfordshire Association held at Flitton on Saturday, May 12th. Ringers were present from Bedford, Billington, Bromham, Dunstable, Clifton, Leighton Buzzard, Maulden, Raunds (Northants), Sandy, St. Albans, Silsoe, Swindon (Wilts), Stevington, Tempsford, Westoning and the local tower.

Tea, at which the ringers were the guests of Mr. Caulcutt, of Flitton, was served in the Church Hall by ladies of the village. At the short business meeting which followed, Husborne Crawley was selected as the place of next meeting on June 9th. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.

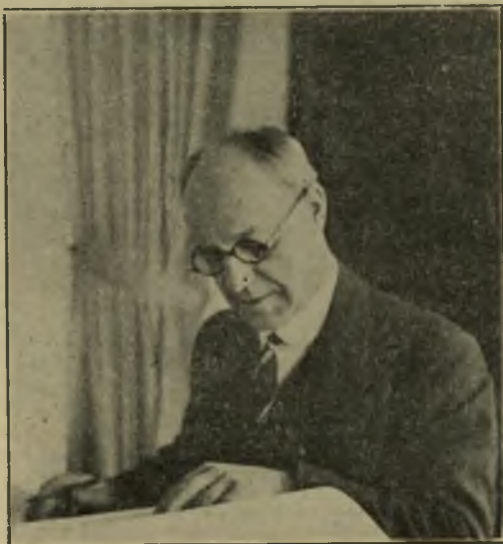
The May meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Wath-on-Dearne, at which the following towers were represented: Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Darfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Sandal, Sprotborough, Rotherham Parish Church, Horbury, Wentworth and the local belfry.

At the business meeting the president, Mr. J. R. Brearley, took the chair, and three new members were elected. The next meeting will be held at Wentworth on June 9th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM.

In the Council Chamber of the City Hall at Birmingham, built by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain at the end of the last century, the Central Council held its 48th annual meeting on Whit Tuesday. For six years, through the circumstances of war, the Council has not met. The meeting was memorable in character and at the conclusion one veteran ringer declared that ringing history had been made that day.

Nothing was lacking in the admirable local arrangements for the meeting. The Lord Mayor (Ald. W. T. Wiggins-Davies), accompanied by the Archdeacon of Aston (the Ven. H. McGowan) and Mr. A. Paddon Smith, came in person to welcome the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis). With them on the platform were Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary), Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Capt. W. H. J. Hooton.



THE PRESIDENT

Of outstanding interest was the report of Mr. G. W. Fletcher on the acquisition of 'The Ringing World' from the executors of its founder, the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The announcement of 'The Ringing World's' sound financial position with a cash balance of £900 was received with great satisfaction. Resolutions were passed with acclamation expressing the Council's appreciation to the committee which negotiated the paper's purchase and had conducted the business side.

The reports of the committees in most cases embraced six years. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards dealt with Literature, Press and Broadcasting, a live topic, and the practical observations of the president on towers and belfries was helpful to the members. A new association—the Universities—was elected to membership.

CIVIC WELCOME. BIRMINGHAM AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The proceedings opened with a civic welcome from the Lord Mayor (Ald. W. T. Wiggins-Davies), who said when his old friend and colleague, Celer. A. Paddon Smith, first mentioned it to him he was very surprised and pleased to learn that the bellringers of this country were organised in county and diocesan guilds, and that they were affiliated to the Central Council. 'I said I was surprised,' went on the Lord Mayor, 'because I had no idea that ringers of bells were so organised. I was pleased because, as a churchman, I love the music of the bells. I notice that some sound better or prettier than others, and you can tell me whether it is due to the quality of the bells or the ability of the ringers.'

'When in the early days of this war a ban was imposed on the ringing of bells it seemed to some of us that Sunday had lost some of its meaning and we all greatly rejoiced when that ban was lifted and the bells were allowed to play their part in the scheme of things.'

'I understand this is your first meeting since the outbreak of war, and it is fitting it should be held here, for though it cannot be claimed that your Central Council was born in Birmingham, it was conceived here. It was at a dinner held at the Colonnade Hotel on February 28th, 1889, to celebrate the 80th birthday of a very famous Birmingham ringer, Henry Johnson, that the idea of forming a central body was suggested by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, who gave the dinner. The first official meeting was held on Easter Tuesday, March 31st, 1891, and since then your Council has gone on from strength to strength.'

PRESIDENT'S FLY BOMB EXPERIENCE.

