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THE COMING COUNCIL MEETING.

The agenda of the Central Council meeting, to be held next Tuesday week at Northampton, contains no very striking items, and yet it provides material enough to make a session quite long enough to satisfy the desires of the most enthusiastic member. Three only, out of a considerable number of Committees, have, up to now, published their reports, and it seems as if the effort to get some of the Committees to record their work before the general body meets is rather a hopeless task, although it must be admitted that in a few instances there is very little indeed to be said. One of the reasons for this may perhaps be that the Council's Committees never actually meet, but do all their work by the more laborious process of correspondence. If they have any business, would it not be better that they should meet and discuss it? There should be no insuperable difficulty in this being done on the day before the meeting of Council in whatever centre the Council proposes to sit.

The Council's own future is not the least important subject which the members will have before them, in continuation of the debate which has already taken place at two meetings. Last year the Council invited the affiliated associations to express an opinion upon whether the central authority should be invested with compulsory powers, but even in this matter very few societies have yet communicated with the honorary secretary, although others, besides those given in the epitome last week, have, we know, passed an opinion. Certain it is, however, that nothing like all the affiliated bodies have had the matter brought officially before them, and it is these half-and-half methods that rob the Council of much of its value to the Exercise.

If the Associations could be brought to give a direct vote upon whether the Council should be continued or not, we do not hesitate to say that the decision would be in the affirmative by an overwhelming majority, yet the societies show very little energy in assisting the Council with its work. The mere fact that the honorary secretary has to make numerous appeals to get in the small affiliation fee from many Associations in time to enable the representatives of those organisations to vote at the Council meeting, shows how little some societies concern themselves with the interests of the Council, and another illustration is to be found in the fact that although asked for twelve months ago, and reminded again earlier this year, several Associations have not yet complied with the request to send in their roll of honour. Ringers grumble often enough about the Council; here, surely, the boot is on the other foot.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1920, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT Treble	EDGAR HANCOX 6
*MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	WILLIAM WELLING 8
ISAAC ENERY 4	WILLIAM HENLEY 9
ARMIGER I. TROLLOPE 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal on tower bells.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

SIDNEY PROCTOR Treble	WALTER WOOD 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	JOHN W. LAKE 7
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 3	JAMES OSBORN 8
JOHN W. WOOD 4	FRED W. STOKES 9
ARCHIE C. STOKES 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

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

This is the first peal in the method on ten bells by all the band. Is it the first ever rung?

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 19, 1920, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. BURTON Treble	*MISS FRANCIS BILL 5
*MISS HILDA DURRANT 2	MISS MAY DURRANT 6
*MISS HELEN BILL 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
†D. THOMAS POTTER 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method.
† First peal in the method on an inside bell by the ringer of the 4th.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Mayers. It was the 100th peal by Geo. H. Cross. This is the first time this composition has been rung in Norwich.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE PIGOTT Treble	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
VICTOR G. HEMUS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	HARRY WITHERS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to Tom Gibbs, a highly esteemed member of Harborne band, who was interred at the above church on the 17th.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, April 18th, 1920
Cambridge Surprise: P. E. Clark, H. Argent, G. Ambrose, G. Morrad, F. Hayes, F. M. Mitchell (conductor). Mr. Clark hails from Christ Church, Ealing, and this was his first attempt in the method, never having previously gone beyond the 'plain hunt.' Also touches of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob by the same band.

WILLESDEN MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
BENJAMIN FOSKETT	Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN	5
THOMAS LANGDON	2	*HARRY KILBY	6
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	7
CECIL RADDON	4	RICHARD KILBY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON, W.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
† HARRY DYAS	Treble	HARRY MANCE, SEN.	5
* HARRY H. MANCE, JUN.	2	GEORGE C. ILES	6
† FREDERICK H. CROOK	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON	7
WILLIAM H. WOOD	4	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal away from tenor.

PRITILEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.	
H. MAURICE KEBBY	Treble
GORDEN A. BACON	2
WILLIAM DOWSETT	3
WILLIAM DUDLEY	4
HENRY T. WILSON	5
WILLIAM S. JUDD	6
GEORGE E. WILSON	7
WILLIAM H. JUDD	Tenor

Composed by G. BURTON.
Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF GRANDBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	Treble	PERCY C. WILLIAMS	5
† MISS ANNIE BROWN	2	JESSE B. TYLER	6
SYDNEY ABRAHAMS	3	† EDWIN J. BROWN	7
FREDERICK J. PORCH	4	* GILBERT WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1920, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
HARRY HALL	Treble
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2
PERCIVAL WOODS	3
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	4
* THOMAS CHAPPELL	5
WILLIAM C. RUNSEY	6
SERGT. JAMES BENNETT, R.M.	7
THOMAS W. LAST	Tenor

Composed by the late W. HARRISON.
Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUNSEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung at the first attempt. Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 7th who was home on leave.

WORCESTER.—On April 27th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. W. Neate 1, W. C. Jones 2, W. Lewis 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, W. Page (conductor) 5, W. Edgington 6. First 720 in a Surprise Method by all except the conductor.

DEPTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
* GEORGE HARRIS	Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER	5
THOS. A. EASTERBY	2	ALBERT E. GODDARD	6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	4	ROBERT FOSDIKE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 22, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
JOHN W. DAVIES	Treble	CAPT. A. A. BENNETT	5
CHARLES H. AUSTIN	2	JOHN AUSTIN	6
ALBERT H. BAKER	3	ERNEST E. DAVIES	7
JESSE GILLET	4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
GEORGE MITCHISON	Treble	GEORGE WALKER	5
GEORGE HITCHMAN	2	GEORGE ROBERTS	6
GEORGE V. H. HEMUS	3	GEORGE FIGOTT	7
GEORGE GARRISON	4	* GEORGE DOUGH	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FIGOTT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. George's day, it is also believed to be the first George peal rung in the Midlands. The ringers of treble, 6th and tenor were elected members before starting for the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
BERTIE DANIELS	Treble	WALTER ALLEN	4
HORACE BEAN	2	W. C. MEDLER	5
GEORGE FARROW	3	SIDNEY ALLEN	Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

MALINS LEE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.	
JACK HARLEY	Treble
* CHARLES HEWITT	2
* FRANK MOLE	3
C. R. LILLEY	4
EDWARD WOODBINE	5
ALBERT WOODBINE	Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, April 11th 1920, at St. Andrew's Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Overton, A. Mingay, S. Bromfield, J. B. Budd, F. Metcalf, E. Brown. J. W. Seamer, W. E. Meffin. Conducted by J. W. Seamer. First quarter of Stedman by all except the conductor, and all are Sunday service ringers at above church.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Chester, Beverley, York, Durham,
Wells and London. Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	HORACE H. SMITH 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Miss E. Steel's 50th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss L. R. Harlow, daughter of
the ringer of the treble.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CHARLES W. HOLLAND ... Treble	VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... 4
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	†ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 5
†HARRY BRAGG 3	GEORGE PIGOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ 50th peal. This was
also the first peal of Bob Minor by all the band, and the first peal on
the bells for which the Rector has kindly promised to erect a peal
board. The ringers of Treble and 3rd were elected members before
the peal.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 extents.

GILBERT JONES Treble	WILLIAM HARTNELL ... 4
FRED POLE 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
EDWIN W. DIFFIN 3	*SIDNEY FURRE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First attempt. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble
is from Chipstable, 2nd from Fitzhead, 3rd, 4th and 6th from
Wiveliscombe, 5th from Milverton.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 18, 1920, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure Violet, London Scholar's Pleas-
ure, Woodbine, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE ILLMAN Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
JOHN RICE 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1920, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

*DORIS DALE Treble	ELSIE BRANDON 4
†KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
*ANNIE DALE 3	JOHN J. JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. JUTSON.

* First peal. † 50th peal for the Association. The band were
afterwards congratulated on the good striking by Messrs. A. H.
Pulling, A. E. Wilkins, Rupert Richardson and F. Rowlinson.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 19, 1920, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 8 in G.

*KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	†TOM TEBBUTT 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire—JOHN J. JUTSON.

† First peal in hand. * First peal away from 7-8. Rung as a
birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1920, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE NEW INN, OUNDLE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

ARTHUR E. WILKINS ... 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: REG. AYRES, MR. and MRS. R. AYRES and
MRS. PULLING.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1920, in One Hour and Forty-Seven Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4
W. R. JOHN POULSON 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: L. POULSON.

Rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday, which occurred the day
previous.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 23, 1920, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN B. WOOLLEY 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Witness: MRS. WOOLLEY.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1920, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF LEWIS WISEMAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 10080 CHANCES;

Being 720 of each of the following methods: Cambridge Surprise,
Duke of York, Kent, New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford, Wood-
bine, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double
Bob, St. Clement's, College Single.

LEWIS WISEMAN 1-2	SIDNEY HALE 3-4
OLAVE BROYD 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

Umpire: ARTHUR WASH. Witness: MRS. L. WISEMAN.

At Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Sunday, April 18th, for morning
service, and to celebrate the 63rd birthday of Mr. J. Johnson, a date
touch of Bob Minor (1920 changes) was rung in 52 mins.: J. Johnson
1, E. Allaway 2, J. Eaton 3, V. G. H. Hemus 4, G. Pigott (conductor)
5, H. Withers 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BOLTON BRANCH.**

About 50 members attended the Bolton branch meeting held on Saturday last at Leigh. The towers of Bolton Parish Church, Deane, St. George's, Newchurch, Walkden, Tyblesley, Hindley, Pendleton, Pendlebury, Ashton, Manchester, and the local band, were represented, and the ringing included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative in the Major section.

Canon Elseo, M.A. (president), took the chair at the meeting, and congratulated the members on having achieved the highest number of peals on tower bells during 1919.

Westhoughton was chosen for the June meeting.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch took place on Saturday last at Middleton Parish Church, the towers represented being Middleton, Milnrow, Balderstone, Todmorden (Parish and Unitarian), Heywood and Miles Platting. Owing to the fact that a G.F.S. service was held in the afternoon, ringing did not commence until 5 p.m., but after this the members enjoyed almost three hours with the bells.

The usual business meeting took place in the Clubroom at the Ring o' Bells, and this was presided over by Mr. W. Crabtree. It was decided that the next meeting should take place on June 12th, at St. Albans, Rochdale.

After some discussion on the question whether the annual meeting should be held earlier in the year, the Rochdale branch expressed themselves unanimously in favour of this, and suggested that it might be held on the first Saturday following Whit-Saturday.

The Milnrow representative made a strong appeal to all members of the Lancashire Association for financial assistance, as the bells in their tower were being thoroughly overhauled and rehung; this involving such great expense as to justify them in asking for some donation from the Association.

Mr. John Mutton was admitted a performing member of the Association and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the tower and bells; also to the ringers for having everything in readiness.—During the remainder of the evening handbell ringing was indulged in.

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.**AN OLD SOCIETY RESUSCITATED.**

From the annual report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) to the meeting of the Hertford County Association, we learn that the Hertford College Youths, which had long been in abeyance as a society, has been reformed. The report says: It is noteworthy to record that the Hertford College Youths has been resuscitated, and the bands of All Saints, St. Andrew's, and Bengoe, have become united together as a town band. The old Society was originally formed on the 5th September, 1767. The truth of the motto, 'Unity is strength,' I trust will ere long be proved in this instance, and Hertford once again become a strong centre of change ringing. The old Society was wont to meet for business at the 'World's End

Inn (the top of Fore Street), and held its annual festival on Midsummer Day, and we are told it was well attended, seldom less than 200 persons sitting down to dinner, served in the Council Chamber of the Shire Hall, to which the Marquis of Salisbury every year sent a fat buck. In 1769 the Hertford Society visited St. Albans, and on June 5th, 1770, the St. Albans College Youths returned the compliment. Whether the St. Albans Society kept a record of their doings I am unaware, but the Hertford Society sank into a state of suspended animation after the year 1822, and no minutes were kept between the years 1838 and 1847, but it is remarkable that it preserved an unbroken succession of members. The handbells were conveyed to trustees, viz., the Mayor for the time being, and the clergy and churchwardens for the time being of All Saints and St. Andrew's, and to their successors, 'to be kept by them in perpetuity as an heirloom, for the use of scientific change ringers in the town of Hertford, and for no other purpose.' The minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and Peal Book from 1767, Name Book, Touches, etc., by J. F. Powell, Esq., were conveyed to the same trustees, to be preserved among the muniments of the borough. Might I suggest that St. Albans emulate Hertford and revive the Society of St. Albans College Youths? I am confident that if this were done every band in the city would be strengthened, and the pleasure derived from meeting one another would be of inestimable value in many ways. I am inclined to think we need a gentle shaking, with someone to lead. Perhaps our new President (Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham) will take the hint, and make his year of office memorable.