After acknowledging the welcome, the President said: We should, according to our normal cycle of meetings, have met in London this year, because we meet once in London and twice in the provinces in a three-year cycle, but at the time we were making arrangements for this meeting there were certain circumstances that made it unwise to go to London. One was the great difficulty of getting any accommodation and the other was the continual arrival of unwelcome visitors to the City of London. At the time we had to make the decision I was sitting on a seat in a train at Euston when one of these visitors became overheated and exploded overhead and some of the fragments dropped within two or three yards from where I was sitting. We did not want that sort of welcome, therefore we decided not to give our usual consent to London, but came to Birmingham as the best alternative.

The Lord Mayor had referred to the pleasure given by the ringing of bells and asked whether it was the quality of the bells or the ringers that made the better music. I would say that it primarily depends on the quality of the bells, because a bad peal of bells, however well rung, cannot sound pretty music. But a good ring can be spoiled by bad ringers, or what we call bad striking. Birmingham is very lucky because there has always been in the city good ringers and good strikers. If there is any question in this district as to whether the pleasure is due either to the bells or the ringers, we can say for certain it is due to the bells because we know the ringers are all right. One of those ringers whose loss we deplore is the late Ald. Pritchett, who was not only a well-known ringer, but a good supporter of this Council, and whose wise judgment and wide legal knowledge helped us in many ways.

It has been a tremendous thrill to the ringers of this country to be able in the past few days to report the end of the war in Europe and rejoice in the victory and the end of what I might call Act 1 of the war. Not that it is quite the end, because I do not think Act 1 is finished until all the villains that came on the stage have been rounded up and properly dealt with. Well, the victory is complete in Europe and we are very pleased to play our part in the celebration and we are looking forward to once more voicing the feelings of the nation in the complete victory over all the Axis powers.

RINGING PROSPECTS VERY GOOD.

The Lord Mayor said something about us going forward from strength to strength. I think at the moment the prospect of ringing is very good. There has been a tremendous accession of young people anxious to become ringers all over the country, and if they can only be properly instructed the prospect for the Exercise is very good indeed, provided we do not go and spoil it by the quality of the ringing not being what it should be. We hope that this Council will take such steps that the number of young ringers will be properly taught so that they can make the sound of the bells in the future welcome to the public on every occasion. Thank you, Mr. Lord Mayor, for coming here and giving up your valuable time and giving us a civic welcome.

The Archdeacon of Aston (the Ven. H. McGowan) led the Council in prayer.

MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

The hon. secretary, presenting a report on membership and representation, said it was very pleasing to report that in spite of the troubles of the war years practically all of the associations affiliated to the Council in 1939 had remained loyal—had paid affiliation fees for each year, and, notwithstanding decreased membership, had based their fees on pre-war numbers.

There were three exceptions. They had no news of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association requested affiliation on the terms that they paid one year's fees only, and be treated as if they had left the Council in 1939. They had lodged the sum of £1 for the 1945 fees, and it was for the Council to decide whether their application be accepted. They had also received an application for affiliation from the Universities Association, who had elected one representative.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher then moved that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association be elected on the terms stated.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith seconded and the resolution was carried with three dissentients.

Mr. Fletcher then moved that the Universities Association be elected to membership. This was carried unanimously.

The hon. secretary stated that the Council now consisted of 48 associations entitled to 132 representatives and 15 honorary members.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The attendance roll was as follows: Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. B. Peck; Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. J. T. Dyke; Cambridge University Guild, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard; Devon Guild, Mr. W. C. Wakley; Dudley and District Guild, Mr. F. Colclough; Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. W. H. Barber; East Derbyshire and Notts Association, Mr. C. W. Metcalfe; Ely Diocesan Association, Mr. F. Warrington; Essex Association, Miss H. G. Snowden; Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Mr. W. B. Kynaston; Guildford Diocesan Guild, Messrs. G. L. Grover, A. C. Hazelden, A. Harman and A. H. Pulling; Hertford County Association, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. H. G. Cashmore; Irish Association,

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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Mr. R. S. F. Murphy; Kent County Association, Sergt. E. A. Barnett, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice; Ladies' Guild, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson; Lancashire Association, Messrs. P. Crook, G. R. Newton, W. H. Shaker, A. Tomlinson; Lincoln Diocesan Guild, Messrs. G. E. Fern, J. A. Freeman, R. Richardson; Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. J. W. Jones; Middlesex County Association, Messrs. J. E. L. Cockey, C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher; Midland Counties Association, Mr. H. J. Poole; Norwich Diocesan Association, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; North Staffordshire Association, Mr. A. Thompson; Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. D. Barker, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. R. A. Post; Oxford University Society, Mr. J. E. Spice; Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Messrs. G. W. Jeffs, W. Rose, G. S. Valentine; St. Martin's Guild, Mr. A. Paddon Smith; Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. F. W. Romaine, Mr. W. C. West; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. G. W. Steere; Stafford Archdeaconry Society, Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater; Surrey Association, Mr. D. Cooper; Sussex County Association, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. W. Dallaway, Mr. P. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts; Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, Mr. D. H. Bennett; Warwickshire Guild, Mrs. D. E. Beannish, Mr. F. W. Perrens; Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. G. Pullinger; Worcester and Districts Association, Messrs. B. C. Ashford, S. T. Holt, J. D. Johnson; Yorkshire Association, Messrs. P. J. Johnson, L. W. G. Morris, S. F. Palmer; Universities Association, Miss M. R. Cross; hon. members, Mr. C. Dean, Capt. W. H. J. Hooton, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, E. H. Lewis, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, E. Alex. Young.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from the following: Major J. H. B. Hesse (hon. member); Messrs. J. Parker, G. Gilbert (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), T. H. and T. W. Taffender (London County Association), G. Williams and F. W. Rogers (Winchester and Portsmouth), Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire), Messrs. T. Groombridge (hon. member), W. C. Duffield and Nolan Golden (Norwich Diocesan Association), H. Dedman (North Notts), C. J. Sedgely (Suffolk Guild), L. Evans (Hereford), F. M. Mitchell (Kent County), E. Stitch (Llandaff and Monmouth), A. E. Sharman (Bedfordshire), G. H. Cross (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), E. G. Penn (Ancient Society of College Youths), H. Baxter (Peterborough), G. E. Debenham (Hertford), W. G. Wilson (Middlesex), J. T. Godwin (Salisbury), and F. E. Dukes (Irish Association).

Shropshire Association wrote regretting they would not be represented owing to the sudden death of their member, Mr. W. Saunders.

The new members were then received by the president.

MR. LEWIS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in proposing the re-election of Mr. E. H. Lewis as president for the next three years, said Mr. Lewis was the right man for that job, and they could not do better than re-elect him. He had been their president for 12 years, and it was his privilege to propose him on the last occasion at the Middlesex Guildhall.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, in seconding, remarked that the presidency could not be in better hands than Mr. Lewis'. The resolution was carried with enthusiasm.

In thanking the Council, the President said he would endeavour to do his best. He felt that he had not always, in the last few years, done all that he might have done. In spite of what had been said he felt that the years were creeping on and before long they would have to look for someone else to occupy the chair. In a few years' time he hoped to have a little more leisure.

The re-election of Mr. G. W. Fletcher as hon. secretary and treasurer was proposed by the president, who said that Mr. Fletcher had done marvellously for them, particularly in these difficult last six years. He had done a great deal of work behind the scenes.

Capt. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected as hon. librarian for the next three years on the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker. Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes, the retiring auditors, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson.

LOYAL GREETINGS.

Upon the president's suggestion, the following message was sent to H.M. the King:—

The members of the Central Council of Church Bellringers assembled at Birmingham humbly desire to offer to your Majesty their loyal felicitations on the victorious conclusion of hostilities in Europe. The ringers of Britain have just cause to be proud of the part that they have been permitted to play in the celebration of the great victory achieved, and it is their earnest prayer that within a short time it may be their privilege to proclaim with the music of the bells the conquest of the last enemy remaining and the complete restoration of peace and liberty to every part of your Majesty's Dominions.—Edwin H. Lewis, president.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the proposition of Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the following honorary members were re-elected: Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. C. S. Turner, E. H. Lewis, A. Walker, G. E. Debenham, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. C. Dean, T. Groombridge, C. F. Johnston, J. F. Smallwood, F. Sharpe, J. A. Trollope, E. A. Young and Capt. W. H. J. Hooton.

The President announced that there were five vacancies which they thought desirable to keep open as in the past. There was, however, one exception. The hon. secretary then proposed the election of Miss L. K. Bowley, of Leeds, 'for work being done by her and work to be done for the Council.' Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded and the resolution was carried.

LOSS THROUGH DEATH.