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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Major C. Hughes D'Aeth, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, in his annual report, expresses regret that in so few towers in the diocese having six bells is Minor in any method practised.

A double-handed peal of Minor, comprising fourteen 720's in different methods, is a performance to be proud of, and the Sible Hedingham trio who brought off this achievement last Saturday are to be congratulated upon their enterprise and success.

Mr. H. Brownlee West, after nine years' energetic service, has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

Mr. Joe Sykes is 'settling down.' For about the next two years - circumstances permitting—his address will be care of Messrs. Holmes and Co., English Oilfields Camp, Seitch, King's Lynn.

What, we believe, is the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal was rung last Saturday at Surfleet, where the Rev. H. Law James and his band are making good use of the ten bells by ringing peals in little practised methods.

Mr. E. A. Young, 1, Station Buildings, S.E.5, will be glad to receive any information which old ringers can give, either from memory or tradition, as to the early days of the St. James' Society (now the London County Association), and incidentally also of Mr. Tolladay or other of its early supporters.

LONDON CHURCHES.

PROPOSED DEMOLITIONS.

The City Churches Commission, appointed by the Bishop of London, propose, in connection with the reorganisation of the ecclesiastical parishes and Church finance in the City, some drastic steps, including the removal of 19 City churches, whose capital site value alone is quoted as being near one and three-quarter million pounds. Ringers and ringing are intimately associated with some of these churches, and in connection with some of them it is gratifying to learn that the Commission recommend the retention of the tower. This is so in the case of St. Michael's, Cornhill (12 bells), and also St. Magnus the Martyr (10), St. Dunstan in the East and St. Botolph, Aldgate (8). Churches which it is proposed to sweep away entirely include All Hallows, Lombard Street (10), and St. Stephen, Coleman Street (8).

There is already considerable opposition to the removal of some of the churches proposed, and among the influential advocates for saving St. Michael's, Cornhill, is the Lord Mayor of London, who says: 'My impression is that the list of threatened churches is far too lengthy. I certainly hope that the proposals will not be carried out in their entirety, as such a sweeping demolition would change the face of the City, and rob us of many historical landmarks. Some of the churches might possibly be demolished, but the whole subject should first be carefully considered by a committee of expert architects and archaeologists. I am very sorry to see St. Michael's, Cornhill, figuring in the list. The church is a very beautiful edifice and attracts a good congregation every Sunday. The best of the Wren churches should certainly be preserved, but there are Wren churches and Wren churches. I have not yet had time to study all the facts, but I can see no special objection to the removal of such a church as St. Catherine Coleman, near Fenchurch Street. It has no particular historical associations, and I believe its average Sunday congregation is three.'

Mr. E. Alex. Young, writes:—We Londoners cannot spare one of our City churches, not even St. Paul's. They are akin to the very atmosphere of City life, the whole are of prime interest, and many are exceptionally beautiful specimens of the English Renaissance. Wren overshadows his contemporaries, but it must not be forgotten that for the pure artistry of architecture, he was surpassed by Inigo Jones who immediately preceded him, and by Nicholas Hawksmoor, his own most famous pupil, who followed him. Hawksmoor's outstanding work is undoubtedly St. Mary Woolnoth. Both interior and exterior are exceptionally fine, and the detail in perfect 'scale' with the composition.

I trust it will be remembered that the Sunday uses of these churches is secondary nowadays to their value in giving opportunity to City workers to enter them daily for silent prayer and meditation, and to their uses for concerted services such as we had at St. Clement's last year.

I would remind you that St. Clement's and St. Mary-le-Strand, were only saved by a tough fight 30 years ago. What would the East Strand look without them?

I trust that Church folk up and down the country will feel that the two million pounds is dearly bought at such a loss. Indeed, after such, nothing would be safe.