The loss through death of the following members of the Council was announced:—

Mr. E. F. Poppy, Suffolk Guild (1924-1928); Mr. J. H. Cheeseman, Kent County Association (1903-1911 and 1918-1936); Mr. C. F. Winney, College Youths (1894-1896, 1900-1908, 1930-1936); Mr. H. Barton, Winchester and Portsmouth (1900-1902 and 1924-1939); Mr. C. H. Howard, Essex Association (1906-1935); Mr. W. A. Cave, hon. member (1909-1911 and 1921-1940); Mr. W. D. Smith, College Youths (1891-1899); Mr. G. B. Lucas, Middlesex Association (1891-1896); Archdeacon Parry, Lincoln Diocesan Guild (1924-1940); Mr. S. H. Wood, hon. member (1931-1940); Alderman J. S. Pritchett, hon. member (1894-1899 and 1900-1939); Mr. J. Hunt, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (1918-1940); Mr. W. Willson, Midland Counties Association (1921-1932); Mr. G. Lindoff, Irish Association (1920-1941); Mr. T. J. Elton, Stafford Archdeaconry (1924-1935); Mr. W. Bibby, Chester Guild (1912-1914 and 1921-1923); Mr. G. Dent, Essex Association (1915); Mr. G. Poppell, Llandaff and Monmouth (1933); Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. member (1927-1939); Mr. S. H. Hillier, Salisbury Guild (1927-1942); Mr. C. Mee, Suffolk Guild (1900-1908 and 1922-1940); Mr. W. J. Nevard, Essex Association (1894-1935); Mr. C. H. Jennings, Salisbury Diocesan Guild (1930-1943); Mr. T. B. Worsley, Lancashire Association (1935-1944); Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Midland Counties Association (1927-1943); Mr. F. E. Dawe, first secretary to the Council for one year, 1891 (1891-1942); Mr. T. Redman, Lancashire Association (1911-1914); Mr. J. Shepherd, Lancashire Association (1902-1905); Mr. W. E. Wilson, Lancashire Association (1917-1926); Mr. J. R. Taylor, Lancashire Association (1917-1920 and 1924-1926); Rev. W. P. Wright, Cleveland and North Yorks (1904-1932); Mr. C. R. Lilley, Shropshire Association (1924-1926); Mr. W. J. Jeffries, Kent County Association (1912-1914); Mr. R. T. Woodley, College Youths (1891-1893); Mr. A. Hardy, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (1903-1905); Mr. J. P. Hyett, Hereford Diocesan Guild (1936-1939); Mr. J. Austin, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (1908-1920 and 1932-1944); Mr. A. L. Coleman, Norwich Diocesan Association (1908-1911 and 1918-1944); Mr. W. Story, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (1909-1932); Mr. G. R. Pye, Essex Association (1918-1942); Mr. W. Saunders, Shropshire Association (1927-1945).

The President said with such a formidable list he did not desire to say anything. They were all very well known and of prominence in the Exercise, but if there was one name he would single out it was that of Mr. Stephen Wood, because he looked upon him as a future occupier of that chair, as his outstanding abilities and his youth commanded.

The members stood in silence as a token of their esteem.

HON. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Capt. W. H. J. Hooton reported that in July, 1940, the library, together with the bulk of the publications, was put into store in Rugby. A small stock of publications was sent to Staverton. These the Rev. F. S. Powell undertook to distribute, and the thanks of the Council were due to him for this. Unfortunately, it was not found practicable to replenish its stocks from store. As soon as he could sort the library after its arrival in November, 1944, he found all books and MSS. in good condition. A card index of the library, books and MSS. had recently been completed and a list could now be printed for circulation. This index did not as yet include the collection of society, guild and association reports, nor the late Sir Arthur Heywood's papers.

The following gifts were acknowledged: 'Ringing Worlds,' 1937 to date, from Mr. G. W. Fletcher; contents of the ringing library lent by the Rev. R. Copeman; Mr. J. J. Parker, MMS., books and papers; Mr. G. R. Newton, 'Church Bells of England'; Mr. F. Sharpe, 'Church Bells of Berkshire,' Parts 2-8, and 'Church Bells of Biester Deanery.' Mr. C. T. Coles had offered to present some books to the library. He moved the adoption of the report.

The reception of the report was seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden and carried unanimously.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that they proceed as normally as possible with the printing of this library list, together with a copy of rules and such information as it was necessary to pass over to members. As soon as the paper shortage became less acute it was proposed that they should get on with the printing.

The chairman moved that the hearty thanks of the Council be given to the Rev. E. S. Powell for carrying on with the sales of literature when their librarian was otherwise occupied in the North of England. They were very lucky in having someone who could store their books in a comparatively safe area.

This resolution was carried unanimously as well as an expression of thanks to the donors of books.

SOUND FINANCES.

In presenting the accounts of the Council, the hon. secretary and treasurer said the magnificent sum of £193 had been paid to the Council by the way of affiliation fees for the years 1939-45, and this figure would be of very great assistance when they tried to make up

leeway in the printing programme arranged in May, 1939. The sale of investments, £143 ls. 3d., was explained by the purchase of the goodwill of 'The Ringing World' (£200). There was a further sum of £2 ls. 9d. as subscriptions to a 'Surprise Book,' and the total he now held for that was roughly £7. They would remember that they asked associations to take up copies of the proposed book. Perhaps the time had come when they would be able to return these moneys as they would be able to carry the burden themselves. To 'The J. H. S. Library Fund,' £20 had been given anonymously by a well-known ringer, and it was to create a fund to pay the expenses of their representative going to a certain place to pack up and dispatch to their library the whole of the books and ringing papers belonging to this very well disposed member of the Exercise. That money would be held in trust until his passing. The balance of £258 11s. 4d. at Whitsun, 1945, as against £115 11s. 8d. at Whitsun, 1939, was the highest they had had for some time.

Mr. A. Walker seconded and the accounts were adopted.

Mr. A. A. Hughes reported that the accounts were audited by Mr. Coles and himself and everything was in perfect order.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

A report on the Carter ringing machine was presented by Mr. E. Alex. Young, in which he stated the machine was removed to a place of safety. It was recently examined by Mr. Sharman, who reported that it was working well. The report of the trustees was accepted.

PEAL COLLECTION.

The President reported that there was no report of the Peal Collection Committee. They had lost two of the important members by death. The work which was done by the late Mr. Lindoff had been received by the secretary. Mr. G. R. Newton and Mr. H. G. Cashmore, the retiring members, were re-elected, with Mr. Cashmore as convener. It was also decided to give them power to co-opt. Mr. Newton suggested to the Standing Committee that the collection of peals should contain a foreword paying tribute to the great work of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff: so the book would be more or less a tribute to his memory.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

No report was received from the Methods Committee, whose members, Messrs. J. A. Trollope (convener) and E. C. S. Turner, were re-elected. The President suggested that it was not desirable to alter that committee while the work in hand was still not printed.

A DIVISION.

Regarding the Peal Analysis and Records Committee, Mrs. Fletcher reported that the peal analyses for the years 1940-1943 had been published in 'The Ringing World.' The analysis for 1944 was now complete and ready to be published: probably it would be published three or four weeks after the meeting. She moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. C. Dean seconded.

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee recommended that the work of this committee should be divided and a new committee called a Records Committee be appointed. The work of the Records Committee would be research and typing. It was suggested that Miss Bowley, of Leeds, should be on this committee.

Mr. A. Walker proposed and Mr. W. Coles seconded that the committee be divided. Messrs. C. Dean (convener), G. L. Grover and W. Ayre were appointed to the Analysis Committee, and Mrs. Fletcher (convener) and Miss Bowley to the Records Committee.

(To be continued.)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT OXTON.

At a meeting of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at Oxtan on May 19th, some 60 members and friends were present from Chester, Wallasey (St. Hilary's and St. Nicholas'), Bidston, Birkenhead (St. Mary's), Bebington, Heswall, Liverpool (St. Nicholas'), Woolton, Halewood, Runcorn, Bromborough and the local tower. Service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Crawley).

After tea in the Church Hall, the president, Mr. J. W. Milner, presided at the business meeting, during which a presentation was made to Mr. H. S. Brocklebank for his services as secretary for 30 years.

It was the 50th anniversary of the bells, and four of the original members, Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, Mr. J. W. Evans, Mr. G. R. Newton, and Mr. J. Hughes, rang together.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

COMBINED MEETING AT HURSLEY.

A combined meeting of the Winchester and Southampton Districts of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Hursley on Saturday, May 12th, some 40 members being present from ten towers. The service was conducted by the Rev. K. Felstead, the address being given by the Archdeacon of Winchester, who presided at the tea and business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Barton Stacey on July 14th. Mr. G. Williams was unable to be present owing to being indisposed. Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Major were practised during the afternoon and evening.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Birmingham Council meeting was the main theme at the meeting at Guildford of Guildford Diocesan Guild on May 26th, when the attendance was equal to that in peace time and included a large number of juveniles. Mr. A. H. Pulling (vice-president) presided, supported by Mr. A. Harman (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary).