So far as the bells are concerned, there is an opportunity for the Central Council to use its influence to see that, where towers with peals are demolished, the bells are transferred if possible to some other belfry, where they can continue to be of use. But unless the Council decide on a line of action when they meet at Whitsun, it may be too late.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Tenth Council (28th annual meeting) will be held by kind permission of the Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor F. Kilby, Esq.) and the Corporation, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, St. Giles' Square, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 25th, 1920, at 11 o'clock punctually.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which time the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same Chamber.

AGENDA, 1920.

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Roll of Honour.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of New Members to the President.
7. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection.
 - (c) Literature and Press.
 - (d) Methods.
 - (e) Peals Analysis.
 - (f) Towers and Belfries.
 - (g) Bells of Belgium.

To consider the following:

8. That the Council compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal and longest peal rung in each method, and on each number of bells.
9. To consider the question of the term 'Surprise Method,' and, if thought advisable, to move a resolution.
10. That the Central Council take steps to approach the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Science and Art Museum with a view to the possibility of obtaining from them the allotment of a suitable space for the exhibition in London of bells, models, papers, drawings, etc., illustrative of Campanology as a science and art.
11. That arrangements be made for the Council to hold its annual meeting on the Tuesday after the first Sunday after Trinity.
12. Votes of thanks.
13. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Hon. Secretary.

The following arrangements have been made for ringing before and after the Council Meeting:—

Whitsun Day.—Ringing at all the Churches at 10 a.m. and at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday (Whitsun Eve.) and Wednesday, 26th, peals can be arranged on these days (and possibly also on Whitsun Monday morning), at Kettering, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, and Raunds (all eight bells) and at Cooknoe and Duston (six bells).

The Central Northants Association most kindly invite members of Council to tea in St. Giles' Church Buildings, St. Giles' Street, on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m.

After tea, the ring of ten at St. Giles' and of eight at St. Edmund's will be available.

The evening gathering will take place at 8.30 p.m. at the Grand Hotel in Gold Street.

Northampton is an ancient and historical borough. Chief among its features comes, of course, the famous round Church of the Holy Sepulchre, comparable with the Temple in London which most of us know, and with the round Church at Cambridge which many of us saw when the Council met there. St. Peter's Church is characterised by fine Early Norman arches. Among other 'sights' should be mentioned the old house known as Cromwell House, and just outside the town, Queen Eleanor's Cross, one of that line of which includes Banbury Cross and ends with Charing Cross.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council at its last meeting, an estimate has been obtained for printing the Collection of Peals of Treble Bob, but as this estimate largely exceeds the available funds, the work could not be put in hand. The MS. submitted to the printer contains 293 peals of Major, in five, three, and two parts, the cost of printing which would be £100—£125. There remain the peals of Major, in one part, peals with tenors parted, and peals of Royal and Maximus, about as many in number of those already sent to the printer. The present cost of printing the whole collection would, therefore, be over £200. The last half of the collection has not been finally arranged for the press.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Hon. Secretaries of Associations who have not yet sent in their roll of honour are earnestly requested to send it immediately to the President, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughay, Trinity College, Cambridge.
C. D. P. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.

A meeting for practice in connection with the Western District was held on Wednesday, May 5th, at Clapton-in-Gordano, about 1½ miles from Bristol, where there are four regular lady ringers. The beautiful old church in its rural surroundings was much admired, and a large party of ringers from neighbouring towers (including Clevedon and Portishead) enjoyed the outing, and very much appreciated the generosity of the Clapton lady ringers, who provided for them such a delicious and daintily served tea.

It is hoped during the summer to hold other meetings of this kind, as they bring together ringers who are not always able to attend the regular quarterly meetings.

GATHERING AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

A very enjoyable gathering of members of the Ladies' Guild and their friends was held at Croydon, on Wednesday, May 5th. Members were present from Aldershot, Bedford, Chiddingfold, Clapton, Clapham, Dorking, Edmonton, Guildford, Kingston, Hillingdon, Mersham and Worplesdon.

Ringing took place at St. Peter's, Croydon, and for the first time the bells were rung in rounds by ten members of the Guild. After the ringing a visit was paid to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. Johnston and his staff conducted the party round the works, where they saw turret and small clocks in course of manufacture, and then saw a peal of six bells for St. Paul's, Canonbury, cast in the foundry. Mr. Johnston explaining the various stages through which a bell has to pass before being ready for ringing.

Mr. Johnston then tapped some selections on the carillon of 23 bells which is to be installed in the belfry at the works. This was greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

Tea was served in the canteen and about 60 sat down including Sir Frank Newnes, Bart., and Lady Newnes, Mr. Dennis Herbert, M.P. for Watford, the Mayoress of Croydon, and Mrs. A. A. Johnston. After tea, Mr. Johnston said how pleased he was to have an opportunity of welcoming the Guild to Croydon, and he hoped that the Guild would continue to flourish.—Miss Steel, of Bedford, replied and thanked Mr. Johnston, on behalf of the members, for his kindness in entertaining them. She was sure all had had a very enjoyable afternoon, and greatly appreciated the time and trouble taken by Mr. Johnston and his staff to make the visit such a success.—Miss Feltham, of Hillingdon, also spoke and fully endorsed Miss Steel's remarks.

Sir Frank Newnes and Mr. Herbert also made short speeches, wishing the Guild success.—The Secretary of the Guild then proposed Lady Newnes and Mrs. A. A. Johnston as honorary members of the Guild.—This was seconded and carried with acclamation.

Thus ended an afternoon which will be long remembered by all who were present.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The second quarterly meeting for the year of the Stockport Branch was held at Disley, on Saturday, May 1st, and, considering the unsettled state of the weather, was well attended, about sixty members being present. The six bells were kept going to Treble Bob, Stedman and Grand sire Doubles. The performance of the ringers from Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, who were only enrolled members of the Guild at the last meeting, was encouraging, and speaks well for their tutor.

On account of the church being in the decorators' hands, a service could not be held, but a splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom. This was followed by the usual business meeting, the Vicar of Disley presiding.

With reference to a War Memorial the Hon. Secretary reminded the members of the suggestion of the General Committee, that a peal be rung in those towers which had lost ringers, and a suitable tablet erected recording such peal and the object for which it was rung. If any such tower found it impossible to provide a band from its own members, assistance could be obtained from other towers.

Two new members were elected, and Marple was chosen as the place of the next meeting, to be held on June 19th, 1920.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, also to the local ringers for making all arrangements, and this brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were again requisitioned and kept going until 8 p.m.

THE RECORDING OF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—Now that the need for economy is so pressing, is there any justification for publishing twice in full detail the reports of all peals rung? They usually appear in the 'Ringing World' and afterwards in the Association reports. To my mind only a small proportion are worth recording at all, but even the keenest enthusiast should be satisfied if they were published once.—Yours, etc.,
Liverpool.

R. O. STREET.

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THE OSCILLATION OF TOWERS.

HOW IT IS AFFECTED BY THE HEIGHT OF THE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have twice been asked during the last twelve months to express an opinion as to the effect of lowering the bells in towers where the oscillation of the towers was considerable, and I think it might be desirable to state the general principles upon which I based my replies to these inquiries.

The experiments which I made before the war appeared to justify the two following assumptions:—

(1) That the average tower could be regarded as an elastic structure.

(2) That it was not far wrong to regard the moment of inertia of a section of a tower about a neutral axis as being fairly constant at different heights, up to the point of suspension of the bells.

There is much room for further investigation into the truth of these assumptions. But I see no chance of being able to carry out such investigations in the near future. With these two assumptions the behaviour of a tower under applied horizontal forces, due to the revolution of the bells, is that of a vertical cantilever of uniform section. Then if y be the deflection of a tower at a height x , due to a horizontal force H applied to the tower at height h , we have the following equation:—

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{M}{E.I} = \frac{H(h-x)}{E.I} \quad \dots (1)$$

Where M is the bending moment at a height x , E is the modulus of elasticity, and I is the moment of inertia of the section about the neutral axis.

Integrating (this equation (1) we get the inclination at a height x

$$= \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{H \left(h x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)}{E.I} \quad \dots (2)$$

(there is no constant for $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ where $x = 0$)

Integrating the equation (2) we get the deflection at a height x

$$= y = \frac{H \left(\frac{h x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} \right)}{E.I} \quad \dots (3)$$

(again there is no constant for $y = 0$ when $x = 0$)

Now, if x equals h we have the deflection at the height of the bells

$$= \frac{H}{E.I} \left(\frac{h^3}{3} \right)$$

This shows that the deflection of the tower (and consequently the difficulty of ringing caused by that deflection) varies directly as the cube of the height at which the bells are hung.