The annual report recorded a considerable increase of Guild activities in all districts with the result that the income from members' subscriptions exceeded that of 1943 by £5. The Farnham District, in particular, contributed to this result. The general secretary was still without information as to members serving with H.M. Forces, and tower secretaries were asked to make proper returns in order that the exact membership of the Guild might be ascertained. A new peal book had been provided to replace the one lost at a cost of £14 15s., and thanks were accorded the Master, who had generously borne the cost of the cover.

Regret was expressed that more towers had not contributed to the Cathedral Bells Fund, but satisfaction was expressed that the Goldsmith Memorial Fund had grown to £35 11s. 2d. More subscriptions were needed before this fund was truly representative of the Guild.

Twenty-one tower bell peals were rung in 1944 and one handbell peal. Mr. A. H. Pulling conducted 20 of these and Mr. E. W. Moorey and Mr. W. J. Robinson the others. Six towers only appeared in the list of diocesan churches at which peals were rung. During the year well-attended meetings and combined practices were held throughout the Guild's area, and it was apparent that many young enthusiasts were enrolling in the ranks of the Exercise. Thanks chiefly to the efforts of Mr. W. Simmonds and other members of the Hershaw band, the bells at Walton-on-Thames, for many years thought to be unringable, were once more in service and a local band in the process of formation.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following who had passed from this life since the last report: H. Mason (St. Nicolas', Guildford), J. R. Mackman (Bramley), C. E. Reed (Ewell), R. Brett (Newdigate), J. Martin (Yorktown) and F. Hampshire (Dorking, while serving with the Queen's Royal Regt. in Italy).

In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman appealed for greater support to the Cathedral Bells Fund. The report was carried and it was decided to make a contribution of £3 3s. towards the improvement of Walton-on-Thames bells.

Officers nominated were: Master, Mr. A. Harman; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted; Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Grover and A. Harman.

An amendment to rules approved was to permit members serving with H.M. Forces and resident out of the diocese to compound by payment of 2s.

The hon. secretary presented a report on the meeting of the Central Council, and said that 'The Ringing World' was in a flourishing condition. 'We expected a lot of people to throw a few eggs at the Editor and the Standing Committee. This had been foreseen. Members who had complaints should address them to Mr. George Fletcher and not to the Editor.'

Mr. Young suggested during discussion that space could be saved in 'The Ringing World' by setting peals in the same way as quarter-peals. He moved that representation to this effect be sent to the general secretary. Mr. Hawthorne seconded, and after discussion it was carried.

Another member suggested that the leading article should be limited to the front page. This was resented by Mr. T. W. White, who pointed out the great value the leading articles were to the Exercise, and to curtail them would detract from general interest of 'The Ringing World.' Many placed the leading article as No. 1 in general interest.

A desire was expressed for the revival of Belfry Gossip. Mr. White agreed that it was a desirable feature, but pointed out that such a column could only be maintained by readers making contributions. The Exercise owed a deep debt to Mr. Trollope.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Simmonds, seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, a resolution expressing the high appreciation of the meeting at the services rendered by Mr. J. A. Trollope was passed.

A summer festival was decided upon, and the invitation of Mr. W. Simmonds to hold this in the Chertsey District was accepted. The fixing of the date was left to Chertsey members in consultation with the Guild secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT BATLEY.

A meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at All Saints', Batley, on May 26th. The business meeting was held in the tower. The president occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Guiseley, Harrogate, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, Woodlesford and visitors from Liverpool and Kildwick. One new member, Mr. A. Roberts, of Batley, was elected.

Burley was selected as the place of the next meeting, to be held on June 30th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The 48th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on May 12th. After tea, which was served in the crypt, the business meeting was held, with the president, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheate, in the chair. The names of 14 members who had died since the last annual meeting were read. Three of them fell in the service of their country.

The report showed that 14 meetings and two joint meetings had been held during 1944. There was a general and welcome increase in the attendances, which averaged about 40 per meeting.

The peals numbered 84, all but 10 on handbells. There were 12 conductors, J. Thomas (41), C. W. Roberts (21), E. C. S. Turner (7), W. L. B. Leese (3), A. J. Wallman (3), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (2), A. H. Pulling (2), and H. W. Barrett, H. G. Cashmore, F. Corke, T. Price and G. R. H. Smith, one each. Fifty-four members took part. A number of quarter-peals were rung, 25 being recorded.