So much for the effect on the ringers. Now for the effect on the tower.

Suppose the total height of the tower to be t . The deflection of the top of the tower equals the deflection at the height h plus $(t-h) \times$ inclination at height h . From equations (2) and (3) this equals

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{H}{E.I} \times \frac{h^3}{3} + \frac{H}{E.I} \times \frac{h^2}{2} (t-h) \\ &= \frac{H}{E.I} \times h^2 \left(\frac{t}{2} - \frac{h}{6} \right) \end{aligned}$$

To take a concrete example, suppose a tower 100 feet high with the bells hung at 80 feet. If the bells be lowered 20 feet the deflection of the tower at the point of suspension of the bells is reduced in the

ratio $\left(\frac{60}{80} \right)^3$, a reduction of 57.8 per cent. In other words, if the bells be dropped by one quarter of their height, the difficulties of ringing due to the oscillation of the tower would be reduced by more than half.

Again, consider the effect on the tower. The deflection of the top of the tower would be reduced in the ratio.

$$\begin{aligned} & 60^2 \left(\frac{100}{2} - \frac{60}{6} \right) = 27 \\ & 80^2 \left(\frac{100}{2} - \frac{80}{6} \right) = 44 \end{aligned}$$

In this case the deflection of the top of the tower is reduced by 38.6 per cent.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN H. LEWIS

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 27th; *St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on May 15th. Bells from 3 p.m.; service 5 p.m.; tea at 5.45; business meeting to follow.—E. Butler, District Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 15th. Tower open at 2.30. Service in Church at 5; tea, followed by business meeting, after. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudfey Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Estab. 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15th, at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames. Tower open from 4 till 8 p.m.; business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30; tea at 5, meeting following.—P. C. Williams, Branch Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells at 3.30; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock.—Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. & W. District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 15th. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringers to make their own arrangements for tea after meeting at Lyons' (near by) or elsewhere.—W. H. Oram, Hon. Sec., 25, Crown Street, Harrow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Southwell on Saturday, May 15th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringers and friends are welcome.—Thos. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Leatherhead (10 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, address by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30, 9d. to members, 1/6 to visitors. A combined practice will be held at Aldershot (8 bells) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 15th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each.—John J. Jones, Hon. Sec., 3, Bridge Street, Guildford.

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available after 3 p.m.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, West Hill, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw

on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 18th?—G. Miles, District Sec., Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Ringing at all the churches, including Kingsthorpe, from 10 o'clock. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. It is also intended to unveil War Memorial tablet in All Saints' Church if possible. Meat tea in St. Giles' Church buildings at 3.30 p.m. (1/6 each), meeting to follow. As we are doing this at a low figure, it is most urgent that all who require tea let me know not later than Wednesday, May 19th.—Fred Wilford, General Sec., 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign and Leominster District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 5, with an address by the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn. Tea at 5.45, business meeting to follow.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Harrow, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due, reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION for the Diocese of Norwich and Archdeaconry of Suffolk.—A general meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Whit-Monday, May 24th. The ring of 12 bells at the Parish Church, and also the ring of 6 bells at Gorleston, will be available for the use of ringers. Business meeting at the Priory Hall at 11.30 o'clock, to elect officers and committee for the Norwich branch. It is proposed that after the business meeting members should adjourn to Goole's Hotel and Assembly Rooms, Marine Parade, for dinner.—Albert L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Colchester on Whit Monday, May 24th. Short service at St. Peter's at 3.30 p.m., address by the Rev. T. Evans, M.A., Rector of St. Giles. The meeting in Crispin Court, Old Schoolroom, North Hill, at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at St. Peter's Parish Room. Towers open all day, St. Peter's (8 bells), All Saints' (5), Great Horkesley (6). Members intending to be present should notify the Hon. Sec. not later than first post Tuesday, May 18th.—C. H. Howard (Master), H. T. W. Eyre (Hon. Sec.), The Temples, Witham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual meeting Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1920, at Exeter, service St. Sidwell's 3.30. Tea (1s.) and meeting St. Sidwell's Institute, 4.15.—E. S. Powell, Hon. Sec., Holbeton, Plymouth.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Ipswich Branch.—A meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, May 24th. Bells at Coddensham available after 11 a.m., Henley all day. Business meeting at Henley 3 p.m. Members attending must make their own arrangements for luncheon, as it has been found impossible to cater for same.—E. Evans, Hon. Branch Secretary, 21, Springfield Lane, Ipswich.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Stockton-on-Tees on Whit-Monday, May 24th, 1920. Committee meeting at