During the year one honorary and 63 ringing members were elected. Sixteen had been lost by death, some in the service of their country. W. J. W. Davey and 2nd-Lieut. D. E. Campbell were killed in action in Normandy, F. H. A. Braybrooke was missing after a bombing raid, and Flight-Sgt. A. J. B. Wayman was accidentally killed whilst flying in this country. The death in Western Europe of Lieut. H. MacLeod Sheane, only child of the president, was greatly deplored.

The balance sheet showed an excess on the year's working of £21 13s. 8d., and total assets of £206 6s.

The officers were elected as follows: President, the Rev. Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane; active vice-presidents, Messrs. C. T. Coles and J. A. Trollope; Master, Mr. H. Kilby; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; auditor, Mr. E. M. Atkins; trustees, Messrs. Oram, Coles and Turner. Four Central Council representatives were elected, Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. G. Wilson and J. E. L. Cockey. One honorary and five ringing members were elected.

A resolution of good wishes to all members in H.M. Forces was passed, together with congratulations on the great victory achieved.

The hon. secretary announced that a joint meeting of the association with the Ancient Society of College Youths would, all being well, be held at Southgate on July 7th. He hoped that all members would make a point of attending that important social event.

Mr. T. J. Lock proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. C. T. Coles, who was retiring from the position of hon. secretary, which he had held for 35 years. He said they were very much indebted to Mr. Coles for his long and willing service, and they hoped he would enjoy his rest. Mr. Cockey seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Coles thanked the members and for the loyal support always given him. He confessed that it was with mixed feelings he resigned, and he promised he would assist his successor, Mr. Turner, during the forthcoming difficult year to the utmost of his ability.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening took place at St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, and St. Margaret's, Westminster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT KEYSOE.**

At a meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association, held at Keysoe on Saturday, May 26th, 32 ringers were present from Bromham, Staggsden, Turvey, Silsoe, Bedford, Tempsford, Great Barford, Elstow, Riseley, Cardington, Great Staughton, Milton Ernest, Maulden, Swindon, Wilden and the local tower. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was given by the Vicar and Mrs. French.

The bells at Riseley were available after tea.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Bletsoe on June 23rd, with Milton Ernest as an alternative.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT GORLESTON-ON-SEA.**

The East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held its annual meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea on Saturday, May 15th, the first since the ban, 31 members attending from Norwich, Fornett, Wymondham, Redenhall, Norton Subcourse, Beccles, Gillingham, Ranworth, Mulbarton, Reedham, Gorleston, Yarmouth and Caister-on-Sea. After service and tea, the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Corbell, presided over the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), Mr. J. Harwood (branch secretary), Mr. H. Tooke (North Norfolk secretary), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (secretary to the Central Council), and Mr. Nolan Golden (Association Ringing Master). Mr. W. J. Lee was re-elected chairman, Mr. J. Harwood secretary, Messrs. Eldred, Crowe, Bussy and G. Walpole were appointed to the committee, and Messrs. G. Fletcher and G. Walpole to the Standing Committee.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Print 1, H. Price 2, R. Chapman 3, F. Lyne 4, C. R. Steed 5, W. Cockings 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, G. Ingram 8.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Sunday, May 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Bastin 1, F. Dimond 2, F. Bartlett 3, Marine A. Morley 4, E. Sprague 5, Jack Brown (conductor) 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, E.1, Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 4.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Kingsley (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided. Please bring own food.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN AND SHROPSHIRE GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8), June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea; bring food.—R. D. Langford and E. D. Poole, Hon. Secs.

DERBY CATHEDRAL (10).—Open practice, Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30 to 7 p.m.—James Pagett, 35, Jackson Avenue, Mickleover, Derby.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Pebmarsh (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, G. Trendell, Pebmarsh.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Div. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Southern Division.—Aldrington (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.

ESSEX ASSN.—Maldon, All Saints', Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. St. Mary's also available. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. Mansfield, 4, Park Road, Fambridge Road, Maldon, — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Nocton (6), Saturday, June 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.30.—Kenneth W. Mayer, 4, Carline Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Goudhurst, Saturday, June 2nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Half travelling expenses up to 2s.—T. Saunders, East Peckham, Tonbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Maidstone District.—Snodland, June 2nd, 2.30.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual, Winscombe, on Saturday, June 9th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 6th, please.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSN.—Ashford District.—Hythe, Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea by June 6th.—P. Page, Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

BECCLES.—Norfolk and Suffolk joint practice meeting (10), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Please notify for tea by Monday, June 4th, to E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, Suffolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice, Langdale (6), Saturday, June 9th, 2.30. Transport will be arranged from Coniston station.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Fylde Branch.—Singleton (6), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, Hon. Sec., 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Turners Hill (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Notify by June 6th.—A. E. Laker, 4, Barnfield Cottage, Balcombe, Sussex.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Bentley (6), on Saturday, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Raggett, Church Lane, Bentley, by June 5th.

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Annual, Dinton (6), June 9th, 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Gretton (5), Saturday, June 9th. Harringworth (6) after tea. Names for tea to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell.

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Frodsham, Saturday, June 9th. Names to Mr. J. E. Bibby, London Road, Frodsham, by June 6th.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Liverpool Branch.—Sefton, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Guy, Lunt Lane, Sefton, Blundellsands, near Liverpool, by June 6th.—G. R. Newton.

BARNSELY SOCIETY.—Wentworth, near Rotherham, June 9th, 2.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham, by June 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Rochdale Branch.—Todmorden Unitarians, Saturday, June 9th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Fielden, 20, Well Street, Todmorden, by June 6th.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—St. Andrew's, Enfield, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., and tea. St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, 3 p.m. and evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Buckfast Abbey (12), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Abbey canteen 5.30 p.m. Names by June 6th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (phone 3121).

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry (8), Saturday, June 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—W. C. Moore, 5, Williams Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Dorchester (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by June 6th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec., School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Bucklebury (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, Mr. H. Mathews, of Wavern, Bucklebury, near Reading, by June 6th.—T. J. Fisher, Hon. Sec.

KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Bobbing (6), June 9th, 2.45 p.m.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea, Dorset Arms, 4.30 p.m. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Penrill Place, Wadhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.—Luton District.—Husborne Crawley (8), Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD ASSN.—Watford, Saturday, June 9th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names by June 6th.—H. G. Cashmore, 24, Muriel Avenue, Watford.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Monks Kirby (8), June 9th, 3 p.m. Bring food; cups of tea provided.—Leonard Trevor, Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE.—Northern Branch.—Halesowen (8), Saturday, June 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge.

ISLEWORTH.—Saturday, June 16th, 2.30 p.m. Tea Church Hall, 4.45. Bells (10), 6 to 8: 37 bus from Hounslow East, Isleworth or Richmond Station to Isleworth Square. Names to H. W. Rogers, 22, The Grove, Isleworth.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD and LINCOLN GUILD.—Elloe Deanery.—Crowland, Saturday, June 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 13th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS ASSN.—Preliminary. General meeting, Wrington, Monday, August 6th.—J. T. Dyke.

PEAL-RINGING TOUR of Kent, August 18th to 28th. Ten peals arranged. Accommodation at Folkestone, 5s. per night, bed and breakfast. Ringers wishing to be included write me at 66, Coronation Road, Aldershot, Hants.—F. C. W. Knight.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Donald G. Clift's address is now 21, The Chine, Stapleton, Bristol, 5.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—On June 1st, Mr. P. A. Corby is returning to 7a, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Frank C. W. Knight's address is now 66, Coronation Road, Aldershot, Hants.

THANKS.—Grateful thanks to our ringing friends for good wishes and most valued gifts on the occasion of our 25th wedding anniversary, from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spencer, 43, Holliday Road, Birmingham 24.

ENGAGEMENT.—The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place shortly, between the Rev. Kenneth Caesar Davis, of St. Francis' Vicarage, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, Surrey, and Winifred Eileen Bishop, of Keewaydin, Tudor Avenue, Worcester Park, Surrey.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.—On Sunday, May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. Robertson 1, Miss Zena Walker 2, P. J. Staniforth 3, N. G. McCrum 4, A. Disney 5, J. S. Iliffe (conductor) 6, R. F. Elkington 7, J. M. Wade 8.—On Sunday, May 27th, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major: Dorothy Robertson 1, Jill Poole 2, S. R. Gardner 3, N. G. McCrum 4, S. J. Iliffe 5, P. J. Staniforth 6, A. Disney 7, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 8.

BROMLEY COMMON.—At St. Luke's on May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lyddiard 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, G. H. Kite 3, G. F. James 4, I. Emery 5, P. J. Spice 6, M. F. Oakshett (conductor) 7, J. Lyddiard 8.

UPWEY ST. LAWRENCE, DORSET.—On Sunday, May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Osmond 1, E. Carpenter 2, S. J. Bryant (conductor) 3, G. Notley 4, S. Foot 5, E. Gillam 6.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roy Dunford 1, W. H. Toms 2, J. H. Hayne 3, H. J. Ford 4, R. C. Trevett (conductor) 5, W. G. Trevett 6.

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