11 a.m. Short service and address at 12 by the Rev. E. A. Douglas, M.A., Vicar of Stockton. Lunch at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Dovecourt Street, Stockton, at 1 p.m. Those intending to be at the lunch (3s. per head) must notify the hon. secretary not later than Tuesday, May 18.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Rochester District will be held at Cliffe on Saturday, May 29th, and not June 5th as arranged. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cliffe on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3. Short service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea at 5.30 at The Six Bells, followed by business meeting. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, can only be supplied to those who notify me by first post Tuesday, May 25th. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid. Bus leaves Chatham for Cliffe at 4. Train from Gravesend 2.35.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Secretary, 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Builth Wells on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, advise me by 25th.—J. P. Hyett, District Secretary, Dufas Terrace, Hay.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. It is hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend this meeting, which is most important.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Members and friends are invited to attend a gathering at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, May 29th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Evensong, with an address by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, at 3.45. Tea by invitation 4.30. To facilitate arrangements kindly send a card to Mr. J. Stone, Beaumont House, Orchard Grove, Chalfont St. Peter, by May 22nd.—G. H. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, Uxbridge.

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.

DEATH.

PANNETT.—May 9th, 1920, at 75, Gilmore Road, Lewisham, Lucy, the beloved wife of Edwin J. Pannett, in her 49th year.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGER'S DEATH.

With the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Mr. G. Wilson, who was for a number of years a much-respected ringer at the church, and to the regret of his old comrades, passed away in Lincoln County Hospital on Thursday, April 22nd, and also to the late Crown Princess of Sweden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, on May 3rd in 53 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. Dickenson 2, J. T. Bartram 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Torr 7, J. Dixon (and quarter-peal) 8.

LADIES' LONGEST TOUCH OF CINQUES.

On Thursday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol, by: Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 1, Miss ... Brown 2, R. J. Wilkins 3, A. Pearce 4, H. Porch 5, G. Pearce 6, P. Came 7, ... Pring 8, J. Brown 9, F. Jewell 10, W. A. Cave (conductor) 11, T. Donaldson 12. This was the longest touch of Cinques for the ringers of the treble and 2nd, and was rung on the anniversary of the Accession of King George, and also to celebrate the 27th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin's wedding day.

ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 24th, a meeting of the Huntingdon Archdeaconry was held at St. Neots, where the bells, a peal of eight, have been entirely recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Loughborough, with the result that the tower now possesses a very fine peal, with a tenor of 29 cwt. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and continued, with short intervals, until five o'clock, when the Vicar, Archdeacon Hodgson, conducted a short service. After the service the ringers adjourned to the Church Room for tea. The Archdeacon presided at the tea, and also at the business meeting which immediately followed.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Huntingdon the date being left for the district secretary to arrange.—Seven new members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Archdeacon for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service.—In reply, he said it was a great pleasure to have the ringers there, and hoped they would go there again. The meeting then concluded, and further ringing took place.

Eynesbury tower, which is only two or three hundred yards away, was also open, and various touches were rung on the six bells.

12,000 MILES TO ONE TOWER.

The peal of Superlative, rung at Coggeshall, Essex, conducted by Mr. W. Keeble, was interesting for several reasons. It was rung to celebrate the 44th anniversary of the opening of the two trebles which took place on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1876, and at which Mr. J. J. Sadler, the ringer of the 5th, was present. During the 44 years he claims to have walked over 12,000 miles to this tower. This peal was also the conductor's 333rd peal, rung on 200 different dates, in 107 towers, in 26 counties, in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with 303 ringers, 42 of whom are named William like himself. Forty-two is also the conductor's age, and the composers of the peals also number 42. The conductor's number 26, and the peals were rung under 15 County Associations and Diocesan Guilds.

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